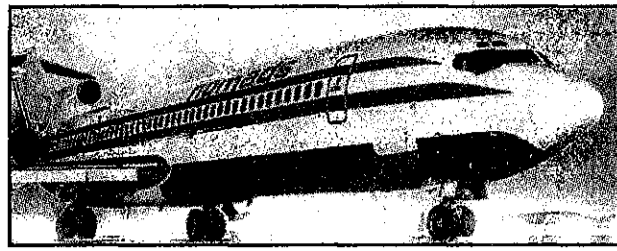


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Poole's fate in jury's hands

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 first-degree 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 "whirlybird."

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 top.

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 "knowingly" and "intentionally."

As they were brought back into the courtroom, 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 attorney 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 force."

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



Circuit Court 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.



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
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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 be 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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Restaurant owner offers a 'new style' of Chinese food

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

A new taste of the Orient has arrived in Canton.

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.

"I've 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 said.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's newest Chinese restaurant is the Chopstick House, on Lilley Road just south of Ford Road. Owner Calvin 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



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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
STAFF WRITER

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 by peer referrals. 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-specialty 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

similarly situated peers.

Ignition dance clinic

The Detroit Ignition will be holding the club's semi-annual Dance Clinic. This clinic, which will be held March 8 at High Velocity Sports, 46255 Michigan Avenue, in Canton, will be instructed by professional dancers and staff for dancers, age 7-18, who are interested in learning new skills and techniques. The clinic is open to all dance levels, gymnasts, cheer, dance, and pom teams.

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 T-shirt, 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.

The tournament will be hosted by Canton's Super Bowl, located at 45100 Ford Road,

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.

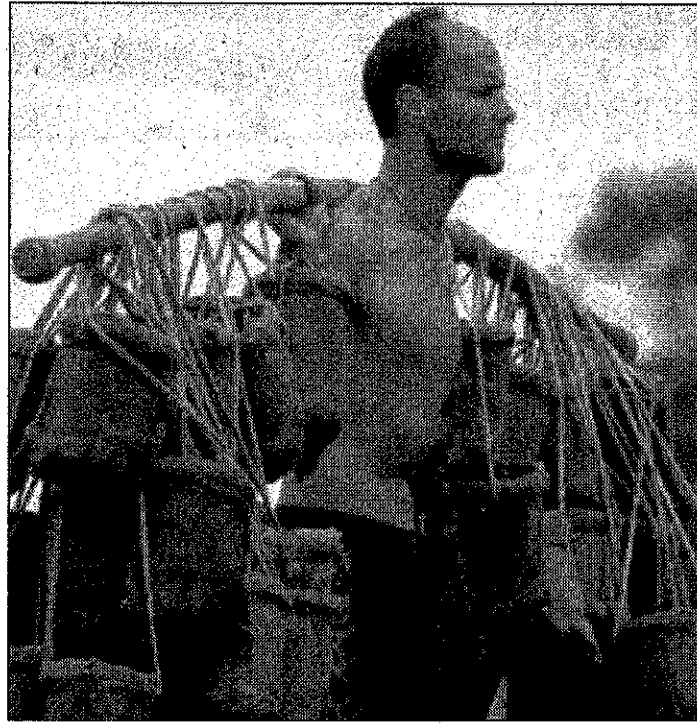
Businesses and community organizations wishing to sponsor the project will receive plaques at each art site, recognition in the newspaper, a certificate for each sponsor, and inclusion of pictures and sponsor recognition at appropriate Web sites. Sponsors will also have the opportunity to submit an artistic 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. 22.

The Canton Hall of Fame



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'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.

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 scholar

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

The public is invited to a valuable discussion on estate and will planning with Mark Linton of the law firm of Roberts & Freatman at the Canton Newcomers Wednesday Feb. 6, adult general meeting. Enjoy refreshments from Texas Corral Restaurant and Back Home Bakery, ask questions of Farm Bureau Insurance owner/agent Tammy Brown, sign up for more than 20 activities for the whole family, and participate in a raffle to benefit a local charity. A complimentary February newsletter is available at www.canton-newcomers.org. Call Donna with any questions before the meeting at (734) 398-6487. The Newcomers are a social, civic and charitable organization. There meeting will take place at 7:15 p.m., at the Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford - west of Canton Center.

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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.

"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

school calendar requires:

■ 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 day.

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

"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

waivers."

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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LAJOY

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Township trustee, said his experience in government and as co-owner of The LaJoy Group, which is a Plymouth-based 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 tomorrow."

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.lajoy.com>

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.

"I am disgusted by the lack of action in Lansing while people all around me are losing their jobs, homes, cars! People

are choosing between paying for gas to get to work, food for the day, or crucial medicines," the Canton resident writes on the site. "Now I want to help others work through this down cycle, and usher in a new age of prosperity for Michigan."

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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Elderly woman killed in traffic accident

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

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

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

Driving a 2007 Chevy Malibu, she was heading east-bound 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.

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.

On Monday, two Canton teen drivers collided near Saltz and Beck. A 17-year-old female, who is a senior at Salem High School, was critically injured in the accident. As of Friday, she was in a coma at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and listed in critical condition.

Local woman upset about public urination incident

COP CALLS

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 SUV.

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

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

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 Society.

Soon afterward, a 13-year-old 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.

BOARD

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have a sense of bond with the community."

Kadri continues to vacation in the Boyne Mountain area with his wife and 4-year-old daughter, and has done his homework before his interview Tuesday.

"I know people who have worked in Plymouth-Canton and raved about it," Kadri said. "And I know people in Ann Arbor who are familiar with the district. Plymouth-Canton has a wonderful reputation."

Dale Martin, of Downers Grove, Ill., said becoming the superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Schools would be like a homecoming.

"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 home."

Martin spent 27 years in the Bay City school district, working in 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

WHEN THEY'LL SPEAK

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

Name	District	Interview
Dale Martin	Downers Grove (Ill.)	Monday, 5 p.m.
Craig Fiegel	Evergreen Park (Ill.)	Monday, 7 p.m.
Paul Kadri	Neshaminy (Pa.)	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 way."

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 district."

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.

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Selling life insurance policy could be risky proposition

Q: Dear Rick: I saw an 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

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

the policy and receive the cash 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 transaction.

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.

For seniors who don't need 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.

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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 benefits in 2007.

"Unemployment benefits are taxable, and those who received benefits will need these statements to prepare their 2007 state and federal tax returns," Liza Estlund Olson, acting director of Michigan's Unemployment

Insurance Agency (UIA), said.

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.

Starting Friday, Feb. 1, those with questions about their 1099-G or those who do

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: (866) 500-0017, select the "inquiry" option - staffed from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

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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.; Marquette, 2833 US 41 West; and Saginaw, 614 Johnson St. The offices are open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Getting some ice time

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 Sculpture 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 sculptures.”

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



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Canton ice carver Ted Wakar works on a sculpture as the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular opens Friday.

the man-made ice formations. “I like seeing all the cool sculptures they can make,” said 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. Mary 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-

ivate 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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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

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 tuners.

Car enthusiasts, their significant others, friends and family can register on-line at www.DodgeRUTunedOut.com for a chance to win an all-new 2008 Dodge Caliber SRT4. Registration is open now and closes at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15. The most “tuned out” tuner will win a high-

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 back in?”

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 more.

For more information, call Julie Evans at (734) 502-5399 or go online to www.NWCMartialArtsAcademy.com.

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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

family. Food is available and parking is free. There will be operating train layouts of various gauges and more 150 dealer tables. Tables are \$10 per table. Reserve tables by calling (734) 595-8327. Dealer setup is at 9 a.m. the day of the show.

Craft show
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
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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."

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

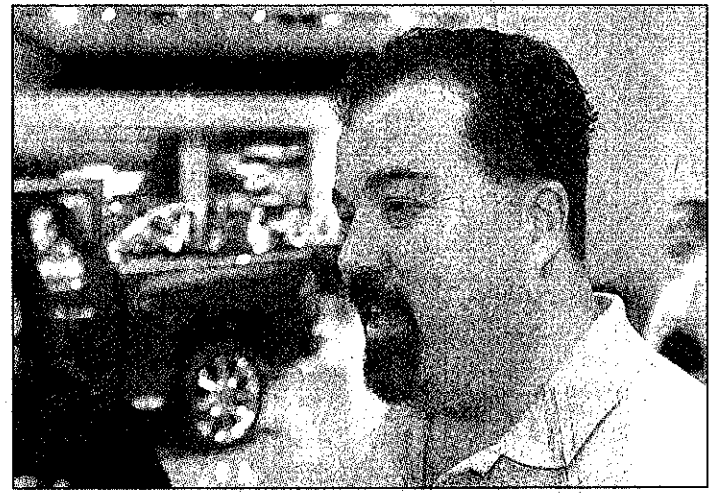
industry."

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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The temporomandibular joints (TMJ) connect the lower jaw to the skull (temporal bone) under each ear. These joints are among the most complex in the body. As the mouth opens, the knob-like ends (condyles) of the mandible first rotate, then slide forward along the curving lower edges of the temporal bone. The motion of the joints is controlled by the chewing muscles. The joints are also greatly affected by the teeth, which largely determine the relationship of the jaws when the mouth is closed. TMJ disorder produces symptoms ranging from headaches to clicking sounds when the jaw is opened and closed. Because malocclusion (bad bite) may be a contributing factor to TMJ syndrome, the dentist may help remedy it.

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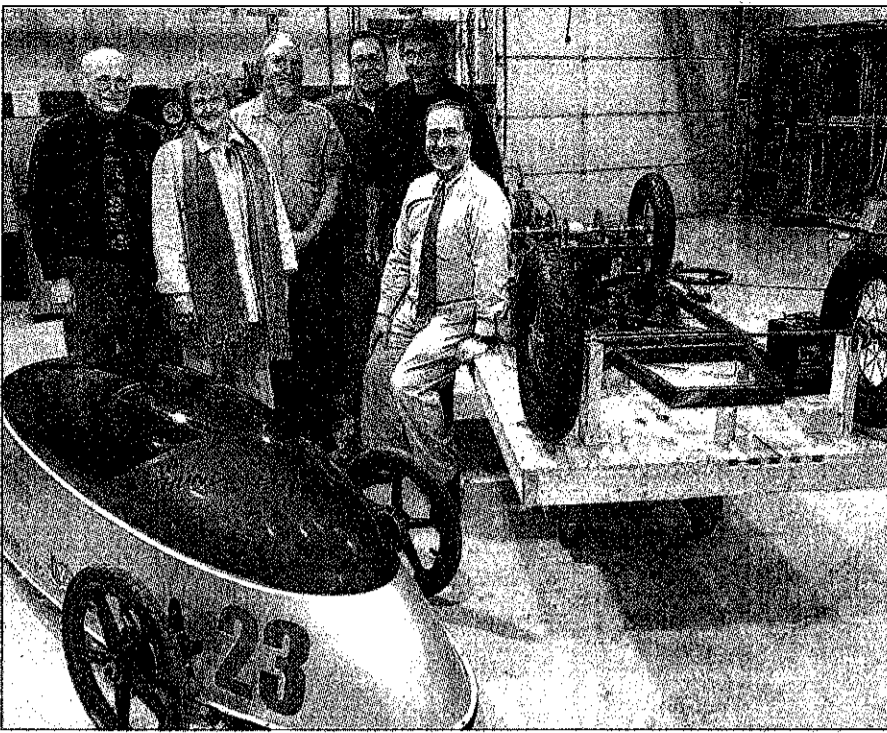
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William D. Ford Career Technical Center staffers Zach MacLean (from left), Sue Wilk, Jim Schirmer, Kevin Ryszka, Mark Batko and JC Irvine are Principal Ginny Kowalski's "Rangers" when it comes to the Convergence Education Foundation's Innovative Vehicle Design program.



Center honored for making engineering exciting

BY SUE MASON
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 said.

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 district'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 yet-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 awesome."

1 of 2 candidates announces plans to seek re-election

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

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 Szabo.

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 said.

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 election.

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 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 generally spends around \$4 million for utilities, but it will be more like \$3.6 million

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 decision about the money."

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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 purposes.

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.

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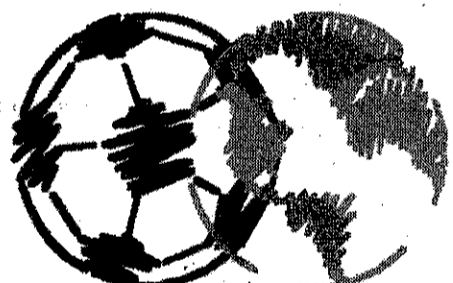
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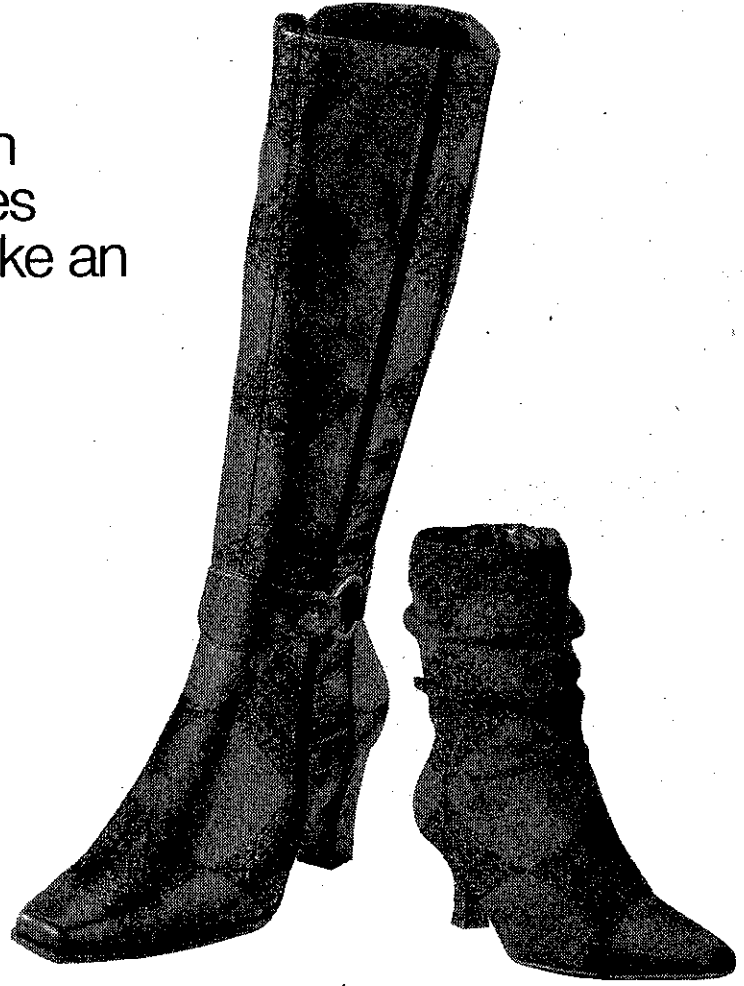
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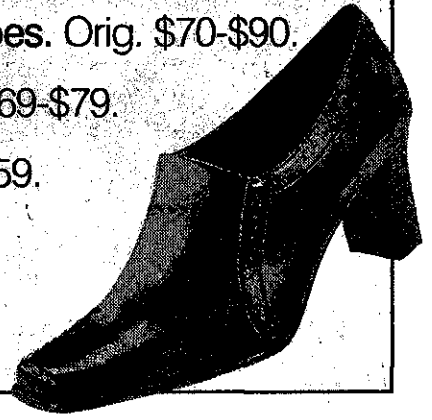
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Canton set to host 'Super Bowl' of women's bowling

BY ED WRIGHT
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," 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 1953.

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.

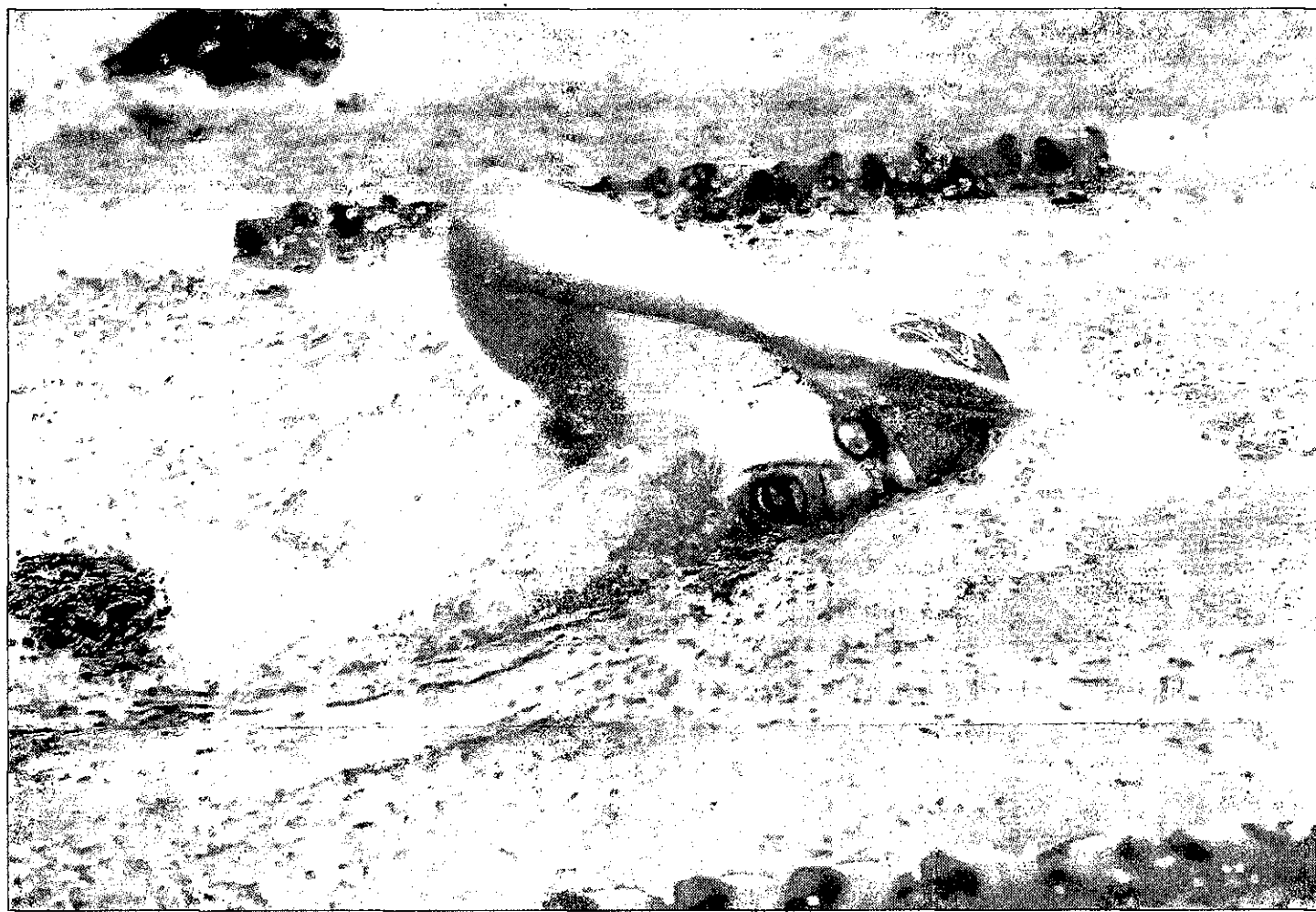
Lady bowlers will take over the Super Bowl's lanes beginning at 8 a.m. each morning and shoot for the pocket until close to midnight.

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.

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Local prep swimmers making waves



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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, results of Thursday's meet were not made available to the Observer as of Friday night's deadline. For details on other meets, please see page B6.



Salem dunks John Glenn

For complete results of Thursday's meet, please see page B6.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

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 home.

Salem touched first in all 11 swimming events and also earned 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 first-place relay races.

Individual race winners were: Matt Collingwood (200-yard freestyle), Chen (50 freestyle), Kevin Smith (1-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

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.

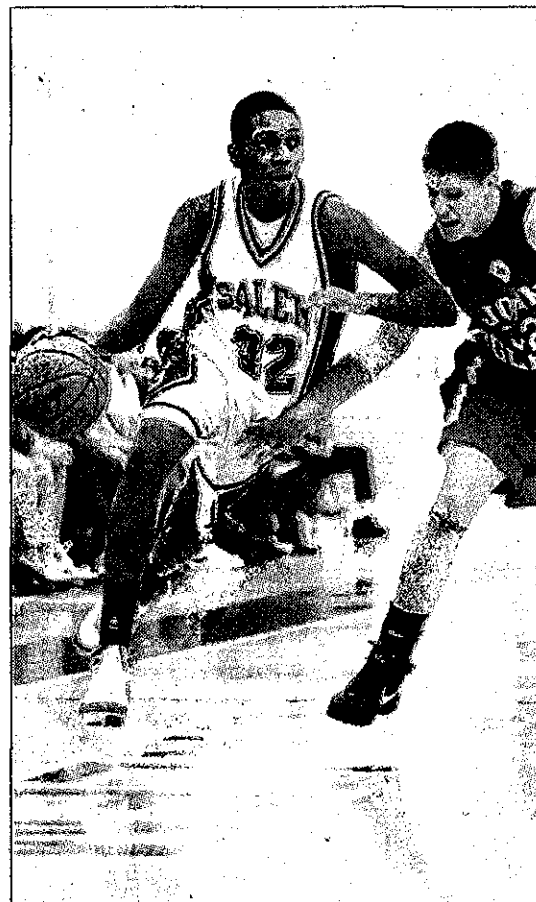
Andrew Fournier (26th), Michal Jordan (third), Ryan Hayes (third), Joe McCann (ninth), Chris Terry (33rd), Kaine Geldart (ninth) and Joe Gaynor (fifth) lit the lamp for Plymouth. Jordan also added two assists. David Kolomatis scored the lone Owen Sound goal in the second period.

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.



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

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

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for a darkhorse in the fast-approaching Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball tournament, look no further than Salem.

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 season-high six points, nailed a free throw to up the winners' lead to four in the waning moments. Churchill mis-

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Sidelines

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 p.m.

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 program needs assistant 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.

Blazers blank Penguins

The team with Ls 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

winners with a pair of net-finders. 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 MMGSHL 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

1-0 lead 6:25 into the contest 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 Caccavelli 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."

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 Dresser and Jerry Pitts.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Jan. 29
 W.L. Northern at Salem, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.
 PCA at Agape at 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.
 Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
 Roper at PCA, 8:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, Jan. 28
 Agape at Macomb, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 29
 Salem at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
 Canton at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 31
 Agape at Light & Life, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 1
 Livonia Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
 Roper at PCA, 7 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Jan. 29
 Salem at Bearborn at The Disc, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 30
 W.L. Western at Canton

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.
PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Jan. 31
 Wayne Memorial at Canton, 6:30 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.
BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING
Tuesday, Jan. 29
 Plymouth at Salem, 7 p.m.
 Livonia Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 31
 W.L. Northern at Salem, 7 p.m.
 Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
GYMNASTICS
Monday, Jan. 28
 Plymouth at Saline, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 29
 Salem at Hartland, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 30
 Plymouth at Canton at Plymouth H.S., 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 2

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.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
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.
MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE
Sunday, Jan. 27
 Det. Ignition vs. La Raza de Monterrey at Compuware Arena, 4:05 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 2
 Ignition at Philadelphia KIX, 7:05 p.m.

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Dealing with an ambiguous loss

Things 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 to 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."

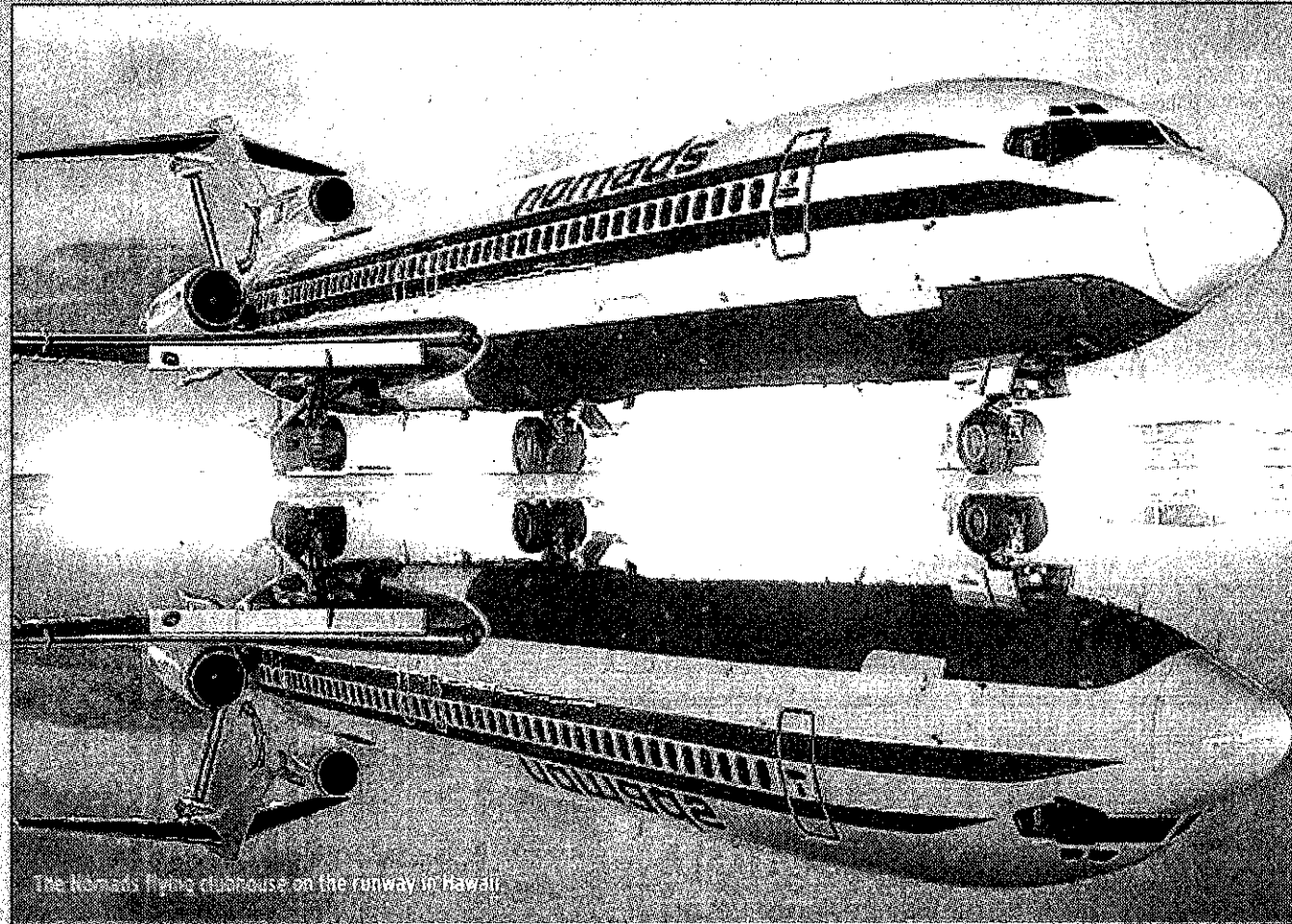
Oftentime's common wisdom in a situation like this suggests not dealing with this, walking around the "elephant in the living room," trying to be upbeat and happy when that becomes phony and artificial. Dr. Boss says the best way to address these situations of ambiguity is to face it, address it, make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

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

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The Nomads flying clubhouse on the runway in Hawaii.

World travelers Nomads roam the globe



Charles and Carol Calomeni of Livonia made ravioli and tortellini as part of their trip to Italy in 2007.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

There 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 quartet.

"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 Il Segreto String Quartet.



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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 help 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.

Talent wanted 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 City.

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QUARTET

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teaches at Prevail Academy in Mount Clemens.

"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 Roberts.

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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Dr. Dews will be seeing patients temporarily at IHA's 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.

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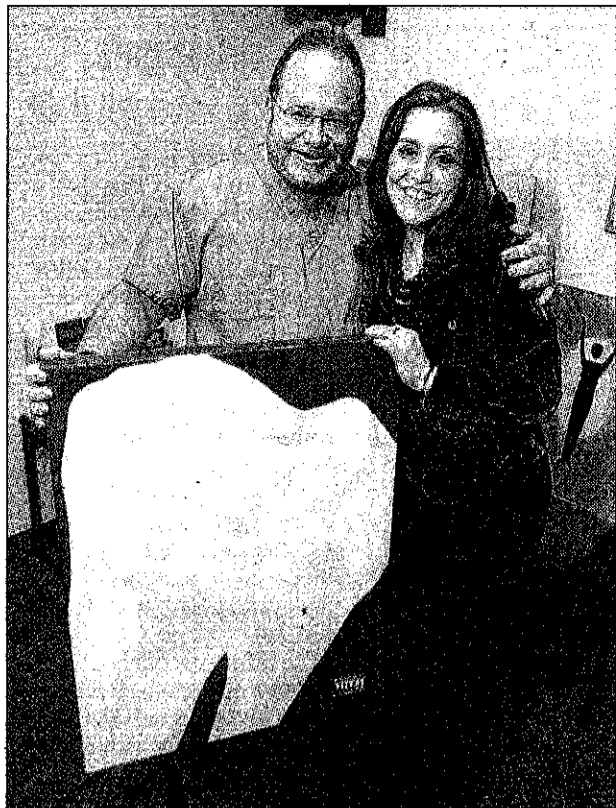
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For more information, call events host and coordinator Elaine R. Sturman at (248) 851-7342, or visit www.metro-parent.com.



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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 "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 degree but studied art as well.

"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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NOMADS

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"You cannot put a price on friendships you make," said Calomeni, who joined the Nomads with Charles in 1992.

"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 not-for-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 Aubreys 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 awesome."

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.

"It's first class," Carrie Calomeni said. "We love the comfort. You can walk around the plane on these long trips."

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MELROSE

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activity that was able to continue the event.

Sadly there are many kinds of ambiguity not so easily handled in such a simple, direct, and active manner. Dr. Boss is a strong believer in what one's faith can offer; not only the community of faith, your church, synagogue, mosque, congregation as a safe place and community to share these events but how your faith gives you resources of caring, love, and the sacredness of life as ultimate, even when loss, tragedy, or the

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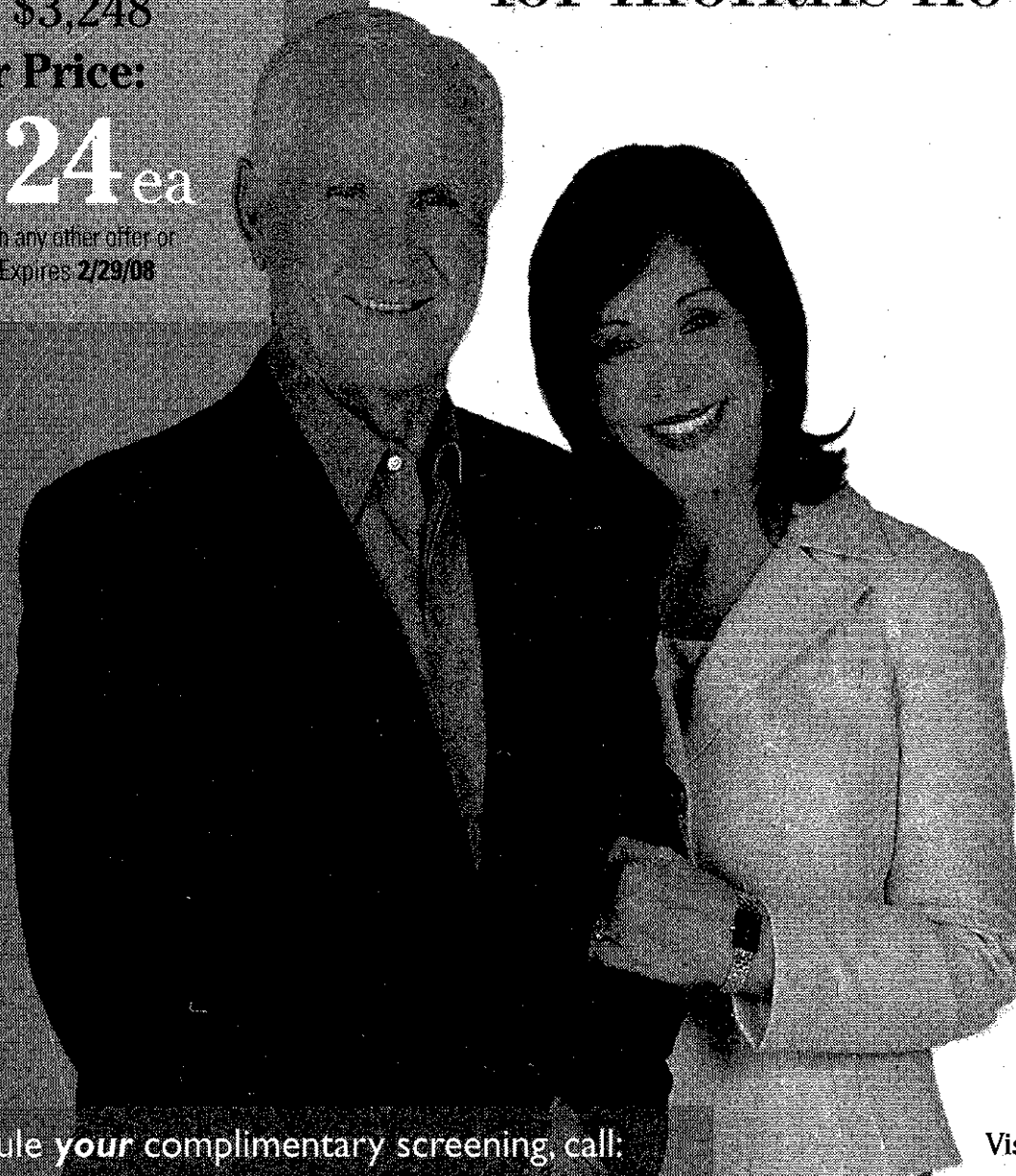
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All-New Buick Enclave: A Standout Crossover

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By Kevin Koloian
Avanti News Features

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 Rendezvous.

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 vehicles.

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 items.

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-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 rows.

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 lines.

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.

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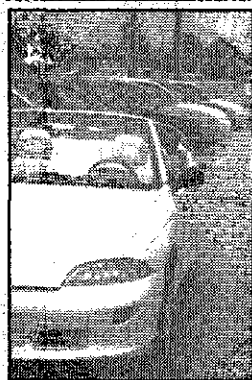
The Buick Enclave should easily make fans of families who want three rows of seating and a few luxury features thrown in without a luxury price.

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<p>Stock #5273</p> <p>Was \$29,800</p> <p>2007 BUICK LACROSSE CXS</p> <p>NOW \$22,249*</p>	<p>2008 BUICK LUCERNE CX</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$21,434*</p> <p>Stock #2029</p> <p>39 MONTH LEASE</p> <p>\$240** PER MO. \$295** PER MO.</p> <p>DOWN PAYMENT \$1995 \$0 DOWN PAYMENT</p>	<p>2008 BUICK LACROSSE CX</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$20,155*</p> <p>Stock #2098</p> <p>39 MONTH LEASE</p> <p>\$216** PER MO. \$271** PER MO.</p> <p>DOWN PAYMENT \$1995 \$0 DOWN PAYMENT</p>	<p>2008 BUICK ENCLAVE AWD CXL</p> <p>Stock #2055</p> <p>39 MONTH LEASE</p> <p>\$436** PER MO. \$493** PER MO.</p> <p>DOWN PAYMENT \$1995 \$0 DOWN PAYMENT</p>
<p>2008 GMC ENVOY</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$22,842*</p> <p>Stock #4072</p> <p>39 MONTH LEASE</p> <p>\$219** PER MO. \$276** PER MO.</p> <p>DOWN PAYMENT \$1995 \$0 DOWN PAYMENT</p>	<p>Stock #4140</p> <p>2008 GMC YUKON</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$29,371*</p> <p>39 MONTH LEASE</p> <p>\$371** PER MO. \$408** PER MO.</p> <p>DOWN PAYMENT \$1995 \$0 DOWN PAYMENT</p>	<p>24 MPG ★★★★★ Front & Side Crash Rating</p> <p>2008 ACADIA</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$25,245*</p> <p>Stock #4087</p> <p>39 MONTH LEASE</p> <p>\$263** PER MO. \$319** PER MO.</p> <p>DOWN PAYMENT \$1995 \$0 DOWN PAYMENT</p>	<p>2007 GMC SIERRA CREW CAB 4X4 Z71 OFF ROAD</p> <p>Stock #3466</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$26,495*</p>

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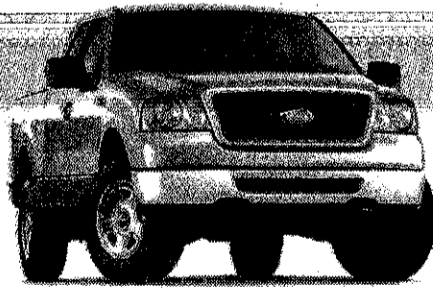


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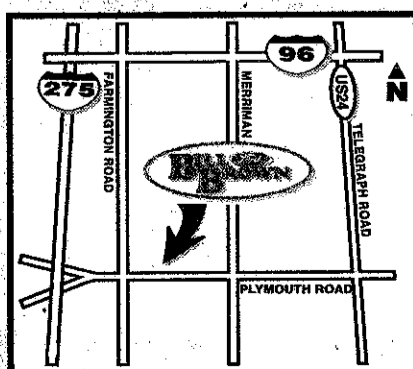
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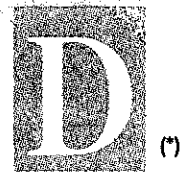
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New Homes



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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

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-

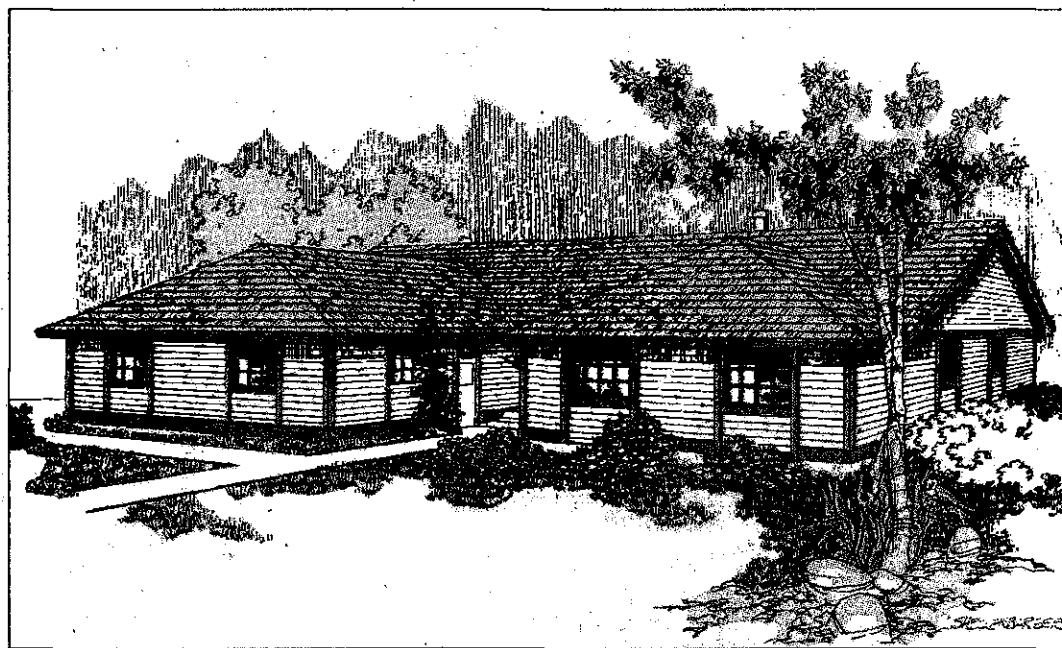
room. The bedrooms are a great size, with large wall closets. The bath area has two sinks and a tub.

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 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.

Beyond the eating bar



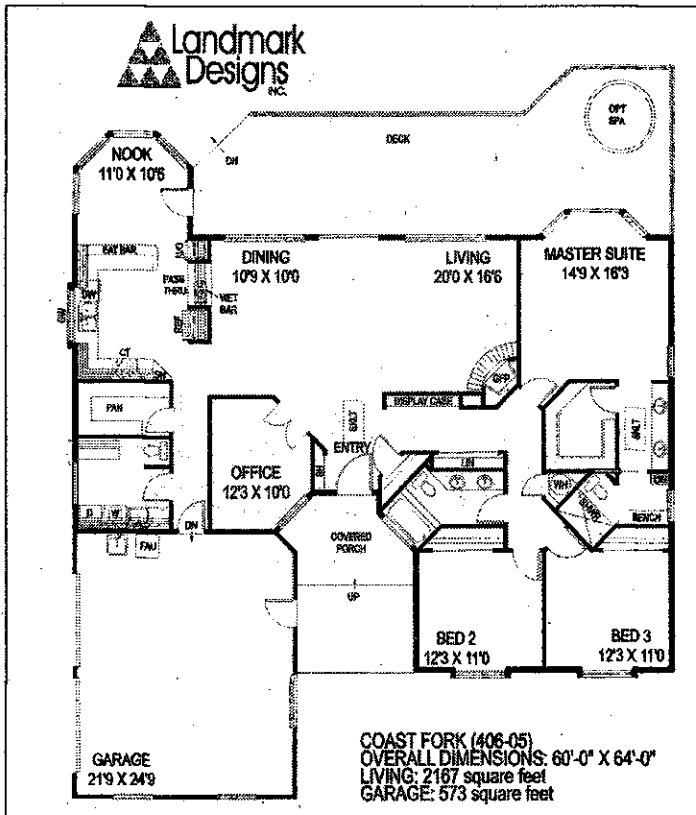
towards the rear of the home is the breakfast nook. This is a rounded area, totally made up of large windows, ideal for coffee by the view, reading the paper, or watching the clouds. There is a door opening to the deck.

All in all, the Coast Fork would be an ideal home for retiring to the coast, or to overlook a lake, or even that

gorgeous mountain view that some properties afford. It has all the amenities that would make retirement a pleasure.

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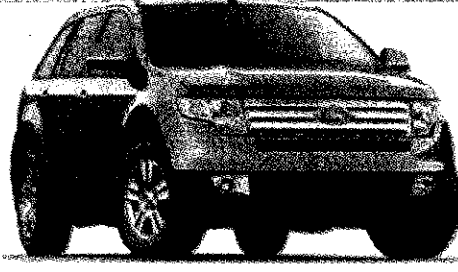
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24 Mo. LEASE	24 Mo. LEASE	39 Mo. LEASE



ALL NEW 2008 EDGE SE

Front, side & canopy air bags, MP3 ready, V6, pwr windows/locks, 17" alum wheels, tilt, cruise.

\$2000 TOTAL DUE	\$1000 TOTAL DUE	\$0 DUE
\$216*	\$258*	\$289*
24 Mo. LEASE	24 Mo. LEASE	39 Mo. LEASE

ALL NEW 2008 FOCUS SE



Auto, air, pwr windows/locks, tilt, cruise, front, side & canopy air bags and much more!

\$2000 TOTAL DUE	\$1000 TOTAL DUE	\$0 DUE
\$144	\$169	\$196
24 Mo. LEASE	36 Mo. LEASE	39 Mo. LEASE

ALL NEW 2008 ESCAPE XLT

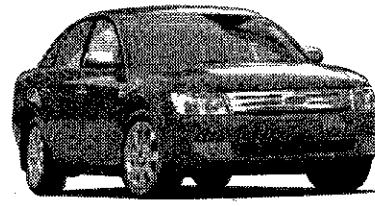


Moonroof, Satellite Radio, auto trans, air. **ALL NEW DESIGN!**

Built with pride in the USA!

\$2000 TOTAL DUE	\$1000 TOTAL DUE	\$0 DUE
\$205	\$233	\$259
24 Mo. LEASE	36 Mo. LEASE	39 Mo. LEASE

NEW 2008 TAURUS SEL

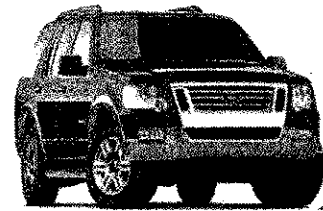


ABS, side air bags, traction control, V6, safety canopy system.

Safest Vehicle IN THE USA!

\$2000 TOTAL DUE	\$1000 TOTAL DUE	\$0 DUE
\$219	\$261	\$283
24 Mo. LEASE	24 Mo. LEASE	39 Mo. LEASE

ALL NEW 2008 EXPLORER XLT



AM/FM/CD, pwr windows, pwr locks, tilt, alloy wheels, safety canopy w/ side air bag.

#1 SUV in the USA!

\$2000 TOTAL DUE	\$1000 TOTAL DUE	\$0 DUE
\$212	\$253	\$271
24 Mo. LEASE	24 Mo. LEASE	39 Mo. LEASE

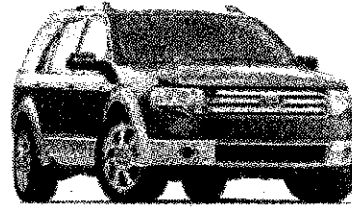
NEW 2008 F150 SC 4X4 XLT



Trailer tow pkg, stereo CD, **FULL POWER!** Americas Work Horse!

\$2000 TOTAL DUE	\$1000 TOTAL DUE	\$0 DUE
\$223	\$265	\$305
24 Mo. LEASE	24 Mo. LEASE	24 Mo. LEASE

NEW 2008 TAURUS X



4 wheel ABS, 263 HP V6, personal safety system, traction control.

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\$2000 TOTAL DUE	\$1000 TOTAL DUE	\$0 DUE
\$267	\$308	\$334
24 Mo. LEASE	24 Mo. LEASE	39 Mo. LEASE

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2008 EDGE SEL
 WAS \$29,275
BUY NOW \$24,100 **SAVE OVER \$5,100**

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24 Month Lease
\$125** Per Mo.
\$2500 due at signing

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2008 FOCUS 4 DR. SE
Auto, air, aluminum wheels, power windows & locks, 15" alum wheels, remote keyless, message center. Stock #81433. Was \$16,870

24 Month Lease
\$139** Per Mo.
\$2500 due at signing

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2008 ESCAPE XLT
Privacy glass, power windows & locks, power seat, fog lamps, auto headlamps, tilt, speed control, AM/FM CD, moonroof, sat. radio, more. Stock #81610. Was \$22,575

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24 Month Lease
\$196** Per Mo.
\$2500 due at signing

NOW \$20,707*

2008 F150 S. CAB XLT 4X4
5.4 V8, lim. slip axle, 7700 GVW, t-tow & go, 17" alum wheels & much more. Stock #81098. Was \$33,775

24 Month Lease
\$212** Per Mo.
\$2500 due at signing

NOW \$25,385*

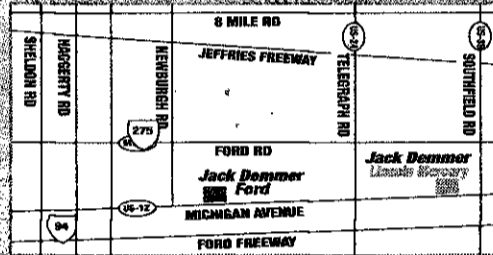
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Leather, 18" aluminum wheels, heated dual power seats, 6-disc CD, auto temp control air, anti theft, auto headlamps, power windows and locks, power mirrors and more. Stock #80820. Was \$27,595

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\$116** Per Mo. **\$182**** Per Mo. **\$226**** Per Mo.
\$2500 Down \$1000 Down Sign & Drive
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6 speed automatic transmission, 3.5L V6 Duratec engine, P215/60R17 BSW tires, Sirius satellite radio and much more. Stock #80758

24 Month Lease
\$181** Per Mo. **\$246**** Per Mo. **\$290**** Per Mo.
\$2500 Down \$1000 Down Sign & Drive
2 Year Pre-Pay Lease \$6591

2008 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER
P245/65R17 BSW A/T tires, fir mats, color-key carpet, illuminated visors 17" machined alum wheels, auto lamp headlamps, keyless entry w/ keypad, 4.0L SOHC V6 engine, 5-sp auto O/D trans, 6180 lb. GVW, adjus pedals, ultrasonic reverse sensing. Stock #80199

24 Month Lease
\$152** Per Mo. **\$218**** Per Mo. **\$262**** Per Mo.
\$2500 Down \$1000 Down Sign & Drive
2 Year Pre-Pay Lease \$5875

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3.5L V6 Duratec eng, 6 speed automatic transmission, fog lamps, message center, side air curtain, wood trim, leather, SYNC media and more. Stock #81034

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