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### Poole's fate in jury's hands

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

The future of Carol Poole's life is now in the hands of 10 women and two men.

Testimony has ended in the felony murder trial of the 42-year-old Canton woman and jurors deliberated for more than four hours Thursday before they were dismissed and instructed to report back to Wayne County Circuit Court Monday morning.

Poole, a management recruiter, has

been accused. of killing her 2-year-old foster daughter, Allison Newman, in September 2006. In addition to felony murder, she has been charged with firstdegree child abuse and involuntary manslaughter.

Poole, who admitted giving police multiple explanations for the child's injuries, has

maintained that the toddler died as the result of an accidental 12-foot fall from a second-story balcony during a game of

serious injury' to Allison.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Jerry Dorsey IV has argued that Poole intentionally killed Allison, who had trauma to the back of her head and bruises on her forehead, lip and back.

During their deliberations Thursday, the jury requested the attention of the court five times.

The first time, more than an hour into their deliberations, the judge handed over a small stack of materials that had a photograph of Poole's wooden bannister on

The jury's third note, which came after their return from lunch, was titled "Child Abuse First Degree" and questioned whether they were supposed to consider the charge based on the cause of the child's injuries or the fact that Poole didn't seek immediate medical attention for Allison.

Judge Ulysses Boykin instructed the jury to consider the child abuse charge on the basis of the state's allegation that "Poole knowingly and intentionally caused serious injury" to Allison.

About 40 minutes later at 3:12 p.m., the jury requested that the court clarify "know-

ingly" and "intentionally."

As they were brought back into the court room, one juror appeared agitated and sat with her arms folded across her chest.

Boykin told the jurors to decide whether Poole "intended to cause serious physical harm or knew serious physical harm would be caused by her actions." Within 35

minutes, the jurors were back in the courtroom requesting an additional statement on the term "knowingly." They were dismissed about 25 minutes later.

As the trial neared its end, defense attornev Mark Satawa called emergency medical doctor Robert Rothfeder to the stand. Rothfeder, who practices in Utah, said he believes it's impossible to determine whether the child was injured on purpose.

"I believe it is not possible for a medical person to make a diagnosis one way or the other." he said. "It takes a certain amount of energy or force to fracture a skull. (One) can't determine the intent behind the

Satawa also called forensic psychologist Steven Miller. Miller diagnosed Poole as having acute stress disorder immediately



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Carol Poole listens to court proceedings. The jury is to continue deliberating the case on Monday.

after Allison's death and said she was suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder when he interviewed her in February and April.

Miller testified that Poole told

him she felt "horrified and numb at the same time."

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### **Board** set to grill hopefuls

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Despite the fact the Detroit Lions finished the season 7-9 after winning six of their first eight games, Paul Kadri remains a die-hard fan.

"No matter how they did, I felt they exceeded my expectations for this year." said Kadri. "Unlike other years, they gave me many more months of happiness than I've experienced in the recent past."

With optimism like that, Kadri - one of three candidates who will interviewed next week for the Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent's position - could be the guy to deal with disappointments that come in the form of an insufficient state foundation grant and district budget cuts.

Kadri, a Skillman, N.J., resident who lived in Grosse Pointe until age 11, said he's also a die-hard Red Wings and Detroit Tigers fan.

"And, although I have no ties to the University of Michigan, I was bred to be a Michigan fan," said Kadri, 42, a Johns Hopkins graduate. "I was bred to dislike Ohio State with a passion. I lived there enough years to

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consider the child abuse charge on the basis of the state's

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A new taste of the Orient has arrived in

The Chopstick House recently opened at 3500 N. Lilley Road in

the Lilley Plaza. The eatery is headed by Guan Chyun Soong of Ypsilanti, who said he is

starting to get settled in. "It's been challenging, but I'm having fun, Soong said, adding that loyal customers are beginning to surface.

"Dinner (hours) are usually busier than lunch because people are still finding out that

we are here. Soong said the General Tsou's chicken has proven to be a popular dish along with the vegetarian's Hunan beef, walnut crispy shrimp and Peking duck.

Tve got two great chefs working with me and they are doing a new style of food," he said.

Soong said he met his chefs, Tung Ming Liao and Qin Lian Jun, while the three were employed at another township restaurant.

They said let's open a restaurant and we've done it," he said.

"It's very exciting." It took three months to revamp the former Indian restaurant. The flooring and window treatments have been replaced and the walls are covered with a beige wallpaper featuring

Chinese symbols.

"Everyday is getting better and better," Soong said. "It's been exciting."

The Chopstick House, which offers a delivery service, has 35 lunch specials, an assortment of chef's suggestions and a menu of healthy selections. Soong said the variety of appetizers is popular among children.

"There is something for everyone," he



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Canton's newest Chinese restaurant is the Chopstick House, on Lilley Road just south of Ford Road, Owner Calvon Soong (left) and chef Qin Lian Jun present four favorite dishes: Triple Delight, Crispy Fish, General Tsou's Chicken, and an appetizer, Chicken Sticks.

### **Todd LaJoy** hopes to follow in father's footsteps



**Canton Township Trustee Todd** LaJoy is running for the state representative seat currently held by his father.

Former school board member also enters race for House seat

BY KURT KUBAN

There might still be a LaJoy in Lansing next year after all. A week after State Rep. Phil LaJoy, who is term limited this year, announced he was running for Canton supervisor, his son. Todd LaJoy, announced he will seek his father's seat in the state house.

The younger LaJoy, who is currently in the last year of his first term as a Canton

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### Named 'Best Doctor'

In its January issue, Vital Magazine named Dr. Meera Raghunathan, of Canton Pediatrics, as one of the "Best



Doctors for 2008" under the category "General Pediatrics." This list is compiled from local and national databases, and short listed

Raghunathan by peer refer-

rals. It is based on responses to questions such as "If you or a loved one needed a doctor in your specialty, to whom would you refer them?' Raghunathan trained in general pediatrics at the Henry Ford Health system (HFH), with sub-speciality training at HFH and Wayne State University. During her tenure as chief resident she also served on the bio ethics committee at HFH. She has received the Physician Recognition Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics for several consecutive years, as well as the "Best Physician" award from Blue Care Network. In 2007 she received commendation from Aventis Pasteur for commitment to disease/infection prevention. Raghunathan is in private practice in Canton. Her special interests include behavioral and development pediatrics. The practice philosophy is one of "health partnership with parents" and providing a "pediatric home" for children. This includes creating support systems for families with special health needs so that parents and children can network with

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All participants will learn a hip-hop jazz routine that will be performed during the Ignition game at Compuware Arena when the Ignition host the Chicago Storm on Sunday, March 9. Participation fee, which includes game ticket and a Tshirt, is \$55. Additional tickets cost \$17. Registration deadline is March 3. For more information, contact Lindsey Gamrod at (248) 304-2855, Ext. 1355.

### 'Pins on Parade' sponsorship

The 2008 Leadership Canton class, in cooperation with Canton's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Public Art Committee, is looking for Canton businesses and community organizations to sponsor "Pins on Parade," a public art project designed to help welcome more than 40,000 visitors to Canton this spring for the United States **Bowling Congress (USBC)** Women's Championship Bowling Tournament,

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and run from April 10 to July 6. Approximately 45,000 women bowlers from the United States, Australia, Bermuda, Canada, England, Japan, Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia and Australia will compete in the tournament comprised of 9,000 teams. Organizers estimate the economic impact of the tournament on the Detroit Metropolitan area is estimated at \$40 million dollars.

"Pins on Parade" will be 16 five-foot tall fiberglass bowling pins decorated by local artists and placed along major intersections of Ford Road between Canton Center and Lotz Road. The top ring of each pin will be painted to match the DDA's color districts.

Businesses and community organizations wishing to sponsor the project will receive plaques at each art site, recognition in the newspaper, a certificate for each sponsor, and inclusion of pictures and sponsor recognition at appropriate Web sites. Sponsors will also have the opportunity to submit an artistic suggestion to the artists.

There will be several levels of sponsorship opportunities available. All sponsorships must be committed to and paid for by Friday, Feb. 15. For more information please call (734) 890-2050 or e-mail joycesilagy@wideopenwest.com.

### Hall of Fame nominations

Nomination forms for Canton's Hall of Fame, Community Supporter and Community Achiever awards are now available at the Canton supervisor's office, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and on Canton's Web site, www.canton-mi.org. Completed forms are due back to the supervisor's office no later than Friday, Feb.

The Canton Hall of Fame



### 'Survivor' bringing message to luncheon

Mike Skupin, who starred on 'Survivor, The Australian Outback,' will be the guest speaker at the Canton Chamber of Commerce's networking luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Feb. 6 at the Summit on the Park. Cost for the event, which is open to the public, is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch. To many, Skupin is known as the guy who fell into the fire on the highly watched show. He will share a few tales of his own adventures, including being asked by George Bush to run for U.S. Senate, escaping a plane crash in Lake Michigan, and being vice president of the largest copy/fax/printer dealership in Michigan, Rhinosoft Interactive. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Feb. 1.

recognizes those individuals who have made a long-time, long-lasting contribution to the Canton community. The Community Achiever award recognizes those individuals who brought attention to Canton as a result of a special or outstanding achievement in 2007 and the Community Supporter Award recognizes those individuals or groups who continue to make a regular contribution to the community.

These contributions or achievements cannot be a result of the individual's employment.

The reception honoring the recipients will be held April 13 at the Summit on the Park. For more information, please call (734) 394-5188.

### Franklin scholarship

For three years the James. W. Franklin Scholarship has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to students graduating from a Plymouth-Canton high school and who participated in an organized swim program during their high-school career.

This year the scholarship award has been increased to \$1,500. Applications are now available in the counseling offices of Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools. Seniors planning to attend a two- or four-year college are eligible to apply.

Applications and criteria for consideration are also available at www.jameswfranklin.com

### Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters hosts its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble Saturday, March 15. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fourth annual event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton.

The juried art event is produced each year by the PCMB to assist the music programs at the Plymouth-Canton Education Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos by Jan. 31. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Last year, more than 1,500 attendees visited the Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble.

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road. The Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to more than 100 exhibits, there will be food, baked goods, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

### Alzheimer's Association seminar

The Facts about Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias will be discussed at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish social hall (downstairs) located at North Territorial and Beck 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28.

For further information call Doris at (734) 453-9730.

### Canton Newcomers meeting

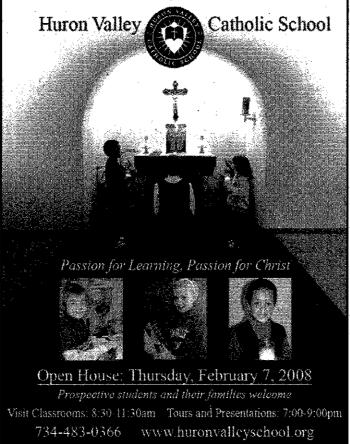
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### Common school calendar awaits county approval

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

Students in Wayne County's 34 school districts and 82 public school academies will have a lot more than reading, writing and arithmetic in common under a school calendar being considered by the Wayne RESA Board of Education.

The five-member board will vote next month on a five-year countywide common calendar that would take effect with the 2008-09 school year to comply with a new state law.

The Wayne County proposal, drafted by a subcommittee made up of superintendents from seven school districts, spells out which weeks school districts and public school academies can schedule Christmas, midwinter and spring breaks as well as two

professional development days. school calendar requires:

"I think there was a fair number of compromises among the districts, I think it's a good calendar for everyone," said Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy, who helped draft the proposal.

According to Wayne County Superintendent Christopher Wigent, the state believes that a common school calendar within a county will consolidate services and save districts money. It would also clear up scheduling conflicts among districts for county programs like the Burger Center for Students with Autism in Garden City.

"If that center closes for break, it throws off the scheduling for districts that are still in school," Wigent told the board.

The proposed common

■ The winter, or Christmas,

recess be taken between Dec. 20, 2008, and Jan. 4, 2009. ■ The midwinter break be

President's Day, Feb. 16, 2009. Districts would be allowed to add additional days for the midwinter break, but they would have to be taken during the week of Feb. 16.

■ Spring recess be Good Friday and the week after Easter, except for 2010-11. Because of a late Easter, the traditional break would have students returning to class on May 2. Instead, the break would be moved to the week before and include the Monday after Easter.

■ Two professional development days — one full day the week before Labor Day and a second on the national election

James Ryan, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Schools, said he would welcome a common calendar, particularly since there are so many shared

"Anything that can be done to get to a more common calendar would be beneficial to the Wayne RESA school districts," Ryan said. "There are so many shared programs, especially surrounding special education. For instance, we're off for a full week at midwinter break, and (special education programs) are off for a Friday-Monday weekend only. So even though we're off school, we're still bringing in (bus) drivers."

Wigent was unsuccessful in getting districts to shorten the winter break, dismissing students as close to Dec. 25 as possible and getting them back to school by Jan. 2 and move

the spring break to the first week in April to coincide with breaks in neighboring intermediate school districts.

"The superintendents overwhelmingly were not for the first week in April, we heard loud and clear that that's not negotiable," Wigent said. "It's their way to maintain local control.'

Admitting that one size doesn't fit all, Wigent said the law allows for waivers for schools where the calendar would create issues, such as those with a year-round program or those that observe other religious holidays.

We stand ready to support them in any way possible," he said. "We know that this common calendar doesn't meet everyone's needs. It remains to be seen how the state superintendent will view the

While the calendar would take effect with the 2008-09 school year, districts with existing bargaining agreements would not implement the calendar until they expire.

Because of contractual obligations, Ryan said the earliest Plymouth-Canton could adopt such a calendar would be the 2009-10 school year.

"Because we'll be getting a new superintendent (Ryan retires Feb. 28) we wanted to make sure our contracts were settled," Ryan said. "I think it would take some discussion up front. If you're going to become more common, it's going to take a lot of planning and an understanding of how breaks benefit staff, parents and students."

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Township trustee, said his experience in government and as co-owner of The LaJoy Group, which is a Plymouthbased employment staffing business, qualify him to represent the 21st State House District, which includes most of Canton, Van Buren Township, and the city of Belleville.

If elected, LaJoy, who is a Republican like his father, said he would continue to work on some of the causes his father started during his three terms in Lansing, most notably trying to stem job losses in the state and reforming what he sees as a dysfunctional state government.

"Following a government shutdown, a tax increase and the highest unemployment rate in the nation, it is time for change in Michigan," he said. "I am running because I believe in optimism for tomor-

LaJoy wasn't the only person to announce he was running for the seat. Former Plymouth-Canton School Board member Richard Ham-Kucharski also sent out a press release indicating he is running.

On his Web site, http://vote.

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ham-kucharski.com, Ham-Kucharski, who served on the school board between 2003 and 2007 and was defeated for re-election last year, says he is also concerned about job loss in the state and believes Lansing needs to show more leadership.

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Ham-Kucharski, who did not return phone calls in time for this story, has been a huge advocate of special education programs in public schools.

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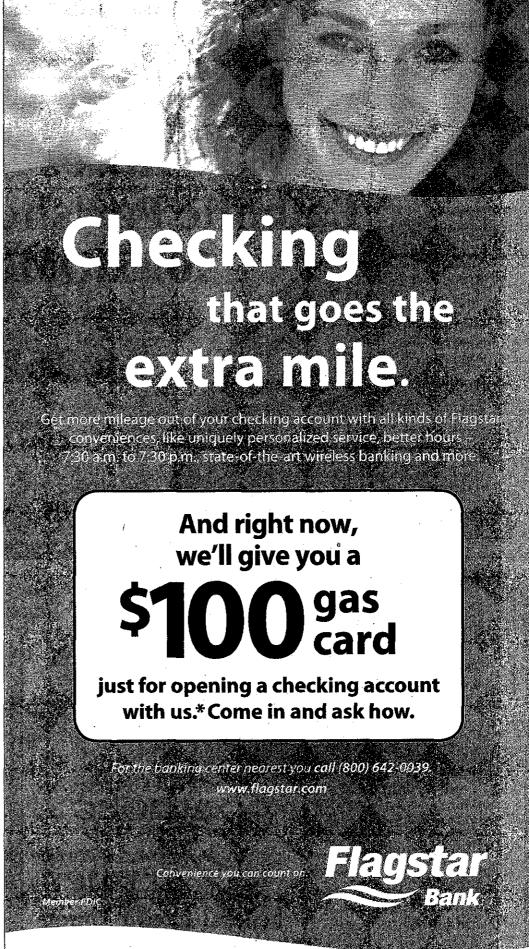
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### Elderly woman killed Local woman upset about public urination incident in traffic accident

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STAFF WRITER

A 74-year-old Westland woman was killed in a Canton traffic accident involving three cars Thursday around 6:45

Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski said Sallie Mae Lockhart had just left the CVS store at Palmer and Haggerty

Driving a 2007 Chevy Malibu, she was heading eastbound on Palmer just before the I-275 overpass, when witnesses say she drifted across into the oncoming lane and hit a 2007 Chevy Tahoe head on. Her vehicle then collided with another car, a Volkswagen Passat, before coming to a halt.



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Canton emergency responders transported the woman to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, where she was pronounced dead. There were no passengers in her car.

The drivers of the two other vehicles involved in the accident were treated for minor injuries at the scene and released.

Pomorski said the accident is under investigation, but it is believed that the woman had a medical condition that probably caused the accident.

"That is the thinking right now," Pomorski said Friday morning.

"Based on what the witnesses had to say, it does not look like speed played a factor."

Pomorski said the woman was a diabetic, but her blood sugar appeared to be normal at the time of the accident. He said an autopsy will be conducted to determine the cause of death.

It was the third serious traffic accident in six days in Canton. Last Saturday, a woman was injured in an accident near Morton Taylor and Warren.

A woman that alerted police to another woman urinating in public said she plans to press charges against the 43-year-

old Redford Township resident. Canton police were dispatched to Target on Ford Road on Jan. 19 after receiving a call that a woman had urinated in plain view of traffic going down the busy corridor.

The witness told officers she saw the woman exit her SUV, which was parked close to the street with its front end facing the road, walk to the front of the truck and begin urinating. She then got back inside the

When an officer approached the woman he noted that she was visibly intoxicated. The

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woman told him she had been waiting in the parking lot for her Alcoholics Anonymous sponsor for more than an hour. The officer discovered the woman had a small bottle of wine in her purse, along with several bottles on wine on the passenger seat. He also found a half full cup of wine in the truck's center console.

When the officer asked the woman to step outside the vehicle, he said her skirt was gathered around her waist. After she adjusted her clothing, the woman was placed in the back of the patrol car and she was arrested and ticketed

"It would give me an opportunity to get closer to my children and grandchildren, nine of whom live in Michigan," said Martin, 64, who was born and raised in Saginaw. "I love to fish, and I miss the Saginaw Bay and perch fishing. I miss Michigan, it will always be my

Martin spent 27 years in the Bay City school district, working his way from custodian to

superintendent. Several teachers talked me into getting a teaching degree, and I worked my way up through administration to superintendent," Martin said. "Bay City is a General Motors town, and they had plenty of tough times in the late '70s and early '80s. The district went through a lot of

for indecent exposure. The woman who called police said she wants to prosecute and has prepared a written statement.

### Dog left out in the cold

Moments after a dog was taken into custody on an anonymous report of animal neglect, officers spoke with the owners of the small pooch who said the reported offense was an isolated incident.

A call was made to Canton police at about 3 p.m. Thursday detailing a township address and dog that had been outside since 7:45 a.m. that day.

An officer responded to the call and reported that he found the brown and white dog shivering outside a home on

the 6900 block of Wonsocket without water, food or shelter. The dog was then transported to the Huron Valley Humane

Soon afterward, a 13-yearold boy arrived at the residence and got his mother on the phone to speak with police. The teen said he let the dog outside that morning but was running late and nearly missed his school bus. He said he forgot the animal was still outdoors.

The officer, who said the animal appeared to be well fed, reported that the mother said the dog is never kept outside all day. The officer noted that it was 9 degrees outside Thursday morning and 21 degrees that afternoon.

### WHEN THEY'LL SPEAK

Here are the dates and times the school board will talk to its superintendent candidates:

Name District Dale Martin

Craig Fiegel

Paul Kadri

Downers Grove (III.) Evergreen Park (III.) Neshaminy (Pa.)

Interview Monday, 5 p.m. Monday, 7 p.m. Tuesday, 6 p.m.

tough times, too. I had to close 10 schools, including a high school."

Martin, who was also superintendent of the Waterford school district from 1991-94, said he still vacations in Michigan at Coldwater Lake, keeping an eye on what's happening with the state's schools and economy.

"Plymouth-Canton isn't just any old job," Martin said. "Anybody who knows anything about the Midwest will tell you Plymouth-Canton is an excellent school job."

Craig Fiegel, who lives in Homer Glen, Ill., doesn't have any ties to Michigan, but does have an interesting perspective about becoming Plymouth-Canton's next superintendent.

"If I do a good job, they won't have to worry about naming a school after me ... they already have one," said Fiegel, 52, tongue-in-cheek, referring to Fiegel Elementary.

Fiegel said his interest in the Plymouth-Canton job is mainly because of the district's more than 18,000 students.

"It's my personal goal to be the superintendent of a larger district, but I want to do it at the right place and the right time," Fiegel said. "It appears to be that

Currently the superintendent of an elementary school district, Fiegel said he's excited about an opportunity to get back to leading a K-12 district.

"Elementary, middle and high schools bring a certain vision to the table that help each other, and forms that larger picture," he said. "You can really concentrate on instruction and curriculum.

"People do tend to look at the district around their high schools," added Fiegel, who has been married 23 years and has four children in college. "They become the focal point with all their activities, and define a

After this week's interviews, which take place at the E.J. McClendon Center on Harvey, trustees will decide who they want back for a second look and give them a daylong tour of the district, which will occur Feb. 4-6. Superintendent Jim Ryan will retire Feb. 28. There is a retirement celebration for Ryan scheduled for Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. at Discovery Middle School. A formal program begins at 7 p.m.

### and raved about it," Kadri said. On Monday, two Canton teen "And I know people in Ann drivers collided near Saltz and Arbor who are familiar with Beck. A 17-year-old female, the district. Plymouth-Canton has a wonderful reputation." who is a senior at Salem High School, was critically injured in the accident. As of Friday, Grove, Ill., said becoming the she was in a coma at St. Joseph superintendent of Plymouth-Mercy Hospital and listed in Canton Schools would be like a critical condition. **Save on Your 2007 Income Tax Preparation**

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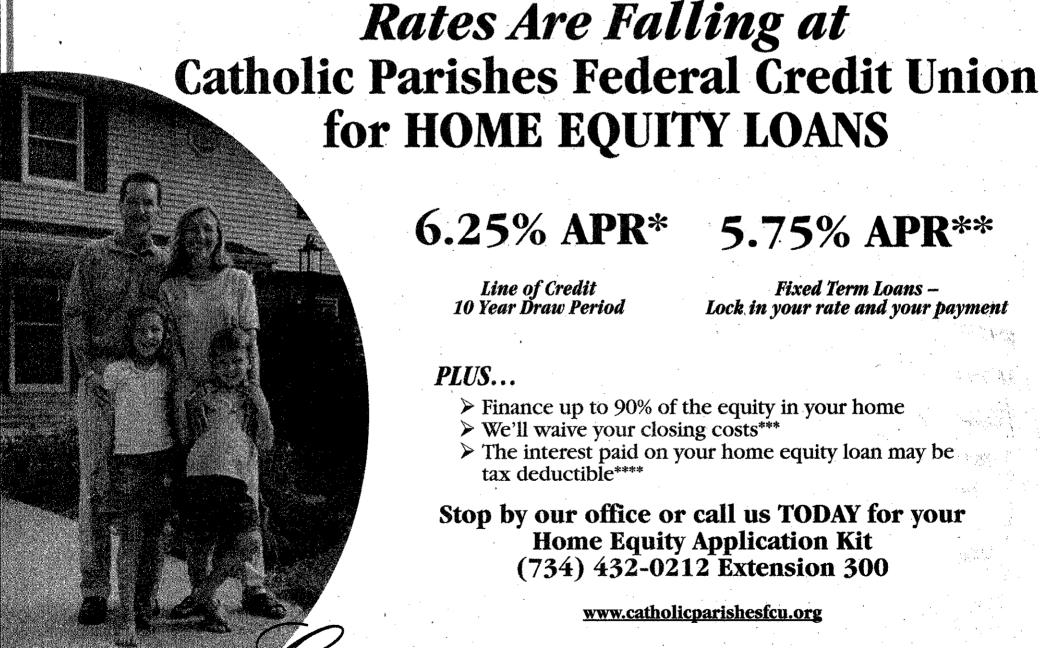
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### Selling life insurance policy could be risky proposition

ad in the paper that said that someone who is a senior could sell their life insurance policy and make a lot of money. I am very skeptical about this and I was curious if you know anything about this and whether it is a scam?

A: I congratulate you on being skeptical. Investors need to keep their guard up to protect themselves in today's world. Generally, when something sounds too good to be true, it generally is. Viatical contracts became popular a number of years ago. The investment strategy proposed was that people who were terminally ill and who had life insurance could cash out their insurance policies prior



**Money Matters** 

Rick Bloom

money. Upon the terminally ill person's death, the investor who bought the contract would collect the life insurance proceeds. In theory, the strategy

to their death

and use the

made sense, however, too often there was fraud involved. Taken advantage of were investors and the people who were terminally ill.

I have seen the recent ads directed at seniors. The ads generally deal with seniors over 70 and who either have a life insurance policy currently or who are in good health and would be able to purchase a new life insurance policy.

There appears to be a new market of investors who will purchase the existing life insurance policy of a senior. The way the transaction works is the senior receives a discounted cash settlement from the investors in exchange for ownership of the life insurance policy. The senior receives the cash settlement and in return assigns all interest in the life insurance policy to a group of investors. The group of investors continues to pay the premiums on the policy and, upon death of the senior, the proceeds of the life insurance policy go to the investors.

In theory, this transaction could be beneficial to the senior and at the same time

investors could receive a fair rate of return. From the standpoint of the senior, they need to look carefully at how much money they would receive in exchange for their insurance policy. Particularly, for a senior who does not need the life insurance, receiving a cash settlement that they can use during their lifetime could be a great way of going. However, it seems to me that in this type of transaction, just like in the past with viaticals, there is a risk that seniors will be taken advantage of and, therefore, seniors should be cautious before they sell their policies.

For seniors who have existing life insurance policies they do not need, there are other options. One option is to sell the policy. Another is cancel

surrender value. This money is subject to tax. Your basis is the total of all the premiums paid throughout the years. So if you receive \$25,000 of cash from the cancelled policy and you paid \$30,000 in premiums there is no tax on the transac-

For those who would have substantial tax consequences by canceling a life insurance policy, another option is to directly transfer the cash surrender value into an annuity. By directly transferring the money, there is no tax and the money will grow tax deferred until withdrawn.

life insurance policies, there is no reason to continue paying premiums. Explore the options available.

One piece of advice I give seniors is if anyone attempts to pressure you into a transaction or tries to get you to do something you feel uncomfortable with, walk away.

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

### Unemployment benefits must be reported on tax return

Tax season has arrived and the state of Michigan has begun mailing year-end statements to anyone who received unemployment ben-

efits in 2007. "Unemployment benefits are taxable, and those who received benefits will need

Insurance Agency (UIA),

The statements, called 1099-G or "Statement for Recipients of Unemployment Compensation Payments," are prepared by UIA and report how much individuals received in unemployment benefits last year. Mailing will be completed by Jan. 25.

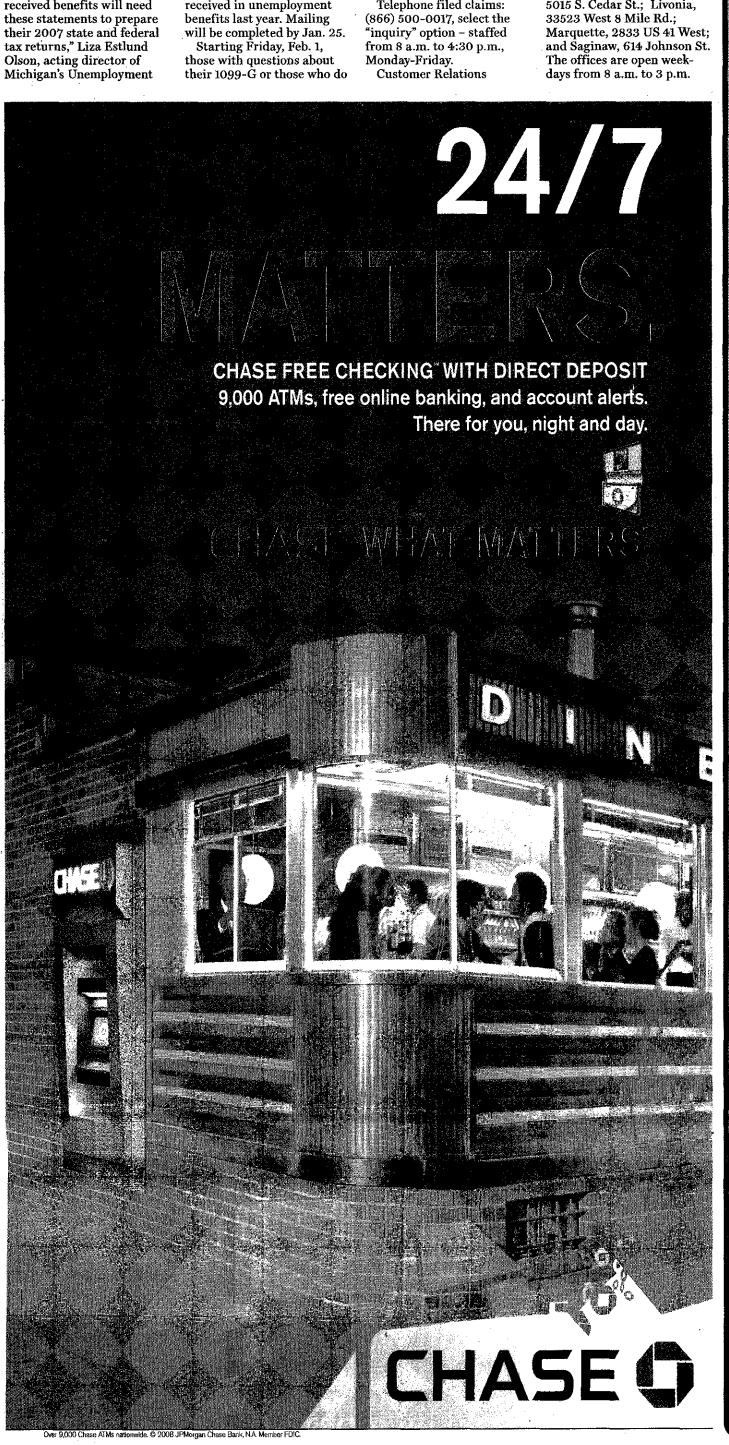
not receive the statement can telephone the UIA or visit an agency Problem Resolution Office (PRO) for help.

The toll-free UIA telephone numbers unemployed workers can call about their 1099 statements are:

Telephone filed claims: 'inquiry" option - staffed from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,

hotline: (800) 638-3995 - staffed from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

UIA Problem Resolution -Offices are located in Gaylord, 400 W. Main St.; Grand Rapids, 3391A Plainfield Ave., NE; Lansing, 5015 S. Cedar St.; Livonia, 33523 West 8 Mile Rd.; The offices are open week-





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### Getting some ice time

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### Ice fest temps don't deter carvers, fans

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

As the actual temperature reached the mid-20s — though the wind chill remained in single digits — on a sunny Friday afternoon, the most popular phrase heard by those wandering through the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular was "Well, I guess they won't melt."

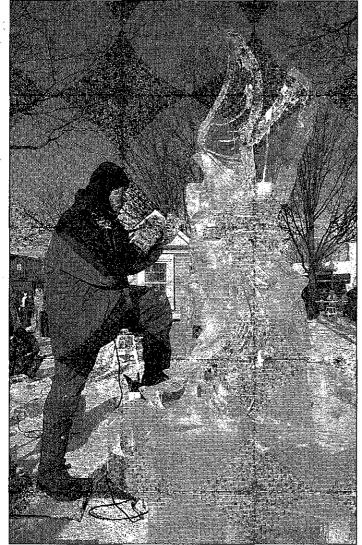
But, don't be fooled by what most would consider frigid temperatures.

"This is a little warm," said Sean Smolski, 29, a member of the Macomb County Community College ice carving team who was carving a block of with a chain saw. "The sun will melt the ice a lot quicker than the weather. Fifteen to 20 degrees is perfect."

However, even as temperatures rise to a forecasted 30 degrees during the three-day event which concludes today. Smolski wasn't concerned.

"They will melt a bit faster, but most of the sculptures will survive," Smolski said. "It's a little more difficult to get the blocks of ice to stick together when making the big sculp-

Twelve-year-old Michael Flory of Canton was awed by



Canton ice carver Ted Wakar works on a sculpture as the Plymouth

the man-made ice formations.

International Ice Sculpture Spectacular opens Friday.

"I like seeing all the cool sculptures they can make," said tbruscato@hometownlife.com

Flory. "I like the texture and

how they were made."

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### St. Mary Mercy joins with St. Joseph in new health system

BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

Starting the first of next month, two well-known hospital systems will merge, bringing western Wayne County residents and their neighbors around the Ann Arbor area together under one central health care umbrella.

The new Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will include St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital and Saint Joseph Mercy Saline Hospital. The new collaboration will cover more than 8,500 staff members and 1,600 physicians.

The four hospitals were already joined under the banner of Trinity Health Care, a merger that was made eight years ago. President and CEO of St. Mary Mercy Hospital David Spivey said the decision was made that as long as they essentially shared a market. it made better sense to work together than separately.

Spivey said talks with the St. Joseph hospitals started a year ago when the Trinity Health Care members started looking at the things on which they already collaborated and their stature in individual markets.

'We felt that if we came together, we could be even more successful," he said.

He said a planning group of the senior leadership at the

St. Mary Mercy Hospital CEO David Spivey and Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital CEO Garry Faja join together to announce their new partnership.

hospitals — both boardroom and medical officials — has met several times over the past year putting the merger together.

The effect, he said, is that patrons of both St. Marv Mercy and Saint Joseph will get better service and amenities.

"There is going to be a focus on developing regional delivery systems," Spivey said. "There will be program development and technological development assuring access to the newest systems.

Each hospital in the new system will have its own upgrade master plan that will include technological updates as well as physical additions. St. Mary Mercy will see a renovation and expansion of emergency room capacity as well as an addition of a new tower with all pri-

vate rooms. Spending for the renovations at St. Mary Mercy and the other hospitals is not available, but Spivey called the amounts "significant."

Of course, all of the hospitals will be able to talk and share with one another.

"Part of the renovations will include all of them being on the same information platform," Spivey said. "Patients visiting any site will have access to their records."

He said the new group would get the growing cancer treatment service resources of St. Mary Mercy, its bariatric surgery program and also benefit from the clinical research groups Saint Joseph participates in.

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### Holiday bazaar

Crafters are needed for Holiday Bazaar American House-Northville. Thursday, Nov. 15, 1-7 p.m. No charge for table space. For more information, please contact Carol, (248) 449-1480. **Tuned out contest** 

Americans spend more than \$36.7 billion and approximately 18 billion hours tuning, customizing, and pimping out their minivans, SUVs and family cars each year. According to a recent survey, 17 percent of men say their favorite place to spend time at home is in the garage, while 22 percent of women say they'd rather give up an evening with their significant other than have to give up their vehicle for the same night. To help these tuners and tuners-in-training get the cool rides they're looking for, without having a breakdown in their relationships, the Dodge brand is launching a search for the most "tuned out" car

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performance, race-inspired vehicle that comes "tuned" directly from the factory. Interested participants can nominate themselves, a friend or a relative, and must submit a 250-word essay answering the questions, "Why are you or your significant other tuned out?" and "How will winning an all-new Dodge Caliber SRT4 help you or your significant other tune

### Martial arts clinic

The fourth annual Martial Arts Clinic, featuring Grandmaster Daniel Suchon, will be held Friday-Sunday, Nov. 9-11, at Guardian Martial Arts on Ford Road in Garden City and in the Cheer Room

at the Livonia Stevenson High School in Livonia. Grandmaster Suchon holds a seventh-degree black sash in Nei Wai Chia Kung Fu. The clinic will be comprised of classes in Arnis, Tai Chi fighting, ground techniques and

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The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers Club will sponsor a buy-and swap toys and trains show noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Dec. 2, at the church hall, 32500 Palmer west of Merriman, Westland. Admission is \$2 per person, \$4 per

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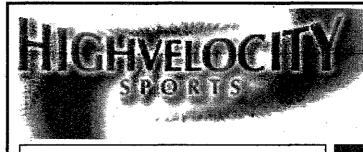
Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Dearborn Heights hosts its 19th annual Arts and Crafts Show in the church hall. located at 750 N. Beech Daly, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17. The event features a raffle, bake sale, cabbage rolls and other ethnic food, all for a \$1 admission.

For more information, call (734) 522-9653 or (248) 946-0173.

New Year's Eve party Ring in the New Year with Jimmy Howard & Company at a New Year's Party at the Livonia Elks, 31117 Plymouth Road in Livonia Monday, Dec. 30. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; party goes until 1 a.m. Dinner (ovenbaked chicken and port tenderloin) served at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person. Due to the Christmas holiday, tickets must be purchased by Dec. 19. For more information, call Linda at (734) 507-9173 or Mary Ann at (734) 654-0115, or e-mail parties.2go2@



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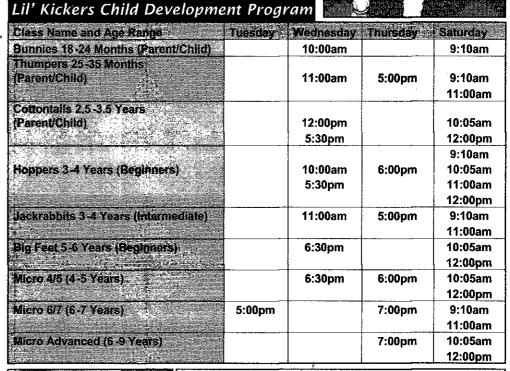


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### Auto Show declared a success from start to finish

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN STAFF WRITER

The North American International Auto Show is breaking some speed records this year.

Attendance is up, the show is generating tons of publicity and the media in general awarded high marks to many of the new car models.

"The show's going extremely favorable." NAIAS co-chair Joe Serra said Friday. "We've had a tremendous response to press days — the international media is up 10 percent over last year - so that was a nice way to start the show.

"We had a record atten-

dance for the industry preview days and our charity preview reached its \$6 million mark ... attendance is exceeding last year's number and everybody has a good buzz over the look of the show and the look of the products. Everybody is smiling and excited.'

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As of Thursday, attendance count for the NAIAS reached 443,551 visitors. That's a substantial increase over 2007, according to Sandra Herp of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association.

'We're excited to see we're up by over 3,000 visitors," Herp said. "I really couldn't tell you the reason, but I'm certainly glad the numbers are up.'

As the show wraps up Sunday, the entire auto industry across Michigan hopes the large attendance numbers will result in more foot traffic at the various showrooms.

"Definitely true," Serra said. "Since we got this momentum going and all the good press, now we're hoping it translates into sales in the next quarter.

"On top of that, a number of the manufacturers are launching additional incentives such as 'auto show bonus cash ...' so we've got people talking about it — now you got the manufacturers piggy backing with additional incentives — and all of this should help make January a very positive month for our

industry.

Looking ahead to the 2009 show, Serra said he plans to continue Ultra-Luxury Night in which a select group of 200 guests had a chance to check out and purchase super sleek rides like the Maybach and Ferrari.

He also wants to bring back a live rock concert for the charity preview. This year, the Barenaked Ladies performed.

"That's something that went better than hoped," Serra said. 'We got a lot of good responses and next year I'm sure we'll continue with another group."

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Ken Skicki of Canton shares his impressions of the 2008 North American International Auto Show.

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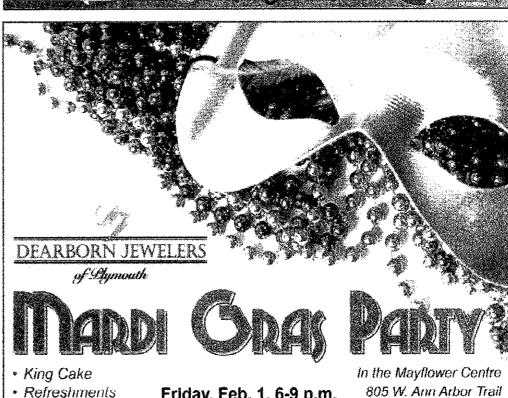


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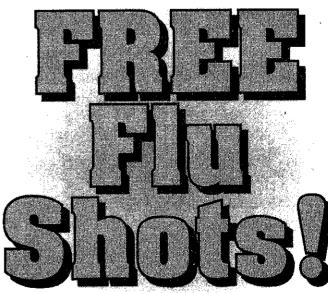
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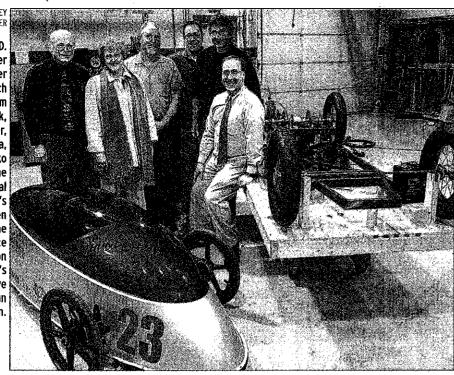


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### Center honored for making engineering exciting

STAFF WRITER

There's a new sign hanging outside the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, one announcing its designation as a Center of Science and Engineering Excellence.

Career Tech Principal Ginny Kowalski, members of her staff and students appeared before the school board this month to receive the award, presented by the Convergence Education Foundation.

Karl Klimek, the foundation's vice chairman and project orchestrator, told the board he was "thrilled" to present the center with the first ever award.

"We decided to present it to the school because they decided what was critical to them is to excite students about engineering," Klimek

The center found out in December that it had been selected as one of seven school programs to receive the award, which "celebrates the success of projects, focused on engineering, science or math, implemented within local educational communities.

According to Klimek, it recognizes "their dedication to bringing unique, project-based learning opportunities to the hundreds of youth they serve.

The Career Technical Center has partnered with the Convergence Education Foundation for a number of years. It was a participant in the foundation's innovative design vehicle program and won several awards — the Convergence **Education Foundation's Vehicle Performance** Award and Ambassadorship Award and the 2007 Excellence in Practice Award from the

Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth's Bureau of Career Education Programs for the student-built Thunderbolt II IVD.

"Our people are extremely impressed with this place," Klimek said, adding that, "People who bring honor to a profession should be honored and these teachers are an honor to their profession."

Kowalski said the center is thrilled to be one of the first seven — "We call ourselves Mercury 7," she said — and also praised the teachers who have helped steer the program, calling them the center's "rangers" after the military's special forces

"We received this honor because of our wonderful staff," she added. "This staff doesn't know it doesn't have to work in the evenings, on weekends and in the summer for a dozen doughnuts."

Kowalski also thanked the districts's administration for its help in providing equipment for the center and the foundation for its assistance.

"We know what we want to do, but sometimes we need to be reined in and our vision defined," she added.

"This is truly a gifted and talented program for the community," Supt. Greg Baracy said. "This award clearly illustrates the wonderful things going on at the center."

There's no time to rest on laurels at the center, where the students and staff are working on a vet-to-be-named IVD due out in fall 2008. According to Kowalski, the new IVD is being built on a golf cart frame and will be powered by a hydrogen fuel cell.

"I had the opportunity to test drive the latest model and it's awesome," Baracy said. "I saw the technology in the latest version and it's awe-

### 1 of 2 candidates announces plans to seek re-election

Residents interested in serving on the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education have until 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, to file nominated petitions.

Two four-year terms, currently filled by Cindy Schofield and Terrance McClain, will be filled in the annual school election, slated for Tuesday, May 6.

Schofield, a Wayne resident, plans to seek a third term, while McClain, also a Wayne resident, is "undecided."

Residents can file nominating petitions or pay a \$100 fee to have their names appear on the May 6 ballot. Candidates must be at least 18 years old, a qualified voter in the school district and a resident of the state for at least 30 days.

Nominating petitions are available at the Westland City Clerk's Office in Westland City Hall, 36001 Ford, west of Wayne Road. A minimum of 40 up to a

maximum of 100 signatures of registered voters in the school district are needed.

As of Friday, three people had pulled petitions for the election - Schofield, Robert Robinson of Westland and Christopher

Schofield is currently the board vice-president, a position she has held for six of her eight elective years. She decided to run for re-election because "there are still things to be accomplished, especially at the secondary level."

"I think I can have input," she

A residential property manager, Schofield is concerned about the changes needed to accommodate the state's new graduation requirements and the effect they could have on failure rates.

"I feel strongly that we need things in place to help our students succeed, and to do that we may have to think outside the box," she said. "I believe I have the history and background to help."

Schofield has had three children in the Wayne-Westland schools. Her youngest son will graduate from Wayne Memorial High School in June. She believes that having children in the district has let her see how policies affect children and that even though her son is graduating, she will still have that connection.

"I feel I'll still have it with my friends who will let me know how the decisions we make affect students," she said. "If I didn't have that connection. I don't think I would be running again."

A minister at Annapolis Park Church of Christ in Westland, McClain is completing his first four-year term on the board.

He was appointed to the school board in October 2003 and won a full four-year term in the June 2004 school elec-

In an interview Friday, McClain said he would make a decision about seeking a second term this week.

### Turnover, lower utility costs save money for W-W

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

A larger than expected turnover in the teaching staff and lower retirement costs are among the \$2.9 million the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will save during fiscal 2007-08.

That was the message in a budget amendment approved by the school board last week.

"With a slightly better than anticipated beginning of the year fund equity, coupled with this budget revision, it is expected to result in an end of the year general fund equity position of \$13.4 million," Gary Martin, deputy superintendent for administrative and business services, told the school board in the budget amendment report.

According to Martin, an increase of \$82 per student in state school aid and an increase in property taxes helped to offset losses related to declining enrollment. As a result, the shortfall the district had predicted for revenue in June 2007 will be down just \$67,000.

The district had projected expenditures of \$122.9 million, but that number has been trimmed to \$119.9 million, due in large part to teacher turnover and staff reduction to handle the lower student count, translating in \$1.7 million less in salaries.

"Normally, we have 20-25 teachers leave, but it was more than 40, so there's a more significant variance between those going out and those coming in," Martin said. "The teachers we hire to fill the positions generally come in at Step 1; they have lower base salaries."

The district also is realizing an \$819,000 savings in what it must pay the state for employee retirement. The state reduced the percentage of payroll charge from 17.4 percent to 16.72 percent this year. The district also will spend \$440,000 less for utilities as the result of favorable rates negotiated for electricity and natural gas by a cooperative the district works with. Martin said the district decision about the money." generally spends around \$4 million for utilities, but it will be more like \$3.6 million (734) 953-2112

this year, an amount "that's lower than what we spent a few years ago."

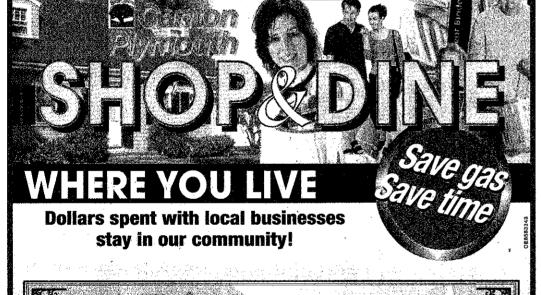
Even with the costs savings, the expenditures still exceed revenue by \$2.6 million. The district is covering the shortfall by tapping into its fund equity. What's left the \$13.4 million — represent 11.2 percent of expenditures and "falls below the fund levels generally targeted for a school district of this size," Martin said.

"That's slightly below the state average of 11.8 percent and represents 41 days of operation," he added.

One of the revenue losses was the state-funded middle schools math grant, a loss school board Trustee Cindy Schofield called unfortunate."

"I find it particularly frustrating that after school has started they finally tell us they're not going to fund the program," she said. "The state takes the option out of our hands to make a wise

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### Still time to catch ice fest

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Sure, the carvings will still be there, lining Kellogg Park, for some time. But the real beauty of the festival · is watching the carvers — professionals and amateurs alike — doing what they do best: carving ice.

And on Sunday's final day, spectators get perhaps the festival's most special treat: Exhibitions featuring a pair of world champions, Tajana Raukar of Plymouth and Ted Wakar of Canton. These local carvers are staples of the festival and a can't-miss attraction.

But the festival offers other activities on its final day. College and high school team competitions start at 10:30 a.m. Recreational Equipment, Inc., conducts an interactive snowshoe demonstration from noon to 4 p.m. Carousel Acres of South Lyon will have live reindeer on hand 1-5 p.m. for petting and picture pur-

The ice festival annually draws huge crowds to Plymouth, putting the downtown area in the spotlight. Scared of huge crowds? The traffic generally moves efficiently through Kellogg Park and The Gathering, where most of the ice is displayed.

If you've seen the festival before, give it another shot. The reindeer and the horseshoe demonstration should be worthwhile new attractions. If you've never been, make a point to get out.

The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular has helped put downtown Plymouth on the map, becoming one of the state's top events in the process. If you haven't seen it, you owe it to yourself to find out why.

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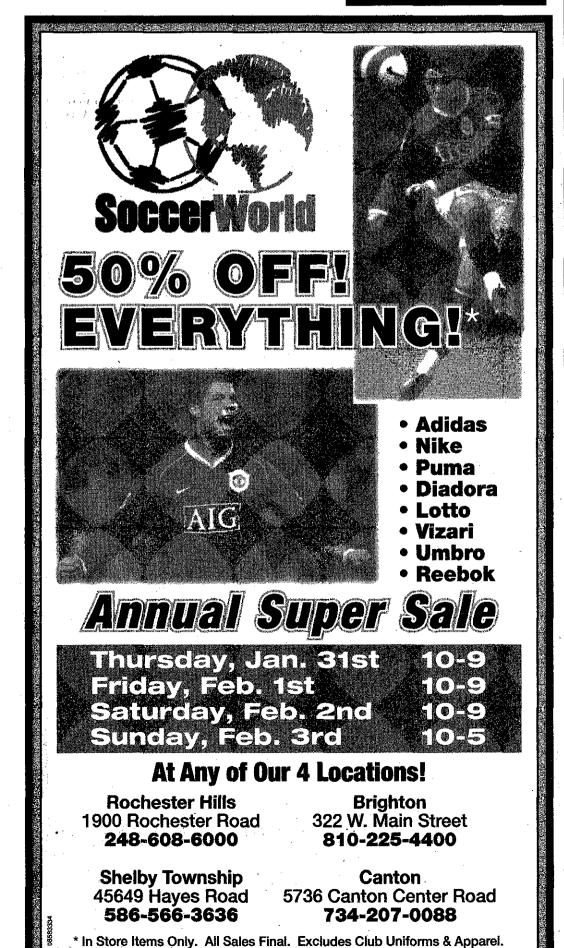
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### Canton set to host 'Super Bowl' of women's bowling

STAFF WRITER

The unmistakable sounds of crashing pins and cha-chinging cash registers will make sweet harmony together beginning April 10 when Canton's Super Bowl Lanes hosts the United States Bowling Congress's 2008 Women's Championships.

Promoters estimate the 88-day tournament, which is expected to draw close to 40,000 bowlers from all 50 states as well as some foreign countries, should pump at least \$45 million into the ailing metropolitan Detroit economy.

On the roster of major sporting events the Detroit area has

hosted since 2003 — including the 2005 All-Star Game and the 2006 Super Bowl — this tournament is arguably right up there as far as making an economic impact on the area," said Kurt Kosmowski, a spokesperson for the Detroit Metro Sports Commission. "The fact that it runs 88 consecutive days versus, let's say, a three-day convention is huge."

The event will draw an estimated 600 to 800 bowlers and their companions each day to Canton, which was awarded hosting rights in 2004.

There are a huge number of factors that go into which city is selected to host the

Championships

championships," said USBC spokesperson Jerry Schneider. "Among those are the facilities, the bowling center, the area, the local group and how active they are.

"In Canton's case, the Super Bowl is certainly a nice facility to hold this event, plus they have the infrastructure, the staffing and the people to put on an event of this size. Plus, Detroit has a great history of bowling, which is the overlying thing.

The past two Women's Championships have been hosted by Charlotte, N.C., and Reno, Nev.

The last time southeastern Michigan hosted the USBC Women's Championships was

The nearly three-month-long event - which includes, team, singles, doubles and a professional competition that will be televised by ESPN2 - will run seven days a week until July 6.

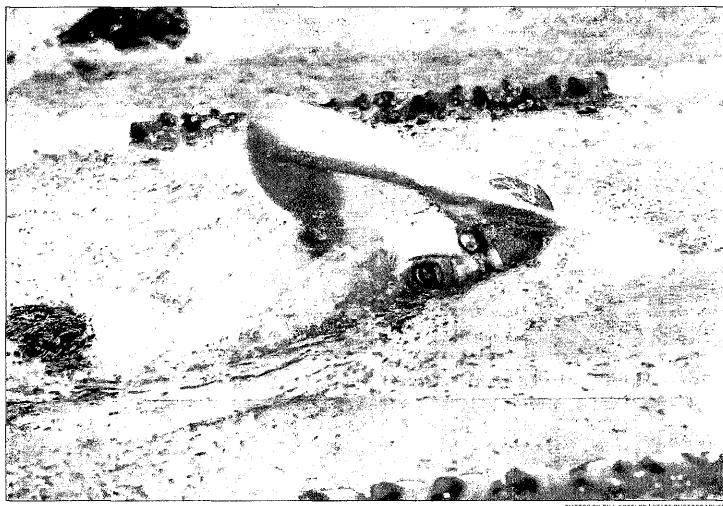
Lady bowlers will take over the Super Bowl's lanes beginning at 8 a.m. each morning and shoot for the pocket until close to midnight.

The ability levels of the participants will range from novice bowlers to world-class athletes like Shannon O'Keefe, a four-time Team USA member who won the singles gold medal at the 2007 Women's World Championships in Monterrey, Mexico.

All three competitions - singles, doubles and team — are divided into five divisions based on each bowler's average.

Please see BOWLING, B2

### Local prep swimmers making waves





### Salem dunks John Glenn

For complete results of Thursday's meet, please see page 86.

BY ED WRIGHT

If they were passing out gold medals for first-place finishes during Thursday night's boys swimming meet between Salem and visiting Westland John Glenn, the Rocks would have needed a Brink's truck to get

Salem touched first in all 11 wimming events and also earne the top spot in the diving competition on the way to dunking the Rockets, 143-36.

Nine different Rocks placed first in the individual events while Stan Chen and Adam Seroka were members of all three firstplace relay races.

Individual race winners were: Matt Collingwood (200-yard freestyle), Chen (50 freestyle), Kevin Smith (I-meter diving), Cameron Dunn (100 butterfly), Seroka (100 freestyle), Max Mills (500 freestyle), Alex Suriano (100 backstroke) and Eric Schendel (100 breaststroke).

The victory improved Salem's dual-meet record to 2-3 heading into Tuesday's home meet against cross-campus rival Plymouth. The Wildcats are 4-2 following Thursday's win over Canton.

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### **Balanced Whalers** overwhelm Attack

Cross-campus splash-down

Canton's Chris McGinnis (above) churns through the

water in the 100-yard freestyle event during Thursday

night's meet between the Chiefs and P-CEP neighbor

Plymouth. At right is the Wildcats' Michael Conger, who has led Plymouth to a 4-2 overall record and 2-0 mark in

the Western Lakes Activities Association. Unfortunately,

the Observer as of Friday night's deadline. For details on

results of Thursday's meet were not made available to

other meets, please see page B6.

The Plymouth Whalers received goals from seven different players and excellent work from goaltender Jeremy Smith in a 7-1 victory over the Owen Sound Attack in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before 2,501 at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers broke a three-game losing streak to improve to 25-17-2-2, good for 54 points and third place in the OHL's West Division and fifth overall in the Western Conference.

Owen Sound is now 19-26-6-6, good for 42 points and fourth place in the OHL's Midwest Division and ninth overall in the Western Conference.

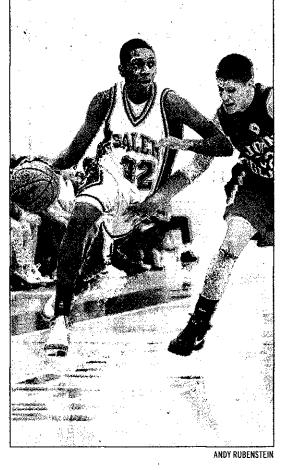
Andrew Fournier (26th), Michal Jordan (third), Ryan Hayes (third), Joe McCann (ninth), Chris Terry (33rd), Kaine Geldart (ninth) and Joe Gaynor (fifth) lit the lamp for Plymouth. Jordan also added two assists. David Kolomatis scored the lone Owen Sound goal in the second period.

Plymouth led 3-0 after one period and 7-1 after 40 minutes.

Smith was at his best in goal for the Whalers in the second period with Plymouth leading 4-1, making several big stops when Plymouth was penalized three straight times in the period.

The Whalers then scored twice in the second period to increase their lead to 6-1 when Terry tipped Jordon O'Neill's point shot at 14:55 and Geldart tapped home A.J. Jenks' feed out in front of the Owen Sound goal at 15:36.

In all, Smith stopped 41-of-42 shots as the game's first star.



Salem's Ross Davis netted eight points and 14 rebounds in the Rocks' 59-55 victory over Livonia Churchill Friday night.

### Rocks edge Chargers thanks to Stone's 22

If you're looking for a darkhorse in the fastapproaching Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball tournament, look no further than

The Rocks, who are one shaky quarter against division-leading Westland John Glenn from owning a five-game winning streak, notched a key 59-55 road victory over Livonia Churchill Friday night.

Salem improved to 6-7 overall and 4-4 in the WLAA's Lakes Division while the Chargers dropped to 5-3 in the division.

We did a better job defensively tonight than we've done in the past," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, whose team closes out its division slate next week against Walled Lake Northern and Livonia Stevenson. "We did a nice job of keeping our composure late in the game against their pressure defense.'

Senior Grant Stone paced the Rocks' win with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Jesse Pointer added 11 points while Ross Davis added eight points and 14 rebounds.

Junior Heath Parling, who finished with a seasonhigh six points, nailed a free throw to up the winners' lead to four in the waning moments. Churchill mis-

Please see ROCKS, B2

### Coaches vs. Cancer

Plymouth-Canton **Educational Park** boys basketball coaches Dan Colligan (Canton) and Tom Van Wagoner (Plymouth) will be participating in the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's "Coaches vs. Cancer" fund-raiser Tuesday when the two teams meet in Canton's Phase III gym. The opening tip is set for 7

Both coaches will join others around the country by wearing tennis shoes to show support for Coaches vs. Cancer, which is a nationwide effort between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches that empowers basketball coaches, their teams and communities to join the fight against cancer.

A hat will be passed during the game to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

For more information on the program, visit www.cancer.org.

### Coaching jobs

■ Canton's baseball rogram needs assis tant coaches for the 2008 season. For more information, contact varsity head coach Mark Blomshield at (734)652-9772.

■ Plymouth High School currently has coaching positions available for the spring . 2008 season: girls varsity tennis, girls junior varsity soccer and girls freshmen soccer.

Interested candidates can obtain a coaching application from the Plymouth athletic office or download the form from the school district Web site at www.pccs.k12. mi.us. Applications can be faxed to (734) 582-5650 or delivered to the PHS athletic department. For more information, contact Diane Daves at (734) 582-5702.

### Salem tennis

A mandatory meeting for members of this spring's Salem's girls tennis team and their parents will be held Monday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. in room 1316 of Salem High School.

**Necessary forms** and schedules for the upcoming season will be handed out at the meeting. Uniforms will also be ordered at this time.

Players are encouraged to bring medical information and a check to cover the cost of their uniform.

### Hoop tryout

The Lady Sun Devils' 10U AAU girls basketball team will be holding tryouts on Feb. 9 and 10 from noon to 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel School, which is located at 1151 William St. in Plymouth.

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three-point line.

O'Keefe, who visited Canton earlier this week to help promote the 2008 championships, has carried an average as high

She will be among the close to 300 bowlers competing for a top prize of \$30,000 in the USBC Queens tournament, which will conclude with a step-ladder finals event April

"Along with the top women bowlers from across the country, this event will bring in some of best international bowlers as well," she said. "We sent out invitations to bowlers in 10 different countries and have already received confirmations from eight ladies in Malaysia.

"Bowling is a huge sport in a lot of countries, even more so than it is in the United States. For instance, the most well-known woman bowler in Malaysia is pictured at the top of her backswing on several billboards throughout the country.

Another prominent competitor will be former Dearborn resident Mini Tvaska.

Now 90, Tvaska is looking forward to her record 62nd consecutive appearance in the USBC's Women's Championship.

There is good news for ladies who would like to compete in the championships but have yet to register: The USBC has extended the entry deadline to March 21.

All USBC adult members can register electronically by visiting www.bowl.com or by downloading a Women's Championship registration form. Entry information can also be obtained by calling (800) 514-2695 or by e-mailing usbewomenschampionships@bowl.com. The entry fee is \$30 per event per bowler.

In addition to competing in one of the world's most prestigious bowling events, participants will have a chance to cash in on a prize fund expected to reach \$2 million.

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### Beaten at the buzzer

### Chiefs, Wildcats fall in final seconds to Western foes

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

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When the going got tough during Friday night's Canton-Livonia Franklin boys basketball game, the Patriots' Ryan Matthey got

Matthey scored the game's final five points — including a buzzerbeating 17-foot jumper — to lift Franklin to a 54-52 victory over the visiting Chiefs.

The triumph improved Franklin's mark to 5-8 overall and 3-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The Chiefs fell to 4-9 and 1-7, respectively.

"My hat is off to Franklin - they played extremely hard," said Canton coach Dan Colligan. "Ryan Matthey had a great game and he hit the big shot when they needed it. I thought we defended it well. He just made a nice move and got open."

Eight of Matthey's 20 points came in the fourth quarter. Jeff Poole and Israel Woolfork both twined 11 points each for the win-

Senior forward Chris Bailey led Canton with 20 points thanks to 8-of-16 shooting from the floor.

"Chris really stepped up and played well tonight," said Colligan. Neil Sharma added 18 points on 9-for-14 shooting for the Chiefs.

Colligan also praised the play of Kiere Daniels, a 5-foot-9 junior forward who added seven points.

The Patriots led 24-18 at the half before Canton stormed back to seize a 38-36 advantage after three quarters.

The Chiefs led 52-49 until Matthey pulled off his late-game

Canton fell into an early 9-0 hole before battling all the way

Other than Matthey, the Chiefs' biggest nemesis Friday night was their free throw shooting. Canton connected on just 5-of-15 attempts from the stripe while Franklin was a red-hot 12-of-15.

W.L. WESTERN 45, PLYMOUTH 44: On Friday at Plymouth, the Warriors won a thriller when Mitchell Varsellino drained 1-of-2

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free throws with 5.2 seconds left to break a 44-all deadlock.

Plymouth senior guard Brandon Roberts missed a long, off-balance jumper at the buzzer.

The Wildcats had erased a 42-36 deficit in the final 58 seconds before dropping the heart-

Plymouth slipped to 3-10 overall and 2-6 in the WLAA's Western Division while Western improved to 7-6 and 4-4, respectively.

Roberts and Navraj Sandhu both buried triples for the Wildcats during their last-minute comeback effort.

Sandhu finished with a teamhigh 16 points while Roberts added 12. David Harvey contributed eight points along with playing outstanding defense, Van Wagoner added.

Dramell Hogan and Quinton Cooper shared scoring honors for the winners with 12 points a piece.

"We led most of the game and made some great plays down the stretch, but we couldn't quite pull it out," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner.

Western led 10-6 after one quarter before Plymouth turned the tables and took an 18-13 lead into the break. The Wildcats extended their edge to 31-25 after three stanzas.

Plymouth canned 7-of-11 free throws; Western was 10-of-11 from the stripe.

**CANTON AGAPE 61,** MACOMB CHRISTIAN 42: On Friday at Macomb Christian, the Wolverines prevailed thanks to senior Jared Miller's double-double (18 points and 12 rebounds).

Mark Mullett (12 points, nine boards), Joel Ruffin (five points and 13 rebounds) and Terrell Pierce (seven points and five assists) also excelled for Agape, which improved to 8-5 overall and 4-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. Macomb, which was led by Christian Darnell's 15 points, slipped to 3-7 and 1-4, respectively.

The Wolverines won despite

hitting just 17-of-39 free throws. Agape led 13-8 after one quarter, 32-19 at the half and 40-27 with eight minutes left.

PCA 84, SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 81: Anyone who enjoyed watching the runnin'-and-gunnin' style of the UNLV and Loyola

Marymount college basketball teams of the 1990s would have been in their element at Tuesday night's Plymouth Christian Academy-Southfield Christian shootout.

The PCA Eagles outraced the SC Eagles in an entertaining, defense-challenged game played in the PCA gymnasium.

SC chopped what once was a semi-comfortable nine-point fourth-quarter PCA lead down to 75-74 with three minutes to play before senior guard Ross Gerulis came to the rescue for the hosts.

The 5-foot-9 guard buried a pair of NBA-range triples and swished 5-of-6 crunch time free throws to help preserve the vic-

"Ross had made only four threes prior to tonight's game, but he came up big tonight," said PCA coach Mike Doyle. "He was probably five feet beyond the threepoint line for both the shots."

The victory improved PCA's record to 3-8 overall and 1-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division. Southfield dropped to 4-6 and 0-4, respectively.

Brothers Trevor and Brent Zinn were filling the net when Gerulis wasn't as they shared PCA's scoring honors with 21 points each.

Brent Zinn, a junior guard, sparked PCA to an early 25-14 cushion with 10 first-quarter

The host Eagles expanded their advantage to 46-36 at the half before taking a 63-54 edge into the final eight minutes. Southfield got back into the

game by burying six consecutive triples in the fourth quarter. Steve Jonna and Mike Solt both scored 22 points for Southfield.

**CANTON AGAPE 52, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 36:** On Thesday night on the Warriors' court, the Wolverines prevailed thanks to a combination of air-tight defense and pin-point perimeter shooting.

The victory improved coach Keith Anleitner's squad to 7-5 overall and 3-1 in the MIAC's Red

Point guard Mark Mullett proved to be the catalyst for the winners, scoring 21 points. Ty Majeski chipped in with 11 points while Jared Miller contributed eight points and a game-high 16 rebounds.

Mullett and Majeski both drained a trio of triples.

Agape overcame a 25-22 halftime deficit by outscoring the Warriors 15-1 in the decisive third quarter.

'We played incredible defense in the third," said Anleitner. "We boxed out and, for the most part, held them to one shot. We took charge of the game from that point on."

Joel Ruffin added nine points and four rebounds to the winners'

**BAPTIST PARK 69, AGAPE 58** (OT): On Saturday at Taylor Baptist Park, the hosts outscored the Wolverines 19-8 in overtime to secure a key Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

The win improved the Chargers' record to 4-5 overall and 2-2 in the Red Division. Agape slipped to 6-5 and 3-1, respectively.

Red Division victory.

"We have to win out now if we want to win the division," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "Ty Majeski had an exceptional shooting night for us, making seven of 12 shots, but the rest of the team shot just 38 percent. Mark Mullett played great at point guard, too."

The Wolverines had a chance to win the game in regulation, but Jared Miller's 12-foot jumper just rimmed out.

Agape led 23-17 at the half before Baptist Park rebounded to slice its deficit to 35-34 with eight minutes to play.

Mullett led the Wolverines with 19 points. Majeski added 18 while Joel Ruffin contributed nine points and 16 rebounds before having to leave the game in the fourth quarter after suffering a cut above his eye.

That was definitely a turning point in the game when Joel had to leave," said Anleitner. "He was doing a great job on the boards."

Brothers Caleb (18) and Adam Thompson (14) paced the winners'

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### players in double-figure scoring:

GIRLS HOOP WRAP

Kelsi Robinson led the way with 13 while Shaakira Haywood and Stacey Klonowski both netted 12. Robinson added four assists. Haywood chipped in with 13 rebounds and Klonowski pulled down eight boards. Melanie Wilkerson led Western with 19 points. The Wildcats struggled from beyond the arc, hitting just one triple, and from the free throw line, where they were 9-for-20. Western, on the other hand, drained five long-range shots and went 6-of-10 from the charity stripe. Plymouth bolted to a 10-4 lead before the Warriors surged back to knot the game at 20-all at the half. Plymouth led 29-28 with eight minutes to play before the hosts outscored the Wildcats 17-15 in the fourth quarter.

**SALEM 52, CHURCHILL 28:** On Friday at Salem, the Rocks

improved to 13-2 overall and 8-0 in the WLAA's Lakes Division thanks to outstanding efforts from juniors Victoria Brotz and Chelsea Davis.

Brotz registered 14 points on 6-of-7 shooting from the field and Davis came within one point and four assists from recording a quadruple-double as she finished with nine points, 11 rebounds, 10 blocked shots and six assists.

Alaya Mitchell also played well for the winners, scoring 10 points. Altogether, Salem blocked 22

Charger shots. "We played very well in the first half — the girls shared the ball well," said Salem coach Fred Thomann.

Salem exploded to a 15-6 firstquarter lead before sealing the Chargers' fate by outscoring the visitors 14-5 in the second stanza.

Salem hit 4-of-6 free throws: Churchill was 9-of-16 from the charity stripe. Salem can clinch first-place in the Lakes Division on Tuesday when it travels to Walled Lake Northern for a 7 p.m. tip. The Knights take just one

division setback into the contest. FRANKLIN 51, CANTON 36: On Friday at Canton, the Patriots outscored the Chiefs a combined 29-12 in the second and fourth quarters to earn a key WLAA Western Division triumph. Briauna Taylor

led the winners with 17 points.

Baylee Hollowell (18 points and 10 rebounds) and Kaylie Martin (seven points) led the Chiefs, who slipped to 4-11 overall and 2-6 in the division. The Patriots (12-3 and 6-2, respectively) are just one game behind first-place Walled Lake Western. Franklin led 14-13 after one quarter before padding their cushion to 31-19 at the half. The Chiefs sliced their deficit to 39-30 with eight minutes left before the Patriots doubled them up, 12-6, down the stretch.

"The second quarter (when Franklin outscored Canton 17-6) was big," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "We played solid for eight - to 10-minute stretches, but then we'd commit a turnover and there'd be a snowball effect."

That was especially true for the Chiefs in the second period when they turned the ball over seven

Canton was 9-for-14 from the free throw line while Franklin converted 7-of-12 from the stripe.

HURON VALLEY 35, AGAPE 28: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division leader Westland Huron Valley (9-4, 5-0)

came alive the second half Thursday to post the homecourt triumph over Canton Agape Christian. Senior forward Lauren Adlof

scored 13 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the victorious Hawks, who outscored Agape 24-17 in the second. Senior Katie Kipfmiler contributed eight points and 17 rebounds in the win.

Agape's Amber Martin led all scorers with 14 points.

fired on a pair of last-sec-

ond triples. "Heath did a nice job of running our offense tonight," said Brodie.

Churchill led 14-9 after one quarter before defenseminded Salem outscored their hosts 11-3 in the second quarter to take a 20-17 lead into the half.

The Rocks led 37-34 eight minutes to play before holding on for the victory. Stone (10) and Pointer (seven) combined for 17 of the Rocks' 22 fourth-quarster points.

Ryan Rosenick led the Chargers with 18 points. Salem nailed 13-of-19 free throws while Churchill was successful on 12-of-22

freebies.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA **FEBRUARY 14, 2008**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Steven Johnson, and Dawn Zuber

Acceptance of Agenda

1. Ed Bezilla, 2160 Byron Center Ave., SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49519, for commercial property located at 49650 Cherry Hill Rd. (IHA Health Center), north side of Cherry Hill Road between Ridge and Beck Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance 6A.25.1.c.1, 6A.25.1.c.2, sign variance. Zone R1 Cherry Hill Village Overlay Parcel 072 99 0003 708 (Building) TABLED FROM THE OCTOBER 25, 2007 MEETING

Approval of the January 10, 2007 Minutes All written comments need to be submitted to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office 1150 S. Canton Center Rd.,

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### Blazers blank Penguins

The team with L's for initials hung a tough "L" on the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game played Tuesday night at the Arctic

Edge Ice Arena in Canton. Livonia Ladywood skated to a 4-0 victory over the Penguins to improve its record to 8-6-1. PCS dropped to 3-9.

"We played well for two periods then kind of fell apart in the third," said PCS coach Lori Callahan.

The highlight of the night for the defending state champion Penguins came mid-way through the second period when they not only killed a five-minute major penalty, they nearly scored during the elongated short-handed stretch.

"We actually controlled the puck for most of the five minutes and had the puck in their end, but we just couldn't finish," she said.

Heather Sartorius paced the

**BOYS BASKETBALL** 

Tuesday, Jan. 29 W.L. Northern at Salem, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.

PCA at Agape at
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Calvary Christian, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 31
Agape at Light & Life, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 1
Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Character & Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.

Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m Roeper at PCA, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 28 Agape at Macomb, 6 p.m.

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Tuesday, Jan. 29 Salem at Dearborn at

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W.L. Western at Cantor

Wednesday, Jan. 30

PREP HOCKEY

**GIRLS BASKETBALL** 

winners with a pair of net-find- 1-0 lead 6:25 into the contest ers. Ashley Ballarin and Abby Kienbaum both added single goals.

Michelle Shaffer turned in an admirable effort between the pipes for the Penguins.

"She faced quite a few shots and only let in four, so Michelle played well," Callahan said. "Their goalie (Michelle Wyniemko) played well, too.'

CRANBROOK 5, PCS 2: On Saturday at Wallace Arena in Birmingham, the Cranes tallied three unanswered goals in the second period and went on to hold off the Penguins in an MMGHSHL match-up.

Cranbrook improved to 4-6-1 with the win while the Penguins slipped to 3-6.

'We had 13 penalties called against us, so we were playing short-handed most of the night," said Callahan. "To the girls' credit, they went out and won the third period after not playing real well in the second."

The Penguins grabbed a

THE WEEK AHEAD at Arctic Edge, 6 p.m.

Plymouth at Livonia Franklin at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 1 Salem at Stevenson

at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m Plymouth at Canton

at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m

Plymouth at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m. Salem at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 2

Canton at Dundee Invite, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 29
Plymouth at Salem, 7 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 31

Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.

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Wednesday, Jan. 30 Plymouth at Canton

at Plymouth H.S. 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2

**GYMNASTICS** 

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PREP WRESTLING . Thursday, Jan. 31 Wayne Memorial at Canton, 6:30 p.m. on a goal from Jenny Grodus. She was assisted by Annie McTurner.

Anna Brown, the daughter of former Detroit Red Wing Doug Brown, evened things up at 1-all with a goal just over two minutes later. Anna Callis then gave the Cranes the lead for good when she scored with 2:29 remaining in the first period.

The hosts broke the game open by outscoring the Penguins 3-0 in the second period on goals from Kelsey Muchacho, Caley Chelios (the daughter of Red Wing Chris Chelios) and Callis.

PCS's Brooke Caccevelli scored an unassisted goal with 5:57 left to make it 5-2.

Shaffer played well in goal for the Penguins, according to Callahan.

"Cranbrook had quite a few shots on goal, so Michelle did a nice job," she said. "They passed the puck very well."

Canton Invitational

at Plymouth H.S., 10 a.m.

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** Wednesday, Jan. 30 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 7:30 p.m. Alpena CC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 2 Madonna at Aquinas College, 3 p.m Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**Wednesday, Jan. 30** Alpena CC at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m. Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2

Aquinas College at Madonna, 1 p.m. Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 27 Whalers at Brampton Battalion, 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1 Whalers vs. Ottawa Generals at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 2 Whalers vs. S.S. Marie Greyhounds

at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 27 Det. Ignition vs. La Raza de Monterrey

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Ignition at Philadelphia KiXX, 7:05 p.m.

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### Mustangs clip 'Cat skaters, 3-2

Plymouth's hockey team battled Northville to the wire Saturday night before falling, 3-2.

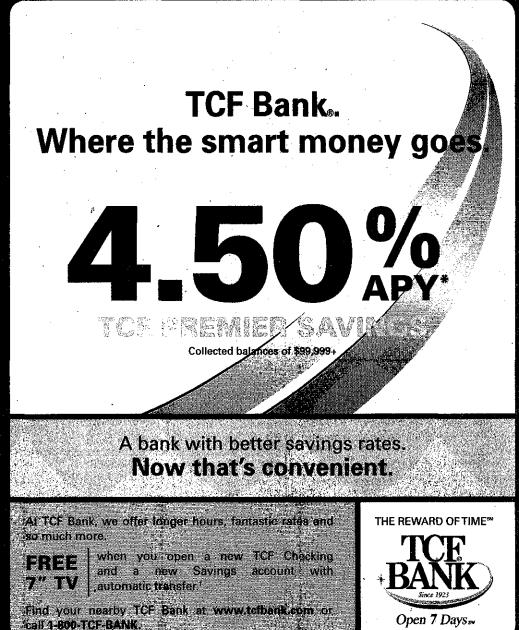
The Wildcats led throughout most of the contest thanks to a spectacular effort from sophomore goalie Ryan Schultz, who stopped 41 of 44 Mustang shots.

Plymouth led 2-1 thanks to goals from Colin Rolfe and Connor Dresser. The Mustangs deadlocked the game at 2-all with 4:30 left before

winning it with a lamp-lighter two minutes later.

"It was a very exciting game; the kids played great," said Plymouth coach Paul Fassbender. "It proved that we can hang with the big boys in the conference.

The loss dropped Plymouth to 9-5. The Mustangs outshot Plymouth, 44-20. Fassbender had high praise for defensemen



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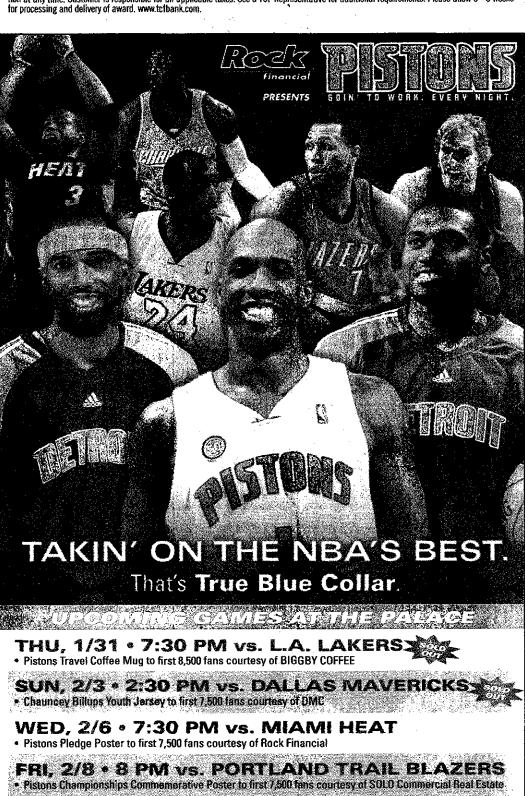
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## Junk food junkie

Miss Junk Food fights her way back to health

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

When Angel (Reddy) Pyle looked in the mirror at her thin frame she 'thought everything was all right." She couldn't see the damage done by the junk food she existed on for years.

Pyle doesn't blame her mother for instilling the unhealthy eating habits at an early age. The Reddys had six children and her time was limited like many mothers today. For breakfast, lunch and dinner it was not unusual to rely on sugary cereals or fast food as she chauffeured them to gymnastics and a variety of activities.

Eventually, Pyle graduated from John Glenn High School and went on to study for a nursing degree, but ignored the lessons on good nutrition. Her husband, Ken, a fireman, cooked separate meals for the family while she ate pizza and chips. Even when her then 4-year-old daughter Aubrey gave up eating carrots because mommy didn't she continued the self-destructive habits until a wake-up call from her physician at age 37. Frightened by the knowledge she might not see her daughters Aubrey and Aspen grow up she went on a mission to transform her eating and exercise habits over a period of three years. The result was not only a new book, Miss Junk Food, but a third-place win in a bodybuilding competition last summer.

'MAKING A CHANGE'

"If you looked at me you'd think I

was the epitome of health," said Angel Pyle, who grew up in Westland. "The book is about making a change from the inside out and getting my health back."

Written in a humorous, conversational style, Pyle shares the secrets of her junk food addiction and the 10 repetitions that transformed her body. Those include taking an honest look at yourself and admitting if you are overweight or lack muscle tone and strength then visualizing the person you want to become and setting a goal.

Pyle read every book she could find on nutrition before deciding on an eating and training plan. When obstacles surfaced she refined the program. She stayed committed during the setbacks, realizing it takes time to change unhealthy eating habits and tone the body.

"Within three months of being off junk food I had so much more energy. I wasn't on this sugar overload," said Pyle, "I was going through withdrawal. I started getting headaches but then I stopped having severe cravings. I still try to eat things without sugar. If I eat candy, it's sugar

Pyle says, don't cut calories drastically to 800 a day and expect to build a healthy body. And don't try to lift weights that are too heavy and end up straining or injuring yourself.

Pyle used a spiral notebook to

started lifting two-pound weights for bicep curls but quickly graduated to fivepound dumbbells. One of her daily goals was to go to the gym regularly in the morning. Pyle doesn't give specifics of how to eat or exercise

in the book. She leaves 10-rep plan in her new that up to the individual to develop a plan. book.

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record the progress of her

fitness program and keep

up her momentum. She

She celebrated the smallest victories, but even more importantly found a source of inspiration - her brother Marty who'd gone from being overweight to buff. She learned to accept positive and negative feedback. And she never forgot that maintaining a healthy body is a lifelong effort. Her plan continues to include working out at the gym six days a week. On a recent morning breakfast consisted of an egg white omelet with veggie sausage. Pyle doesn't eat red meat just because she doesn't like it. Instead she looks forward to a dinner of tilapia and

"I have one daughter, Aubrey, 19, who's away at college, and a younger daughter Aspen, 11. It has changed our whole family. Aubrey grew up in a junk food household. Aspen is growing up in a healthy household," said Pyle. "I'd like to get into the

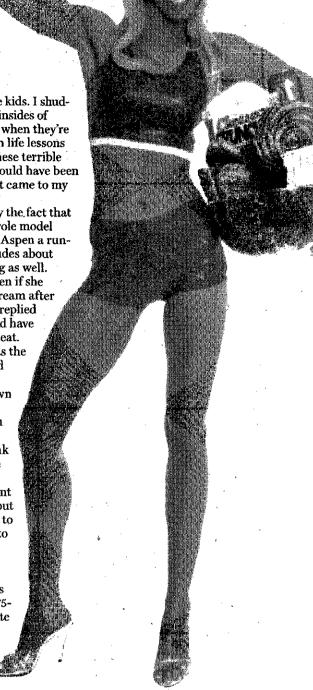
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schools and talk to the kids. I shudder to think what the insides of these kids will be like when they're 30. They need to learn life lessons before they develop these terrible habits. I wish there would have been a Miss Junk Food that came to my Pyle is heartened by the fact that

in spite of their poor role model Aubrey joined a gym, Aspen a running club. Their attitudes about nutrition are changing as well. When Ken asked Aspen if she wanted to go for ice cream after a three-mile race she replied I'd rather go home and have something healthy to eat.

"I feel everybody has the power to change," said Pyle. "My advice is to set a goal, write it down and pick a plan and never give up. You can be a whole new you. Instead of craving junk foods, now I crave the good stuff. It's still a challenge. When I want to eat junk food I do but in moderation. I used to live to eat. Now I eat to live.'

Miss Junk Food is available through Immortal Investments Publishing at (800) 475-2066 or on her Web site angeloffitness.com.



### JANUARY

Free yoga classes

Astarte Yoga is offering free weekend class in honor of Yoga Awareness Day (Jan. 26) takes place 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27 at Astarte Yoga, 21894 Farmington Rd., Farmington, For details, call (248) 427-0550.

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Red Cross blood drive takes place 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic .Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. For information, call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309.

Alzheimer's Association

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Hip and knee pain seminars

4 p.m. Feb. 4, at Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile. No charge. Information on what causes hip and knee pain with an emphasis on Osteoarthritis. Conservative and more aggressive treatment options discussed.

Participants are encouraged to ask questions and educational materials are provided, Call (888) 440-7325 to register or for information, or visit www.stiohn.org.

CHADD meeting

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit-Disorder meet Feb. 4, at Way Elementary School on West Long Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, Registration begins at 7 p.m. for the presentations 7:30-9 p.m. The parent presentation will be on The ABC's of Special Education Advocacy for AD/HD and Comorbid Conditions with Marcie Lipsitt who is a Parent Advocate and Grassroots Organizer of Michigan

Alliance for Special Education. Terry Matlen, MSW will be assisting her. The Adult presenter will be Trudy Fink MSW on Dual Diagnosis of AD/HD and Substance Abuse: Recovery to Focus on Managing AD/HD. The Parent and Adult groups meet simultaneous in different rooms, Meetings are free to members and up to a \$5 donation per non member family or option to join. If school is closed due to inclement weather or power outage, the phone line at (248) 988-6716 will indicate if the meeting is canceled.

Health enhancement classes

Classes begin Feb. 4 for classes for exercise (including yoga), CPR and childbirth, and support groups for cardiac, cancer, stroke and diabetes patients; eating disorders; Alzheimer's caregivers, and the hard of hearing. The offerings are part of an array of offerings at Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center. For more information, call (734) 458-3242. Blood pressure (free) and cholesterol testing \$5) are also available noon to 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Garden City Hospital Jobby, No registration required. The hospital also offers free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 6 and every other Wednesday at the Maplewood Community Center. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

Thyroid workshop

Find out what you need to know to stay healthy with Dr. William Karl, D.C. 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. To reserve a seat, call (734) 425-8588.

Cuisine for a Cause

Benefits Josephine Ford Cancer Center at Henry Ford Health System, Detroit's historic Opus One donates 25 percent of all non-discounted quest checks Friday-Saturday, Feb. 1-2. The event kicks off a nearly three month fundraising event for 10 metro Detroit charities, which includes JFCC. After the opening weekend, patrons who dine at Opus One, Monday through Thursday,

Feb. 4 to April 17, will have the opportunity to designate that one of the 10 chosen charities receive 25 percent of their bill. In addition, any private function that is held at Opus One between Feb. 3 and Sept. 30 can be designated as a Cuisine for a Cause event and 25 percent of the bill will be donated to JFCC. To qualify, you must mention that this is a Cuisine for a Cause event upon booking. At the conclusion of the campaign, a celebratory wine-tasting reception will be held 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, April 25 at the Ford Conference and Event Center in Dearborn. The event features a live auction and more than 60 premium wines with a strolling supper specially prepared by Opus One. Tickets are \$100 and \$80 is tax deductible. To purchase tickets for the wine-tasting reception or for more information, call (313) 876-9237.

Cardiovascular presentation

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting a presentation on cardiovascular health 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 6, at the Northville Community Senior Center. Speaker is St. Mary Mercy's Ginger Ramsay, RN. No charge, registration required. Call (248) 349-4140. This Let's Talk presentation is part of the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Senior Health Connection program which offers adults 55 and over programs and discounts, a free lecture series, AARP Safe Driving Program, free blood pressure screenings, Westland Mail and Laurel Park Place Walkers Clubs, discounts on health education classes, women's programs, more. Call to register, identify yourself as a senior.

Fit Tuesday

9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 5, group exercise classes, an ask the dietitian booth with nutrition handouts, recipes and healthy snacks, and use of the exercise equipment, pool and sauna for the day at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement. Everything is free and no reservations necessary. For information, call (248) 473-3100 or log on to www.botsford.org/bchi.

### Classes offer New Year's solutions on weight loss and fitness

If you started January with a bang, but now find your New Year's resolutions waning or nowhere in sight, Madonna University has a class that focuses on healthy solutions. Lorraine Stefano, a social worker and college instructor, presents Think Trim - Be Trim - Stay Trim 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 6. "Most of us get off on the wrong foot. We step on the scale, look at our weight and resolve to go to the gym every day and eat nothing but broccoli and chicken breasts. It isn't real," said Lorraine Stefano of Troy. "Studies show Americans spend \$30 billion a year on exercise equipment but the population isn't getting slim-

Stefano suggests setting goals based on current behavior and lifestyle, and she should know. Chubby as a child, pudgy as an adult, she would set a goal of losing weight every January but never really get any trimmer. A new diet, a new piece of exercise equipment, a personal coach - they all worked for a while but not in the long run. Stefano had to look at her lifestyle, change her thinking and start gradually. She lost 50 pounds and has kept it off for 25

years. Here are some of her tips: Focus on your behavior. It is the

only thing you can measure. Setting a goal of losing five pounds a week is laudable, but close to impossible. Set an activity goal, such as walking for 30 minutes, three times a week or plan to cook a healthy, lower calorie dinner twice a week.

Moderation is the key. Studies show people who undertake liquid diets or cabbage diets gain their weight back when they eat regular food. Healthy eating plans should include your favorite foods in smaller portions.

Make exercise a priority. If you wait for a magic time to exercise, a magic space to appear on the calendar it won't happen. Instead start gradually with 15-minute walks around the block or exercising with a DVD before work. Just check with your doctor before starting. Remember any activity is better than no activity.

Set short term goals. Make a goal for a week, not a month or a year. Then set the same goal next week or revise it. You are much more likely to work toward a goal when you can see a target.

Resolve to live a healthy lifestyle. Add more fruits, vegetables and whole grains to your diet. Sign up for a new exercise class, create a home gym or start walking with a

To find out more about healthy New Year's solutions, call Madonna University at (734) 432-5732 or visit www.thinktrim.com. The fee for the workshop is \$27.

A class is also available at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 5. The fee is \$24. To register, call (248) 644-5832.

### Canton grapplers pin down victory over Franklin

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, January 27, 2008

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

When Canton's wrestling team hit some rough terrain during its Battle of the Bulgecaliber showdown Thursday night with Livonia Franklin, the Chiefs hitched a ride on the "Tank."

Junior Carl "Tank" Lucke's come-from-behind 9-5 decision over Justin Jacobson at 119 pounds proved to be the catalyst in the Chiefs' 36-29 triumph over the host Patriots.

Lucke's win ignited a fivematch Canton winning streak that turned a 19-16 deficit into a bulging 36-19 lead.

The win essentially clinched the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division title for Canton, which improved to 17-5 overall and 4-0 in the division.

Franklin, which had won three consecutive division crowns and seven straight dual matches against Canton, dropped to 18-3 and 3-1, respectively.

Tank was definitely the ignition tonight," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "He was down 5-1, got the escape to get to within 5-2, then got the headlock. It was a huge win for us because the bench caught fire right after that and then we rattled off I don't know how many wins.

This has turned into a great rivalry between us and Franklin. It's one they look forward to and we look forward to. Winning the division is just a small piece of the pie for us though as far as what we want to do. It's a nice win - we want to win everything we enter but our goals are set for later in the season."

Lucke didn't panic in the face of a four-point, third-period

"I just tried to get a takedown, put him on his back and end it," said Lucke, reflecting on his mindset heading into the crucial third period. "I was I got three back points.

This was a huge win for us. Every match counted. This is the first time I can remember beating Franklin, so it feels good."

Franklin coach Dave Chiola said the high-intensity encounter was no surprise to him.

"It's always close when we wrestle Canton — it always comes down to a couple match-

es that could go either way," he said. "They wrestled tough and we wrestled tough. They surprised us in a couple of spots and we probably surprised them in a couple.

'The 119 match was absolutely the pivotal match. They were favored to win it and we wrestled a good match. Lucke is a very good wrestler. I thought the 171-pound match (Canton's Rodger Kropp's 4-3 nail-biter over Garrett Hay) was pivotal, too.\*

Canton secured the lead for good, 22-19, when Donnie Watkins followed up Lucke's victory by pinning Grant Phillips in 1:41 at 125.

Jeremy Filippelli then kept the momentum on the Chiefs' side of the mat when he ended a scoreless classic with Ryan Haarala by pinning the Patriots' 130-pounder with nine seconds left in the second

Canton's brutally tough schedule pays off in pressurepacked matches like Thursday night's, Randolph emphasized.

Some of our kids have quite a few losses, but in the grand scheme of things (the tough schedule) helps because they're used to wrestling ranked opponents from different divisions," he said. ""We probably take a couple of losses as a team because of our demanding schedule, but that's OK because it prepares us for later in the season and for close dual matches like this one."

Canton's top-notch schedule is earning it respect: The Chiefs were ranked No. 8 in the latest "Michigan Grappler" Division 1 rankings.

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### **CANTON 36** LIYONIA FRANKLIN 29

THURSDAY AT FRANKLIN

160 pounds: Don Stratz (LF) pinned
Fawzi Zeidan in 3:50; 171: Rodger Kropp
(C) decisioned Garrett Hay, 4-3; 189: Dan
Woodall (LF) pinned Adam Powers in 3:59;
215: Dan Wanshon (C) pinned Cody Hay

1141-25- Mich Moder (LF) dec Likk in 1:44; 285: Mike Modes (LF) dec. Luke Konsitzke. 5-2: **103:** Waleed Farai (C) won b Norsitzke, 5-2, 103. Wateed rad a) (C) word major decision over Steve Tuyo, 19-6; 112: Jared Pieknik (LF) won by major decision over Connor Johnson, 14-1; 119: Carl Lucke (C) dec. Justin Jacobson, 9-5; 125: Donnie Watkins (C) pinned Grant Phillips in 1:41; **130:** Jeremy Filippelli (C) pinned Ryan Haarala in 35:50; **135**: Steve Cox (C) won by technical fall over Matt Hintz, 18-3; **140**: Brent Winekoff (C) dec. Brandon Smith, 6-4; **145**: Brandon Billiau (LF) pinned Braden Price in 1:27; **152**: Elvin Ferriera (LF) won by major decision over

CANTON'S RECORD: 17-5 overall, 4-0 WLAA Western Division. FRANKLIN'S RECORD: 18-3 overall, 3-1

### **SWIMMING RESULTS**

THURSDAY AT SALEM 200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Matt Collingwood, Stan Chen, Adam Seroka, Chad Newton), 1:52.91; 2. Salem (Alex Suriano, Kory Dondzilla, Cameron Dunn, Aaron Micek), 2:06.35.

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**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 36** 

**200 freestyle:** 1. Matt Collingwood (S), 2:04.48; Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 2:06.77; 3. Tom Patterson (S),

2:12.56.
200 IM: 1. Nate Spaia (S), 2:22.82; 2. Max Mills (S), 2:27.15; 3. Shawn Long (JG), 2:\$5.72.
50 freestyle: 1. Stan Chen (S), 23.96; 2. Joe Detassanyi (S), 26.86; 3. Paul Gutu (JG), 27.40.
1-meter diving: 1. Kevin Smith (S), 184.30; 2. Cody Roe (JG), 160.15; 3. Paul Kruddy (S), 141.80.
100 butterfly: 1. Cameron Dunn (S), 1:05.26; 2. Casey Olson (S), 1:08.46; 3. Paul Cherewick (S), 1:18.87.
100 freestyle: 1. Adam Seroka (S), 50.53; 2. Matt Collingwood (S), 55.63; 3. Shawn Long (JG), 59.67.
500 freestyle: 1. Max Mills (S), 5:#5.33; 2. Chad Newton (S), 5:54.47; 3. Troy Kerchen (S), 6:31.89.

Newton (S), 5:54.47; 3. Troy Kerchen (S), 6:31.89.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Adam Seroka, Joe Detassanyi, Nate Spala, Stan Chen), 1:38.20; 2. Salem (Nick Hotfmeyer, Paul Cherewick, Cameron Dunn, Tom Patterson), 1:46.37; 3. John Glenn, 1:55.41.

100 backstroke: 1. Alex Suriano (S), 1:06.97; 2.

Aaron Micek, 1:16.51; 3. Shane Reich (S), 1:20.40.

100 breaststroke: 1. Eric Schendel (S), 1:13.88; 2

Dennis Knight (JG), 1:16.19; 3. Kory Dondzilla (S), 1:18.38.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Adam Seroka, Stan-Chen, Matt Collingwood, Nate Spala), 3:31.47; 2. Salem (Joe Detassanyi, Chad Newton, Alex Suriano, Max Mills), SALEM'S DUAL MEET RECORD: 2-3.

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200-yard mediev relay: 1. Plymouth (Jack Distel, Joe Eudy, Kyle Dull, Mike Conger), 1:53.49; 2. Wayne (Jacob Barnes, Adam Karson, Steven Ogg, Jordan Holland), 1:54.17; 3. Plymouth (Adam Wing, Ben Ambrose, Ethan Weiner, Chris Wilson), 1:57.84.

200 freestyle: 1. Paul Snyder (P), 2:03.68; 2. Justin Scaparo (P), 2:08.88; 3. Ben Ambrose (P), 2:11.93.

200 IM: 1. Adam Wing (P), 2:21.62; 2. Joe Eudy (P), 2:22.87; 3. Tony McLaughlin (P), 2:35.36. 50 freestyle: 1. Jordan Holland (WM), 24.10; 2. Kyle Dull (P), 25.55; 3. Peter Noian (P), 25.69.

100 butterfly: 1. Steven Ogg (WM), 1:02:58; 2. Paul Snyder (P), 1:02.86; 3. Jack Distel (P), 1:03.15.

100 freestyle: 1. Mike Conger (P), 51.33; 2. Chris Wilson (P), 52.94; 3. Jacob Barnes (WM), 55.88.

500 freestyle: 1. Jason Oldani (P), 5:49.07; 2. Justin Scaparo (P), 5:54.61; 3. Adam Karson (WM), 6:14.72.

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200 Heestyle feldy: I. Waylie (Johann Holland, Kevin Erdmann, Jacob Barnes, Steven Ogg), 1:38.95; 2. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Peter Nolan, Paul Snyder, Kyle Dull), 1:39.10; 3. Plymouth (Chris Wilson, Joe Eudy, Jason Oldani, Jack Distel), 1:39.16.

Jason Oldani, Jack Distel), 1:39.16.

100 backstroke: 1. Ethan Weiner (P), 1:09.31; 2.
Jacob Schofield (WM), 1:15.42; 3. Peter Burns (P), 1:20.41.
100 breaststroke: 1. Ben Ambrose (P), 1:15.65; 2.
Adam Karson (WM), 1:17.72; 3. Alex Juney 9P), 1:18.29.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (Jordan Holland; Kevin Erdmann, Jacob Barnes, Steven Ogg), 3:40.86; 2. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Peter Nolan, Paul Snyder, Ethan Weiner), 3:40.97; 3. Plymouth (Chris Wilson, Dan Stascun, Tony McLauphlin, 4ack Distel), 3:46.62

Stoscup, Tony McLaughlin, Jack Distel), 3:46.62.
PLYMOUTH'S RECORD: 4-2 overall, 2-0 WLAA. TECUMSEH 109

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JAN. 12 AT TECHNSEN 200-yard medfey relay: 1. Tecumseh (Neil Palmer, Scott Yarbrough, Jordan Little, Bip Cline), 1:42.76; 2. Plymouth (Ben Ambrose, Joe Eudy, Tony McLaughlin, Kyle Dull), 1:56.68; 3. Plymouth (Adam Wing, Dan Stoscup, Justin Scaparo, Jason Oldani), 1:56.73.
200 freestyle: 1. Mike Conger (P), 1:53.33; 2. Nick-Dillon (T), 1:57.83; 3. Patrick McAran (T), 1:59.98.

**200 IM:** 1. Andrew Eubanks (T), 2:13.56; 2. Joe Eudy (P), 2:25.14; 3. Jonathan Collins (T), 2:26.91.

(P),2:25.14; 3. Jonathan Collins (T), 2:26.91.

50 freestyle: 1. Jordan Little (T), 23.41; 2. Chris Wilson (P), 24.51; 3. Jason Oldani (P), 24.81.

1-meter diving: 1. David Gensch (T), 177.35; 2. Derek DeJone (T), 159.35; 3. Kyle Wilkenson (P), 149.80.

100 butterfly: 1. Scott Yarbrough (T), 56.65; 2. Andrew Eubanks (T), 59.52; 3. Bip Cline (T), 1:02.21.

100 freestyle: 1. Jordan Little (T), 51.75; 2. Neil Palmer (T), 52.88; 3. Chris Wilson (P), 53.30.

500 freestyle: 1. Mike Conger (P), 5:03.95; 2. Austin See (T), 5:33.54; 3. Ethan Weiner, 5:41.53.

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JAH. 10 AT PLYMOUTH 200-yard medley relay: 1. Northern (Taylor Tannous, Brian Carter, Riley Cole, Evan Cole), 1:45.31; 2. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Dan Stoscup, Paul Snyder, Chris

Admious, Briail Cattet, Riely Cute, EVall Collet, 1:43.31, 2. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Dan Stoscup, Paul Snyder, Chris Wilson), 1:48.78; 3. Plymouth (Ben Ambrose, Kyle Dull, Jack Distel, Joe Eudy), 1:55.07.

200 freestyle: 1. Matt Zavislak (WLN), 1:47.90; 2. Jason Oldani (P), 1:59.07; 3. Alex Gaucher (WLN), 2:01.29.

200 IM: 1. Brian Carter (WLN), 2:09.30; 2. Jack Distel, 2:20.64; 3. Dan Stoscup (P), 2:22.05.

50 freestyle: 1. Ryan Gerber (WLN), 22.64; 2. Evan Cole (WLN), 23.36; 3. Joe Eudy (P), 25.17.

1-meter diving: 1. Kyle Wilkenson (P), 131.70; 2. Bryan Mann (P), 120.85; 3. Christian Osorio (P), 118.30.

100 butterfly: 1. Matt Zavislak (WLN), 55.39; 2. Mike Conger (P), 55.62; 3. Riley Cole (WLN), 55.91.

100 freestyle: 1. Ryan Gerber (WLN), 50.38; 2. Taylor Tannous (WLN), 5:260; 3. Joe Eudy (P), 5:25.84; 2. Alex Gaucher (WLN), 5:31.05; 3. Chris Wilson (P), 5:31.59.

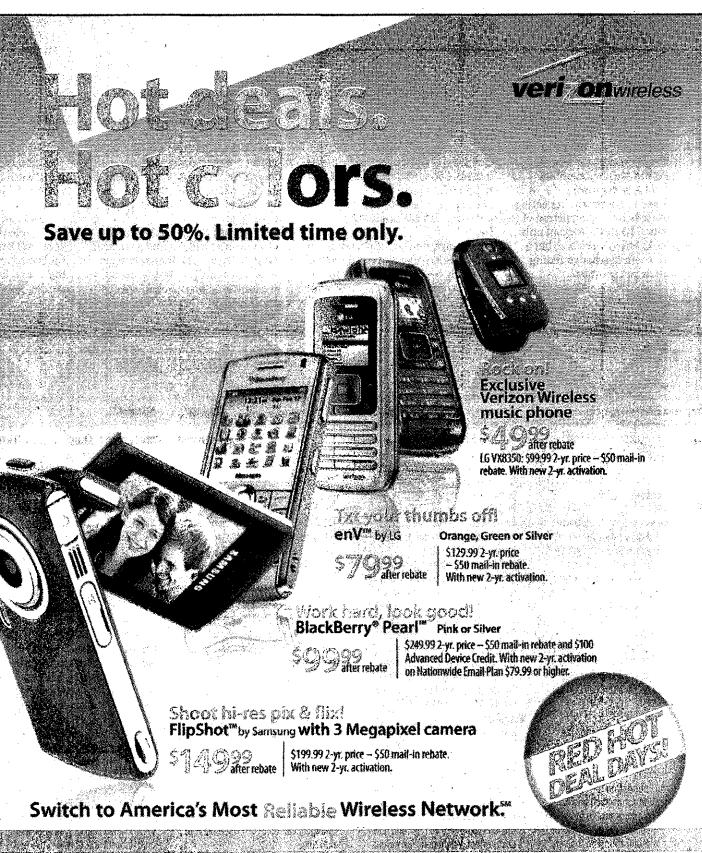
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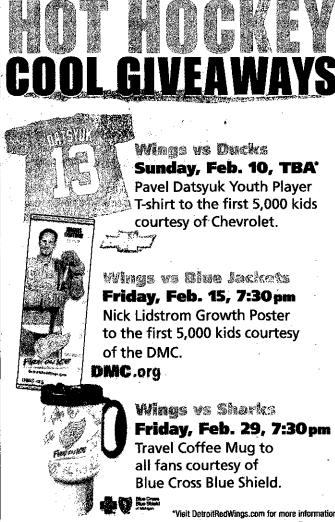
100 backstroke: 1. Mike Conger (P), 57.08; 2. Taylor Tannous (WLN), 1:02.28; 3. Evan Cole (WLN), 1:03.98.

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### Dealing with an ambiguous loss

hings are still the same, aren't they? University of Minnesota researcher and clinician Dr. Pauline Boss has opened our eyes to a new way of seeing or coping with realities that heretofore we had no good way go talk about: ambiguous loss.



**Paul Melrose** 

A couple of examples: my spouse and I divorced but we still have contact around our children. Dad is receding into Alzheimer's; he does not remember me each time we go to visit him: We had been married just two years when my spouse was called to active duty and was shipped overseas; she

was reported missing two months ago and we have heard nothing definite since. His addiction has grabbed hold of him so much that he is not himself anymore. In each of these cases the person is "here but not here."

Dr. Boss breaks down ambiguous loss into two types: in one type the person is not here (MIA, abducted but is still here). In the other kind, sort of the opposite, the person is here but not here.

What makes these situations ambiguous is the unknown aspect in each case. In one situation, here but not here, the unknown is whether or not the person will return, or be returned. In the other the person is no longer psychologically able to participate and the unknown is whether that will change in any way, for better or worse. In each case stress is high.

In the cases of addicted persons, whether to drugs, alcohol, shopping, gambling, spending, internet, the experience of life is that those close to the addicted person often have to live "around" him or her so that while life goes on a part of it is either stuck or on hold; any of these situations contribute to a profound numbing effect of feelings and behavior on those in the immediate vicinity or friends/confidantes/family members of the person at the center of the "ambiguity."

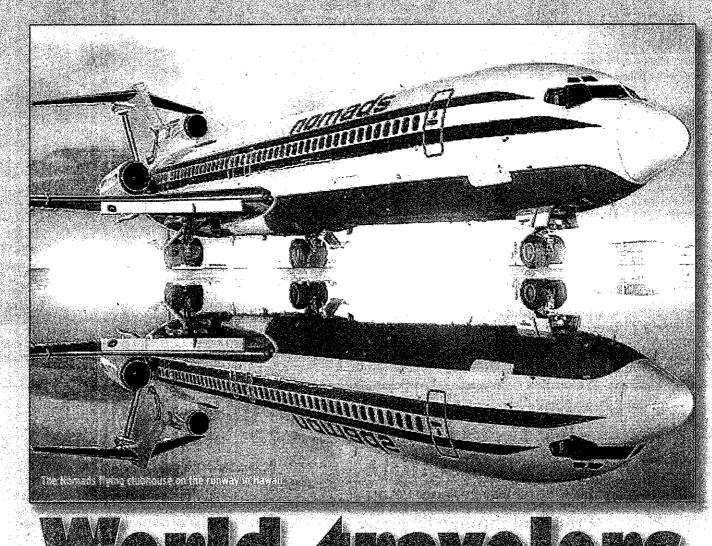
Oftentime's common wisdom in a situation like this suggests not dealing with this, walking around the "elephant in the living room," trying to be upbeat and happy when that becomes phony and artificial. Dr. Boss says the best way to address these situations of ambiguity is to face it, address it, make sure it is in the open, and find a way to deal with it.

"The goal for families is to find some way to change even though the ambiguity remains," Boss explains.

The goal is to balance grief, over what was lost, with participation in what is still possible. Her book, now available at bookstores, is a collection of real stories and experiences that provide insight into how families can remain resilient. Boss writes in an easy-toread and understand style. She wants her insights, gained from University of Minnesota-sponsored research, to directly help the general public. Already she has heard from readers whose new understanding has helped reduce their

One example which Dr. Boss gives is of a family member, a father, who always used to cook a major holiday meal. He came down with Parkinson's. Overtime he could no longer be in charge of the cooking, planning set up and invitations. The family regrouped to keep the event going and dad became the one to cook the popcorn, and thereafter pass out apples. The ambiguity was changed by the family into a concrete, specific and direct public way for the family to deal with the event. This change took into account the grief of the loss of Dad as the chef and architect of this event and changed it into an

Please see MELROSE, C5



### Nomads roam the globe



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

■ here was no coaxing Charles Calomeni into the vat with his wife Carrie in spite of the fact his size 12 feet could have stomped a lot of grapes.

The Livonia couple laugh when they think of the trip they took to Italy with the Nomads. It was one of six destinations they reached in the travel club's private plane last year. The two began 2007 with a Panama Canal trip, followed by a riverboat tour down the Rhine River through Germany, before heading to Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia then to Yellowstone in Jackson Hole and finally to Tuscany and

Umbria, where they enjoyed the wines and cuisines of the regions.

We also made tortellini and ravioli and ate what we made," Carrie Calomeni said. "It was so much fun. We get our magazine every month and can't wait to see what they have planned. We just booked a trip to France on the Rhone River."

Retirement has allowed the Calomenis to not only discover the world, but meet new friends through the Nomads. The club's 6,000 members range in age from 50 to 75 and live in Michigan cities, including Birmingham, but also the states of New York and Ohio.

Please see NOMADS, C5

### String quartet creates cutting edge sound

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

The two violins, viola and double bass crowd into the small living room in Westland. The Eye of the Tiger never sounded like this. The Il Segreto String Quartet strives not to play like Survivor or anyone else.

Michael Rais, Melissa Roberts, Joseph McGraw, and Nady Benyamine thrive on blending classical, rock, punk, electronica, and world music into their style of music.

Improvisation is key when it comes to performance or the classroom for these four public school teachers. They even experiment with amplifiers, pick-ups and electronic processors at times.

This past weekend they were scheduled to present a program to inspire educators at the Michigan Music Conference just as their orchestra conductor Kypros Markou kept alive their enthusiasm for classical music at Wayne State University where they met and formed the quartet in 2002.

Through their music they try to appeal to all ages, but, as teachers, are especially interested in exposing students to classical composers.

"We're doing a presentation incorporating rock and roll in a classical setting to try to make it more current to relate to it," said Michael Rais, 24, the orchestra, band and choir director at Frost Middle School in Livonia and double bass with the quar-

"We take a rock song and play it with classical instruments," said Joseph McGraw, 31, a graduate of Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills. McGraw

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Nady Benyamine (left), Melissa Roberts, Michael Rais, and Joseph McGraw blend classical, rock, punk, electronica, and world music into their trademark sound as the II Segreto String Quartet.



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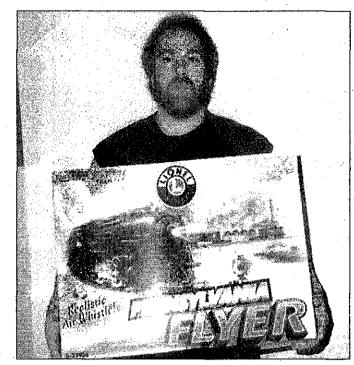
Call (248) 477-2782 or (313) 424-2384 to schedule the delivery between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Thursday., Feb. 14 (or as arranged), or send e-mail to harmoneymen@twmi.rr.com. Orders should be placed by Tuesday, Feb. 12.

### Train show to raise funds for school's programs

St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club holds its 22nd annual Ole Toy and Train Show 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27 at the school on W. Chicago and Inkster roads, two miles west of Telegraph, Redford. For details, call the Rectory at (313) 937-1500, John Avey at (313) 937-1670, or Joe Carrier at (248) 344-4422.

Admission is \$3 per person, \$6 per family. Raffle tickets for a new, complete train set cost \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The kitchen will be selling food and beverages. Proceeds helps fund St. Robert's school children sports and school programs.

Visitors will be able to have their trains tested by the Lincoln Park Train Club and see four trains in operation on the same layout. The show also features a second layout by Bob Pardington, an American Flyer. Visitors can also find out what dad's or granddad's trains are worth.



Earl Miller is shown holding the new Lionel Pennsylvania Flyer Train Set he won in the raffle at the 2005 Ole Toy and Train Show.

### for Jan. 30 Albert's show

Can you sing? Do you have a funny story to share? Then Craig Alan is looking for you to perform 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, at Albert's on the Alley, 5651 Middlebelt, Garden

Join hosts John Thiede and Alan for an evening of amateur talent, improvisational theater, comedy, and the opportunity to win prizes. Singers, story tellers and poets are sought for the Albert's Has Talent show. Those that wish to perform should arrive one half hour prior to showtime or contact Alan at (734) 546-5207.

Winners are judged by audience favorite. Alan performs magic and mind reading at Albert's on the Alley 9-11 p.m. every Friday.



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teaches at Prevail Academy in Mount "In school you see lots of kids desensitized

from the arts," added Rais. "We mix it up on our classical instruments. Anyone can enjoy classical music. You don't have to get dressed up in a tux."

Rais and McGraw played with garage bands and want their students to know about the performing opportunities available.

The Il Segreto Quartet has played everywhere from elevators to rest stops. They simply walk into random places like Starbucks and McDonald's and pick up their instruments. Never once have they been asked to leave. The response has been so positive they plan a summer tour of music festivals and gas stations.

"A lot of string players think they can only play weddings. Teachers don't show kids how to gig," said 29-year old violinist Melissa Roberts who teaches at Premier Academy in Detroit. "We show them how to do it without getting into trouble over copyrights and use different effects with violins to create their own sounds. What we're doing (with the quartet) is very cutting edge." .

To illustrate the point, Rais mentions the configuration of the Il Segreto. The basic string quartet usually calls for a cello instead of a double bass.

'We get a greater depth of sound," said

Lightyears from Pachelbel's Canon in D becomes a punk rock version with so much energy. It is one of the tracks on When Kippie Attacks, the quartet's first CD which is dedicated to Markou and available on the Web site at www.ilsegretostringquartet.com. The CD as well as the quartet have been nominated for Detroit Music Awards. All of the tracks were written by the quartet except for On With the Show by The Lawrence Arms and Sonic Youth's Sugar Cane.

"It's a melting pot of contemporary music," said violinist Nady Benyamine, 24, a graduate of Troy High School. Benyamine just finished his student teaching in West Bloomfield and is substitute teaching while looking for a position. He began studying classical violin with professors of the Cairo Conservatory of music in Egypt where he was born.

"We just said this is what we're going to do. Some are focused and accurate, some not. We're very experimental."

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### IHA Welcomes Peter Dews, MD, MS



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IHA is pleased to announce their newest physician, Dr. Peter Dews, who collaboratively with IHA, will open the IHA Plymouth Internal Medicine office in Plymouth, Michigan in late February. Completing both his medical and residency training at Wayne State University (WSU), Dr. Dews also served as a faculty member in the WSU Department of Medicine. He enjoys the continuity of long term care, collaborative relationships with patients, and has special interests in diabetes and hypertension.

Dr. Dews will be seeing patients temporarily at IHAs Associates in Internal Medicine – Cherry Hill office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (through 02/08). He will also see new patients on Monday and Friday at their location in Plymouth.

For more information about IHA Plymouth Internal Medicine and the insurances that are accepted please visit www.ihacares.com, or to schedule an appointment contact:

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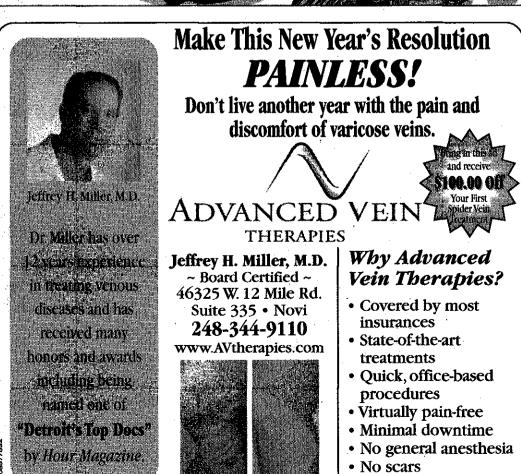
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This event showcases more than 70 U.S. camps, including both day and overnight programs. Many new camps will attend this event, including unique programs for children with special needs and diverse options for the older teen crowd. There will be many specialty camps such as computer, sports, college research, and theater to satisfy every personality.

There is no charge to attend. Families will have a chance to ask questions of the camp representatives about academic enrichment, guided travel, and arts and crafts. In addition, high school and college students interested in summer employment will have the opportunity to attain valuable information.

For more information, call events host and coordinator Elaine R. Sturman at (248) 851-7342, or visit www.metro-



Dr. Laurence Miller and artist Tracey Vitkay.

### Molar art shines in show

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Tracey Vitkay seems a little surprised when dentist Laurence Miller announces his plan to take the entire office staff to the opening reception for her art exhibit 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at Starring "The Gallery", 118 W. Main, Northville.

Vitkay's been a patient of Miller's for nearly 30 years, but she wasn't expecting this show of support even though Miller recently purchased her painting of a large molar for his waiting room in Livonia.

The molar is just one of the works in her exhibit. The opening reception is part of Northville's First Friday Art Walk.

Vitkay just finished painting the molar over New Year's weekend so she made a reproduction for Miller who paid \$200 to \$400

less because it wasn't an original.

It allowed Vitkay to gather enough of her art for the upcoming show. She also has paintings at the Gallery Cafe in South Lyon where she now lives.

"They're like family and I enjoy sharing this stuff," said Vitkay, 33, who was born in Farmington Hills and grew up in Livonia. "I've always done art. One of my favorite gifts was an easel at age 3 or 4. In elementary school at Kennedy I was in art clubs all the way through CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) program at Churchill High School. It was an intense program with Barbara Demgen."

At Western Michigan University Vitkay earned a business degrée but studied art as

"I didn't return to art until 2005 when I painted the vertebrae," said Vitkay. "My chiroprac-

tor gave me the opportunity to

show on his walls in Brighton." It's obvious Miller cares for his patients as people. He's starting his 34th year as a dentist and has maintained an office in Livonia for the entire time.

"What I do is develop relationships with my patients. We know about each other's families but did I think at age 4 you would be an (artist)?" said Dr. Laurence Miller as he gets ready to hang the molar on the wall. Miller is involved with the

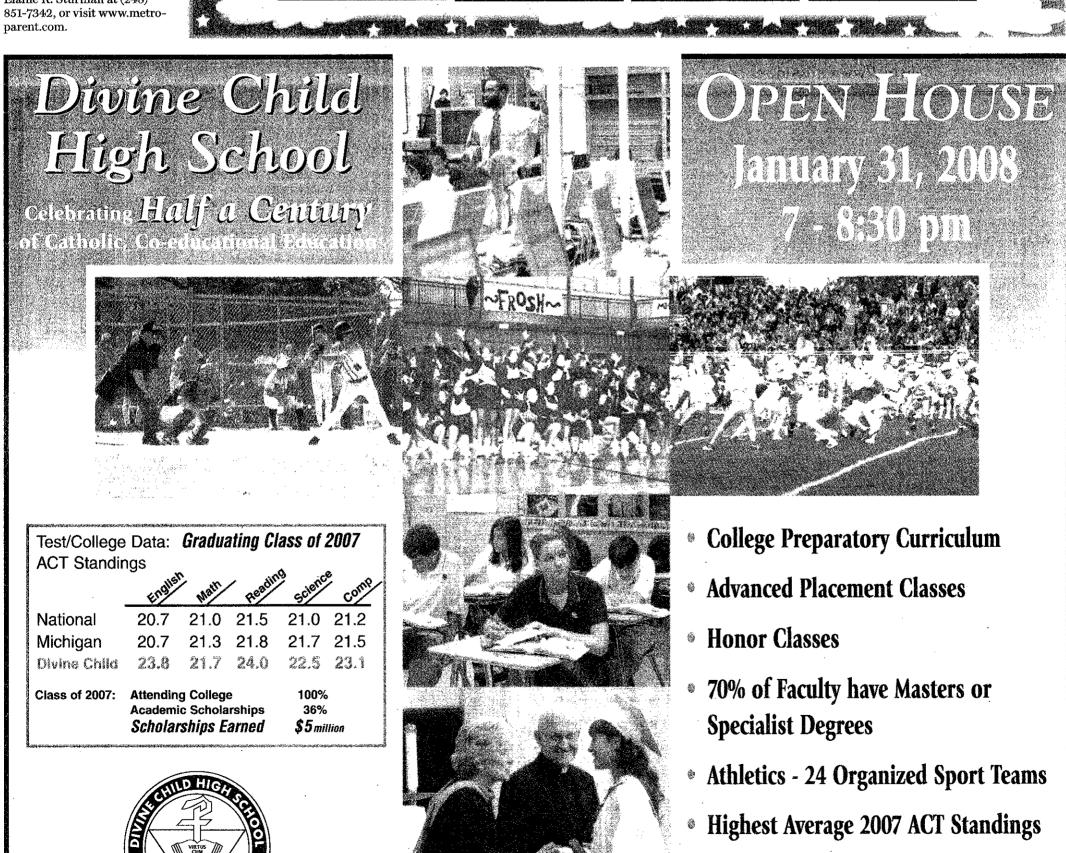
arts himself as a member of the Bloomfield Players. In 1988 he played the lead role in Music Man and got hooked."

"Her peppers (painting) would be great for a kitchen," said Miller of Bloomfield Hills.

Vitkay's show continues through February.

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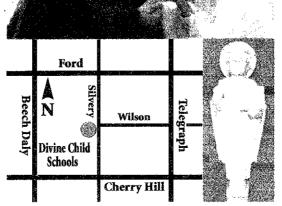






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Skluzak, son of David Ortega

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A June 20, 2008, wedding

is planned for Dearborn Hills

Robert and Patricia White

of Westland announce the

engagement of their daugh-

ter, Tracy White, to Marcus

Samland, son of the Gloria Samland and the late Ronald

The bride-to-be is a 2002

graduate of John Glenn High

School and works at Johnson's

The future groom is a 2000

graduate of John Glenn High

School and is attending ITT

Tech in Canton. He works at

No wedding date has been

Harold Pryor of Livonia

announces the engagement of

his daughter, Shannon Pryor,

to Jared Zanon of Denver, Colo.

Shannon graduated from

Western Michigan University

in 2003 with a degree in busi-

Electrical Corp. in Lafayette,

Jared is the son of Randy

Metropolitan State College of

Denver in 2000 with a degree

in exercise science and adult

fitness. He is a firefighter for

The couple are planning

Acapulco, Mexico, where they

a spring 2009 wedding in

the West Metro Fire Reserve in

and Sally Zanon of Arvada,

Colo. He graduated from

in the office at Southpass

ness administration. She works

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### Rescue group offers greyhounds

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GreyHeart Greyhound Rescue & Adoption of Michigan hosts Meet and Greets in February to find homes for the animals.

The first will be held at the Canton Petco noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, at 43435 Ford Road on the southwest corner of Ford and Morton-Taylor roads.

The rescue group will be at the Novi Petco 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at 43480 West Oak Drive, (248) 735-4356.



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### JOSEPH E. CLOSSER

Age 49, January 20, 2008. Dear father of Joseph, David, Robert and Elizabeth. Grandfather of Joseph and Jadylyn. Son of William and Loretta. Brother of William, Barbara Jo, Charleen and Daniel. Also survived by his former wife Roberta and many, nany friends. Memorial Luncheon Sunday 1pm at the Moose, Loyal Order #538, 29137 Ford Rd., Garden City (1 block east of Middlebelt). Arrangements by Santeiu & Son.



MARGARET EUGENIA GLOMMEN

92, of Monroe, MI passed peacefully at home on January 24, 2008 surrounded by her loving family. Margaret Eugenia Gough was born on August 6, 1915 in Deckerville, MI eldest daughter of John and Minnie (Munroe) Gough. Mom attended Palmer School, Brick School, and Bufton School, in the Deckerville area. Graduating from Deckerville High School at 16, she then entered Michigan State Normal College. She returned to teach rural school where she attended as a child, teaching grades K-8 until 1937. In 1939 Mom received her Bachelors Degree from Michigan State University and her Masters in 1957. Mom worked with the Farm Security Administration in Traverse City, MI from 1939-42, serving counties in northern Michigan. By December 1942 she entered the Women's Army Air Corps. As a 1st Lieutenant she served as an Army Exchange Officer at Scott Field, IL until her discharge in October 1945. Mom married Carl Louis Glommen of Suttons Bay, MI in Deckerville, MI on March 16, 1945. She went with him while he served in the South Pacific on Kwajalein and in Hawaii. The following years, mom taught school at Mount Clemens, Haslett, and Traverse City Public Schools. She retired in June 1979 from Birmingham Public Schools as system-wide Department Head of Home Economics. Mom enjoyed gardening, playing cards, and teaching others. With her vast life experiences, knowledge of many subjects, and numerous travels it was always a joy to be in her presence and talk with her. For anyone who knew Mom, it was not surprising to know how many lives she touched Mom's greatest loves and joy were her husband and family. She is survived by her three children: They are Martin Elwin Glommen (and his wife Judy) of West Haven, UT; Carla Lawain McRae of Orick,CA; and Doris Mae Glommen of Monroe, MI. Mom is also great grandchildren. As per Mom's request a gathering and brief service will be held at the Allore Funeral Home in Monroe, MI on January 26, 2008 visitation at 2pm. and funeral services at 4pm. Pastor Dennis Bux of Christ Lutheran Church, Monroe MI, will conduct the service preceded by military honors. Internment will be with her husband, Carl Louis Glommen (deceased 1983) at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Battle Creek, MJ. It will be conducted January 28th 2008.





**IRENE L. REAUME** 

Died January 22, 2008 in Mt. Pleasant at 96 years old. Formerly of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Leo. Dear mother of Darvin (Patricia), Richard (Rose), Jerry (Caroline), Lorraine (Kenneth) Eagleton, Leonard (Kenneth) Eagleton, Leonard (Jackie), Robert (Dorothy), Beverly Conkright and Sharon Gregory. Sister of Earl and Alex Bracken. Also survived by 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. (in state at 9:30 a.m.) Monday at Church of the Holy Family 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi. Visitation Sunday 2-8 p.m. with a Rosary at 7 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home 33603 Grand River Ave. (1 block West of Farmington downtown Farmington. Memorials suggested to Isabella County Medical Care Facility 1222 North Drive, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858



CHARLES THORNE 'CHUCK' MURPHY II

Passed away suddenly January 22, 2008; age 49, of Royal Oak, MI. Born in Pontiac, MI at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Beloved and cherished son of Gayle French Murphy and the late Williams Vhay Murphy. Mr. Murphy is a lifelong resident of Michigan. Mr. Murphy leaves behind his devoted Murphy leaves behind his devoted wife Paula Anderson Murphy, his cherished children, son, Corey Douglas Murphy, daughter Katelyn Ann Murphy and Fiona his faithful and loyal hunting dog. Dearest fun and loving brother of Debbie Murphy Hutchins, William Scott Murphy and Michael Whay Murphy Beloved Michael Vhay Murphy. Beloved grandson of the late Charles Thome (Mike) and Elise Vhay Murphy, Deputy American Consulate General Australia George W. and Ruth Strother French; survived by adoring nieces and nephews, Richard Mills Hutchins, Jr, Michelle French Hutchins, Ashley Kern Hutchins, Allie MacMillan Murphy, William Vhay Murphy II, Jack Strother Murphy and Maddie Vhay Murphy; special aunt Leigh French of Los Angeles and her daughters Seirra French-Myerson and Darcy French-Myerson, long time and special family friend Dennis Wholey of Washington, D.C. Mr. Murphy was known for his love of the great outdoors, his deep love for his entire family and for his big heart and great strengths. Mr. Murphy was proud of his heritage as part of the early ski industry in Michigan brought forth by his grandfather Mike Murphy and friends in developing Otsego Ski Club in Gaylord Michigan. Mr. Murphy owned C.T.M. Construction Company where he experienced many life long friendships. Visitation Monday 3-8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Darcy French-Myerson, long time and p.m. at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Service Tuesday 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Rd., Cranbrook. Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Corey and Katelyn Murphy Fund to be established.



KENNETH JOHN **SEYMOUR** 

Age 87 of Plymouth, born February 6, 1920, went to heaven January 23, 2008, at his home surrounded by his loving family. Loving husband of Betty Ann for 60 years. Children: Karen Ann (Drew) Cardinalli of Monterey, CA; Deborah Lynn (Chris) Grunn of Oklahoma City, OK, Jan Kay Polnicky of Holland, MI, Pamela Jo (Thomas) Killiany of Novi, MI, and Kenneth John (Renee) Seymour, Jr. of Dearborn Heights, MI. Grandchildren: Stephanie, Brooke, Lindsay Kay, Courtney Ryan, Katherin Ann, Kenneth John III and Benjamin Thomas. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister and brother. Kenneth proudly served as a military police in the 36th Texas Infantry Division during World War II. He received the Good Conduct Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with five Bronze Stars and one Bronze Arrowhead. He was the best husband and daddy in the world. He will be in the arms of Jesus, and in our hearts forever. Cremation services arranged by Funeral Home-Plymouth. To view obituary and share memories, visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com





RICK SWOPE

Age 53, passed away December 7, 2007 in Wayne, Michigan. Born June 29, 1954, in Detroit, MI. Rick was a disabled veteran of the United States Air Force who spent much of his adult life working to help others through his support for nonprofit social service agencies and churches. He was a familiar sight collecting bottles and cans door-to-door in Wayne and Westland, donating many thousands of dollars to help people who were homeless or otherwise in need. His more than 30 years of support for SOS Community Services in Ypsilanti alone helped thousands of families and individuals with food and hous-ing assistance. Rick was an authentic Good Samaritan and his generosity will be long remembered. Rick is sur-vived by his sister Diana Carey, brother-in-law Allen Carey, and nephews Matthew and Ryan Carey. Rick's final interment will take place at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, Nevada. A public memorial service will be held 10:30am Wednesday, January 30 at the Wayne Public Library in Wayne, Michigan.

### THOMAS HAW WEEBER Age 66, of Ruskin, Florida

passed away Sunday, January 5, 2008. He was the son of Arthur G. and Allison E. Weeber. He graduated from Rochester High, attended Ferris State University and served in the Michigan National Guard. In his early years, Tom was part of the family restaurant, The Hathaway House, in Blissfield, MI, then he worked in hospital administration and most recently in retail sales. Tom lived a life close to God and found complete serenity in the natural beauty of this planet earth. Survivors include his brothers Arthur, Michael and Walter L. Weeber of Blissfield, MI and William D. of Kalamazoo, MI; his sisters Allison A. Arscott of Ann Arbor, MI and M. Toni Shick of Hot Springs Village, ARK; and his sever nieces and nephews and eight grand-nieces and nephews. Tom remains in our hearts as a loving, caring and giving brother, uncle and friend. The memorial service and interment will be at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, MI on February. 9 2008, 12:30 pm Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society



MILDRED E. WILLISON

January 24, 2008 of Bloomfield Hills Dear wife of David. Dearest mother of John (Carol), Ann (Reinhard) Lemke, Stephen (Amy), Roberta (Scott) Kisker and Theresa (Dennis) Kerley III. Grandmother of 21. Sister of Frederick White, Frances Ewbank Nancy McConnell and the late Rober White. Family will receive friends at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak, Sunday 2-8 p.m. In state Monday 10:30 a.m. a First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W Maple Rd., until the time of service 11 a.m. Contributions appreciated to Heifer International, 800-689-2511, www.heifer.org. Share your memories www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

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### **ENGAGEMENTS**

Perrell-Renner

**Bruce and Terry Perrell** of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth T. Perrell, to Colby S. Renner, son of Robert and Linda Hastings of Tecumseh.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Redford Union High School and received a bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Michigan in 2006. She is currently a student at the U-M College of Pharmacy and will graduate in 2009. She is employed by Kroger Pharmacy in Milan.

The future groom is a 2001 graduate of Tecumseh High School and received a bachelor of business administration



degree from Eastern Michigan University in 2007. He is currently a manager of bd's Mongolian Barbeque in Ann Arbor and a corporate trainer.

A May 2008 wedding is planned.

### Crist-Coppola

Lori Leann Crist of Redford and Robert Keith Coppola of Farmington Hills are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Judy Crist of Tecumseh and Terry and Carolyn Crist of Blissfield. She has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Michigan State University and master of business administration from Wayne State University. She is a development supervisor at Thomson Tax and Accounting in Dexter.

The future groom is the son of Sam and Velma Coppola of



Livonia. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is vice president of Millward Brown in Southfield.

A June 14, 2008, wedding is planned for Fox Hills, the Golden Fox.

### White-Kiefer

Dennis and Maureen White of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Angelique White, to Kevin Mark Kiefer, son of Melvin and Joan Kiefer of Menominee.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She received a bachelor of science degree in child development at Michigan State University in 1999 and a master of science in community services at MSU in 2006. She is a teacher at the Dearborn Academy in Dearborn.

The future groom is a 1995 graduate of Menominee High School. He received a bachelor of arts in marketing from Michigan State University



in 1999. He is employed as marketing manager with the Rehmann Group in Troy. A July 12, 2008, wedding is planned at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

### Maguire-Carpenter

Leonard and Karen Maguire of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Brianna Lynn Maguire, to Matthew Curtiss Carpenter, son of Kenneth and Carol Carpenter of Southgate.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is employed by Synthetic Plastering.

The future groom is a 1999 graduate of Southgate Anderson High School. He is employed by Jamison Industries.

A June 7, 2008, wedding is planned with a reception at the Hellenic Cultural Center in



Westland. The couple will honeymoon in Jamaica and make their home in Westland.

### Wracan-Uehlein

met four years ago.

the Denver area.

Kathy Wracan of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Linda Wracan, to Jeffrey David Uehlein, son of David and Jeanne Uehlein of Fostoria, Ohio. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Madonna University and is

employed at Quicken Loans.

The future groom has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from GMI and is employed at Chrysler. An Aug. 2, 2008, wedding is planned for St. Aidan's Church in Livonia, followed by a reception at Farmington Hills Manor. The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii.

### **BIRTHS**

Aislinn Melissa Brogdon

Ryan and Amanda (Cavanaugh) Brogdon of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, Aislinn Melissa

Brogdon. Aislinn was born Nov. 26, 2007, at **Botsford General** Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth.

Aislinn has an older brother, Donovan, 20 months.

Grandparents are Michael and Theresa Cavanaugh of Dexter (formerly of Livonia), Doug and Martee

Hickman of Bellaire (formerly of Farmington Hills) and Jim and Bonnie Brogdon of Strickland, Ga.

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(Piippo) Delgreco of Canton announce the birth of their son,



Delgreco on Dec. 27, 2007. Grandparents are Kenneth Delgreco Sr. and Judy Delgreco of Novi and Gerald and Lynne Piippo or St. Ignace. Great-grandparents are Barbara Delgreco of Westland, Ed and Noreen

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"You cannot put a price on friendships you make," said Calomeni, who joined the Nomads with Charles in

"It's the camaraderie. We stay in contact with other members," added Charles, who one day hopes to visit Calabria, the southern region of Italy where his grandparents lived before coming to America.

Kathie Reschke compares the Nomads to a country club, but invites the public to see for themselves during an open house Tuesday, Feb. 19, in the Nomads World Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. For information, call (734) 941-8000 or visit www.nomadstravel.org.

Organized in 1965, the notfor-profit club offers business class accommodations in a Boeing 727 that takes travelers on trips ranging from three to 30 days. Members initially pay \$500 to join and then \$180 annually.

"I get excited about putting together trips nobody can do," said Reschke, Nomads president and a Livonia resident. "Last year it was a 30-day trip to Mongolia and Tibet, next year an around the world 30-day trip. We're doing two trips we haven't done in some time: Israel and Jordan, and a Persian

Gulf cruise in and out of Dubai."

The sometimes exotic destinations are something the club's founders probably never envisioned.

"It was started by three General Motors employees. The club was one of many around the country in the mid-'60s when jet aircraft were coming out and airlines were getting rid of turbo props," Reschke said. "The three employees got 200 other people together and at least one of the guys mortgaged his house and bought a plane. This is our fifth plane over the years. We offer about 50 trips a year. The magazine announces the trips and everybody has a chance to sign up by a certain day. A computer does a random selection. We do an encore, a second trip, if it over subscribes.

John and Carol Aubrey especially enjoy the mystery trips to unknown locations. The Birmingham couple take shorter vacations since they still run a business. In 2007, they went to Martha's Vineyard, Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia, an autumn color tour in Vermont and the Christmas tree lighting in Rockefeller Center. Members since 1982, the Aubreys take at least five trips a year.

Boy was that dynamite (the tree lighting)," Carol Aubrey said. "We flew in and

buses picked us up at the plane. When we arrived at this building, we went in private elevators to the private dining room with windows all around and had a beautiful dinner and cocktails. The top floor opened onto the roof and it was a beautiful night. When the tree was lit,

we were right there." So far this year, the Aubrevs have booked two trips. Over the years, they've encouraged at least four couples to join, but singles are also welcome.

"We have confirmed a mystery trip," Aubrey said. "We absolutely love them. It's our 21st mystery trip in April. Last year, we went to the Masters (golf tournament) in Georgia. A lot of mystery

trips are places the Nomads haven't been. In May, we're confirmed to go to the Nantucket Wine Festival we did a couple of years ago. It's a major fund-raiser for their hospital. Chefs came in from all over the country. It's awe-

2007 was the best year financially for the Nomads with 97 percent of the seats full. The plane or flying clubhouse was reconfigured to business class in 2006. It now carries 92 passengers instead of 145.

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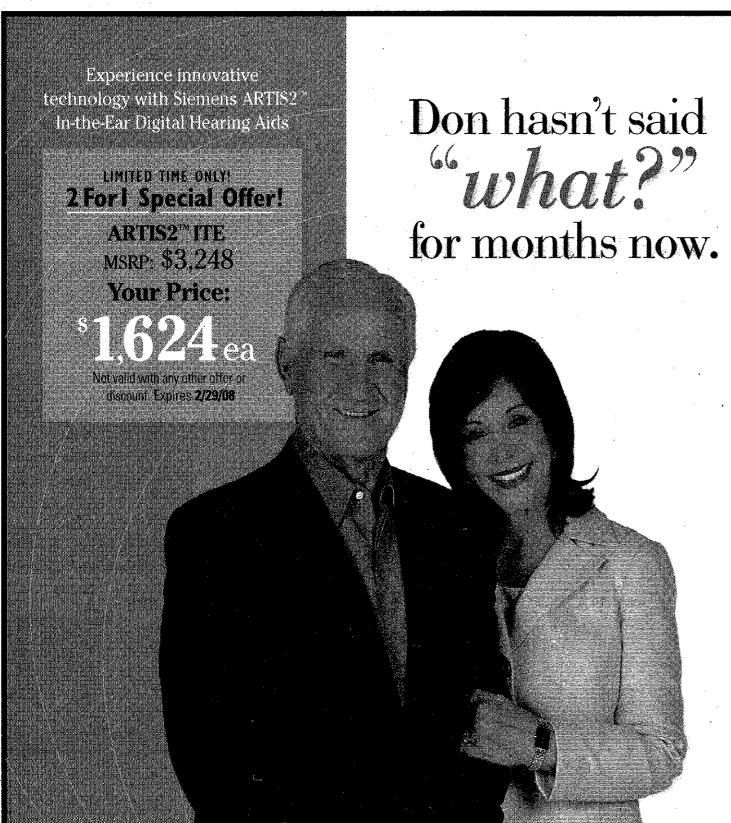
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brainstorming, both traditional and virtual, from an employee perspective. This article will focus on the process as "a middle path between the two

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extremes of boundless speculation and quantitative data analysis. . . (and) posing the right questions . . ., as advocated in the December, 2007, Harvard Business Review.

TRADITIONAL/WEB-BASED

The Marketing Arm, a promotions and events agency headquartered in Dallas, uses brainstorming sessions to help with tasks and projects needing a nudge from multiple idea sources. Account manager Mindy Kuhl says, "We submit what we're working on that we need help on and try to come up with some ideas." These weekly sessions, called "Creative Soup," emerge from office-wide invitations to all 150 employees.
"IdeaLink" is another form of brainstorming there,

in the company to help a person seeking suggestions within one to three days. "We log onto the Web site," Kuhl explains, "read about a topic and contribute two, ten, to 20 ideas at our leisure, usually over two to three days. It's a great tool for reaching as many people as possible (about 2,300 employees) without time constraints, and it draws upon people in multiple offices nationwide and in London and Beijing. The company rewards participation with gift certificates at year's end. Employees who contribute in all IdeaLinks receive a bonus. "You're not punished (for not participating)," she adds, "but you are rewarded." TELEPHONE

An ordinary telephone provides yet another venue for brainstorming. Steven Marcano turns into an employee every time he brainstorms virtually. That's every day, except when he's traveling. He founded the more than \$4 million My Lil' Star Baby Products, an interactive baby product media-based company headquartered in Hartford, Conn., with an office in Manhattan. The company has 20 employees and freelancers.

Co-workers from different divisions get onto the telephone to brainstorm the last hour of the day. Technology enables them to see each other and the visuals. At first, it feels as if everyone's in a meeting much more free-for-all. It's virtual, calling on everyone without knowing the focus. They discuss positive

developments and challenges they're facing. Then, brainstorming begins, tackling problems that have arisen, projects that weren't completed, goals that weren't met. "One day," Marcano says, "we had an extra two feet in a container. So we brainstormed, asking how many bottles of shampoos, conditioners and lotions could fit in a container. The profit from them would pay for our freight." That brainstorming session led to the free shipment of 1,600 cases of diapers per truck. When people discuss an idea, they're considered

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But not all brainstorming goes smoothly. Marcano refers to the pressure in every session and the danger of a destructive ego taking over -- "when ego and attitudes get involved and people can't take constructive criticism"-- causing participation and productivity to plummet. However, he comments that after peers state in front of peers that they'll do



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something, they're more likely to follow through. Kuhl mentions that while brainstorming fosters a love of ideas, good or bad, the wrong mix of people or knowledge can doom a session. Occasionally, a good idea emerges this way, but only if you have the time to kill. Further, she points out that an ill-defined objective can lead to "people spinning their wheels for an hour or more, going around in circles."

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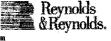
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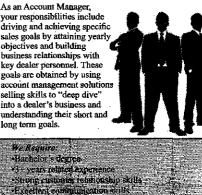
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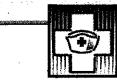
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The all-new 2008 Buick Enclave is the newest vehicle to join the crossover fray. With the cargo capability and high seating position of a traditional SUV, the Enclave may be just what Buick needs to break its lackluster sales cycle. Buick execs are so confident in their Enclave that it replaces two vehicles, the Buick Rainier and the

Rêndezvous. The Enclave may be the best of a new family of crossover vehicles from General Motors, which includes the Saturn Outlook and the GMC Acadia.

The Enclave and its siblings are all built at a new assembly plant near Lansing, Mich.
The 2008 Buick Enclave comes in CX and CXL trim

levels. Both offer standard seven-passenger seating via second-row captain's chairs and a third-row bench seat. An optional second-row bench seat is thrown in upon request at no additional charge, which increases seating capacity to

eight.
The base \$32,055 CX comes with 18-inch alloy wheels, bi-xenon HID headlights, a power liftgate, heated outside mirrors, cloth upholstery, a power driver seat, a telescoping leather/wood steering wheel, triple-zone automatic climate control, a six-speaker CD stereo with an mp3 player input jack, satellite radio and OnStar.

The up-level Enclave CXL adds 19-inch wheels, leather upholstery, heated front seats and additional power seat

adjustments, including memory settings for the driver. Upgrades can be made through four different entertainment packages, which include a navigation system, a back-up camera, a 10-speaker Bose audio system with an in-dash CD changer and a rear DVD entertainment system that plays in 5.1 surround sound. There's also the Driver Confidence Package, which adds remote start, rear parking sensors and heated windshield washer fluid.

But the real treats are available through the Luxury Package, which is exclusive to the CXL. This package offers adaptive headlights, power-folding outside mirrors, a power tilt/telescoping steering wheel and a 110-volt outlet. Stand-alone options on both trim levels include the Dual SkyScape Sunroof sliding moonroof, a second-row storage console and towing equipment. What sets the Enclave apart from other crossovers is the host of innovative features that aren't offered standard or simply unavailable in competing

Some of these features include a second-row seat console that unfolds to help create a flat load floor when the seats are folded. Also, the center console storage area is equipped with a pull-out tray. When removed, the tray reveals a deep space for storing a pair of 16-ounce bottles or other tall

The Enclave also features a power-operated liftgate, Smart Slide second-row seat feature and a DVD-based rear-seat entertainment system with one of the segment's largest display screens.



The 2008 Buick Enclave is the newest member of the General Motors crossover family, which includes the Saturn Outlook and GMC Acadia. It is also the most luxurious.

GM's Smart Slide feature allows entry in the third row with the ease of a tug of one handle. With Smart Slide, the second-row seat cushion flips up while the seat-back slides forward, compressing the space occupied by the seat. Also, when adjusted rearward, the second-row seat provides more legroom for taller passengers and when adjusted forward, it provides more storage space or additional legroom for third-

All-New Buick Enclave: A Standout Crossover

row passengers.

With 18.9 cubic feet of cargo space available behind the third row, the Enclave is not short on functionality appeal. And by folding all seats, you get 116 cubic feet of storage space to work with.

The best other crossovers in this segment can boast is 85 cubic feet of storage, so if you need to haul a lot of things, look no further than the Enclave. Buick engineers designed the Enclave's cabin to be as quiet as a library, something usually reserved for luxury vehicles.

Buick's exclusive QuietTuning engineering process reduces, blocks and absorbs unwanted noise from entering the Enclave's cabin. Some noise-reducing components include an acoustic laminated windshield, laminated safety door glass, triple door seals, flat-blade windshield wipers, strategically placed sound deadening material in more than two dozen locations throughout the vehicle and outside rearview mirrors and tires designed to minimize noise.

The 2008 Enclave has a comprehensive safety system designed to protect passengers before, during and after a crash. Four-wheel anti-lock brakes, StabiliTrak electronic stability control system - with rollover protection technology and GM's tire-pressure monitoring system are standard.

Traction control is standard on all models. The Enclave is equipped with six standard air bags: two dual-stage frontal air bags, two seat-mounted side-impact air bags in the first row and two roof rail air bags that cover all three seating

Added safety is ensured in the Enclave by the optional Ultrasonic Rear Park Assist and rear back-up camera, which work together to provide not only a visual reference of objects directly behind the vehicle, but an audible warning of the objects' proximity.

Displayed on the navigation system display screen, icons and audible cues provide an easy-to-understand reference to

items behind the vehicle. The Enclave can also be equipped with power-adjustable outside mirrors that automatically angle downward when the vehicle is in reverse, providing a view of the curb or parking

The mirrors can be programmed so that one, both or none of the mirrors provide this view.

A must have for Michigan and Wisconsin owners is the intelligent all-wheel-drive system. This system provides increased traction on slippery roads and other driving situations. The system works by delivering just the right amount of power to the rear wheels. What's so great about this is that the driver doesn't need to do a thing. The system automatically decides how much power to apply and delivers it to the wheels with the best traction.

Customers have a choice of front-wheel drive or all-wheel drive on the Buick Enclave. Whatever your choice, power is supplied by a 3.6-liter V6 that is good for 275 horsepower. A 6-speed automatic transmission is standard. This

tandem makes the Enclave good for 18 miles per gallon in the city and 26 mpg on the highway.

The Buick Enclave should easily make fans of families who

want three rows of seating and a few luxury features thrown in without a luxury price.

Kevin Koloian covers General Motors from Detroit for Avanti NewsFeatures. Write him at <u>kevinkoloian@excite.com</u>. Distributed by Fracassa News Group. @2008, Fracassa Communications LLC. 2008 Buick Enclave

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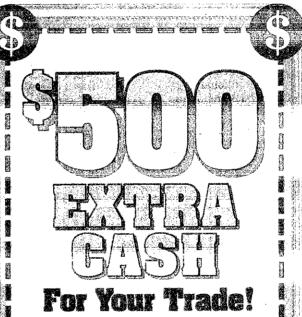
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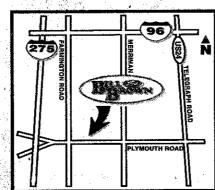
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### Good taste: Dig right into design of ample Coast Fork

A traditional exterior covers the modern and spacious interior of the Coast Fork (406-05). This 2,167-square-foot home would be ideal to overlook the ocean, a lake, or

Landmark Designs the mountains. The rear left of the entry would be easily accessible for clients.

To the right of the entrance is a small hall leading to the two bedrooms and the bath-

MASTER SLETE

sinks and a tub.

The balance of the right side is the master suite. It is enlarged with a bay window overlooking the view to the rear. The master bath has a large walk-in closet, twin sinks with a skylight overhead, and a large shower, bench, and linen closet. The entire suite exudes roominess and comfort.

The living room has a corner

room. The bedrooms are a

great size, with large wall

closets. The bath area has two

The living room has a corner gas fireplace, a large window, and sliding doors to the deck outside. On the hall side of the living room wall is a display case for trophies or pictures.

The dining area also has a large window overlooking the view. There is a pass through opening by the cook top for easy access to getting food to the dining table. The kitchen is very open and designed for ease of use. The sink has windows above it to allow light and to view the scenery. There is a corner area that has shelves for putting those many cookbooks or the fancy dishes that may need to be displayed.

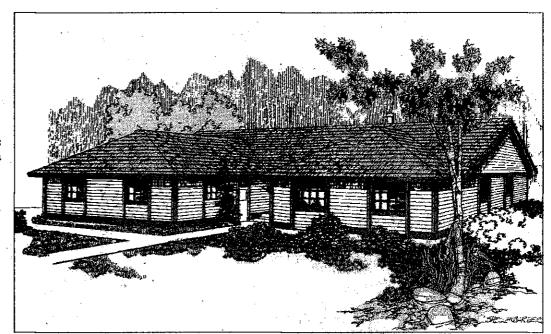
or the fancy dishes that may need to be displayed. would be an ideal home for retiring to the coast, or to overlook a lake, or even that

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towards the rear of the home is the breakfast nook. This is a rounded area, totally made up of large windows, ideal for coffee by the view, reading the paper, or watching gorgeous mountain view that some properties afford. It has all the amenities that would make retirement a pleasure.

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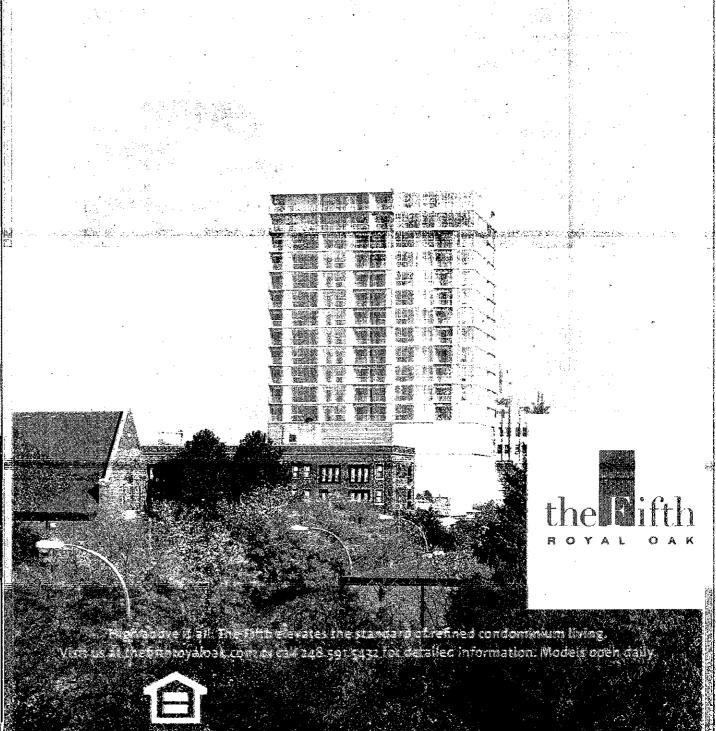
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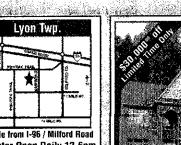
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