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Search firm to vet candidates

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The search firm sorting through applications for the Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent opening will interview several more candidates at Detroit Metropolitan Airport Monday before giving its recommendations to the Board of Education.

And, what is becoming more clear, the next superintendent of P-CCS most likely will set back the cost-cutting district more money than is currently being paid outgoing superintendent Jim Ryan.

"We have four or five we're enthused about, and we're flying in a few for interviews on Monday," said Roger Garvelink, senior consultant for Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates of Glenview, Ill. "We have a number of candidates who are very strong, and if we can agree upon salary I think the board will be pleased with our top candidates."

Garvelink said there are 19 applications, including seven from Michigan and four from Illinois. There are two from Florida, and one each from Indiana, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, Massachusetts and Missouri. And, according to Garvelink, most are already making more than Ryan's top salary of \$161,000. Ryan, who is officially retired and working this year as part of an emeritus program as a contract employee, is being paid \$131,000. Garvelink declined to comment when asked if there were any internal candidates.

"Several applicants are already beyond \$200,000, with one from the top of my list in a district about a third of the size of Plymouth-Canton," said Garvelink. "It's hard for the public to understand that to bring in a new superintendent you'll most likely pay more than the person in the job who has served so well. But, that's the market we're in."

Board vice president Barry Simescu isn't too surprised by Garvelink's assessment.

"I don't think there's too much question Jim's been a bargain," Simescu said. "If we look to other districts in the area, he's on the low end of the compensation scale."

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez is aware it will most likely cost the district more to hire a new CEO, but believes it's a price the district will have to pay.

"Finances are always a concern, and we're already taking a hard look at the budget," Gonzalez said. "If a good person comes along and we need to make arrangements in the budget so we can hire that person, we're going to have to make it work."

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Canton's Brandon Hynes, who is active in the Michigan Democratic Party, is working for Hillary Clinton's campaign in Nevada.

Local political activist works hard to get Clinton elected

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Canton's Brandon Hynes' support for Sen. Hillary Clinton has taken him a long way from home.

With the Michigan presidential primary just days away, Hynes, 20, won't be with other voters heading to the polls in his hometown on Tuesday to cast a vote for the former First Lady. That's because on Tuesday, he will be in Nevada, where he has been working since Dec. 17 to drum up votes for Sen. Clinton leading up to the Jan. 19 Nevada Democratic caucus.

Hynes, who ran and lost in 2006 for the Plymouth-Canton School Board, says he was actually the first person in Canton to cast an absentee ballot in the Michigan primary. Despite his respect for Democrats Barack

Obama and John Edwards, Hynes decided fairly early he was going to throw his support behind Hillary.

For most people, supporting a candidate means voting for that candidate. Not for Hynes, who has been quite active with the Michigan Democratic Party for several years. He contacted Clinton's campaign team, and told them he wanted to go to work for her. So they sent him to Nevada, where he is regional volunteer coordinator in west Las Vegas. He has been spending his time recruiting volunteers and knocking on doors to drum up support for Clinton.

"Hillary's experience and demonstrative record of change makes her the best candidate," said Hynes. "I like Barack Obama and John Edwards, who are both saying they are the candidates of

change. It's another thing to look at 35 years of change, which is the case of Hillary. She has the record of change. She is change."

Hynes, who is a junior studying social work at Wayne State University, is currently the president of the Michigan Federation of College Democrats.

In addition to his own school board campaign, he has worked on a number of other campaigns, including Maureen Miller Brosnan's failed mayoral bid in Livonia and Mark Slavens' state senate run.

He believes Clinton's bid to become the Democratic nominee and ultimately president will be more successful. He believes she's a shoo-in in Michigan, because she is the only major name on the Democratic ballot.

"We're very confident in victory," he said.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Carol Poole listens to her attorneys during court proceedings last week.

Poole returns home with jury

Witnesses call murder defendant a great mother

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

The Canton woman accused of killing her foster daughter went home Thursday — but it wasn't for long.

The jury in the Carol Poole murder trial, along with Poole herself, briefly visited her Emily Court home to view the second-story balcony that 2-year-old Allison Newman fell over. They also viewed the toddler's bedroom and a bathroom.

Judge Ulysses W. Boykin ruled Wednesday that Poole didn't have to be shackled or handcuffed during the visit because she hasn't exhibited a violent nature.

Poole, 42, is charged with felony murder, involuntary manslaughter and first-degree child abuse in the September 2006 death of Allison.

The township woman told police that she was playing a game of "whirlybird" with Allison when the child arched her back, fell from her grasp and went over the balcony.

Her lawyer, Mark Satawa, has admitted that Poole made mistakes in not taking the girl to a hospital immediately and for initially lying to police about how the girl was injured.

Poole, who got custody of Allison in January 2006, has been blasted by Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Jerry Dorsey IV for giving the police multiple stories for the child's injuries. He also said that her claims that Allison would bang her head against her bed while sleeping are fabricated.

After the state's first witness, a former employee of the day care Allison attended, testified

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Longtime Canton library director sent off in style

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

As those around her reminisced about days gone by, Jean Tabor grinned while saying that Friday was her last day of employment at Canton Public Library.

"Now that the decision has been made, I'm excited," she said. "It's time for me to move on to the next phase of my life."

A celebration honoring

the longtime library director kicked off Friday evening in the library's community room. Dozens of people attended the bash to offer their support to Tabor.

While she embraced several well wishers, others looked at photographs of the library's history and newspaper clippings from the late '80s that documented the road to building the library's Canton Center Road facility.

"I'm most proud of the cul-

ture of customer service we have," Tabor said. "The building is one thing but it's really the people inside. I am proud of the way we treat people."

Tabor, who has been with the library for 25 years, said she has faith that her successor, Eva Davis, will lead the library in the right direction.

"She will be fine," she said. "I think she will be able to do a very good job."



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jean Tabor, outgoing director of the Canton Public Library, gets a hug from past library board member Doug Ritter during a retirement celebration held for her Friday afternoon at the library.

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Canton Newcomers meeting

The public is invited to a valuable discussion on estate and will planning with Mark Linton of the law firm of Roberts & Freatman at the Canton Newcomers Wednesday Feb. 6, adult general meeting. Enjoy refreshments from Texas Corral Restaurant and Back Home Bakery, ask questions of Farm Bureau Insurance owner/agent Tammy Brown, sign up for more than 20 activities for the whole family, and participate in a raffle to benefit a local charity.

A complimentary February newsletter is available at www.cantonnewcomers.org. Call Donna with any questions before the meeting at (734) 398-6487. The Newcomers are a social, civic and charitable organization. There meeting will take place at 7:15 p.m., at the Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford - west of Canton Center.

Learn to read

The Community Literacy Council, a non-profit organization serving adults in Plymouth and Canton, will hold free training session from 1:30-4:30, Jan. 21 at the Plymouth District Library. The group is looking for people who would like to learn how to read during free, private reading lessons. They are also looking for volunteers to help adult non-readers improve literacy skills. For more information, call (734) 416-4906.

PCEP senior party meeting

Parents of PCEP seniors are invited to attend a meeting about the 2008 senior party at 7 p.m., Monday Jan. 14 in the Salem High School library.

As many parents as possible are needed to help with the planning, including decorations, donations, entertainment, and running games.

This party gives our PCEP seniors a fun and safe place to spend the night of graduation with their friends. Please come to find out how you can help.

If you would like more information, please e-mail the volunteer chairperson, Lynn Blythe, at lkblythe@umich.edu



Youth artist deadline

The application deadline for the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society's Youth Artist Competition is Monday, Jan. 21. The competition is scheduled to take place Sunday, Feb. 3, at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton. The competition is composed of three divisions: senior instrumental (grades 10-12), senior piano (grades 10-12) and junior combined (grades 7-9). Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students residing in one of the following school districts: Clarenceville, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren (Belleville) or Wayne-Westland. Members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra or students at Evola Music are also eligible. Scholarship funds for the first place winners in each division: Senior instrumental and senior piano, \$500; junior combined, \$250. Applications, available through the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, are due on or before Monday, Jan. 21. Past participants are encouraged to reapply; however, musicians are eligible to win only one First Prize Award in each division. For an application or further information, contact Jane Libbing, (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at jane@plymouthsymphony.org. Applications are also available on the Plymouth Symphony Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org

or call (734) 223-9490.

K of C free throw contest

All boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held on Sunday, Jan. 20, at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, in Canton. Registration starts at 1 p.m.

District level competitions will be held at St. Thomas a' Becket on Jan. 27, 2008.

The event is sponsored annually, with winners pro-

gressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls will compete in their respective age and gender divisions. Since its beginning in 1972, over 2.5 million youths have participated in the contest. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Andy Emmert at

(734) 981-2367.

Accident reports now online

The Canton Police Department has partnered with TRACView Report Delivery Solutions to provide individuals and insurance companies with a convenient new way to purchase copies of accident reports. Beginning Monday, Jan. 14, reports from accidents occurring on public roads and private property in Canton can be purchased for \$9 each, by accessing the police department's Web site at www.cantonpublicsafety.org.

Benefits of the new system include the convenience of purchasing reports from any computer, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Customers of TRACView will also enjoy the convenience of paying with a credit card, as well as a toll free customer support line.

Officers will provide information to motorists at accident scenes on how to access the purchasing system. Crime reports are not available from TRACView.

Copies of accident reports may still be purchased in person at the Police Department's Records Bureau Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$4 and must be paid by cash or check only. Credit cards are not accepted.

For further information on the new purchasing system contact the Canton Police Department Records Bureau at (734) 394-5410.

Women wanted

The goal of the Canton Business & Professional Women (BPW) is to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women.

The group offers: leadership development; informative programs; business contacts; networking opportunities; mentor relationships; friendships; community awareness; professional growth; political advocacy; and a voice on national, state and local women's issues.

The group will hold its next monthly meeting 6-8:30 p.m., Jan. 14 at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road, Canton. Palermo's is located in the strip mall behind Murray's



Honoring friends

At the Canton Newcomers Jan. 2 adult general meeting, members were encouraged to bring a guest to honor the club's motto of 'where neighbors become friends.' Newcomer member Nicole Pulick (right) invited longtime friend Rebecca Bimberg. The two were the winners of a special raffle, including an IKEA gift card. This social, civic and charitable group meets the first Wednesday of each month and hosts activities for the whole family. For meeting and club information, please visit cantonnewcomers.org or call Donna at (734) 398-6487.

Auto Supply on north side of Ford Road, east of Canton Center Road. Dinner will be served. The guest speaker will be Canton Trustee Melissa McLaughlin.

For More Information please contact June Nicholas at (313) 610-2561 or via e-mail at junenicholas@comcast.net. Please RSVP for this meeting.

Kids lock-in bowling fund-raiser

Superbowl of Canton is partnering with the Canton Police Department's Explorer Program to put on an all-night bowling lock-in for kids ages 9-15. The lock-in is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 20, beginning at midnight and ending at 7 a.m., on Jan. 21, which is a holiday for most schools. Participants will not be permitted to leave the Superbowl until 7 a.m., and will be supervised by Canton police officers during the entire event.

The cost is \$20 per person and includes bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and breakfast. Proceeds will benefit the Canton Police Explorer Unit, which is made up of students ages 14-20 who are seriously interested in exploring a career in law enforcement.

The program provides serious, realistic exposure of the law enforcement career. Explorers in the program train bi-weekly on a wide variety of topics. Explorers are taught the procedures used by officers and learn the basic elements of the subject matter, and must also maintain the physical, moral and scholastic standards required to be a member in the program.

To register contact the Superbowl at (734) 459-6070. For more information on the Explorer program or to make a donation, contact Sergeant Robert Sidor at the Canton Police Department, (734) 394-5400.

Lacrosse fund-raiser

Plymouth, Canton and Salem boys lacrosse is having a fund-raiser with Pizza Hut on Tuesday, Jan. 15, from 4-9 p.m. You must present a coupon with your order and the teams will earn 20 percent of all sales. You may dine in, carry-out, or get delivery. The coupon can be found on the lacrosse Web site at www.pslacrosse.com. Pizza Hut is located at 1425 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 459-2110.

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Police department gains national stamp of approval

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

What does the Canton Police Department have in common with the Florida Highway Patrol, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation? They are all recognized by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. After a rigorous three-year process, the township department has been granted full

CALEA accreditation status. "We bypassed the partial accreditation and went for the full," Executive Director John Santomauro said. "They have the most in-depth evaluation an organization can go through." Santomauro said earning the Virginia-based operation's coveted stamp of approval wasn't an easy task. Some agencies that appeared before CALEA's four-person panel in November, didn't walk away with accreditation. "It's not a pass," he said.

"Even when it got down to the wire." CALEA, which requires compliance with nearly 450 standards, was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority. Its main purpose is to improve the delivery of public safety services. Santomauro said the accreditation process served as the catalyst for change within the township police department. "It did enhance our operations," he said, adding that while the department has

always written out its various policies, it's now responsible for having proof that those policies are being followed. "This took us beyond what we have always done." With a CALEA official describing Canton as having an "exceptional police department," Santomauro said he is thrilled about the accreditation, which is awarded on a three-year basis. "For us, as an organization, we've seen how we stack up against (other agencies)."

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said the township department is the seventh and largest law enforcement agency in the state to earn the CALEA distinction. "I know that I speak for the entire community in extending congratulations to the staff of the Canton Police Department on becoming accredited by CALEA," he said. Seeking and achieving CALEA accreditation is a tribute to leadership of the Canton Police Department

and dedication and commitment of its sworn and civilian members." CALEA, a non-profit international corporation, granted its first accreditation in 1984. According to its Web site, www.calea.org, two of its required standards include: A comprehensive, uniform set of written directives and a preparedness program in the event of a natural or man-made tragedy.

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Township expanding role of emergency manager

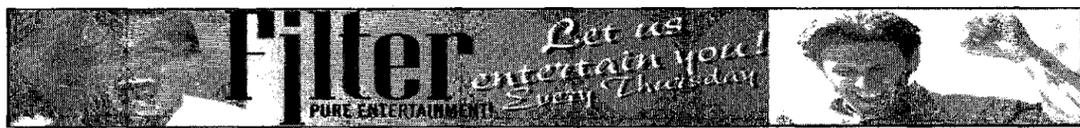
BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Township Board agreed Tuesday to expand the township's emergency management planner position to a full-time assignment. The job, which is currently a part-time post filled by Kathleen Rich, is primarily

focused on public education in homeland security and emergency planning in the event of an act of nature. Executive Director John Santomauro said an external search will be done for the position and he wants to have it filled within 60 days. The salary, which will pay no more than \$59,021, has been

budgeted for 2008 and will be offset by an \$18,000 homeland security grant. Some of the emergency management planner's current responsibilities include: developing an emergency operations plan, creating and executing an annual disaster exercise to test the plan, attending training to maintain professional emer-

gency manager certification, maintaining daily operations of the management office, maintaining outdoor warning sirens and researching grant programs. In moving to a full-time position, the job will expand grant research and working with area businesses to create plans on how to bounce back after a disaster.



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Daughters back after fruitless search for dad

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Search efforts in Hawaii by two sisters to find their 67-year-old father from Salem Township, missing since Dec. 5 in the mountains of Mauna Kea when a blizzard dumped a foot of snow while he was hiking, produced more questions and dwindling hope as they pray their father is surviving somewhere in the mostly thick brush and lava-rock terrain.

Bridget Wallman, 43, of Canton and Kelly Seelbinder, 40, of Kalamazoo flew to Hawaii Dec. 26 to help organize additional search efforts after six days of searching by Hawaiian authorities failed to produce any clues in the disappearance of Brian Murphy. They were joined on the trip by Wallman's sister-in-law, Sarah O'Hare of Plymouth.

"We met with the rescue people on Thursday (Dec. 27) and they said they would reignite the search effort because we were there and wanted to find him," said Seelbinder, a 1985 graduate of Canton High School. "There were lots of areas they felt they searched, but there are so many cracks and crevices and boulders and big bushes that make it really difficult. I wanted to search where it wasn't obvious, a place where he might keep warm or hide out if he was hurt."

The sisters put an ad in the local newspaper, offering a reward in hopes of attracting volunteers to help. Seelbinder said 24 showed up the first day, 18 the second and 15 the third.

Early indications were Murphy planned to hike to the



Sarah O'Hare, Kelly Seelbinder and Bridget Wallman gather near Mauna Kea Ice Age Natural Area Reserve, ready to begin the search for Brian Murphy. Wallman and Seelbinder are Murphy's daughters; O'Hare is Wallman's sister-in-law.

summit of Mauna Kea, which is 13,796 feet. However, he may have been discouraged when he checked into the Mauna Kea Visitor Information Station, which is at about 9,000 feet, before his hike. Murphy may have changed his plans and decided to take a shorter walk, possibly getting caught in a less severe storm at the lower altitudes. Seelbinder said her father was wearing khaki shorts, a T-shirt, and tennis shoes without socks in temperatures that reached about 80 degrees.

"It definitely was dangerous in certain areas, some of the bushes were as large as my dining room, with most of it

volcanic rock," Seelbinder said. "They had already searched 64 square miles, which is probably an eighth of the area. He could be anywhere if he's hurt."

The problem for searchers is knowing exactly where Murphy planned to hike. His daughters know he was in good enough shape to hike the mountain. He'd been invited to the 1968 Olympic trials to compete in the decathlon, was track and cross country coach at the old Garden City East High School in the 1970s and was a ski instructor and avid downhill skier.

"Just the enormity, it would be happenstance if we found him," said Wallman after

spending about a week in Hawaii. "It took two days to search one square mile. It's so frustrating."

"Everybody was so wonderful and super helpful," she said. "You're blown away by the fact volunteers came out; one man on his vacation from Florida helped search, and firemen who came on their days off. You knew they wanted to find him and help give us closure."

Hawaiian authorities, who told the sisters it's the first time anyone has gone missing on Mauna Kea, say they will continue the search for Murphy when the snow melts.

Murphy, a retired safety engineer who was contracted



Brian Murphy, shown here in the last known photo of him taken in Hawaii, has been missing since Dec. 5.

to work on the new MGM Grand Casino in Detroit, is the oldest of six children who grew up in Milwaukee. He later moved to Livonia, where the girls mainly grew up and went to school. The family moved to a 14-acre parcel in Salem Township, and the girls attended Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Karen Maurino, 58, of Dearborn has known Murphy for 14 years and accompanied him on many trips, including the one to Hawaii. After touring the island by car the previous day, Maurino decided to spend time at the beach while Murphy went hiking.

"It's been like a nightmare," said Maurino, who wasn't sure until the next morning her companion was listed as missing. "There was a big storm that day and they said on the news the roads were closed. I was in total shock when I was told he was on the mountain because I knew how bad the storm was."

"He knew everything about survival, so it's hard to understand this," she said. "He's

loved and will be missed by a lot of people."

Wallman said it's difficult at times not having some kind of closure.

"But, I'm satisfied he's somewhere on the mountain," she said, referring to Murphy's love of the outdoors. "One thing I found out was a lot of people knew my dad and enjoyed doing things with him."

Seelbinder said she's talked to several psychics, who tell her Murphy is still alive, maybe in a cave, and has access to water.

"He's so tough and strong-willed and optimistic, if anyone could survive it would be my dad," said Seelbinder. "I'm not giving up, I keep praying for a miracle."

But, she's also prepared in case the miracle doesn't happen.

"He's a very spiritual man, and I'll get to see him in Heaven, if that's his time," she said.

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POOLE

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that she saw scratches all over Allison, the center's assistant director, Cami Pierce, testified that Poole was a great mother and that she and Allison seemed like a healthy mother and daughter.

"She was a wonderful mother, I saw her everyday with Allison," she said.

When shown a picture of Allison, Pierce, along with Poole and her husband, Alan, began crying.

Another former day care worker, Cheryl Majeske, said she witnessed "fishy" scratches and bruises on the toddler but wouldn't go so far as to say that the girl was being abused.

"Something wasn't right," she said, adding that Poole explained away a few of the bruises by saying that Allison

had hit her head in the bed. "(But) I would say she was a good mom."

The Pooles' former nanny, who cared for the couple's newborn foster son, testified she never saw Allison being abused but did question Poole about a bruise on the child's forehead.

Despite calling the bruise "different," the former nanny said Poole was "one of the most loving mothers I've ever seen,"

adding that she was patient with the little girl the defense called "dramatic."

Allison's paternal grandfather, Ken Newman, called the proceedings a "dog-and-pony show" and said he was waiting for more facts about the night Allison died.

The toddler's biological father, Kenneth Newman, said he is anticipating a guilty verdict.

"My family has gone through

a lot of emotions and suffering and we have been praying," the deaf man signed through an interpreter.

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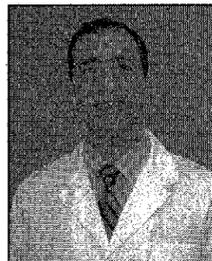
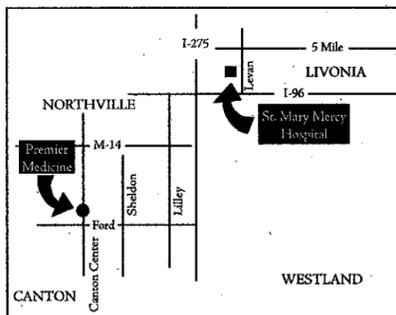
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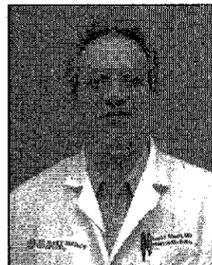
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Equity-index annuity provides tax-deferred investment option

I just received a settlement from a lawsuit for about \$90,000. I have a very specific goal for this money. I bought property up North a number of years ago on a land contract and I have a balloon payment in seven years. I want to use this money to pay off that land contract. I want to be very conservative with this money and, therefore, I am considering either a CD or an annuity. I am 60 years old and I expect to retire in about five years. What would you recommend?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

Equity-index annuities are like mutual funds — some good, some bad. They are not all the same and you have to be careful.

Some equity-index annuities have high fees thus making it difficult for investors to make money.

One of the problems with annuities is companies have many different types of annuity products. It's not unusual for an annuity company to offer a half dozen or so different types of equity-index annuities. Unfortunately, in most cases, only a few make sense for investors.

The majority of annuities are sold through representatives of the company. Individuals cannot purchase them directly.

One of the first issues is to deal with an individual you trust. You may also consider dealing with someone who specializes in equity-index annuities. There are a lot of nuances and different ways you can structure an equity-index annuity and you want

someone who understands the differences between different products.

I recommend Jim Hutton from Hutton Financial, (800) 870-4444.

Another important issue to consider is the time period. Just about every annuity program requires a time period similar to CDs. However, the typical period of time for an annuity is longer than in a CD. In most cases, I recommend a five to seven-year period for the equity-index annuity. I am not a big fan of annuities that require a 10-15-year commitment period. Unfortunately, many people who sell annuities tend to encourage investors to lock up for longer periods of time so they can receive higher commissions.

One of the many changes that have occurred for equity-index annuities is the expanded index options. For example, Jackson National, a Michigan-based company, now has an equity-index product that offers U.S. large and small company stocks as well as international companies. This product allows an investor to have a diversified portfolio. Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

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FISH swims along in 35th year

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Ask just about anyone what "FISH of the day" means to them, and you're likely to hear words like cod or shrimp or flounder.

Pose the question to someone in the Plymouth-Canton area who doesn't have a car, or the money to take a cab to a doctor's appointment or grocery shopping, the term is likely to have a very different meaning.

"FISH" of the day is the term used to describe the person responsible for coordinating the daily ride schedule for FISH of Plymouth-Canton, the civic organization which for 35 years has prided itself on providing just such services.

And, while the typical client would probably be described as disabled or a senior citizen, the service is available to anyone.

"We have one client who is a young woman whose children get treated at Children's Hospital," said Lila Vincent, a member of the group's steering committee. "These people have no means of transportation."

According to information provided by Vincent, FISH started in the Anglican Church in England, with the first American chapter founded in West Springfield, Mass., in 1964. FISH started in Plymouth-Canton in July 1972.

While transportation now makes up the largest part of the organization's duties,

other services — baby-sitting, meal preparation, housework, etc. — are provided. They are coordinated by the "FISH of the Day," a volunteer who answers phone calls from those requesting service and arranges for that service to be provided. Volunteer drivers use their own cars — at their own cost without reimbursement for gas — to transport clients.

The group is funded exclusively by donations. While the rides are free, clients are given a self-addressed envelope at the end of the ride in case the client wishes to make a donation. Other sources of funding: Vincent's bridge club makes an annual \$250 donation, while clients and churches provide the rest.

Thanks to Gary Simon, a steering committee member who now serves as the group's treasurer, the group needs fewer donations. Simon switched FISH from an answering service — which was costing the group more than \$70 per month — to a voice mail system that costs some \$17 a month.

"The clients get a chance to donate, but many of our clients don't have two nickels to rub together," said Simon, who joined FISH in 2005 after seeing a notice that said the group needed drivers. "I was already retired and I was looking for ways to volunteer."

Appointments are available Monday-Friday, and can be made twice a month, and the group is doing about 30 rides



Joann Page of Plymouth gets a ride from a Plymouth FISH volunteer. FISH celebrated its 35th anniversary this year.

per month at the moment, Vincent said.

Simon said clients are "very appreciative," but that he volunteers for an entirely different reason.

"It's not unusual for people to tell us, 'You guys are

angels,'" Simon said. "I do it for selfish reasons — it makes me feel good."

For information or to contact a FISH volunteer, call (734) 480-3940.

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Volunteers sought for Frog and Toad Survey

The Friends of the Rouge have scheduled training workshops in preparation for the 2008 Frog and Toad Survey.

The workshop will offer training on how to identify frogs and toads in area streams and rivers. The information will help in keeping the river system healthy.

To participate, volunteers must attend one of the four scheduled workshops, where they will receive everything necessary to do the survey.

The workshops are free but pre-registration is required.

Workshops are 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, at Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi; 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb.

26, at Bloomfield Township Hall, 4200 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Township; 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 1, at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia; and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at Canton Summit on the Park, Walnut Room, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

To register, call (313)792-9621 or e-mail picoordinator@therouge.org.

Surveying involves visiting a nearby wetland site at least twice a month beginning as soon as temperatures are above 46 degrees F (late February or early March) and continuing through July. Surveys are done after sunset and require listen-

ing for three minutes.

Data collected by volunteers is mapped and summarized and this information is provided to participants, Rouge communities and other interested parties.

The Rouge Watershed is 466 square miles and there are more than 1,000 blocks that need coverage. Surveys are best done in teams to increase safety at night.

Because amphibians depend on clean water for breeding and need good quality upland habitat for the adult portion of their life, their presence is an indication of a good quality habitat. The more species a site can support, the better the habitat.

Eight species of frogs and toads call the Rouge River Watershed home. These are: wood frogs, chorus frogs, spring peepers, American toads, leopard frogs, gray treefrogs, green frogs and bullfrogs, American toads and green frogs are the most abundant. Friends of the Rouge are also holding a Winter Stonefly Search, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at Environmental Interpretive Center on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. Registration is required on or before Jan. 18, 2008, by calling (313)792-9621 or e-mailing picoordinator@therouge.com.

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 the Remodeling of Canton High School**. Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; (248)427-8400; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and the Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Division descriptions include: 103:Selective Demolition / 104:Foundations & Flatwork / 106:Masonry / 107:Steel / 108:Carpentry/General Trades / 109:Roofing / 110:Metal Siding / 113: Hollow Metal Frames, Doors, Wood Doors, & Hardware / 114:Aluminum Windows/Entrances/Glass & Glazing / 115:Metal Studs, Drywall IFS / 117:Acoustical Treatments / 118:Carpet & VCT Flooring / 120:Painting / 120A:Electrostatic Painting / 121:Visual Display Signs / 128:Pre-Manufactured Casework / 129:Science Casework / 130:Window Treatments / 134:Stage Curtains / 140:Plumbing / 142:HVAC / 143:Electrical / 149:Fencing

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at Canton High School located at 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. Bidders are STRONGLY encouraged to attend. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 2 bid copies (1 original, 1 copy) and a valid familial disclosure statement. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 29, 2008 where they will be opened and read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 418-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
STEVEN SNEIDEMAN, Secretary

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CANDIDATES

FROM PAGE A1

Garvelink said he will "recommend five or six candidates the board should interview" at a meeting scheduled Jan. 21.

Ryan, who is expected to give up his seat at future board meetings to Superintendent Pro Tem Ken Jacobs, retires Feb. 28.

WHAT THEY MAKE

Here's a look at what some school districts pay their superintendents:

District	Students	Salary
Detroit	109,474	\$280,000
Utica	29,575	194,400
Grand Rapids	20,064	190,000
Ply-Cnt	18,808	161,000
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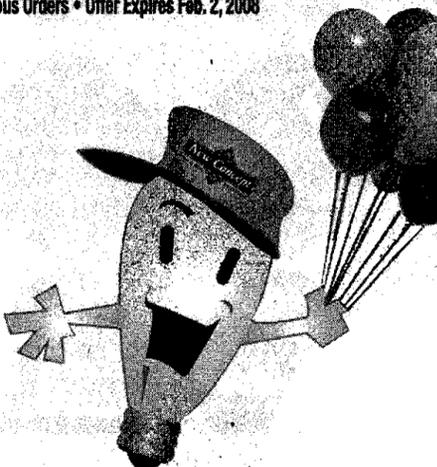
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Dan Shaw of Livonia, a multiple sclerosis patient, uses the new chair lift at the Livonia Family YMCA pool.

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YOUR DENTAL HEALTH

Presented by
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SENIOR TOOTH LOSS' LINK WITH DEMENTIA

Recent research links elderly tooth loss with more than a three-fold greater risk for memory problems and dementia. This may best be explained by the possibility that people with cognitive impairment take worse care of their teeth. On the other hand, it is also possible that dental disease causes prolonged inflammation and infection in the mouth, which may alter some factors in the blood that could cause problems in the brain. In addition, lost teeth may lead to altered diets, which could cause vitamin deficiencies and other problems that affect the brain. Until the exact cause and effect are determined, it is essential that elderly individuals receive proper dental care just like children and younger adults.

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P.S. Perhaps the best reason to address dental concerns as we age is to be sure that we can eat a well-balanced diet without the restrictions of poor oral health.

YMCA gets a lift

Woman's grant request makes splash for disabled swimmers

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

A new chair lift at the Livonia Family YMCA makes getting in and out of the pool easier for exercisers with multiple sclerosis, arthritis and other impairments.

The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation provided the \$3,900 water-powered lift in response to a Canton woman's grant proposal.

Karolyn Davis, who has been a YMCA member since 2003, saw some members having a hard time using the facility's old lift, which requires users to be able to lift their legs over a bar, oftentimes with an assistant's help.

The new lift is designed so people who use wheelchairs can just slide from one seat to the other, Davis said. It also moves in and out of the water faster than the old model.

Dan Shaw, 50, of Livonia can use the stairs to get in the pool, but it's a struggle, he said. He has multiple sclerosis and works out in the water three times per week.

"(The new lift) saves me time. It does help," he said.

Davis, who works as a medical technologist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, also has multiple sclerosis, but doesn't need to use the lift herself.

Water workouts help improve balance, she said. "It's the best. You can really get a workout without fatigue."

Davis met a representative from the Reeve Foundation at the Abilities Expo in 2006.

She completed the application with the help of her



Livonia YMCA member Karolyn Davis of Canton talks about the new chair lift at the pool, which helps those who need assistance getting into the water. She applied for the grant, which paid for the lift.

daughters, Tracie Vida, a grant writer, and Sara Vida of Redford, a photographer, and help from the YMCA staff who provided financial data.

She found out the grant was approved in late July, and the lift was installed in mid-November. As a thank you, staff from the YMCA sent her flowers.

The YMCA wasn't planning on replacing the old lift just yet, aquatics coordinator Marie Gerore said.

"We don't necessarily have the money to buy brand new stuff," she said. "It was a gift. It's nice to have a new one."

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ON THE AGENDA

Canton Planning Commission

Canton's Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 14, on the first floor of Canton's administration building. Items on the agenda include:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Wal-Mart expansion - Consider request for site plan and special land use amendment for retail expansion. Property is located on Ford Road, east of Lotz Road.
- Schoolhouse Montessori Academy - Consider request for special land use for a child care center. Property is located on the east side of Haggerty Road and north of Palmer Road.

SITE PLANS

- Poco Inc. exterior modification - Consider request for site plan approval. Property is located on the west side of Sheldon Road between Michigan Avenue and Yost Roads.

NEW BUSINESS

- E & A industrial building - Refer review of proposed site plan to staff. Property is located north of Yost Road and east of Sheldon Road.
- The charter development consent judg-

ment and Canton and Canton Academy West - Refer review of proposed amendment and site plan to staff. Property is located north of Ford Road and east of Ridge Road.

■ IIT Technical Addition - Refer review of proposed site plan to staff. Property is located on the southeast corner of Haggerty and Palmer Roads.

■ F&M Center (ALDI redevelopment) - Refer review of developer instigated revision site plan to staff. Property is located south of Ford Road and east of Lilley Road.

■ St. Joseph Mercy Health Center Expansion - Refer review of site plan to staff. Property is located west of Canton Center Road and north of Summit Boulevard.

Canton Township Board of Trustees

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will hold a study session at 7 p.m., Jan. 16 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road

- Agenda items include:
- DDA update and marketing partners presentation.
 - Sign ordinance discussion.

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LETTERS

Seeking Sen. Levin's help

On Oct. 5, 2007, Van Buren school board member Ralph Nodwell contacted me. He did so in his official capacity. Ralph was eager to enlist my professional assistance. He was on a mission.

In point of fact, the entire Van Buren Board of Education and Belleville High School were attempting to establish an Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) program at Belleville High School. To signify its commitment, the board unanimously adopted an official resolution.

Consequently, the board had been notified that it was on the "short list" of districts. Then, someone in Washington, D.C. decided not to confer the designation that had been sought. Why? No explanation was given.

With this background information, it was decided that I would endeavor to enlist the assistance of U.S. Senator Carl Levin. After all, he is the chairman of a very influential committee in the United States Senate. Clearly, if he wanted to help the cause he could do so.

On Oct. 18, I signed and sent an official request on my State of Michigan Senate letterhead. A copy of the school board's official resolution was enclosed.

That was over three months ago. Sadly, to date no reply has been extended. Since Sen. Levin has seven official offices, I suppose the letter could have been lost.

Due to his seniority, I am certain many people ask favors of Senator Levin. With the Thanksgiving recess leading up to the Christmas/New Year recess, and the budget work taking so much of his time, I understand that this little item may have been missed. At the very least, someone on the Senator's staff should acknowledge the receipt of our letter and maybe provide a token expenditure of effort for our cause.

This matter is important to our Community. And, the JROTC program is for the betterment of the students of Belleville High School and ultimately our Nation's security. Come on Senator Levin, please lend us a hand.

Bruce Patterson
state senator
Canton

Clinton is only real choice

Voting for the most qualified candidate will always be the better idea. Don't let the "spin doctors" talk you into staying home on Tuesday. Only Sen. Hillary Clinton elected to put her name on our state ballot. Do you really believe that a candidate that did not commit to our state before the election will commit to our state after they are given the keys to the White House?

Let us recognize Hillary's commitment to Michigan by strongly voting for her in the Democratic primary on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Help her to help us by enlisting your friends to vote. See you at the polls.

Emily Brock
Canton

Flip a coin in primary

Please vote Jan. 15 in the State-of-Michigan-taxpayer-paid U.S. Presidential primary for the Democratic and Republican parties.

How should you vote? We'll get to that in a minute.

First, let's point out that the publicly-funded election is actually the property of the two major political parties in our state. They picked who you can vote for. And whether you take a ballot for the Republicans or for the Democrats will be told only to the two parties — who supposedly cannot tell anyone else. (If you believe your ballot will be a secret, then you'll want to invest in the new Disney-theme-Casino currently being planned

for the soon-to-be-privatized historic St. John's Seminary at Sheldon Road and M-14 in Plymouth).

The legislators — Democrats and Republican party members every one of them — voted to have taxpayers spend upwards of \$10 million to hold these primary elections for their two parties. They'll then use the voters' primary information (that is, which party ballot you take) for future marketing purposes. Add to this outrage: the Michigan Supreme Court ruled this private marketing ploy was constitutional. (You probably won't be surprised when you recall that those Supreme justices were all nominated by these same two political parties.)

This \$10 million plus primary idea comes from the same fiscally-reckless state representatives and senators who nearly shut down state government until they invented "a service tax on palm readers and balloons-o-grams" (as Thomas Lynch described it in *The New York Times*).

As voters, what can we do about this arrogance on the part of the parties and their lapdog

legislators?

We could skip voting — as many political pundits believe will happen to the great majority of Michigan voters.

But not voting would only play further into the parties' "king-maker" arrogance. The chair of the Michigan Democrats has issued "instructions" for voting the Democratic ballot which essentially urges voting "non-committed." (He means "trust me" to pick the delegates voting for the presidential candidates). Doesn't this defeat the whole idea of taxpayers paying to hold his primary in the first place?

Everyone should vote. But how do we do that without jeopardizing our voters' privacy?

Flip a coin. When we get to the precinct, we take out a coin and flip it in front of the election clerks. Then ask for whichever ballot the coin flip dictates and use it to vote for "the least-likely to succeed." Later in the year, we'll start receiving campaign literature and phone calls from the party for which we voted — proving that the parties never had any intention of keeping our ballot's partisanship secret.

To further register our disgust

with this public-paid debacle, we send that same coin to our state legislator. Imagine if all of us Michigan voters did that. Would the state representatives and senators then get the voters' point that we do not want to declare our partisanship any more than for whom we actually vote? To answer that question: flip a coin!

W. Edward Wendover
Ed Wendover is a retired Michigan newspaper publisher.

Throwing votes away

Due to violating party rules, the Democratic National Committee has stripped Michigan of all its delegates to the Democratic National Convention. You can vote in the Democrat's primary, but no Michigan delegates will be sent to the DNC to vote for you.

As if that isn't bad enough, most candidates running for the Democrat's nomination didn't even register to be on the ballot or have withdrawn their names. Here is a list of people who will be on the ballot: Hillary Clinton, Mike Gravel and Dennis Kucinich. So if you wanted to

vote for Barack Obama, John Edwards or any other candidate you're out of luck because they won't even be on the ballot.

Instead of casting a meaningless vote on the Democrat's ticket, you can vote in the Republican primary, helping bring a "win-win" ballot for the 2008 presidential election by voting for Ron Paul. The war in Iraq has consistently rated the highest issue important to voters. Another issue not polled which I'm sure matters to voters is the restoration of our civil liberties.

Ron Paul is the only Republican candidate who is against the Iraq war and for the restoration of our civil liberties. Most of the Democrats oppose the war in Iraq, so by voting for Ron Paul in the Republican primary you can help create a "win-win" 2008 presidential ballot. It will be an anti-war, pro civil liberties Democrat versus an anti-war, pro civil liberties Republican.

No matter who wins the election, the war will end and our civil liberties will be restored.

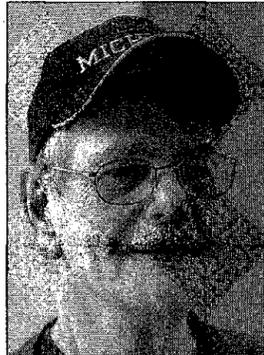
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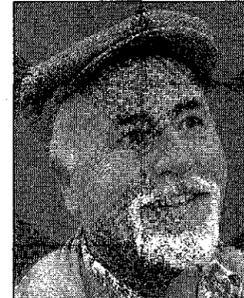
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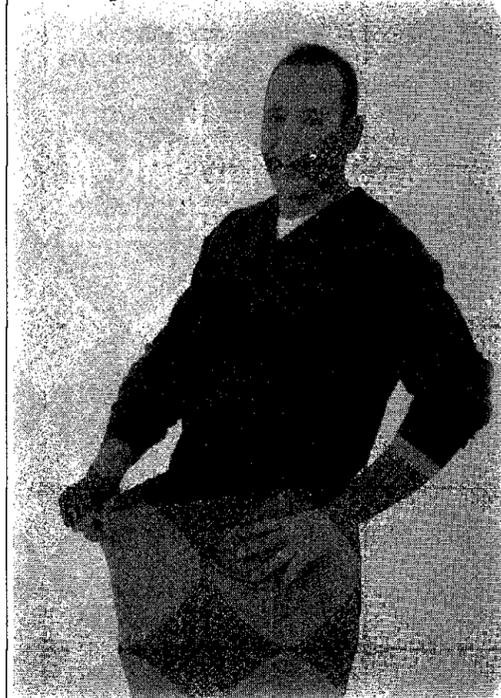
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Creatures featured

Students get up-close look at wildlife

BY LAURIE MAKAREWICZ
CORRESPONDENT

Fifty-seven first-graders at All Saints Catholic School in Canton traveled around the world, meeting creatures from almost every continent, without even leaving their school's library as biologist Nelson Pearson shared with them his love of animals.

Also known as "The Animal Guy," Pearson has been entertaining and educating children of all ages since 1993 with his unique collection of animals as part of his Wildlife Safari program. While at All Saints, Pearson told a story of an adventurous bunny who hopped beyond the forest and discovered other continents. With each new region, the bunny made friends along the way.

With each twist and turn of his story, Pearson would produce a tamed critter for all the children to see. He began with an Eagle owl, whose 4-foot wing span impressed the delighted group.

Next, an Australian rodent known as a Sugar Glider leapt off a walking stick, flying through the air before landing safely in a basket, drawing cheers from the children. An African tortoise, a collection of millipedes, a South American



First-graders at All Saints got a kick out of the Animal Guy's creatures, including this alligator.

Three-Banded Armadillo, an Australian Mara, and a three-foot American alligator followed before Nelson ended his show with a fuzzy, Lion-Headed rabbit.

The children watched in amazement as the armadillo rolled itself into a ball and the marsupial rodent-like Mara sniffed its way around the library. The children also were allowed to pet some of the animals as Pearson cradled each creature and walked among the children.

Some weren't too sure of the alligator, especially when Pearson pretended to wrestle with it, but all adored the unusual rabbit which many thought looked very much like a Webkinz.

Luke Anderson, 6, thought the alligator "was cool" while classmate Olivia Kositz, 6, "definitely liked the bunny better because it was so

fuzzy." Pearson said the rabbit is quite rare. The breed was introduced in Europe about 12 years ago and only recently has been made available in the United States by breeders, he said.

The children walked away from the in-school field trip learning many new facts, including recognizing the difference between a turtle and a tortoise (the latter generally doesn't swim), the ability of an owl to turn its head around in almost a complete circle, as well as where desert animals look to find water (they dig up plant roots), to name a few.

For Pearson, he said it's another wonderful opportunity to share his animals and tell their individual stories to others.

For the children, it was yet another memorable day in first grade.



'Animal Guy' Nelson Pearson wowed 57 first-graders at All Saints Catholic School in Canton with his menagerie of creatures from around the world.

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Plymouth vs. Canton Week

Chiefs rise to 'D' occasion against 'Cats

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

BOYS PREP HOOP

A few hours after he blew out the candles on his 18th birthday cake, Canton's Neil Sharma extinguished any chances Plymouth had of constructing a second-half comeback Friday night.

The senior swingman netted a game-high 20 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Chiefs to a defense-dominated 43-27 victory over the Wildcats in a game played in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

Sharma did the majority of his damage from the free throw line, where he connected on 11-of-14 attempts.

The win snapped a three-game losing

streak for the Chiefs, who improved to 4-5 overall and 1-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The Wildcats fell to 2-7 and 1-3, respectively.

While impressed with Sharma's strong night, Canton coach Dan Colligan was most pleased with his team's effort at the defensive end of the court.

"We hadn't been playing good defense lately — we'd given up more than 60 the past couple of games," the first-year head coach said. "We made it a point in practice to play better defense and they went out

tonight and did it.

"I thought Brody Coplai did a nice job of going out and taking charge of guarding Brandon Roberts, who is one of the best guards in the league. He did a nice job of containing Brandon."

Senior guard Navraj Sandhu led the Wildcats with 15 points. Roberts was held to a season-low five.

"We were out of rhythm on a lot of our shots tonight," lamented Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "That, combined with the fact that we didn't get to the line much, hurt us.

"I thought we played well defensively. If you can't win when you give up only 43 points, it's not because you're not playing

good defense."

Canton led 7-6 after one quarter and 16-10 at the half. The Chiefs extended their advantage to 25-18 after three quarters before outscoring their hosts 18-9 over the final eight minutes.

Sharma drained six of his free throws in the fourth quarter. Canton was on fire from the line throughout the game, hitting 18-of-23 attempts. Plymouth made half of their eight freebies.

The most telling number of the night for the Wildcats was 17.8. That's the percentage of field goals the 'Cats made on 56 attempts.

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SIDELINES

Mid-winter camps

High Velocity Sports will offer mid-winter break camps for boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12 years old Feb. 11-15. The camps include soccer, all-sport, craft and basketball.

The soccer camp is offered Monday-Friday from 1-3 p.m. Coaches will focus on basic skill development. Each day will include some scrimmage time. The cost is \$125 for the week.

The all-sport camp will be offered by the day in half-day (9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m.) and full-day (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) options. The camp will feature an array of sports like soccer, flag football, basketball and dodge ball.

The cost is \$25 per day for half-day campers and \$45 per day for full-day participants.

The craft camp will also be offered by the day (9 a.m.-noon). Kids will make fun crafts to take home. The cost is \$30 per day and includes all supplies.

The basketball camp is offered Monday-Friday (10 a.m.-noon). Campers will work on shooting, dribbling, passing, defensive and offensive drills, and ball handling. Each day will include some scrimmage time. The cost is \$125 for the week.

For more information, visit www.hvsports.com or call (734) HV-SPORT.

Soccer sign-ups

Registration is open for the Canton Soccer Club recreational leagues until February 1. Registration is available online only at www.cantonsoccerclub.com.

The available leagues are:

- U5 Kick-Start Program (born July 31, 20003 to Aug. 1, 2002);

- U6-U8 House Program (born July 31, 2002 to Aug. 1, 1999); and

- U9-U18 GLSL (born July 31, 1999 to Aug. 1, 1989).

The Canton Soccer Club is one of the top clubs in Michigan and hosts one of the largest tournaments in the United States. It benefits the Canton community as a training ground for skill development, self-confidence, teamwork, sportsmanship and community pride.

For more information, please visit the Web site and click on "Leagues." For more information, call (734) 480-7046 or send an e-mail to office@cantonsoccerclub.com.

Shaak-led 'Cats nip Chiefs in OT

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's girls basketball team overcame a five-point halftime deficit, 15 turnovers and some serious foul trouble Friday night against Plymouth.

But the Chiefs couldn't withstand a late-game "Shaak" attack.

Plymouth junior forward Shaakira Haywood, who is affectionately called "Shaak" by her teammates and coaches, registered 18 points and 12 rebounds to lead the visiting Wildcats to a suspense-filled 40-39 overtime victory in the Phase III gymnasium.

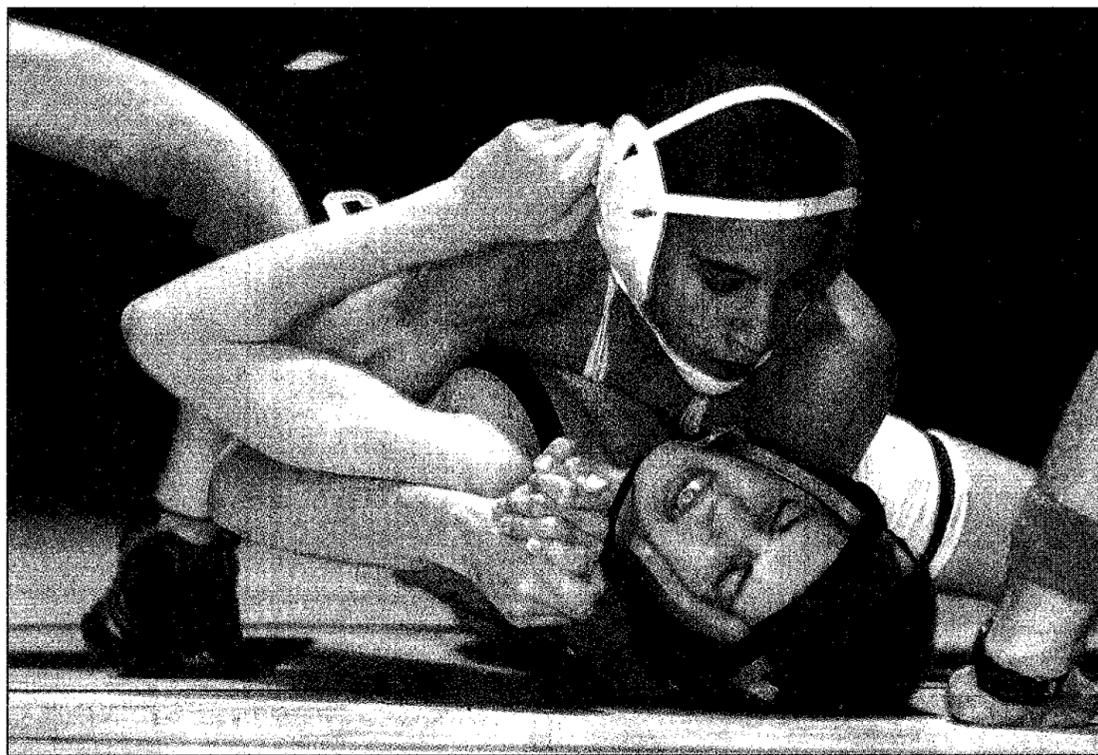
The game hung in the balance until Canton's Marie Martin stepped to the free throw line with a half second left and Plymouth leading 40-38.

Please see **WILDCATS, B2**



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Plymouth's Shaakira Haywood, pictured above in a game earlier this season, tallied 18 points and 12 rebounds in the Wildcats' 40-39 victory over Canton Friday night.



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Canton's Waleed Faraj gets the upper-hand against Plymouth's Jim Ahearn in a 103-pound match Thursday night. Faraj recorded one of 10 Chief pins in their 64-11 victory.

PIN-POINT PRECISION

Chief grapplers turn back Plymouth, 64-11

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It was so loud during Canton's wrestling match against visiting Plymouth Thursday night that you couldn't hear a pin drop.

But there were plenty of pins to be seen — 10 to be exact, all by the Chiefs.

Wrestling in front of a revved up home crowd and underneath an illuminating spotlight, the Chiefs registered falls in all but two of the first dozen matches on the way to dominating their cross-campus rivals, 64-11.

Six of the pins occurred in the first period and three of them took 41 sec-

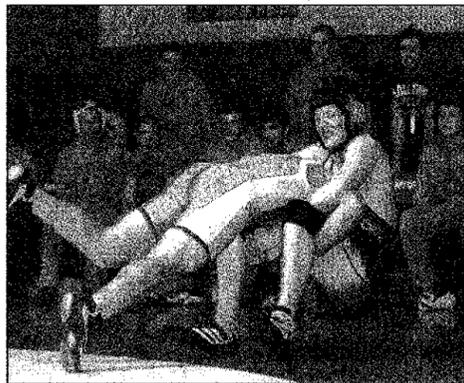
onds or less.

The Chiefs fed off their fans and each other's enthusiasm, according to Canton coach Casey Randolph.

"In an environment like this — the loud crowd, the spotlight, wrestling against our close rivals — the kids really get excited for each other," said Randolph. "It's really cool because wrestling is such a close-knit family and when you have a night like this, it's electrifying. This environment enhanced things 10-fold."

Senior Adam Powers ignited the Chiefs' pin-fest when he secured Alex

Please see **WRESTLING, B3**



Canton's Adam Powers drives Plymouth's Alex Winn off the mat during the 189-pound match Thursday night.

Whalers split with Sting, Spirit

Jamie Arniel registered a hat trick and Steve Ferry and Steven Stamkos added single goals as the Sarnia Sting defeated the Plymouth Whalers, 5-1, Friday night in an Ontario Hockey League game played before a sellout crowd of 4,839 at the Sarnia Sports and Entertainment Centre.

Sarnia is now 22-17-1-0, good for 45 points and fourth place in the OHL West; Plymouth is now 22-14-2-2, good for 48 points and third place in the OHL West.

Stamkos opened the scoring with his team-leading 31st goal of the season and fourth in three games against Plymouth at 10:54 of the first period.

Sarnia scored three unanswered goals in the second period to stretch its advantage to 4-0. Ferry scored his third goal of the season at 5:36 of the

second period with a shot from the left point. Arniel took over offensively for Sarnia from that point, deflecting Ryan Wilson's point shot on the left wing lip of the Plymouth crease at 7:52 and then tucking a hard shot from the right circle over Jeremy Smith's shoulder and under the cross bar at 15:19.

Vern Cooper scored the lone Plymouth goal at 10:56 of the third period on a Whalers power play when his shot from the right circle went five-hole through Sarnia goaltender Andrew Perugini for his ninth marker of the season.

Plymouth head coach Greg Stefan pulled Smith for the extra attacker with 2:30 remaining in regulation, but Arniel scored on the Plymouth empty net with 1:06 remaining.

Ryan Hayes made his Plymouth debut in the game and

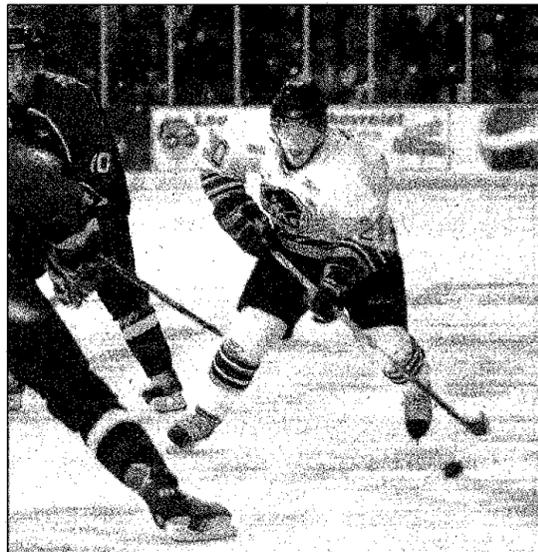
showed offensive skill as advertised. The former Boston College skater hit the goal post on a shot from the right wing late in the first period in his best scoring chance of the game.

PLYMOUTH 4, SAGINAW 2: On Wednesday in Saginaw, Chris Terry scored a pair of goals in the first period, Joe Gaynor and Kaine Geldart added single goals in the second period and Matt Hackett stopped 31-of-33 shots as the Whalers doubled-up the Spirit before a crowd of 2,718 at the Dow Event Center.

Jack Combs (28) and Ryan McDonough (25) scored second period goals for Saginaw.

Plymouth held a clear territorial edge in the first period, outshooting Saginaw 14-6. Terry gave Plymouth a 1-0 lead at 7:58 of the first period when he

Please see **WHALERS, B2**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Whalers forward Chris Terry, pictured in a game earlier this season, netted a pair of goals in his team's 4-2 victory over Saginaw Wednesday night. On Friday, the Whalers fell to Sarnia, 5-1.

First and foremost

Detroit's Jonathan Greenfield (left), pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored his 28th goal of the season Friday night in the Ignition's 12-4 victory over Chicago. The win kept Detroit (10-4) in a first-place deadlock with Milwaukee in the Major Indoor Soccer League. Kyt Selaidopoulos (2), Jamar Beasley (2) and Ryan Mack also found the back of the net for the winners. Danny Waltman made 15 saves to earn the win in net for the Ignition.



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Davis leads Rock cagers to top of Lakes Division

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

A mid-season battle between Salem and Walled Lake Northern for supremacy in the WLA's Lakes Division wasn't a battle for very long.

Sparked by an inspired team-wide defensive effort and a double-double from junior forward Chelsea Davis, the Rocks surged to a 19-5 halftime lead before locking down a 33-20 victory in a game that saw both teams start the night with 3-0 divisional records.

The triumph improved Salem's overall mark to 9-2 while the Knights slipped to 7-4.

"They only scored five points in the first half tonight, so our defense was very sound," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "They had a little

GIRLS PREP HOOP

run in the second half, but we weathered the storm."

Northern cut its deficit to 23-15 after three quarters, but the Rocks rebounded by taking the fourth, 10-5.

Sara Stone had a strong night, posting eight points and eight rebounds. Brett deBear added five points and Victoria Brotz chipped in with four.

Salem's leading scorer Alaya Mitchell didn't score, but she did dish out four first-quarter assists.

Salem hit 6-of-8 free throws. Northern was 6-of-11 from the line.

The Rocks committed just 11 turnovers against the Knights' game-long full-court press.

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WILDCATS

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The senior forward swished the first pressure-packed free throw, but the second rimmed out and into the hands of Plymouth's Kelsi Robinson.

While Haywood's contributions were plentiful the entire night, none exceeded the old-fashioned three-point play she executed with 40.7 seconds left.

With her team trailing 36-33, Haywood snatched teammate Alex Roberts' missed free throw and converted the shot while getting fouled by the Chiefs' best player, Baylee Hollowell. She calmly drained the free throw, which turned out to be the final pre-overtime point, to deadlock the game at 36-36.

The foul was extra-costly for Canton because it was Hollowell's fifth.

The victory was a pivotal one for Plymouth, which improved to 5-6 overall and 2-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The Chiefs fell to 3-8 and 1-3, respectively.

"Shaak did a great job of staying active the entire game tonight," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "We knew she had a quickness advantage on Baylee, but not necessarily a strength advantage."

"She did a nice job of staying active on the boards from the opening tip until she fouled out at the end. And that basket and free throw she made at the end of regulation were huge."

Canton coach Brian Samulski praised his team's effort.

"I feel bad for the kids — they worked their tails off," said Samulski. "It just came down to we needed to get one more loose ball, one more box out on a rebound or make one more shot."

"I was proud of the way the kids stepped up and hung in there during the overtime after Baylee fouled out. We competed right down to the end."

Troi Davis had a productive night from the perimeter for the Wildcats as she tallied 10 points. Two of her three-point baskets were launched from NBA range.

Roberts netted just three points, but she skied for nine

rebounds, three on the offensive end.

Sophomore guard Kaylie Martin paced the Chiefs with 14 points and five rebounds.

Despite finding net on every shot she attempted, Hollowell was held to a season-low eight points, although she did pull down a team-high 12 boards.

"We knew we had to limit Baylee's touches because she's such a skilled player when she gets the ball inside," said Reilly. "Shaak did a good job of limiting Baylee's offensive rebounds as well as keeping the ball out of her hands."

Marie Martin and Plymouth's Stacey Klonowski both added five points and five rebounds for their respective teams.

Plymouth led 18-13 at the half, but Canton fought back to cut its deficit to 25-23 after three quarters.

The Chiefs' biggest lead of the night came with 2:55 left in regulation when Hollowell's inside bank shot made it 35-30.

Klonowski made one free throw with 1:55 to go and Robinson converted a layup following a steal to bring the 'Cats to within 35-33 with 1:05 on the clock.

Canton's Leslie Weisz nailed 1-of-2 free throws with 58 ticks to go to make it 36-33, but Haywood followed with her three-point play 19 seconds later to tie it up.

Canton freshman Kayla Bridges' 12-foot jumper to win it at the buzzer was blocked by Haywood.

A Kaylie Martin jumper gave Canton a 38-36 advantage 15 seconds into the OT, but Plymouth regained the lead, 40-38, thanks to four free throws from three different players.

Klonowski rebounded a Weisz miss with 3.5 seconds left, but she stepped out of bounds, giving the Chiefs one more chance.

Following a time out, Kaylie Martin was short on a jumper, but Marie Martin rebounded it and was fouled on the putback.

The Wildcats hit 13-of-49 shots from the field (26.5 percent) and 10-of-27 free throws (37.0). The Chiefs were 16-of-55 from the floor (29.0) and 7-of-11 (63.6) from the charity stripe.

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WHALERS

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accepted Joe McCann's pass from the right wing and beat Spirit goaltender Ryan Daniels with a one-timer from the left circle at 7:58. Terry scored his second of the night and team-leading 28th of the year at

13:31 when he banked a shot from the right goal line off a Saginaw defender's skate and past Daniels.

Saginaw picked up their play perceptibly in the second period, but the Whalers took a 3-0 lead at 9:17 of the period on good work by the line of McCann, Gaynor and Brett Valliquette when they kept the

play alive deep in the Saginaw zone and Gaynor banked a shot from the left boards off Daniels for his third goal of the season. Saginaw cut into the Plymouth lead when Combs scored on a penalty shot at 10:45 and McDonough deflected Nick Crawford's point shot at 12:36.

But the Whalers came right

back to re-establish a two-goal lead at 4-2 on a power play at 13:11 when Geldart tipped A.J. Jenks' shot from the right circle past Daniels for his eighth goal of the season.

The third period was scoreless. Saginaw outshot Plymouth, 33-30.

Hackett won his third game over the last seven days.



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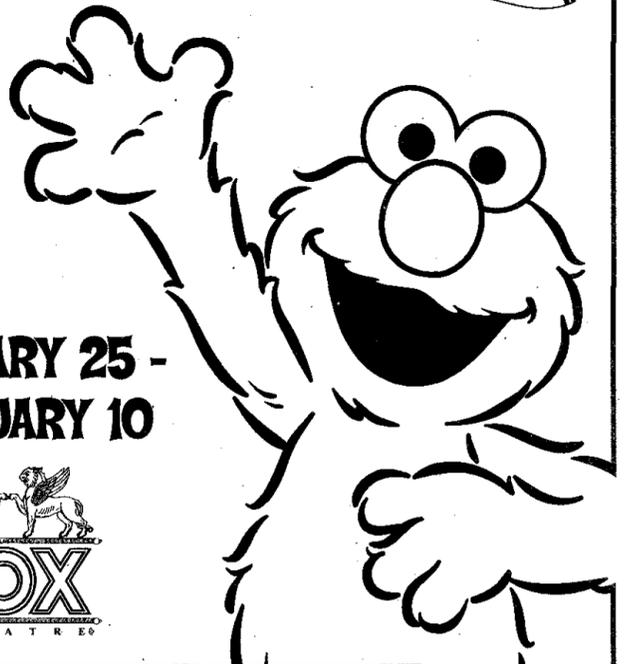
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WRESTLING

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Winn's shoulder blades to the mat 2:16 into the match-opening 189-pound contest.

The Wildcats sliced their deficit to 6-3 when senior Vince Darolfi decisioned sophomore Tyler Bourcier 7-4 in a hard-fought 215-pound showdown.

"Darolfi's their best wrestler, so even though Tyler didn't win, at the same time he didn't allow them to get a lot of momentum back," said Randolph. "Tyler's a scrapper and he gives people fits. He needs a little refining, but he's going to be very good. He did exactly what we were looking for from him tonight."

The Chiefs put the match away by pinning their next five opponents on the heels of Darolfi's win.

Heavyweight Dan Wanshon, who normally wrestles at 215, sparked the avalanche with a 38-second pin of Anthony Pomerson to make it 12-3.

Waleed Faraj (103), Connor Johnson (112), Carl Lucke (119) and Donnie Watkins (125) followed in Wanshon's footsteps with falls of their own.

"I thought Connor Johnson's win at 112 was a big one," said Randolph. "He's really starting to come into his own and gain confidence in what he's doing."

Plymouth's Dylan Spicher momentarily stopped the onslaught with a convincing 18-2 technical fall triumph over Mitch Wolski at 130, however, the Chiefs swept the next four on pins from Steve Cox (135), Brent Winekoff (140), Anthony Abro (145) and Keith Zech (152) to pad their lead to 60-8.

Cox's triumph was the 100th in his illustrious high school career.

Plymouth's Vince Rizzo earned an exciting 11-8 win over Mitch Kuchenberg at 160 before Rodger Kropp capped the night with an 16-7 victory over Derek Davy at 171.

CANTON 64
PLYMOUTH 11
Thursday at Canton
189 pounds: Adam Powers (C) pinned Alex Winn in 3:16.
215: Vince Darolfi (P) decisioned Tyler Bourcier, 7-4.
285: Dan Wanshon (C) pinned Anthony Pomerson in 38 seconds.
103: Waleed Faraj (C) pinned James Ahearn in 1:06.
112: Connor Johnson (C) pinned Brett Echols in 30 seconds.
119: Carl Lucke (C) pinned Nick Rizzo in 1:13.
125: Donnie Watkins (C) pinned Steve D'Annunzio in 2:46.
130: Dylan Spicher (P) won by technical fall over Mitch Wolski, 18-2.
135: Steve Cox (C) pinned Anthony Favot in 1:22.
140: Brent Winekoff (C) pinned Brandon Crowther in 3:00.
145: Anthony Abro (C) pinned Alex Saunders in 41 seconds.
152: Keith Zech (C) pinned Robert Barackman in 5:12.
160: Vince Rizzo (P) dec. Mitch Kuchenberg, 11-8.
171: Rodger Kropp (C) won by major decision over Derek Davy, 16-7.

Salem swimmers rock Western

If Thursday night's meet at Walled Lake Western is any indication, 2008 is going to be a splash for the Salem boys swimming and diving team.

The Rocks dominated the host Warriors, 118-65, by placing first in eight of the 12 events.

A trio of Rocks -- Adam Seroka, Sida Chen and Nathan Spala -- each won a pair of individual races while also contributing to Salem's victory in the meet-capping 400-yard freestyle relay.

Seroka touched first in the 200 freestyle (1:51.34) and 500 freestyle (4:59.20); Chen captured the 200 IM (2:15.64) and 100 butterfly (1:00.49) while Spala took gold in the 100 freestyle (54.45) and 100 breaststroke (1:09.16).

Salem other individual winner was diver Kevin Smith, who won the 1-meter event with 188.80 points.

SALEM 118
W.L. WESTERN 65
THURSDAY AT WESTERN
200-yard medley relay: 1. Western (Andrew Garcia, Jason Sherbel, Rizart Stafa, Zack Rashid), 1:53.44; 2. Salem (Matt Collingwood, Nathan Spala, Sida Chen, Kevin Smith), 1:53.76; 3. Salem (Nick Hoffmeyer, Kory Dondzila, Cameron Dunn, Paul Cherewick), 1:59.67.
200 freestyle: 1. Adam Seroka (S), 1:51.34; 2. Max Mills (S), 2:06.69; 3. Josh Wood (W), 2:07.18.
200 IM: 1. Sida Chen (S), 2:15.64; 2. Rizart Stafa (W), 2:22.37; 3. Joe DeFassani (S), 2:23.03.
50 freestyle: 1. Jason Sherbel (W), 24.10; 2. Casey Olson (S), 25.34; 3. Paul Cherewick (S), 26.35.
1-meter diving: 1. Kevin Smith (S), 188.80 points; 2. Scott Klein (W), 146.50; 3. Paul Krutly (S), 117.
100 butterfly: 1. Sida Chen (S), 1:00.49; 2. Rizart Stafa (W), 1:04.31; 3. Cameron Dunn (S), 1:05.56.
100 freestyle: 1. Nathan Spala (S), 54.45; 2. Joe DeFassani (S), 56.87; 3. Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 56.94.
500 freestyle: 1. Adam Seroka (S), 4:59.20; 2. Max Mills (S), 5:41.56; 3. Josh Wood (W), 5:43.04.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Western (Jason Sherbel, Zack Rashid, Josh Wood, Danny Ware), 1:43.88; 2. Salem (Cameron Dunn, Casey Olson, Joe DeFassani, Kevin Smith), 1:45.03; 3. Salem (Chad Newton, Paul Cherewick, Tom Patterson, Daniel Kwang), 1:50.75.
100 backstroke: 1. Andrew Garcia (W), 1:05.14; 2. Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 1:06.25; 3. Matt Collingwood (S), 1:07.97.
100 breaststroke: 1. Nathan Spala (S), 1:09.16; 2. Jason Sherbel (W), 1:10.96; 3. Eric Schendel (S), 1:14.91.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Adam Seroka, Sida Chen, Matt Collingwood, Nathan Spala), 3:39.17; 2. Western (Rizart Stafa, Josh Wood, Danny Ware, Andrew Garcia), 3:59.32; 3. Salem (Joe DeFassani, Max Mills, Troy Kerchen, Nick Hoffmeyer), 4:02.78.



Stingrays are No. 1

The '98 Plymouth Stingrays Squirt A travel hockey team placed first in the Metro Detroit Regional Silver Sticks tournament Dec. 7-9 by skating to a 5-0 record against many of the top teams in the state. The performance earned the Stingrays a berth in the International Silver Sticks tournament in Toronto later this month. The top-seeded Stingrays defeated the No. 2-seeded Allen Park Huskies, 2-1, in the title game. Pictured (front row from left) are Trevor McManus, Kevin Onofrio, (second row from left) Riley Brass, Bailey Thompson, Nick Beers, Anthony Solack, Cody Borke, (third row from left) Keeghan Howdeshell, Ryan Radwan, Carson Pakula, Brendan Guziak, Evan Newell, William Borrows, David Kiers, (fourth row from left) C.J. Regula, Chase Danol, (back row from left) Robby Reilly, Steve Borke, Dave Brass, Russ Borrows and Ray Danol.

Posler's double-double leads Rock cagers over Knights

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Throughout the 2007-08 season Salem boys basketball coach Bob Brodie has been looking for a third scorer to complement his 1-2 punch of Grant Stone and Ross Davis.

He finally found it Friday night at Walled Lake Northern.

Junior forward Joe Posler exploded for 17 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Rocks to a much-needed 57-38 victory over the Knights.

The win broke a two-game Salem losing streak and lifted the Rocks' record to 3-6 overall and 1-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. The Knights fell to 0-9 and 0-4, respectively.

"The thing I was most impressed with was that even though Joe ran the middle of our offense against their pressure all night, he didn't have one turnover," said Brodie. "He did a great job of taking care of the ball and scoring when he had the opportunities."

Davis sparkled, too, netting 12 points and a Ben Wallace-like 17 rebounds.

"Ross was a fanatic on the boards tonight," said Brodie.

Stone was held to nine points, but he did an outstanding job of distributing the ball against Northern's game-long full-court pressure, Brodie stressed.

"Grant did a nice job of giving the ball up when he had to tonight," said Brodie. "Overall, I

was very happy with our offensive balance.

"Our bench played much better tonight, too. We didn't lose anything when we put the bench guys in tonight."

Brodie said he could live with his team's 30 turnovers.

"It doesn't bother me because they Northern was pressing full-court the entire game," said Brodie. "You're going to get that because there are going to be a lot of deflections and there are naturally more possessions. We turned it over 29 times against Churchill last week and they were only pressing for a half. That's when it bothers me."

Salem led 19-7 after one quarter and was never threatened thereafter pulling away to a 30-19 halftime lead and 43-26 lead after three quarters.

CANTON AGAPE 53, FRANKLIN ROAD 37: On Friday at Agape, the Wolverines were led by Ty Majeski's 17-point night. Joel Ruffin also sparked for the winners, contributing 13 points and 10 boards, while Terrell Pierce added 13 points.

Dave Mansfield led Franklin Road with 13 points.

Agape led 11-6 after one quarter, 23-19 at the half and 38-31 with eight minutes to play. The Wolverines put the win on ice by outscoring Franklin Road 15-6 in the fourth.

The victory improved Agape to 4-4 overall and 2-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Franklin Road dropped to 4-3 and 11, respectively.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Jan. 15
Agape at Huron Valley Lutheran, 7 p.m.
PCA at Oakland Christian, 7 p.m.
Livonia Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 18
John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 19
Agape at Baptist Park, 2:30 p.m.
PCA at Parkway Christian, 8:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, Jan. 14
Agape at Redford Covenant, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 15
Oakland Christian at PCA, 7 p.m.
Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 18
Agape at Baptist Park, 7 p.m.
PCA at Parkway Christian, 7 p.m.
Salem at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Jan. 15
W.L. Northern at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Plymouth at Compuware Arena, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 16
Canton at Livonia Franklin at Edgar Arena, 8 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 18
Livonia Churchill at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.
Riverview Richard at Canton at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 19
Plymouth at Northville at Novi Ice Arena, 6 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Jan. 17
W.L. Central at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 19
Salem at Williamston Invite, 8:30 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Jan. 17
Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.
Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
GYMNASTICS
Wednesday, Jan. 16
Saline at Salem at Plymouth H.S., 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 17
Northville at Canton at Plymouth H.S., 7 p.m.
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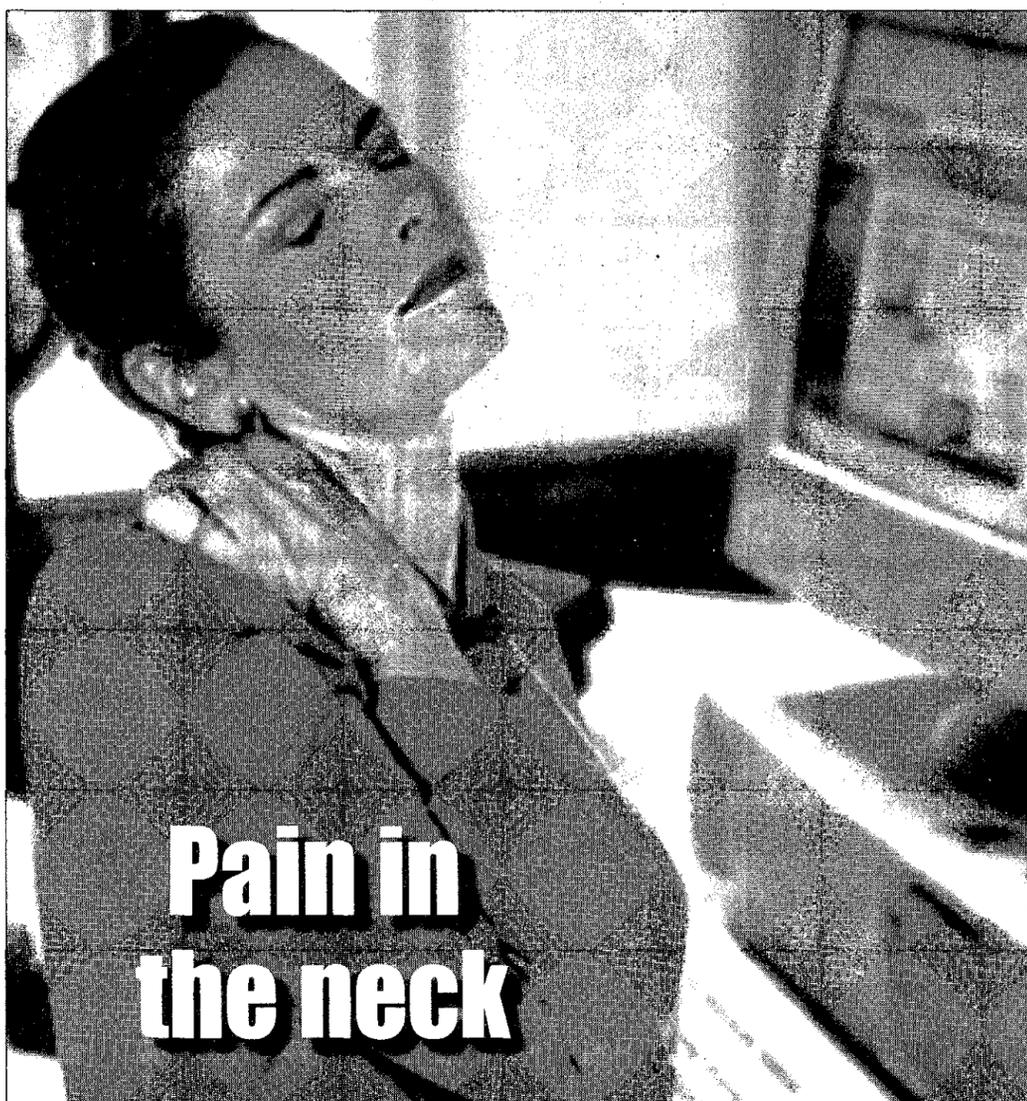
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Pain in the neck

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Find relief online for computer-related pain

Rob Tworek started thinking about a way to help people in offices everywhere after more and more of his physical therapy patients were mentioning the stiffness in their necks and backs from working at a computer.

First came the e-book, *How To Avoid That Pain in the Neck at the Office*, and shortly after the Web site which offers exercises to do while at the keyboard (www.officecoachplus.com).

So far, Tworek's had visitors from more than 60 countries.

The *Pain in the Neck* e-book and Web site provide streaming video of a model performing exercises to relieve the discomfort but warns users to seek medical attention when there is severe, continuous neck pain lasting a week or more; pain, numbness and tingling that radiates to the arms or legs, and muscle weakness.

"I gave them exercises when you can't get away from your computer. They want relief now," said Tworek, a physical therapist for St. John Providence Health System and Heartland Rehabilitation. "The problem is when you start getting discomfort you need to break up that activity."

"At a computer you want people moving around, getting up and down out of their chair, but it's usually a static position. Even if you use the best posture over time those muscles will have a tendency to fatigue. It's advisable every hour to

21-DAY EXERCISE WORKSHOP

What: Physical therapist Rob Tworek leads a one-hour session featuring exercises and a discussion about starting and maintaining a program

When: 1 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 26, at the Livonia Recreation Center, 15100

Hubbard; Feb. 9, at Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills; and Feb. 23, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn

Cost: \$25 in advance, \$29 at the door. To pre-register, call (313) 244-8048 or send e-mail to 21dejs@officecoachplus.com.



Rob Tworek hopes his Web site helps people around the world relieve the neck and pain discomfort caused by working at a computer for extended periods.

take a break, to get up and do movement. As soon as you enter the Web site you're prompted to get moving."

The Web site and e-book offer simple movements to prevent neck or low back injury before medical treatment is required.

"I wanted to make it convenient for people," said Tworek of Livonia. "The Web site is set up as a resource. They can go to the stretch pages follow these along and work out the stiffness."

Lisse Egler first tried the exercises after a physi-

cal therapist friend told her about the Web site. A mechanical engineer in the automotive industry, the South Lyon resident uses the movements whenever her muscles feel tight.

"On the Web site there's lots of stretching that I wouldn't have known to do before," said Egler. "I like the exercises because they can be done at work at your desk. I like that they have a little video with Liz (the model). That helps me a lot. It's good to have that visual."

After initially doing the suggested movements, Egler

progressed to Tworek's Three Day Exercise Jump Start. The program helps prevent and reduce neck and low back pain caused by extended periods of time at a computer. All that's needed is a stationary chair and two optional weights (one for each hand), either books, bottled waters or hand weights.

"It helped me get back into moving on a regular basis," said Egler. "I felt comfortable, I wouldn't be overstraining myself or my heart."

Tworek is expanding the exercise jump start to 21 days in time for people to start moving on a regular basis in the new year.

The program is intended for anyone who spends most of their workday at a computer or simply wants to exercise. The American Physical Therapy Association, American Heart Association and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention recommend 30 minutes of activity five days per week.

"It's a 30-minute workout for 21 days straight and by then you have established a habit of exercising," said Tworek, who is giving one-hour workshops on the new program beginning in late January and early February at the Livonia Recreation Center and Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills.

"Once they build the habit they want to keep on going with it. It allows them staying power at the computer."

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JANUARY

Health classes

Heartsaver AED 6-9 p.m. Jan. 14, Feb. 11, at Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$55. This is a course for non-health care providers and/or individuals who need to learn basic CPR and AED for non-health care work requirements. Call (888) 440-7325 to register or for information or visit www.stjohn.org.

CPR Family and Friends: for Infants-Part 1 is scheduled 6-7:30 p.m. Feb. 14 (\$25), for non-health care providers ages 12 and older who want to learn basic CPR and foreign body removal (choking) techniques for infants. CPR Family and Friends for Adults/Children-Part 2, 7:45-9:15 p.m. Feb. 14 (\$25), for non-health care providers ages 12 and older. Baby Care Basics. Call for schedule of classes. Cost is \$20 per couple. This class provides practical information about bathing, feeding, safety, health care and more. New this year, a baby doctor, will be joining the baby care class to give you more information about your infant and infant/baby care.

Lung cancer workshop

Deadline to register is Friday, Jan. 18 for the American Lung Association of Michigan workshop 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at Weisburg Cancer Center, 31995 Northwestern, Farmington Hills. No charge. To register, call (248) 784-2000. The newly updated workshop will be presented by Dr. Antoinette Wozniak of the Karmanos Cancer Institute and includes information on current lung cancer treatments, strategies for symptom/side effect management and tools for survivorship. Lung cancer patients, friends and family members are welcome to learn how to build a more proactive relationship with their health care team. Free booklets about lung cancer treatment and care will be provided.

Fibromyalgia lecture

7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Please RSVP if you will be attending a few days before the lecture to smo23915@aol.com or call (248) 344-0896. Admission is \$5 to help pay for cost of room. April Vailland, Ph.D. from Wayne State University School of nursing, will speak on medications for chronic pain/fibromyalgia including the newest medications available for Fibromyalgia. This will be an opportunity to ask your questions on the medications you may be on or thinking of asking your physician to prescribe.

Grand opening

St. Mary Mercy Hospital physician, Nabil Suliman, is opening Premier Medicine by offering free cholesterol, blood sugar, and blood pressure checks, refreshments, giveaways and a chance to meet the staff noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 5958 Canton Center Rd., Suite 200, north of Ford Rd., Canton. Premier Medicine is a primary care provider that also offers urgent care services. The physicians are also available to make homebound visits for those unable to reach their office. For information, call (734) 454-5454 or visit www.premiermedicine.com.

Divorce support group

Legal aspects of divorce 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, with Laura Reyes Kopack, attorney with Brashear, Tangora law firm. Kopack presents an overview of the process of divorce including information on property settlements, custody, child support, visitation, spousal support, etc., in the Women's Resource Center (Room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Thyroid cancer support

The support group is free and open to all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their family members and friends, and meets monthly. The next group takes place 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 1641 Charlevoix Drive, Troy, MI 48065. For more information, call Gwynne at (248) 740-9759. This support group is a local chapter of a National non-profit organization <http://www.thyca.org>.

Organic foods workshop

The difference between organic and conventional foods with Dr. William Karl, D.C. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. To reserve a seat, call (734) 425-8588.

Joint replacement seminars

To educate the community about joint replacement options Thursday, Jan. 24, at the Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No charge. To register or for information, call (734) 655-2400.

Sharing & Caring

Reducing cancer risk one meal at a time with registered dietitian Betty Boscarino, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, in Classroom 3-4, Area D on the ground floor at Beaumont Troy. Sharing & Caring offers education and support programs for breast cancer survivors.

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Free yoga classes

Astarte Yoga is offering free weekend classes in honor of Yoga Awareness Day (Jan. 26), at Astarte Yoga, 21894 Farmington Rd., Farmington. For information, call (248) 427-0550. The sessions take place 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 (Level 1-2); 8:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 (Level 1); 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 (Level 1); 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 (Level 2), and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27 (Level 1).

Medical research is now confirming what those who practice yoga have been reporting for decades. Studies have demonstrated that practicing yoga postures (asanas), meditation or a combination of both reduced pain for those with cancer, multiple sclerosis, autoimmune diseases and chronic conditions such as hypertension, arthritis, asthma, and carpal tunnel syndrome among others.

Hospice benefit

Internationally renowned and award winning photographer Linda Solomon will be a special guest at A Grand Night for Hospice XX, a black tie extravaganza with An Enchanted Evening theme, Saturday, Jan. 26, at The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn. The annual event hosted by The Women's Committee for Hospice Care (WCHC), a nonprofit organization that raises money and grants funds for nonprofit hospices in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties. Tickets \$300 patron, \$500 benefactor. For information, call (248) 680-7150, or visit www.wchcinc.org. For information about corporate ticket rates and tables, call Susan Kilitie at (248) 359-1167.

SAD forum

Depression: Seasons and Reasons, a closer look at Seasonal Affective Disorder 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. No charge. To register, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4, or online at plymouthlibrary.org. The program is a joint effort with the University of Michigan Comprehensive Depression Center and features an overview of the latest SAD research with Dr. Melvin McGinnis, a psychiatrist and professor of bipolar disorder and depression at the U-M center. His presentation will be followed by a panel discussion with Dr. J. Todd Arnett, director of the U-M Behavioral Sleep Medicine Program, and Dr. Neera Ghaziuddin, assistant professor of psychiatry.

Workshop series

Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do, an ongoing series, will be presented by Ronald Harrison, SW, in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Part One: What To Know, runs 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 5 and March 4, and provides information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part One is repeated every first Tuesday of each month, from October through June. Part Two: What To Do, will be presented 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 15 and Feb. 12, and provides information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker. Part Two is repeated every second Tuesday of each month, from October through June each year. The workshops are free and open to the public. Parents, other family members, teens, and people who work with teens are all welcome. Free literature about alcohol/other drugs and teens is provided. For more information, call (734) 973-7892, send e-mail to jessa@med.umich.edu or visit www.teensusingdrugs.com. There will be a special presentation of this two-part series in Howell on Wednesday March 12, 2008 (part 1) and Wednesday March 19, (part 2) 7:30-9 p.m. at Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital, 620 Byron Road, Howell. Registration is requested but not required for these presentations only; For information, visit Web site or call (517) 545-6213.

Hospital seeking patients for study to regrow lung tissue

Henry Ford Hospital is seeking patients for a new treatment option that shows promise for regrowing lung tissue in emphysema patients.

Emphysema is a debilitating lung disease caused in large part by years of smoking.

It is the fourth leading cause of death in the U.S. Patients suffer from shortness of breath, coughing and limited exertion because their lungs are less elastic, cutting off oxygen to the bloodstream.

Several treatment options exist to relieve and prevent complications including lung

volume reduction surgery and transplantation.

"This is the first emphysema study that will use computed tomography (CT) scans as well as standard lung function tests to measure participants' lung function," said Paul Kvale, a Henry Ford pulmonologist and lead study investigator. "CT scans can assess the extent of tissue damage in the lungs and whether the study drug is making a difference."

Eligible participants in the two-year study will be randomly selected to receive either a placebo or gamma-specific reti-

noid agonist, a new drug that in earlier studies has shown to effectively regrow lung tissue.

The study is open to former smokers who have not smoked for the past year, were diagnosed with emphysema, are age 45 and older, and have a history of smoking more than 10 packs of cigarettes a year.

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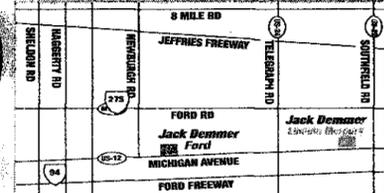
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Privileges of being a grown-up

When Sophia came downstairs 45 minutes after I'd tucked her in the other night, her worst fears were confirmed: Everything fun happens after she goes to bed.

Because my husband Don and I had eaten a late lunch, we'd passed on dinner with the kids, choosing instead to indulge in a late-night snack. Sophia left her room to complain of a sore throat and caught us pigging out in front of *Family Guy*. Yes, Sophia, it's true. After their kids are in bed, mommies and daddies eat popcorn and ice cream and watch cartoons.



Mom's the Word

Rebecca Kavanagh

"It's not fair," she groused as we escorted her back upstairs. "I can't wait to be a grown-up." I remember feeling exactly the same way when I was her age. Long after my 8-year-old self was supposed to be asleep, I'd spy down the stairwell at my parents laughing with friends over eucyre, sipping drinks from fancy glasses and snacking on — no fair! — homemade Chex Mix.

I had a plastic Holly Hobbie purse that couldn't fit more than a handful of change and my Bonnie Bell lip gloss. My mother's MacGyver-like handbag held everything a person could want or need. In addition to safety pins and tissues, she carried lipsticks I couldn't wear until I was 14, Doublemint I couldn't chew because of my braces and shopping lists devoid of the very items that I personally would have put at the top, such as Twinkies and Faygo. I especially craved the delicious power Mom held when she cruised the grocery aisles to determine whether we'd be eating meatloaf or tuna noodle casserole for dinner that night.

Now, of course, I know better. I've come to discover that although grown-ups do occasionally have fun after the kids go to bed, those precious few hours before we collapse ourselves are filled mostly with the mundane and the essential. We're whooping it up with laundry, bills, work deadlines and, these days, everything necessary to ensure that our sugarplum-dreaming darlings have a magical Christmas.

I laugh hardest these days at my childhood jealousy over Mom's dinner-planning privilege. It's not so much fun, I now realize, to come up with new and different ways to meet your children's nutritional needs when the only foods they're passionate about are pizza and PB&J. The other day, looking to mix things up a bit, I dared to pull out my mom's old meatloaf recipe. Mind you, Don abhors meatloaf. But he'd never tried this particular recipe, I reasoned, so maybe it would change his mind!

The last time I'd made the dish was 5½ years ago, when I was eight months pregnant with Jackson. Don was leaving on a business trip and, craving some comfort food, I decided to take advantage of my husband's absence to make a meal I wouldn't think of serving him. Perhaps I chopped the onion a bit too vigorously, because it was right around then that I felt my first contraction. Luckily, my frantic call to Don's cell phone caught him before he stepped on the plane, and cold meatloaf sandwiches hit the spot two days

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James Ritchie of Westland photographs subjects ranging from classic cars and hood ornaments to the last night game at Tiger Stadium.

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Ro Lambert of Farmington Hills arranges one of her tassled home accessories. She also creates sterling silver and 14K gold filled jewelry with gemstones, cultured pearls and Swarovski crystals.

365-day art fair

Co-op gallery offers work by local artists

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

James Ritchie likes to call the gallery at Laurel Park Place mall a year round art fair. The 18 artists make it possible for the cooperative to offer paintings, ceramics, photography and jewelry 365 days a year by each working 30 hours a month.

Debbie La Pratt came up with the idea to share the rent and hours after signing a lease to open Art-is-in-Market in the mall in Livonia two years ago.

"I get over 300 hours of exposure a month," said James Ritchie, a Westland photographer whose images range from classic cars to the last night game at Tiger stadium. "The gallery's open seven days a week and I don't have to be here."

The customers seem to be as enthusiastic about the concept. When La Pratt first opened she planned to only

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Anthony DeCesco of Redford started painting 14 years ago after taking a class at Schoolcraft College.

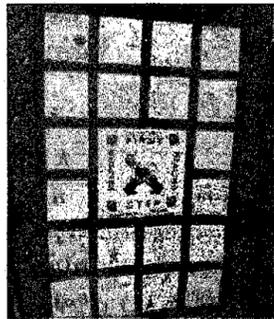


Elizabeth Walther of Plymouth exhibits jewelry, scarves, and whimsical salt and pepper shakers. Walther studied printmaking and ceramics during and after college.



Debbie La Pratt came up with the idea to open a cooperative gallery. Her clay architectural work is in the background.

Events to raise funds for First Step



Children in First Step's Art Expressions Program created this quilt. First Step helps children cope with their problems through art.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

It's hard for Rachel S. to explain why she stayed in an abusive relationship so long. Family and friends saw warning signs years before the couple married. It wasn't until after Rachel became pregnant that her eyes opened to the controlling and erratic behavior which included outbursts of anger.

"He would yell, throw things or get sarcastic. The twins were 7 months old when he swiped everything off the table while I was feeding them," said Rachel

S. "I was cleaning my daughter's room when he kicked her crayon box and chair and then grabbed me by the arms and threw me against the wall."

Rachel didn't call 911. Instead she fled to her parents' home. A few days later her ob/gyn handed her First Step's card. It took Rachel two to three days to call the hotline for the agency that helps survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Although she's been divorced since March 2006, Rachel still visits the Plymouth office every couple of weeks. She continues

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FIRST STEP FUND-RAISERS

18th annual Charity Ball: Presented by Brian Duggan 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Feb. 8, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster, Livonia. Featuring Steve King & The Ditties, a casino, celebrity impersonators, hors d'oeuvres, and pizza. Tickets \$45 in advance. No sales at door. Call (734) 422-4333 or visit www.firststepcharitydance.org.

Chocolate Fantasy Ball: Includes presentation of the Westland Athena Award Saturday, Feb. 16, at the New Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 Merriman, north of Warren, Westland. Tickets \$60 per person, \$100 a couple, call (734) 467-9113, (734) 261-3680 or visit www.womenofwestland.com. Cocktails at 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m. award presentation to an individual who's excelled in their business or profession, contributed time and talent to help others, and assisted women in realizing their full leadership potential. Event features strolling supper, silent auction, dancing, and 80-foot chocolate fantasy dessert table by Mary Denning Cake Shoppe.



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KAVANAGH

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later when we all returned as a family of four.

I told the kids that story as I was chopping the onions for this more recent loaf, and I also assured them that I'd loved this recipe as a kid when their grandma made it weekly. All of this emotional seasoning made them, and Don, really want to like dinner, bless their hearts.

Nobody did. Oh sure, they all gamely chewed that first bite. But after I celebrated the initial chorus of "mmm," and after I pledged to make meatloaf once a week from now on, I noticed that everyone was concentrating a lot of eating energy on their potatoes and corn. Don cleaned his plate, but confessed to me later that it took Herculean effort. Sophia and Jack stopped at one bite, and apologized profusely for not liking this treasured meal.

It's OK, I assured them. I can handle it; I'm a grown-up.

Rebecca Kavanagh is a Farmington Hills writer and mother of two. Contact her at momsthewordcolumn@gmail.com.

FIRST STEP

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to turn her life around. This semester Rachel resumes classes to earn a degree in social work at Schoolcraft College. In the future she hopes to help people on an individual basis but for now she is speaking to groups to increase awareness about the women and children whose lives turn into nightmares at the hands of an abuser.

"There are still a lot of misconceptions out there, still a lot of stereotypes that it happens to underprivileged women, that it's always physical," said Rachel. "There's a lot of mental intimidation. People would say why don't you leave. You get worn down. It becomes normal. It's important for people to talk about it even if you tell one other person. Don't ignore intuition or gut feelings you have and don't stay for your kids. I didn't know how I was going to do it. You learn to use your resources. You find out you're not alone and it's not always people who are married. Teenagers need to be aware.

It's possible to start over. It's scary, hard but home is all what you make it."

Thanks to First Step Rachel and her three young children are living in a small apartment far from the abusive environment. Their new life wouldn't have been possible without the programs of First Step. That's why fundraisers like Brian Duggan's charity dance on Feb. 8, and the Women of Westland's Chocolate Fantasy Ball on Feb. 16, are so important. The money goes to support the shelter program for those fleeing their homes; counseling services at First Step offices in Plymouth, Redford and Taylor, and a 24-hour help line for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault at (734) 459-5900, toll free (888) 453-5900.

"We don't have a big fundraising staff. When you have an outside group that select us it expands the number of people we can reach and provide these essential, critical services," said Theresa Bizoe, an associate director of First Step.

"We have trained counselors

available and it is confidential," added Amy Youngquist, First Step associate director. "You don't have to be a survivor. We get calls from concerned family members, teachers to help the one they're concerned about."

Laura C. received counseling as a teenager when her mother decided to leave an abusive marriage. Laura recently graduated and plans to help others as a police officer. "My dad always had a real bad temper. We started going to First Step because my mom didn't want us to think it was OK," said Laura C. "What I learned was how to interact and talk to kids in those situations to calm them down. One of the things that stands out the most is First Step had a ton of toys in the waiting area. I always keep stickers and coloring books in the back of the car. That was one of the best things about First Step that it was child friendly."

While many in the community know First Step as a shelter or refuge from domestic violence, the agency also runs a sexual assault program with



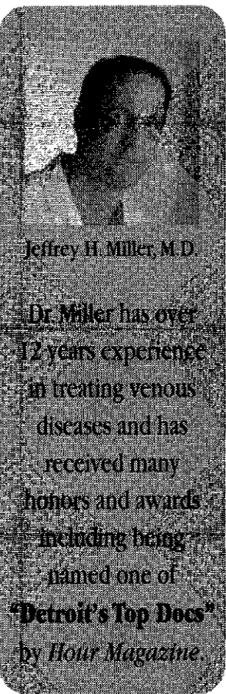
Carrie Madison is a First Step special projects volunteer.

prevention and intervention services.

"We see a lot of young women," said Youngquist. "The 15-24 range is a crucial time, a very risky time for teens. They become victims of sexual assault a lot of times

with people that they know. According to the FBI 1 in 4 women, and 1 in 7 men will be victimized by sexual assault during their lifetime."

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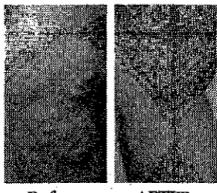
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operate the gallery through the Christmas holiday.

"People begged us please don't leave. They liked the Michigan concept featuring local artists," said La Pratt of Sterling Heights. "I signed up for another three months then six months and then a year. Customers can always meet an artist and not a salesperson and it gives people who don't do art shows a spot to have their work."

La Pratt annually exhibits her clay architectural work on Detroit landmarks at the Ann Arbor State Street Art Fair; Art & Apples, Rochester, and Arts, Beats and Eats.

"We offer everything from \$6 for a tiny night light to \$700 for a large painting," said La Pratt. "I think we have something for everybody in everybody's price range and artists will actually go to a person's home and hang their art work."

Each member of the cooperative has different reasons for belonging. Bev Ellis gets "great satisfaction when people like her work." At age 84 the Farmington Hills jeweler is the oldest artist in the gallery. She taught in Farmington Hills schools from 1960 to 1986. She also has work at Clothes Encounter in downtown Farmington.

Tony DeCesco of Redford hasn't stopped painting since he took his first class at Schoolcraft College 14 years ago. He also exhibits his acrylic and oil paintings at Native

West in Plymouth.

Like DeCesco and Ritchie, Ro Lambert says the gallery lets customers know about the sterling silver and 14K gold filled jewelry she creates with gemstones, cultured pearls and Swarovski crystals. She does have a showroom in her Farmington Hills home that's open by appointment only to view her fiber tassels for hanging on doorknobs or tying back curtains.

Barb Teubert, who owns Barn Antiques in Northville, displays jewelry at the gallery, Annie Johnston of Northville embellished jackets and handbags.

"What I like about it is coming into contact with other artists," said Alan Casadei of Livonia, who does abstract painting and makes clocks out of 45 RPM records. "I like talking to them about different venues for art. They can guide you to which ones to do, which ones not to do, even where to buy supplies."

Susan Crespo couldn't keep with the demand for her wreaths, swags and centerpieces this holiday season. The award-winning designer has been in the gallery 1 1/2 years.

"I'm doing wonderful here," said Crespo of Farmington Hills. "It's a fun place to work. We all like the same things. You get a whole different perspective."

"It spurs your creativity. You get ideas looking at everything," said Elizabeth Walther of Plymouth.

Walther crafts whimsical clay salt and pepper shakers as well as jewelry and scarves. She is a member of the Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild and has shown work

at the Ann Arbor Art Center.

Ann Hofman hopes viewers get inspiration from the spiritual images which can be seen in her photographs of clouds. Her series, Divine Faces of God, were not manipulated.

"My goal is to bring people back to God, to the Divine, to appreciate God's presence on earth through nature," said Hofman of Farmington Hills. Hofman graduated from the College for Creative Studies in 2006. She has displayed work in a New Mexico gallery; Scatter Joy Gallery of Faith, a local moveable gallery; Art in the Corridor in Farmington Hills, the Scarab Club, and Our Town exhibition. She also does encaustic paintings with beeswax.

"While I was at CCS my instructors wanted me to show God's presence with symbols. As a Catholic for me that was really hard. I took some clouds in and my instructor wanted me to stick with the clouds," said Hofman. "My senior thesis was on clouds. One is a photo of God sitting upon a throne in the clouds. There are multiple images within each photo. I get different reactions from everyone related to their beliefs. It's kind of in the eyes of the beholder."

For more information, call the gallery at (734) 432-9177.



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James Ritchie (left back), Anthony DeCesco, Annie Johnston, Debbie La Pratt, Ann Hofman, Susan Crespo, Ro Lambert, and Elizabeth Walthers (front row left), Bev Ellis, and Barbara Teubert stand in front of the Art-is-in-Market gallery at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia. The glass walls showcase the paintings, photographs and jewelry, attracting shoppers passing by.

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Chorus to hold open auditions

The Farmington Community Chorus will hold open auditions for new members 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. All voice parts are welcome. Singers must be at least 19 years of age.

The Farmington Community Chorus, directed by Steve SeGraves and accompanied by

assistant director Susan Garr, is now in its 28th year. The 75-voice mixed chorus is composed of singers from throughout the metro Detroit area. The group rehearses 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Costick Center. Beginning in January, the chorus will rehearse a new repertoire of music for their 28th annual spring concert on May 9-10. These concerts will

feature the musical theme "a day in the life" and will include several Beatles tunes as well as music by Stephen Sondheim, Stevie Wonder and many other composers and arrangers of jazz, pop and classical vocal music.

For more information, call manager Kathy Hall at (248) 471-4516 or visit www.farmingtonchorus.com.

Dinner dance features culinary extravaganza

The Italian American Club of Livonia presents its 13th annual Dinner Dance Sunday, Jan. 27, at the Italian American Banquet & Conference Center, 39200 Five Mile in Livonia.

Tickets are \$50 with proceeds to benefit the St. Louis Center, a nonprofit residential community for people with

developmental disabilities. Deadline for reservations is Jan. 18. Call Gianna Prokop at (866) 990-IABC or Joe Yekulis at (734) 475-8430.

The 2008 event includes a Culinary Extravaganza with appetizers and desserts provided by area restaurants, delis and specialty shops. A sit-down

dinner follows. The day begins at noon with Mass followed by a social gathering. The sit-down dinner is at 2:30 p.m. The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan performs arias at 3:30 p.m.

The afternoon ends with dancing to live music from 4-6 p.m.



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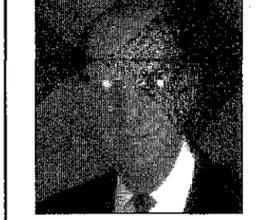
MARIANNE ALBERT
January 8, 2008 Beloved wife of Roy Albert, AIA. Dear mother of Joanne Walle (James), Peter (Mary Jo) and Paul. Grandmother of Patrick, Michael, Mary, Peter, Theresa, Anna and Steven. Services were held Saturday at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church. Memorial tributes: Right to Life-Lifespan, 29200 Vassar St., Ste 545, Livonia, MI 48152 or Mother & Unborn Baby Care, 27330 Southfield Rd., Lathrup Village, MI 48076. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



J. MYLES BECKLEY-AMAYA
Suddenly, January 5, 2008 in Costa Rica after a horseback riding accident. Age 53, of Bloomfield Hills. JK student at St. Regis School. A loving son, brother, grandson, nephew, friend and classmate. "Myles had smiles for everyone." Extraordinary son of Jay and Virginia. Dearest brother of Theresa Pearl and Casey Renee. Grandson of Yvonne and Lou, and John and Janet. Nephew of Dawn and Gordon, Carol, Kate and Dave, Lola and Darryl, Pilar and Reinier, Abel, Nathaniel and Lady, Sheila, Walter, Bernie, Celia, Lucy, Michael, Olga and dear Tia Winnie. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Sunday 1-8pm. Scripture service and sharing of memories 7pm. Funeral Mass Monday 10:00am at St. Regis, 3695 Lincoln Dr., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church 9:30am. In lieu of flowers, the family would love support for the SMyles Scholarship Fund at St. Regis School, 3691 Lincoln Dr., Bloomfield Hills 48301. The SMyles Fund will provide a tuition scholarship to St. Regis each year and send the Ice Cream truck to a Raider football practice every season. Myles made everyone happy. We want to continue his work of doing for others. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



SISTER MARY ANGELA SCHNEIDER, RSM
Sister of Mercy, Educator (Farmington Hills, MI) - Sister Mary Angela Schneider, RSM, a Sister of Mercy for 53 years, died on January 9, 2008 at St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland. She was 71. Born in Detroit to George and Angela (Steger) Schneider on July 11, 1936, she was named Mary Angela at her baptism in St. Gregory's Church. Her primary education was at St. Mary of Redford followed by graduation from Our Lady of Mercy High School in June 1954. In September of that year she joined the Sisters of Mercy at their motherhouse in Detroit and the following year received the name, Sister Mary George Ann at her formal reception into the religious community. After a five-year period of religious and professional preparation she made perpetual vows on August 16, 1960. Sister Mary Angela earned a bachelor's degree from Mercy College of Detroit and a master's degree in education from St. Xavier College, Chicago. Her many years of teaching were divided among Michigan catholic schools in Berkley, Temperance, Dearborn, Ludington, Hemlock, Detroit, Belding, and Remus. She also taught at St. John's School, Independence, Iowa and served as a pastoral minister at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, Dyer, Indiana. Other pastoral ministries included St. Richard's Parish, Westland, St. Gertrude's Retirement Center, Grand Rapids and McAuley Center, Farmington Hills. In 1996, when her health no longer permitted active ministry, she retired to McAuley Center. There she assisted other Sisters as a volunteer, reading to them and praying with them. Sister Mary Angela is remembered for her gentle presence, her genuine interest in others and her devotion to prayer. She enjoyed reading and music, especially singing for she was gifted with a "perfect pitch" soprano voice. (She is survived by her brothers, Richard (Inaam) of Hickory, North Carolina; George (Angela) of Buffalo Grove, Illinois, her sister, Janet (Robert) Joyce of West Redding, Connecticut, several nieces and nephews, many friends and her Mercy community. A welcoming service took place on January 11, 2008 at 3pm at McAuley Center, 28750 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, followed by a remembrance service at 7 pm. The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated in McAuley Center's Sacred Heart Chapel on January 12, 2008 at 10:30 am, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI, 48336.



MARCUS "AL" ALPHONSE
Age 83, passed January 8, 2008. Beloved husband of Marie Estelle. Dear father of Michael (Connie) DePalo, Ralph, Pamela (Roger), Paul (Karen), Amy (David) Rectenwal. Loving grandfather of Krysten, Gina, Alyssa, Adam, Lauren, Justin, Paul, Meghan Anthony, Dominic, Carly, Maria, Kristen, David and Robert. Brother of Walter Marcus. Uncle of Mildred (Frank) Macek, William (Mary Lou) Brose and Ted (Jeanne) Markowski. Great-uncle of Billy Brose. Mr. Marcus, founder and President of Marcus Management, retired in 1992 after 24 years with the company. A funeral mass was held at St. James with entombment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. On line sympathy message at: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

ROBERT C. SMITH
West Bloomfield, January 8, 2008. Husband of Bette. Funeral Mass Monday, January 14, 11am at St. Hugo of the Hills Church. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



BARBARA UNDERWOOD
Age 84 December 21, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Arthur. Loving mother of Peggy (Stefan) Marenich, Nancy Randall and Barbara J. Underwood. Grandmother of Andrew Borromeo. Sister of Leigh B. (Hannelore) Dennison. Sister-in-law of Barbara U. Mullin. Memorial Service to be held Saturday, January 19th, at the Village Players, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham (two blocks south of Maple on the east side of Woodward), visitation 10am until time of memorial at 11am. Memorials appreciated to Cranbrook Hospice Care, 281 Enterprise Court, #300, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Arrangements entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, 248-435-0660. Obituary and condolences at: lynchfuneraldirectors.com

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ENGAGEMENTS



Walsh-Lusk
Richard and Diane Walsh of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Walsh, to Jeffrey Lusk, son of Ronald Lusk of Milford and Julie Clingman of Frankfort, Mich.

The bride-to-be graduated from Mercy High School in 1996 and from Eastern Michigan University in 2001. She is employed at Stout, Risius, Ross as marketing coordinator.

The future groom is a 1988 graduate of Clarenceville High School. He is employed at Ace Sprinkler Co. as a journeyman sprinkler fitter.

A May wedding is planned for St. Valentine Church in Redford, followed by a reception at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. The Rev. Charles Fox will officiate.

The couple will honeymoon in the Caribbean and make their residence in Redford.



Henry-O'Donnell
Nancy Robertson and Dean Henry of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin R. Henry, to Kevin O'Donnell, son of Robert and Terry O'Donnell of Indianapolis.

Henry graduated from Livonia Franklin in 2001 and holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. She is the Development Manager at the Capital Area Humane Society in Lansing.

O'Donnell graduated valedictorian of Broad Ripple High School, Indianapolis in 2002. He graduated with a bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University and will attend graduate school for sports administration with plans to coach collegiate football.

Their wedding is planned for June at the MSU Alumni Chapel.

Wright-Hamp
Robert and Dorothy Wright of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Wright, to Jason Hamp, son of Jerry Hamp of Lake Odessa and the late Barbara Hamp.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Schoolcraft College and is accounts manager at HPM Sharnoa Inc.

The future groom is a graduate of Michigan Tech University and is a packaging designer with Nissan Technical Center North America.

McDonnell-Van Patten
Mary and Bernie McDonnell of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Marti McDonnell, to Brad Van Patten, son and Jeannine and Gary Van Patten on Litchfield.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Mercy High School and a 2005 graduate of St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind. She currently teaches sixth grade at St. Edith School in Livonia.

The future groom is a 1997 graduate of Litchfield High School and a 2002 graduate of Michigan State University. He is a financial analyst at Robert Bosch Corp.

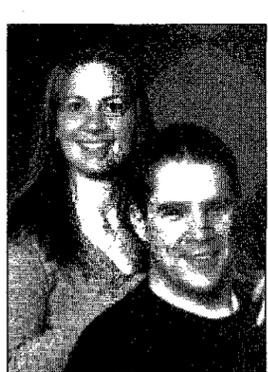
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A Sept. 26, 2009, wedding is planned.

Huff-Fry
Nicole Marie Huff and Joseph Hanley Fry of Redford were wed Dec. 28, 2007, in Ocala, Fla.

The bride is the daughter of John and Janet Huff of Somers, Ky., and Redford. She is a 2002 college graduate and is currently a full-time mother of two children.

The groom is the son of the late C. Thomas Fry and Marcia and Jim Reimer of Waterford, and Munith, Mich. He is a 2005 graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy. He is employed by the Department of Homeland

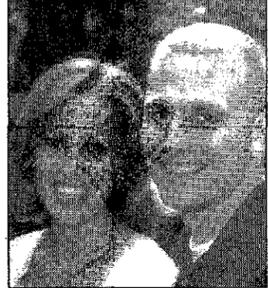
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The ceremony was officiated by the bride's aunt, Barbara McGreal.

The bride's mother Janet Huff gave her away. The bride's daughter, Alexis Huff, was the maid of honor and flower girl.

The bride and groom's son, Cole Fry, was the best man and ring bearer.

The bride's maternal grandmother hosted a dinner with cake and a champagne toast, followed by a carriage ride for the bride, groom and their children.



WEDDINGS

Kendra-Catanzarite
Leslie Michelle Kendra and Dominic Francis Catanzarite were united in marriage at 5 p.m. Friday, June 29, 2007, at St. John's Chapel in Plymouth. The Rev. Robert Humitz officiated the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mitchell and Mary Joan Kendra of Livonia and Robert and Kathy Catanzarite of Livonia. Her father, Mitchell Kendra, gave the bride away.

Attending as matrons of honor, were Dina S. Tudor, sister of the bride and Marissa Testa, longtime friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kelli Kennedy, Amy Donaldson, Candice Tudor, niece of the bride, Sarah Lott, Ellen Talos, Kelly Modrezski and Leslie

Hinkle, sister of the groom.

Attending as best man was Darren Catanzarite, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were David Proctor, Eddie Souler, Tom Tudor, brother-in-law of the bride, Thomas Tudor, nephew of the bride, and Josh Hinkle, brother-in-law of the groom.

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents were hosts of a reception at the Grand Ballroom at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth. The groom's parents entertained the wedding party, friends and family members with a rehearsal dinner at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth.

The couple honeymooned in Orlando, Fla., at Disney World. They currently reside



The couple is planning a honeymoon cruise. They will make their home in Redford.

Markowski-Ellis
Amy Beth Markowski of Livonia and Jason Joel Ellis of Dryden were married Sept. 8, 2007, at Sunset Pointe at the Polynesian Resort in Disney World with the Rev. Jack Day officiating. A reception was held a week later at the Thomas Edison Inn in Port Huron.

The bride is the daughter of Walter and Christine Markowski of Livonia. The groom is the son of Walter and Cindy Ellis of Dryden.

The bride was attended by maid of honor Marilyn Holcombe and bridesmaid Stacey Kemp. The groom was attended by best man Brian Ellis and groomsmen Pete Holcombe.

The couple honeymooned in Disney World. They are marking their home in Livonia.

Spaghetti dinner to fund music scholarships

Come enjoy a spaghetti dinner and help support the Music Scholarship Program that the Livonia Civic Chorus sponsors every year for local students.

The fund-raiser takes place 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and children. Please bring a canned good for the church's pantry. Scholarship supporters will also have the opportunity to purchase tickets for raffle baskets and 50/50 raffles.

Be part of the fun and entertainment for the evening with a Karaoke twist.

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A NEW TAKE ON 20-SOMETHINGS' JOB SATISFACTION



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

The fact that 70 percent of workers in their 20s are unhappy with their organizations, according to Leadership IQ of Roswell, Ga., comes as no surprise. Its survey of 11,244 employees in

approximately \$150 to \$200, Irvine notes, is critical for this generation, which has grown up with many amenities. He points out that sporting goods and electronics are frequent choices, as are luxurious dinners for two and hotel weekends away.

"This generation doesn't take loyalty for granted," Irvine reports. "Corporations are not good at saying, 'Thank you,' to employees." His service creates "a culture of appreciation."

"PSYCHIC INCOME"
Globoforce promotes the "recognition moment, a moment of genuine, well-considered appreciation, which varies greatly across the globe, according to individual circumstances and preferences," Irvine comments. However, in an obsessively-driven consumer culture, external rewards might not be the answer. Spoken recognition might be. However, why not tip the balance and focus upon achieving job satisfaction from the inside out, rather than the outside in?

Leadership IQ finds that a boss's recognition matters more to this generation than anything else. Doesn't this mean that external rewards confuse the situation? If, as Irvine maintains, "thank you" is an underused expression, this would seem to be a very good time to reverse that trend.

Still, that "thank you" is external. It's one step closer to

what the generation wants, but Gen Y needs an awareness of job satisfaction. How do they learn that there is something extremely special about their relationship to their work, which makes their relationship with their boss and organization only secondary? Leadership IQ maintains that job satisfaction increases as people age. How can companies bring maturity to younger workers in relation to job satisfaction?

Job satisfaction emerges when you grasp that your relationship to your work is exceedingly personal, that it's not driven by a boss's reaction or an organization's reward system. Job satisfaction comes from loving the work you do, not from constant recognition of your last step. It is a love of process. A sense of accomplishment is enhanced by external rewards, but the emotional satisfaction that comes from loving your work cannot possibly, in any context, be installed or instilled by anyone or anything outside.

The secret to increasing job satisfaction is to distract employees less with external rewards and teach them the value of doing something they love to do. Of course, that assumes that the employees are on a career track that suits them well. Bruce Tulgan, founder of Rainmaker Thinking Inc., in New Haven, Conn., advises 20-somethings to "figure out what you really need and want out of your job." This might well be the time to awaken them to the fact that one of their options is to enjoy doing their work, period.

Jaimee Ryan, Client Services account manager at Boston's Globoforce Ltd., is shopping on the company's reward redemption site in recognition of her excellence at work. Like many Generation Y employees, she enjoys selecting something special from the thousands of merchants available on the site.



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"While you are at work," Tulgan recommends, "you should be all about the work, (BEGIN ITAL)your work(END ITAL). Focus on playing the role assigned to you -- your tasks, responsibilities and projects -- before you ever try to reach beyond that role. Focus on doing them very well." Tulgan also suggests developing a "diary of your accomplishments." While doing so may help lead to a promotion or the next job, it nurtures joy in the fulfillment of work.

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Is there such a thing as an "entry-level" performance car? Is it possible to get a fun-to-drive performance car at a price that won't break your wallet? Dodge thinks so, and offers the 2008 Caliber SRT 4 as proof.

The Caliber SRT 4 (SRT stands for "Street and Racing Technology") is a five-door vehicle, and my first thought when I saw it was that it's the Dodge Charger's little brother.

The front fascia features functional brake cooling ducts and a larger grille opening. The hood features a functional air scoop for better underhood cooling. A large integrated spoiler above the rear glass is tuned for smoother air flow and lift reduction. The headlamps wrap from the grille to the fender and fog lamps are included, as well.

The rear features an integrated spoiler and 19-inch aluminum wheels are standard (chrome-clad wheels are optional). It's a sharp, tough-looking package.

The interior is nicely done, as well. The "alloy silver" finish instrument panel is well laid-out and includes a tachometer and coolant temperature gauge, and there's a turbo gauge on the far left of the dash.

The alloy silver finish extends to the shift bezel, and bright aluminum pedal pads feature rubber studs for enhanced grip.

An optional Reconfigurable Display is available, with "performance pages" that provide lateral and longitudinal G-force, one-eighth-mile and one-quarter-mile acceleration time and speed, 0-60 mph time and braking distance.

The interior offers some cool features, and I mean that literally. Above the glove compartment is what Dodge calls a "chill zone." It's a compartment that will hold up to four bottles or cans of your favorite beverage, and the compartment is cooled by air from the air conditioner.

The center console holds a flip up compartment to hold a cell phone or mp3 player. There are plenty of cupholders and other storage areas built in, and there is a power outlet available, as well.

The seats feature "performance fabric," whatever that is, and provide very good support. The seats can only be adjusted manually, though. The passenger seat can be



The new Caliber SRT 4 looks like the Dodge Charger's smaller sibling.

folded forward to create a table-like surface. And 60/40 rear seats are available that can also be folded flat, giving you a good amount of cargo space.

Of course, if you'd prefer to carry passengers in the rear seating area, you can. While I wouldn't want to go cross country in the back seat, for normal driving distances there's enough room for two adults in the back. In the front, there's plenty of leg- and headroom.

The Caliber SRT 4 comes with air conditioning; a tilt-steering column; a leather-wrapped steering wheel; rear window defroster; a theft-deterrent system; keyless entry; power windows, locks and mirrors; and cruise control. A power sunroof is available as an option.

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So much for the aesthetics - how does it drive? Actually, it's fun to drive. The standard powerplant for the SRT 4 is a 2.4-liter, 4-cylinder, turbocharged DOHC engine that features variable-valve timing and an intake manifold design with flow control valves.

It'll give you amazing power for a 4 cylinder. It's rated at 285 horsepower and 265 lb.-ft. of torque - enough to get you blazin' off the line; 0-60 mph performance checks in at under six seconds. It's EPA-rated at 21, 26 mpg and you will need premium fuel.

It has a 6-speed manual transmission that is a breeze to shift when you're accelerating, but I found downshifting to be tricky. I had to engage in gear-hunting as the Caliber sometimes seemed to want to select a different gear than I did. Overall, though, going through the gears can be a lot of fun if you consider yourself to be even a little bit of an auto enthusiast type.

Ride and handling is a mixed bag. The ride can be rough, but the Caliber's handling is excellent. The front suspension is an independent MacPherson strut system, with coil-over-spring gas-charged shocks and stabilizer bar. In the rear, it's a multi-link independent system with coil springs, link-type stabilizer bar and gas-charged shocks.

Electronic Stability Program is standard. It's a nice system for a compact car. Rough roads will jar you a little, but the ride is smooth and quiet at highway speeds. Power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering is standard, and the turning circle is tight enough for quick U-turns (don't ask me how I know that; I won't tell you!) and for easy parking.

The SRT 4 Caliber comes with anti-lock 4-wheel disc brakes, which are excellent, and side-window curtain airbags. Side front seat airbags are optional.

The 2008 Dodge Caliber SRT 4 starts at about \$22,500. Add the sunroof and upgraded performance tires and you're at about \$24,000 - not bad for a performance car.

There's a lot to like about the 2008 Dodge Caliber SRT 4. You'll get excellent performance, handling and braking, a sharp-looking interior and nice exterior styling, as well.

And if you're looking to dip your toe in the performance pool, this might be a good way to get your feet wet.

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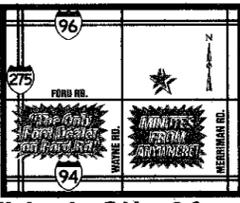
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Keeping up with this Jones farmhouse is a breeze

Compact, the Jones Farm (D8011) is a farmhouse designed in the old sense of the word. It has shutters around the windows, barn-styled doors on the garage, a front covered porch, and the simplistic lines of the old farmhouses of our ancestors.

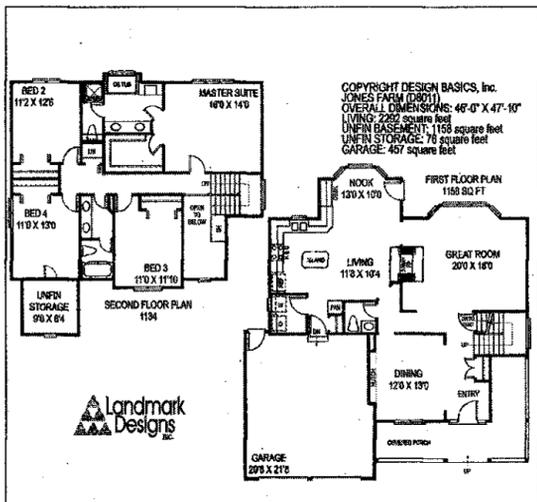
Crossing the covered porch, the front door opens into the entry facing the great room. On the left side is the formal dining room, separated from the great room by a dividing wall. On the left wall is a long built-in hutch, ideal for displaying family heirloom

dishes, and the crystal of yesterday.

A half bath is between the dining room and the living room. Backing up to the half bath is the pantry and a storage closet.

The kitchen is long and open to the living room and nook. The cabinets run down the entire outside wall, ending in a built-in desk. It gives an extreme amount of storage area. The island in the middle ties the kitchen to the living room. A see-through fireplace from the great room is visible from the kitchen and adds warmth to the rooms. The nook is in its own alcove, with a door opening out the backyard.

The great room is open and yet cozy with the see-through fireplace bathing the room in a warm glow. There are numerous windows in the back of the room that bathe the room in natural light. A stairway going upstairs and also to the optional unfinished 1,158 square foot basement is at edge of the great room.



All the bedrooms are located on the second floor. The master suite is in the rear with a large master bath. An oversized tub and a shower, with dual sinks grace the master bath, with a large walk-in closet adjacent. Bedrooms 2, 3, and 4 all have wall closets, large windows for extra light, and share a full bath with a tub and dual sinks. Off bedroom 4 is an optional unfinished storage room.

This plan is so traditionally a farmhouse that it stands out in its simplicity. It would be ideal for a large family, and with the basement, more bedrooms, a game room, and bathrooms could be added.

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■ Building Industry Association of

Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its Remodelers Council (RC) will present a Negotiating Skills seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Thursday, Jan. 31, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward CGR, Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Graduate Master Builder (GMB) designations.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of

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