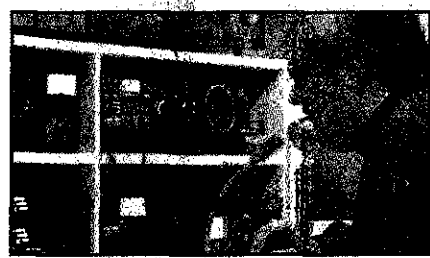


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## Retiring Ryan honored for filling leadership role

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

When Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan was a basketball player at Eastern Michigan University, he helped his team win 88 games over four years by coming off the bench.

When the PCCS school board went looking for an interim superintendent after Kathleen Booher resigned in July 2002, Ryan — then deputy superintendent — again came off the bench to help the district through tumultuous times. In December of that year, the board shed the “interim” tag and gave Ryan the title of superintendent.

Thursday night at Discovery Middle School, a bit more than five years later, several hundred people gathered to honor Ryan, who retires Feb. 28.

“These have been flourishing years for our district ... two successful bond issues, four new schools built on time and under budget and vast improvements in academic achievement,” said board President Judy Mardigian. “Jim treats everyone with respect and he’s a very good listener. We’ve never met anyone who is as well-liked as Jim.”

When Ryan took over as superintendent, he sought out Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, a one-time school board trustee.

“Jim went about gaining support and respect throughout the school community by being himself,” Yack said. “He’s affable, approachable, ego-less and above all committed to the youth of the community and the process of public education. Under Jim’s leadership, the Plymouth-Canton school district continues to be a desirable destination for parents seeking good schools.”

At times Ryan — who several times during the evening choked back tears — seemed uncomfortable with all the accolades.

“It’s awkward accepting credit for something I was able to do in partnership with my board, my team and my staff,” said Ryan, who has 17 years as a superintendent in Reed City, Lansing Waverly and Plymouth-Canton. “How many people do you know who can say they did what they loved for 37 years?”

Alice Chrenko, a first-grade teacher at Bentley Elementary, has worked for a number of superintendents in her 35 years of teaching in the district.

“He’s genuine and approachable, and cares about teachers and the needs of the kids,” Chrenko said. “He’s the best we’ve ever had. I just don’t think he could ever be replaced.”

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dodson Elementary teachers Julie Smith and Jennifer Seidel greet retiring Superintendent Jim Ryan and his wife, Kathy Ryan.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Village Theater (in background center) is the anchor of Cherry Hill Village. New businesses have been opening their doors along Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

## Becoming a destination again

After stalling for a couple  
years, Cherry Hill Village is  
drawing interest

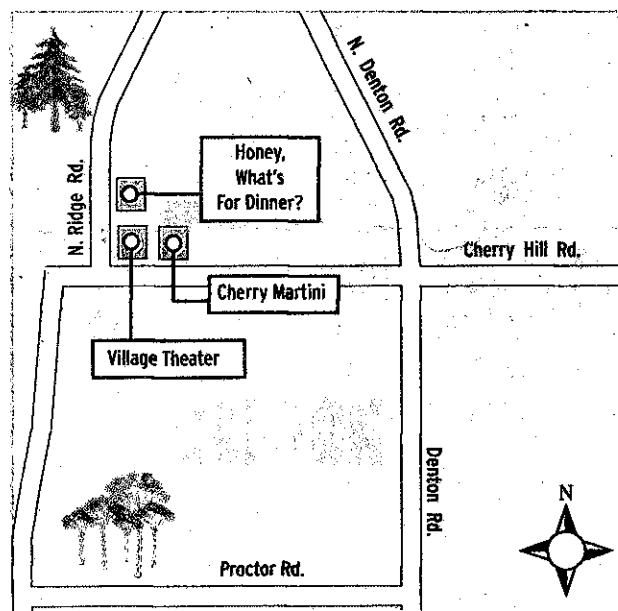
BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

It’s not the steady stream of the early part of the decade but the water is back on in Cherry Hill Village.

“In the last quarter of 2005, it was like somebody turned off the faucet,” said Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack of development in the seven-year-old concept neighborhood. “Everything stopped.”

Fast forward to today, the full blast is now a trickle. “Coming Soon” signs have been planted, new homes are on the horizon and some commercialization has surfaced.

Please see **COMING BACK**, A3



For more about Cherry Hill Village, including a story about home prices falling and Honey, What's For Dinner?, please see page A3.

## Cherry Martini looks to expand nightlife in Village

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Cherry Martini is a catchy name for the lounge next to the Village Theater. After all, it’s a martini bar in Cherry Hill Village on Cherry Hill Road.

Even so, Wally Kalled wasn’t convinced.

“I didn’t like it,” the co-owner of the Village hot spot freely admits while his business partner, Ali Nehmeh, teases him and said he’s glad he didn’t back down from the concept.

“It was so simple that it was perfect,” said Nehmeh, adding that he was happy when Kalled finally came around.

“I love the name now,” Kalled said with a grin.

The two, who opened the sleek bar three months ago, say they are having fun with

the new venture. Kalled, of Dearborn Heights, let go of his stockbroker gig while Nehmeh, a Livonia resident, divides his time between Cherry Martini and his Little Caesars Pizza franchises.

“We haven’t done too much advertising but the word is going out,” Kalled said. “We want to grow into this and not rush it.”

The lounge, which occupies three spaces in the same development as the Village Theater, was designed by Kalled and Nehmeh. They tossed aside conventional advice to use darker colors and opted for winter white as a main hue.

“It needs extra care, but it’s worth it,” Nehmeh said while running his hand along a custom-made chair. “It’s upscale with a homey feel.”

Please see **MARTINI**, A3



Owners Wally Kalled and Ali Nehmeh present their signature drink, the Cherry Martini.

### WINTER GALA

**When:** 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29  
**Where:** Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center  
**Tickets:** \$100 per person  
**For more info:** Call (734) 495-1200; or visit [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org).

## Winter gala to fund rec projects

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

For more than a dozen years, the Canton Community Foundation has held its annual winter ball in January and (in recent years) at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

This year, the foundation decided to shake things up a bit. The Winter Gala will be held Feb. 29 at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center.

As in years past, the event will feature music, dancing and fine dining. New this year will be a performance by local comedian Keith Ruff.

“The Winter Ball committee is trying to liven things up and have a change of pace. So we have a new date, a new location, and a new name. But it will be the same good fun,” said Katie Robiadek, programs assistant at the foundation.

This is the 14th year the foundation has held the event, which is its biggest fund-raising event. Organizers are expecting up to about 400 people this year, which is lower than in years past.

This year’s event will also introduce Canton: Green & Fit — a joint project with the township supporting the creation of a variety of recreational and environmental initiatives, including a dog park, walking trails along the Rouge River, community gardens, a multi-purpose sports field at Heritage Park and a nature center.

Tickets are \$100 per person, and cover cocktails and a gourmet dinner. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and activities continue until 1 a.m.

To reserve a ticket contact the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200, or go to the Web site at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org). The foundation is still looking for event sponsors.

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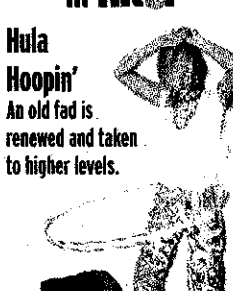
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## Essay contest

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is sponsoring its annual essay contest, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners taking home \$500, \$300, and \$200. Any student under 21 who is enrolled as a full-time student in any high school - public, private or parochial - located within the Plymouth-Canton School District, can compete.

The topic this year is: "Today, there are 6.7 billion people living on the planet Earth. Over 300 million live in the United States alone. In such a crowded world, do the actions of one individual matter? Can the one have an impact on the many - for good or for bad? Is there any point in policing our own actions when there are so many other people counteracting our gains? If it's possible to make a significant change, how could one person go about doing it?"

Deadline for submission is Wednesday, March 5, at noon. For more information on rules, judging and how to submit, contact Mrs. Miller in room 2134 at Salem High School or Kathy Turnquist of the Civitans at (734) 459-1896.

## Animal rescue bowlathon

The Guardian Angel Animal Rescue Cosmic Bowlathon will take place the evening of Saturday, Feb. 16, at Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road, in Canton. Sign-up begins at 8 p.m.

Cost is \$20 per person, and includes three games, shoe rental and pizza. All of the proceeds go directly to help res-

cued animals. Please pre-register by Feb. 12.

For more information, contact Sandy at (734) 788-6857, or e-mail guardian\_angel\_rescue@hotmail.com, or visit their Web site at gaar.petfinder.com. Their hotline is (734) 332-9459.

## Local student honored

Canton resident Amy Calmes, who is a honors program student at Henry Ford Community College, has been nominated to compete for a place on USA Today's 2008 All-USA Community and Junior College Academic Team. Sixty students from more than 1,500 applicants from community colleges across the nation will be selected for the academic team in April.



The top 20 chosen for the USA Today first academic team will receive a trophy and a \$2,500 cash award. Calmes, 19, is in her fourth and final semester at HFCC. She has been a student and in the HFCC Honors Program for two years. Calmes is a biology major and plans on transferring to Wayne State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in biology.

"I am excited and honored to be a nominee for the All-USA Academic team," said Calmes. "I chose to apply for the All-USA Academic Team because I wanted to be a part of something that would showcase HFCC and the Honors Program and all that they have done for me."

Calmes graduated from Salem High School in 2006. In her free time, Calmes is a writing tutor in the HFCC Learning Lab and also is on the HFCC Mirror Newspaper advisory board.

## Achievement awards

Canton's Michael Reese, who is an information technology specialist (computer programmer) for the Internal Revenue Service, recently received an achievement award from the Michigan Commission for the Blind (MCB). Reese came to MCB for training in skills of deafblindness in order to continue his current employment. He trained in the MCB Vocational Rehabilitation Program because his deteriorating vision and hearing threatened his livelihood. He attended the residential MCB Training Center in Kalamazoo for five weeks to improve his Braille literacy, orientation and mobility, and computer skills.

Reese has continued with correspondence classes through the Hadley School for the Blind, including calculus "for fun," and in the future he would like to teach mathematics courses for Hadley in addition to his job with the IRS.

He was among 12 individuals to receive honors in December at the MCB commission meeting at Michigan State University's Kellogg Center.

## St. Michael open house

St. Michael Christian School is hosting an open house on Thursday, Feb. 7 from 6:30-8 p.m. The school offers 3-year-old preschool through sixth grade classes including all day kindergarten and half day Young Fives. It provides a Christ-centered education using the Holy Bible, the Concordia Publishing House study series, and a weekly chapel service led by the pastoral staff. All teachers are credentialed.

The school is located at 7000 N. Sheldon Road in Canton. For more information, call (734) 459-9720.

## Daddy/daughter dance

This year's annual Butterfly Ball Daddy/Daughter Dance will return to the Summit on the Park on three dates: Feb. 15, 16 and 17.

This popular Valentine's tradition will be held in the Grand Ballroom on both Friday and Sunday, and in the Gymnasium on Saturday night. New this year is the Sunday matinee dance as an option for the early-to-bed crowd. The event will feature dancing to age-appropriate music, light refreshments, and a special butterfly souvenir.

Keepsake photos will be available for an additional cost. Semi-formal/dressy casual attire is recommended and advance ticket purchase is required because space is limited and this special event fills up fast.

Tickets are on sale now for residents and will go on sale for non-residents on Feb. 4. Ticket sales end for everyone on Feb. 11. Ticket prices are \$9 for residents and \$12 for non-residents. Please remember that both daddies and daughters require a ticket. Corsages for your date(s) can also be purchased, but only when buying tickets for the event.

For dance times and more information, you can download the Winter Discover booklet by visiting the Leisure Services Web page at www.canton-mi.org.

## Swing music concert

The Swing City Big Band's Saturday Night Dance Series will continue 8-11 p.m., Feb. 9 at Summit on the Park.

The Swing City Big Band is an 18-piece band comprised of musicians from around the Detroit area and specializes in dance music of all styles, including swing, Latin, waltz, fox-trot, and cha-cha. James Blough, who is also with the Canton Concert Band, is the director.

The event, which will take place in the Maple and Oak rooms at the Summit, will feature a wood dance floor and cash bar.

Admission is \$15 for singles and \$25 per couple. For more information call (734) 495-1608, or visit www.geocities.com/swingcity\_bigband.

## Business women to meet

Canton Business & Professional Women will meet from 6-8:30 p.m., Feb. 11 at Palermo's Restaurant (located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Parts on Ford Road - north side of Ford Road, east of Canton Center Road and west of Sheldon).

Guest speaker will be Nancy Swanborg, director of the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College. Bring a friend and learn about the resources available through the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College.

Please RSVP no later than Feb. 7 by contacting club President June Nicholas via e-mail at junenicholas@comcast.net or by phone at (313) 610-2561.

## 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.

## Franklin scholarship

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

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

four-year college are eligible to apply.

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

## Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters hosts its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble Saturday, March 15. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fourth annual event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton. The juried art event is produced each year by the PCMB to assist the music programs at the Plymouth-Canton Education Park.

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

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

## Canton Newcomers

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

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

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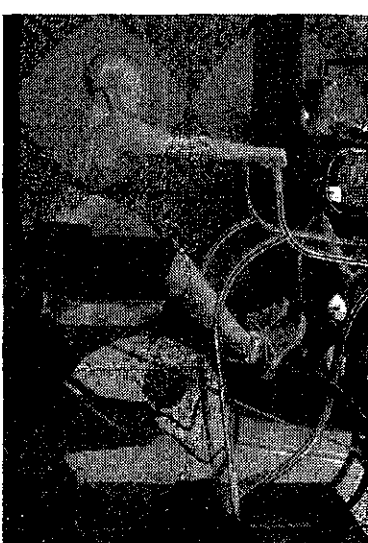
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Karen Rupert owns Honey, What's for Dinner?, which recently opened in Cherry Hill Village.

## Adding her own touches

Nurse brings her own recipes to meal preparation business

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Honey, I want to open my own business. It's easy to imagine that's what Karen Rupert told her husband when she decided to put her nursing career on hold and create her own meal preparation company, Honey, What's for Dinner?

"He totally backed me up," Rupert said of her husband, Earl. "He was gung ho."

Rupert of Wayne, who got her first glimpse of the meal preparation concept a few years ago, said she felt it was the right move for her.

"I love to cook and I've always wanted to have my own business," the mother of four said. "This is like my fifth child. I love this."

Rupert said she felt Cherry Hill Village was the perfect spot to open her company.

"I walked through here and it felt like a whole new world," she said. "People walk outside, they say hello, it's great."

Although her business is similar to national meal preparation companies, Rupert said she passed on opening a franchise because she wanted the freedom to tweak meals and dabble in various ingredients.

"I wanted to go my own way and be able to add my own touches," she said, adding that she's gotten recipes from friends and family members.

With the menu varying each month, Rupert said her most popular dish is stuffed chicken.

"No matter how it's stuffed or how you slice and dice it, it's the stuffed chicken," she said.

Other items include three bean veggie chili, chicken pot pie pockets, sweet as kisses pie, lazy day lasagna and melt in your mouth roast beef.

Canton resident David Hammond stopped in on Thursday to pick up a few dishes and said the business has become a life saver.

"My wife and I both work and we have three small children so dinner time is total chaos," he said. "This makes life so much easier and I can't mess it up. All I have to do is put it in the oven."

Meals are \$19.50 each and include four to six servings. Customers must order a minimum of one meal and the maximum is 12.

"Our goal is to bring families back to the table," Rupert said.

## COMING BACK

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Although it was projected that the Village would be "three or four times the size it is today" by 2008, Yack said the walkable, nostalgic town within a town has suffered the same economic drag as the rest of the metropolitan area.

"(But) I think we would all say, what the developer promised, he delivered," he said. "He's done what we asked him to do."

The Village, which features the 400-seat Village Theater as its crown jewel, has a coffee shop, salon, ice cream parlor, day spa and boutique.

New projects slated for the area include a Rite-Aid Pharmacy on the southwest corner of Denton and Cherry Hill roads, a mixed-use two-story development on Cherry Hill west of Denton and a possible pub on Ridge Road north of the Canton Human Services Building.

"We are seeing some movement in the market," said Township Planner Jeff Goulet. "Any movement is good."

Although various Village projects are picking up steam, the downturn of the economy has stalled the construction of a Busch's Grocery Store on the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Denton.

The Ann Arbor-based grocer, which recently opened a new store in Novi, has pur-

chased the land but doesn't have immediate plans to build on the site, Yack said.

"There is no definite timetable," he said. "They want to see more rooftops. I would like to see them open but it's their money and I respect their decision."

Representatives for Busch's were not available for comment.

Pam Caputo of Real Estate One said traffic has been steady at the model condominium of Cherrywood Parc on Cherry Hill west of Denton.

"We really believe there is a pent-up buyer's market," she said.

The development, which opened its model in December, will include 46, two-car garage brownstone condominiums when complete.

Caputo said one unit has been sold.

"People want to live in the Village and we believe in the concept," she said. "We believe in what's going on here. You can walk out of the door and have everything right there."

Mary Burns, who was the first to move into one of the candy-colored homes inside of Cherry Hill Village in 2002, said she's thrilled to see some action in the Village.

"It's taken a bit longer than any of us thought but in the end, this will be a destination spot," she said.

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## Home prices have fallen in the Village

A sign of the financial times is at the corner of Roosevelt and Cherry Hill roads: the advertisement of Cherry Hill Village homes starting in the \$170s.

In 2001, that sign might have been the equivalent of seeing a unicorn.

"You could barely get a condo for \$170,000 back then," said Realtor Rose Burns, who was the first homeowner to settle into the Village. "I remember when I used to talk about if the prices fell below \$200,000, I would (pass out) and now, here we go."

Burns said asking prices have dropped anywhere from \$50,000 to \$150,000.

Listed at \$200,000, a three-bedroom Roosevelt Street home is being promoted as \$100,000 cheaper than when

it was originally purchased in 2004. Another Village property on Harding Street, a 2,550-square-foot colonial has an asking price of \$239,900. Other Village homes on the market are being touted as "dramatically reduced" and a "great value."

"It's a little discouraging because the homes are selling but no one has made any money because they are priced well below the market value," said Burns, who sold her original home in 2007 and moved across the street. "I priced it aggressively so it could sell but it was about \$40,000 less than what I could have got in a decent market. It's upsetting because we still haven't hit rock bottom yet."

By Tiffany L. Parks

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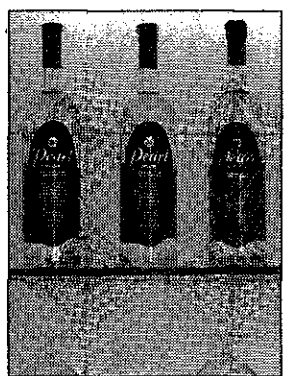
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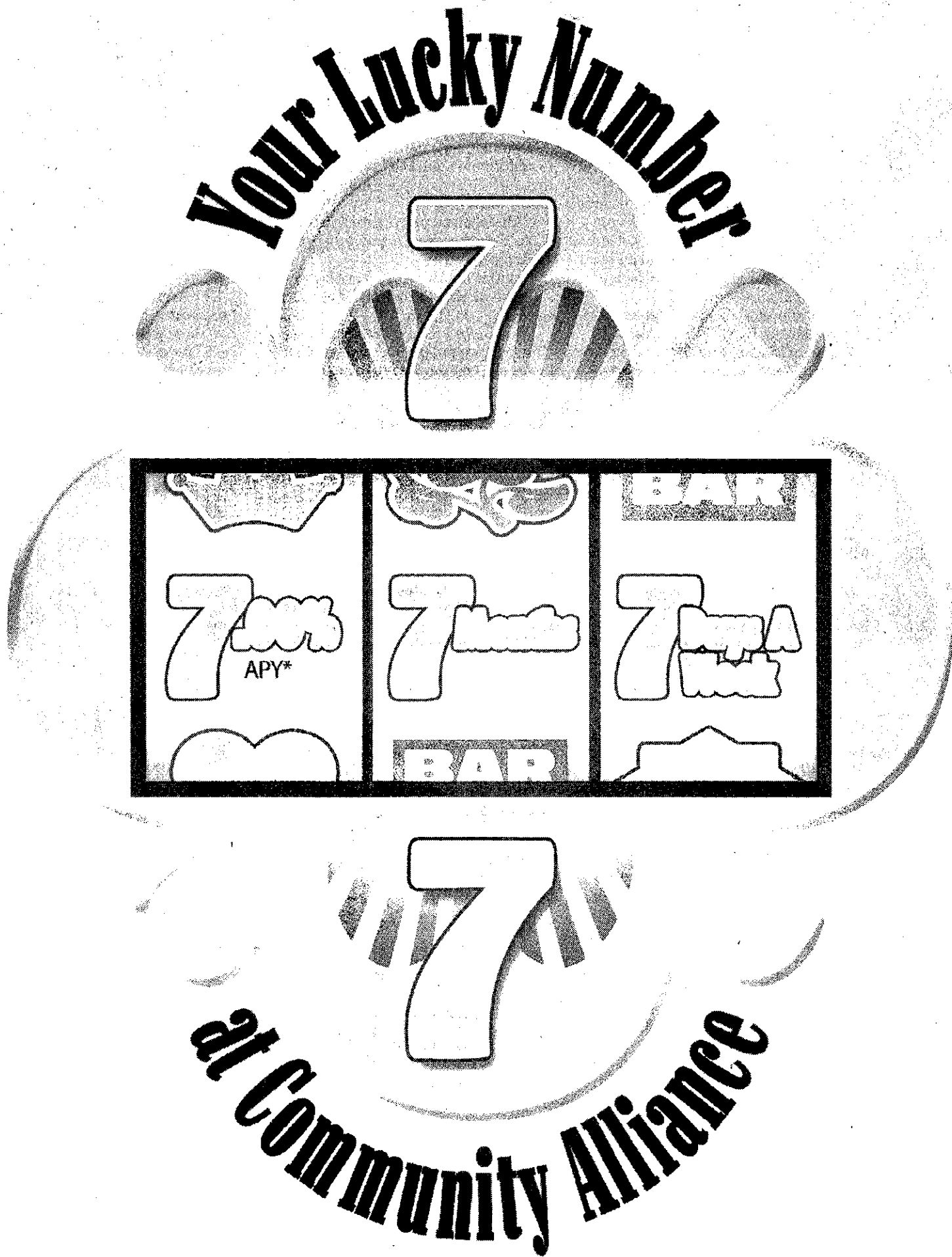
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I have good news. The IRS recently announced new rules that will allow you to be forgiven for the amount of the debt. Prior to these new rules your friend would have been correct.

Under the new rules for tax years 2007-09, taxpayers can exclude up to \$2 million of debt that has been forgiven as long as it is on your principal residence. For single individuals or for married couples filing separately, the amount is \$1 million. The rules apply to short sales as well as mortgages reduced because of a restructuring by the mortgage company.

The rules are new and many taxpayers who went through a short sale or some sort of



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mortgage debt forgiveness in 2007 are going to receive 1099s from their mortgage companies. If they are not more than the exclusion amount then there will be no taxable income. I

am not sure on how the IRS wants them reported but I recommend you include those items on your Form 1040. You can attach a statement to the return explaining that forgiveness of debt was on your principal home and so no income is reported. Consult IRS Publication 544 before you file your return, especially if you prepare your own tax return.

The new rules apply only to debt forgiveness on your personal residence. If you did a short sale or had some debt forgiven on a second home, the entire amount of the forgiveness is considered taxable income and you are liable for taxes.

For taxpayers who had some sort of debt forgiveness on a secondary home the tax liability will be substantial. My advice is to file your return and pay what you can on the liability. If you cannot afford to pay the taxes, contact the IRS at (800) 829-1040 to work out a payment plan or file Form 9465 (installment agreement request) with your return.

Many taxpayers who run into tax difficulties choose not to file because they cannot pay their tax. You are better off to file a timely return because it can help in avoiding penalties.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [money matters@hometownlife.com](mailto:money matters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

## Distractions lead to dangerous kitchen fires

The cell phone rings, and it is quickly answered. The problem is, the cooking that was taking place prior to the phone call is now unattended. The resulting fire is one of the over 100,000 fires



Tom Kiurski

in the U.S. that start in the kitchen.

There is another side of this statistic that paints an even grimmer picture - there are another 12 million kitchen fires that go

unreported each year. Many of those unreported fires are extinguished by homeowners, and they feel they do not need to report the fire. If there is any question about whether or not the fire is out, call us. If you plan on turning in a claim to your insurance company, call us.

The main reason for kitchen fires is leaving cooking food unattended. We often become comfortable with cooking, so we feel a "short" time away from cooking is fine. We've done it before, right?

Often, the ensuing fire will take people by surprise. They think quickly (and incorrectly) that water is effective at putting out fires. Cooking fires are quite different, and water usually spreads the fire. The best thing to do when cooking is to take out the lid that properly fits the pan you plan to cook in. If an unwanted fire breaks out, cover the pan with the lid. This takes away the oxygen and stops the fire. Turn the heat off to the burner and let the pan cool. If the fire is in an over, keep the oven door closed and shut off the oven.

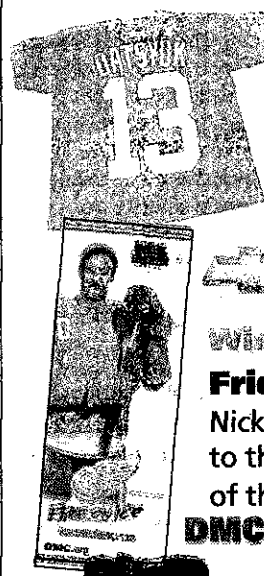
Another great thing to have on hand for that cooking fire is the container of baking soda. Baking soda can extinguish many fires in the kitchen, so keep it in a handy location. All kitchens should be ready for a larger fire, and an A-B-C rated fire extinguisher should be located nearby.

Make sure everyone knows where the fire extinguisher is kept, and that they all know

how to use it. By using the acronym "PASS", you can remember how to use it. The "P" stands for "Pull". This is where you pull the pin or tape out of the way of the operating mechanism. The "A" stands for "Aim", as you aim the nozzle at the base of the flames. When within about 8 to 10 feet, the first "S" stands for "Squeeze", as you squeeze the handles together or squeeze the button down. The final "S" stands for "Sweep", as you move the fire nozzle from side to side.

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.

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# Ballot issue would make health care a priority

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Former state legislator John Freeman says it's time to stop talking about health care and do something about it.

Freeman is chairman of the Michigan Health Care Campaign, a ballot initiative that would amend the state constitution to require the state Legislature to approve an affordable health care plan for Michigan.

"There has always been a lot of talk about health care reform and everyone understands the issue," Freeman said. "This is probably the biggest social concern in the country and state. But other than talking about it, no one was putting forth a serious strategy to go beyond talking and implement reform."

The ballot drive was launched Jan. 8 at a press conference in Royal Oak. A coalition of groups is supporting the drive including AARP, MOSES, Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good, the Michigan Osteopathic Association, MichUHCAN and others.

The goal of the petition is to force legislators to pass legisla-

## PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE

The Michigan Health Care Campaign wants to put this ballot proposal to voters: The state Legislature shall pass laws to make sure that every Michigan resident has affordable and comprehensive health care coverage through a fair and cost-effective financing system. The Legislature is required to pass a plan that, through public or private measures, controls health care costs and provides for medically necessary preventive, primary, acute and chronic health needs.

tion that would establish a more cost-effective health care system and make sure that everyone in the state had access to health care. More than 1 million Michigan residents are without health insurance.

The ballot language does not prescribe a specific remedy for the health care problem.

Freeman, a Democrat who served in the state House 1993-98

representing Royal Oak, Hazel Park and Madison Heights, said the group decided on the non-specific language based on the success of a similar proposal in Massachusetts and the failure of more specific proposals in California.

"When you get down to the details of a proposition, that's where there is a lot of pulling and shoving over what the final product should be," Freeman said. "So in the case in California where they put specific health care proposals on the ballot, it failed because people didn't buy into it."

Freeman said in Massachusetts, supporters of the initiative wanted language in the state constitution supporting the idea that health care was a recognized value that needed legislative action.

"What happened in Massachusetts was that as soon as signatures were collected, politicians understood the people were behind them because of their vast concern," Freeman said.

Freeman said health care is a complex issue and it is important that all the stakeholders in Michigan are involved in whatever legislation develops.

"By putting it into the constitution, it establishes a framework from which the Legislature then has to develop specific proposals that make sense to Michigan and then implement them," Freeman said.

Though Freeman insists the issue is not partisan, Oakland County Republican Party Chair Dennis Cowan is skeptical, even

though his organization hasn't yet taken an official stance on the initiative.

"It's too early to tell," he said. "There's not a lot of detail and this is a very, very complicated issue."

Cowan believes the current health care system has enough money to solve the problem; it's just that those funds "need to be redirected through appropriate incentives and not government mandates."

Freeman said inaction on the federal level was another reason for moving toward a state solution.

"We're moving this strategy forward because we can not wait for the federal government to act and if we do act, that might spur more action on the federal level," he said.

Freeman said he is expecting that some ideas for legislation will come from the Michigan Health Care Insurance Access Coalition, which was formed through a federal grant to study the problem of the uninsured in Michigan. The coalition includes all the major stake holders in health care.

"Their mission statement is to figure out specific reforms to tackle the cost of health care and provide health insurance for the 1 million without health insurance," he said.

The group has six months to collect 380,000 signatures to put the issue on the November general election ballot.

Staff writer Megan Pennefather contributed to this report.

# Observer honored for election, school coverage

The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* won 27 awards - including one for the Canton Observer staff - in the Suburban Newspapers of America Editorial Contest.

An American Press Institute panel comprised of professors from the nation's top journalism schools, along with respected editors and journalists, judged the contest, which drew more than 3,000 entries.

The *Canton Observer*, with staff writer Tiffany Parks and editor Kurt Kuban, earned an honorable mention in Class B Best Continuing Coverage.

The *Plymouth Observer* staff won a first place for editorial writing, and editor Brad Kadrich earned third place in the column writing category and an honorable mention for opinion columns.

Staff writer Tony Bruscato won first-place honors for his breaking news story about a Plymouth woman who rescued a youngster from a flooded Tonquish Creek. The paper also won second-place awards for its local election coverage and its coverage of education issues.

"O&E staff members received top awards for

reporting, editorial, column and feature writing, sports and photography - all the important categories of community journalism," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor. "The O&E is committed to publishing the finest community newspapers and the SNA honors are testimony to our staff's dedication and ability."

The O&E's "Student Voices," a student journalism project in which staff members mentor high school students and publish their work throughout the school year, won second place for best young people's coverage in Class D - the largest and most competitive category in the competition.

Mentors for the 2007 award-winning series included: Greg Mullin, Stephanie Tardy, Tom Hoffmeyer, Wendy Von Buskirk, Karen Smith, Joe Bauman, Sharon Dargay, Stephanie Casola, Tiffany Parks and Kurt Kuban. The sections were designed and/or edited by presentation staffers Beth Jachman, Stephanie Tardy, Dan Dean, Greg Mullin, Bill Emerick, Julie Brown, Jennifer Foley and graphic artist Randy Masters.

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### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 18, 2008 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed special land uses request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

**KIRCO BUSINESS PARK SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A MEDICAL OFFICE AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 21.02B.3 FOR PARCEL NO. 047-01-0002-000 (6200 HAGGERTY N). Property is located east of Haggerty and north of Ford Road.**

Kirco Business Park 047-SLU-021B

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, February 14, 2008 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON  
Chairman

Publish: February 3, 2008

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

**PROPOSED ACTION:** Request Approval to Amend the Contract and Approved Plans For Plymouth Village Planned Unit Development

**DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday, February 20, 2008  
**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 North Haggerty Road

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting to **Amend the Contract and Approved Plans For Plymouth Village Planned Unit Development**, on Tax ID R-78-059-04-0001-000 thru R-78-059-04-0080-000, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 23.12-2. The property is located on the south side of Ann Arbor Road, between Marlowe and Northern Avenues.

**Application 1980/0108.** **Applicant, Leo Soave**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** for parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-059-04-0001-000 thru R-78-059-04-0080-000.

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 6. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

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# Red Cross speaker: Prepare for emergency – and know where to go

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

If you had just five minutes to get out of your house in an emergency, would you know what to take?

That was the question Jessie Gonyea of the American Red Cross posed at the Westland Rotary Club Thursday, Jan. 17. "All these things take a level of preparation," said Gonyea, community liaison for the Red Cross and a Monroe resident.

She urged her audience to have a three-day supply of all prescription medication, noting she carries her husband's heart medication. Gonyea, who had lunch goers list what they'd take, reminded them to consider pets who will need shelter in an emergency.

Her family's close to the Fermi nuclear facility, and they're prepared to head south to Toledo where there's a school/shelter that accepts

pets (not all do). Gonyea noted you should pay attention to wind direction for chemical emergencies, and have alternate routes of travel.

She agreed that identification, credit cards and other essential documents are needed.

Your cell phone's a vital item, but in a widespread disaster you'll need contacts outside the state. "It does affect the satellite," Gonyea said. "Remember that power outage we had a couple years ago? You have to have a contact out of state."

Other must-haves include one gallon per person per day of water, along with food and water for your pet and something to carry the pet in. In her example emergency bag, Gonyea had emergency food rations good for several days.

"It's not the best-tasting thing but if you're hungry it's not bad," she said.

Other highlights:

■ Gonyea carries in her car a change of clothes, along with flip-flops and rubber boots for each member of her four-person family.

■ "Ponchos are really important. We have a lot of rain around here."

■ She carries a flashlight, with separate batteries so power doesn't drain. A "glow stick" can help you see enough to put batteries in.

■ Don't forget toilet paper.

■ A "survival wrap" that's folded but large enough to cover several people will maintain body temperature.

■ Waterproof matches come in handy, as does a whistle.

"You will always hear a whistle above everything else," said Gonyea, noting the sharp whistles heard over the crowd at Detroit's annual Thanksgiving parade. At her house, they have different numbers of blasts to identify who's outside in case of a fire.

She also recommended a small first aid kit. "The NOAA radio is wonderful" for emergency information, she added of that crank-up item.

Additional emergency information can be found on the Red Cross local Web site, [www.semredcross.org](http://www.semredcross.org). Gonyea concluded by reminding Rotarians to make sure generators are used only in a well-ventilated area.

She also covered work done by disaster action teams, such as food/clothing vouchers for fire victims who often stay in a hotel briefly. Victims are referred to other agencies for long-term needs including furniture replacement.

Westland Rotary President Lou Toarmina is a Red Cross volunteer, responding to fires.

"We're lucky to have the American Red Cross with us today," Toarmina said of the agency's role. "That is some of the most rewarding work you're ever going to do."

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### Help Wanted-General 5000

#### BENEFIT ANALYST

BenefitSource, Inc. has an exciting opportunity available for a Benefit Analyst for our office in the historic downtown district of Monroe. The ideal candidate for this position will possess:

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### Help Wanted-General 5000

#### CLEANING POSITIONS

For commercial company offering flexible hrs., 3-6 hrs/night, Mon-Fri. Vacuuming, dusting, Troy Area. Email [cleaning\\_jobs@yahoo.com](mailto:cleaning_jobs@yahoo.com)

#### COLLECTION MANAGER/ PARALEGAL

Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Aho seeks a full-time Collection Manager/Paralegal to work in the Collection Department of CMDA's Livonia office. Applicant must have 3-5 years experience in firm and client collections. Must have extensive collection background, excellent organizational skills, computer and accounting skills, be personable as well and have attention to detail. Salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits. Email resume to [mwlkerson@cmda-law.com](mailto:mwlkerson@cmda-law.com)

#### COLLECTION SPECIALIST

Full time, for auto dealer in Taylor. Phone & computer skills required. Call 734-946-0011 or fax 734-946-0084 Attn: Eugene

#### COLLECTOR

Legal Collector. Min 1 yr exp. collecting in a legal professional environment. Must have good attendance, positive attitude & be a self-starter. Salary, bonuses, & benefits commensurate with experience. Send resume to Christie at: [chilawfirm@gmail.com](mailto:chilawfirm@gmail.com)

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#### CONTROLLER

Wanted for privately owned manufacturing co. located in Brighton. Qualifications must include: Bachelor's degree in Accounting, minimum 7 years progressive experience, prior inventory and manufacturing experience, knowledge of financial accounting procedures, budgeting and general ledger functions, experience with automated computerized accounting systems, MAS 90 experience a plus. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: performing all accounts payable functions, performing and review of all month end close procedures, overseeing accounts receivables functions, perform account and cost analysis to resolve discrepancies, prepare internal monthly financial statements and annual financial budgets, complete inventory costing and analysis with related key inventory metrics. Offering competitive wage and benefit package. Fax resume to: 248-486-4040.

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Aftermarket auto paint distributor seeking an experienced, full-time Counter Sales Person for the metro Detroit area. Minimum 3 yrs. exp. refinish paint. Full benefits package. EOE. Advancement opportunities. Apply in person to: Painter's Supply & Equipment, 25195 Brest Rd., Taylor MI or fax resume to: 734-946-1532

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#### DIRECT CARE WORKER

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Education

#### TEACHER OR PARAPRO

Residential program for EL adolescent boys seeks teacher or paraparo. Mon - Thurs 3:30-4:30pm. Bachelor's degree, certification, min. of one yr. teaching exp. in multi-level classroom. Special ed. or alternative 1 ticket in past 3 yrs. \$17.51/hr. Send resume to: Methodist Children's Home, Attn: TUTOR Dept., 26645 W. Six Mile, Redford, MI 48240. Fax 313-531-1040 or email [MCHSAdmin@provide.net](mailto:MCHSAdmin@provide.net). No phone calls. EOE.

#### ELECTRICIAN

Master Electrician, licensed, needed for smaller contracting company. Call 586-703-0987

### Help Wanted-General 5000

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

A private school in SE Oakland County is looking for an individual to direct in the development of a new elementary school program. This position is currently part time (approx. 10 hrs. per week) but will expand to a full time position in Sept. 2008. For further information, fax a letter of interest and a resume to: 248-541-5750

#### Finance and Insurance Sales Manager

Do you have the knack for holding margin while delivering excellent customer service? Detroit's largest power sports dealer has an exciting opportunity for an experienced Finance and Insurance Sales Manager. Your expertise with customer service, lenders and finance products is required. Excellent pay, benefits package, paid vacation and NO SUNDAYS!! We sell motorcycles, scooters, ATV's PWC's, etc. in a high volume, high traffic location. For confidential interview, contact Chip Terrell, General Manager at 313-278-5000 or fax resume to 313-278-5119 or email resume to: [cterr1@aol.com](mailto:cterr1@aol.com). EEOC & DFWP

#### FINANCE DIRECTOR

For nonprofit teen health center. FT w/benefits. Supervise health insurance billing and reimbursements, works with HMOs to deal with changes, and also carries out standard fund accounting and reporting responsibilities. Must have at least 3-5 years previous experience in accounting, billing and reimbursements, and data management. Good communication skills and team work also required. EOE

Resume & cover letter to: J. Chesler 47 N. Huron St. Ypsilanti, MI 48197 Email: [jchesler@cornerhealth.org](mailto:jchesler@cornerhealth.org)

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Specialty welding shop. Full-time, Mon-Fri. Days only. Paid vacations & holidays, company paid BC/BS, prescription, dental & life insurance, retirement plan and uniforms. Apply at Nu-Core, 2424 Beech Daly, Inkster.

#### HAIR STYLISTS

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#### HAIR STYLISTS MANICURIST/PEDICURIST

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#### HANDYMAN PART TIME

to do minor repairs. Plumbing/electric/HVAC. Valid drivers lic., perfect for retiree. Email [careers@zoup.com](mailto:careers@zoup.com)

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Training provided, weekly pay. No weekends or evenings. Apply at: 36977 Amherst, Livonia.

#### HVAC DISPATCHER

Growing, well established mechanical contracting company located in Detroit metropolitan area seeking to fill immediately available position for dispatcher with experience in the HVAC industry, well organized, must be reliable, familiar with shipping/receiving and inventory control. Good computer skills in Excel, Access, and Quick Books a plus. Salary negotiable, paid vacation & holidays, full medical benefits, 401k and retirement plan. Good customer relations, professionalism, and dependability highly recommended. E-Mail resumes to: [mitchday312@yahoo.com](mailto:mitchday312@yahoo.com)

#### ID GRINDER

Parker Majestic Machine, Exp. Required. Day Shift. Apply in Person: 11865 Globe Street Livonia, MI 48150 Fax: 734-464-2225

### Help Wanted-General 5000

#### INSPECTOR

Machine Tool Company. Must have CMM and advanced inspection skills. Apply in person: Global CNC 11865 Globe Street Livonia, MI 48150 Fax: 734-464-2225

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Needed for Farmington apartment community. Must have minimum of 2 years experience in carpentry, plumbing, electrical & HVAC. Must have strong leadership capabilities. Position requires on-call responsibilities. A drug screen, criminal and driving check will be run prior to employment. Apt. available after 30 days, includes benefits and advancement opportunity. Call Lavita at: (248) 478-8080

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#### MANHOUS REHABILITATION GENERAL LABORER

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#### NAIL TECH. Exp'd.

Part/Full-time positions available. Please contact Michelle at: 734-299-1699

#### PAINTER BATCH, FT

Automotive parts. Experts with minimum 10 yrs. exp. EOE. wages. Call: 248-680-1720 Fax resume: 248-680-1735

#### PERSONAL TRAINERS

Experienced Personal Trainers interested in potential club ownership. You must be motivated and passionate about helping others reach their fitness goals. Contact Derrick at 248-615-1919

#### PLUMBER

Must be licensed Journeyman and have good driving record. Full/Part Time. SUN INTERVIEWS CALL NOW (866) 832-7580

#### POSTAL POSITIONS 2008

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#### Production Supervisor

Western Wayne Metal Stamping Company seeks Production Supervisor. Required 5 years experience in Metalworking Processes, Metal Stamping, & Lean. Supervisor skills a must. Comprehensive Benefits available. Please submit resumes to: [humanresources@eemfg.com](mailto:humanresources@eemfg.com)

#### PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR

Needed for growing titanium processing facility. Must be able to work 2nd or 3rd shift. Competitive wages and benefits.

Please mail or FAX resume to: Global Titanium Inc. 19300 Filer Detroit, MI 48234 Fax: (313) 366-5305 EEOC

Retail Candy Store Manager 44-48 hr. work week. Expect to work some weekend days. Salary benefit package. Fax resume: (734) 458-2635

#### RETAIL SALES PERSON

Exp. in jewelry sales. Serious inquiries. Fax resume: 313-567-8218

### Help Wanted-General 5000

#### SCHEDULING COORDINATOR

Farmington Hills home care agency needs exp. Scheduler with good communication, people & computer skills. Fax or email resume: 248-419-5016 [mturmer@affordablehomecare.org](mailto:mturmer@affordablehomecare.org)

#### SEW WITH US or at Home

(commercial machine req.). Small projects. PT, Flexible. Farmington. 734-981-5989

#### TECHNICIAN

Berg/Access System Tech for established security firm. Full-Time. Exp. position for self-starting team player. [jobs@detecion-systems.com](mailto:jobs@detecion-systems.com)

#### Tool & Die Tender

Western Wayne County Metal Stamping Company seeks energetic and mechanically inclined candidate to separate, disassemble, clean, and reassemble small to large tooling and fixtures for repair and maintenance. Experience with fork lift, crane operation, and High School Diploma or equivalent a must. Please submit resumes to: [humanresources@eemfg.com](mailto:humanresources@eemfg.com)

#### TYPESETTER

Need a typesetter who has experience typesetting coupon books, ads, flyers/ brochures, and publications. Must have experience using In Design or Quark Express. Fax resume to 866-942-0920 or email [findworktoday@gmail.com](mailto:findworktoday@gmail.com)

#### VETERINARY TECH, FT

Donaldson Animal Hospital. Fax resume: 248-391-4570 or call Julie: 248-391-2000

#### WAREHOUSE

Wholesale Co. seeks part-time warehouse worker. Duties include: pulling and packing orders. Hours are 1-5pm, Mon-Fri. Apply in person: Tyndell Photo 13035 Wayne Rd. Livonia MI 48150

#### WAREHOUSE LABORERS

Pallet Sorters for warehouse in Canton. Must be able to lift 60 lbs repetitively. Forklift exp. preferred. \$8-\$9/hr based on exp. Call 888-247-9945

#### WAREHOUSE WORKERS

Forklift & Warehouse exp. needed. Start at \$10/hr. + benefits. Apply in person: Lagasse Inc., 41873 Ecorse Rd., Suite 270, Belleville.

#### WELDER

Full time, for heavy structural steel fabricator. Minimum 5 yrs. exp. 734-261-0130.

#### YOUTH SPECIALIST

Experienced positions in program for EL adolescent males. Req: HS diploma w/ yr. current exp. in residential treatment; prefer Bachelor or Assoc degree w/exp. in human services; not more than 1 ticket in last 3 yrs. Send resume: Methodist Children's Home, YS DEPT, 26645 W. Six Mile, Redford, MI 48240, FAX 313-531-1040 or email [MCHSAdmin@provide.net](mailto:MCHSAdmin@provide.net). No phone calls. EOE

#### Help Wanted-Office 5020

#### ACCTS. PAYABLE/ RECEIVABLE

Hummer of NoVi is looking to hire an Accts Payable/ Receivable office clerk. Inventory control and phone experience is helpful. Stop in and fill out an application (ask for Colleen). 41350 Grand River Ave. Novi 248-476-4466

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

City of Northville City Manager's Office. Must be skilled in MS Word, Publisher. Must be professional, demonstrated ability to handle confidential matters, have excellent writing and people skills. Job description at: [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us) \$40-\$45K per year plus excellent benefits. Send resume to: [dmaras@ci.northville.mi.us](mailto:dmaras@ci.northville.mi.us) Attn: "Administrative Assistant" in the email subject line. No phone calls please. E.O.E.

#### BILLING/SHIPPING CLERK

Rapidly growing company seeking highly motivated individual to fill a full-time position. Requires 55 wpm, use of Word & Excel software, prior exp. in shipping/billing & working knowledge of Peachtree software a plus. Benefits include company supported healthcare, prescription, dental, life & 401K. Please apply at: Nu-Core Inc., 2424 Beech Daly Rd., Inkster.

### Help Wanted-Office 5020

#### DATA ENTRY CLERK

Troy based manufacturing company is looking for a part-time data entry clerk. Responsibilities include data entry, answering multi-line phone system, filing, assisting Office Manager and other related office duties as needed. Proficiency in Microsoft Office a plus. Hourly rate based on experience. E Email your resume to: [kscimmel@trufon.com](mailto:kscimmel@trufon.com) Or fax to (248) 583-4750

**FILE CLERK**  
For Farmington Hills law firm. PT/Fax resume: 248-406-8001

**Legal Secretary/ Assistant**  
For BLOOMFIELD HILLS law firm. 1-3 yrs. exp. preferred. Email resume to: [grosslaw@aol.com](mailto:grosslaw@aol.com) or fax 248-858-7435

**OFFICE ASSISTANT NEEDED FULL TIME**  
For property management firm in Farmington Hills. Computer, Excel, Word and good communication skills required. Fax resume to: 248-888-4721 or mail to Kramer-Triad Management Group, 30701 W. 10 Mile Rd., Suite 500, Farmington Hills, MI 48336 Attn Linda Garrett

**Office Assistant, FT**  
Carpet company seeking reliable, highly motivated, detail oriented person to assist in billing/payroll for installation department. Carpet installation knowledge a PLUS, but not mandatory. Candidate must be proficient in Excel w/accurate data entry skills, strong personality, clerical ability & be excellent at multi-tasking. Competitive salary + benefits. Fax resume: 313-937-1823

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**  
Apt./Mobile Home Park. Experience preferred. Mail resume to: Owner, PO Box 85530, Westland, MI 48185

#### RECEPTIONIST

Opportunity for energetic person with outgoing personality to greet our visitors, answer and direct calls on our automated telephone console. Must possess good verbal, communication, organizational and office skills for other tasks. Full time position in warm and friendly work environment. Send resume in confidence with salary and experience to: FAX (248)374-6065

**SECRETARY, PT**  
Livonia real estate. 12-15 hrs/ wk; weekends and some weekdays from 3-6pm. Fax resume: 734-432-2601

**SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST**  
For small Farmington Hills accounting firm. Strong Word & Excel skills, bookkeeping background helpful. Full-time position with good compensation package. Fax resume to: (248) 477-5692

#### SOUTHWEST LAW FIRM

Seeking clerical position. Fax resume to 248-354-6308

#### TYPIST PT

For reports. Plus some office duties. Must be proficient in WORD and be fast & accurate. Dictaphone exp. a + Send resume to: 36135 Schoolcraft Livonia, MI 48150

#### Help Wanted-Dental 5040

#### DENTAL ASSISTANT

FT or PT. Exp. necessary. Front desk helpful. Farmington Hills. 248-444-9933

#### DENTAL ASSISTANT

A progressive dental office desires enthusiastic, multi tasking exp. person who is committed to providing quality care. Call (248) 474-0224

**DENTAL ASSISTANT AND RECEPTIONIST**  
Must have exp., positive & professional attitude. Fax resume to 313-861-5794

#### DENTAL ASSISTANT

Busy Livonia Practice seeking full time Dental Assistant, exp. preferred but willing to train the right individual. Benefits. Call 734-261-9443 or Fax Resume to 734-261-8484

**Dental Assistant Exp. needed:**  
Customer service skills a plus. 26-30 hrs/wk. no benefits. Fax resume: 734-455-7848

#### DENTAL ASSISTANT

Full-Time for Westland office. Exp. required, benefits. Please fax resume to: Loretta at: (734) 722-5192

### Help Wanted-Dental 5040

#### DENTAL ASSISTANT

PT position available for busy Livonia office. Exp. required. Please send resumes to: Box 1658 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 38251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150

#### DENTAL FRONT DESK

FT, team member needed for busy multi-doctor practice in Canton. Dental exp. nec. Resume to, fax: Attn Janice, 734-981-2683 or email [lilley45@hotmail.com](mailto:lilley45@hotmail.com)

#### DENTAL RECEPTIONIST/ SCHEDULING COORDINATOR

Troy office seeking full time team member with at least 2 yrs dental exp. Who is professional in appearance with excellent communication and administrative skills, career minded, with a health centered lifestyle. Call 248-643-6551.

#### PATIENT COORDINATOR SUPERVISOR

Our busy Livonia group practice seeks an outstanding team leader. Position is FT, requires strong management skills, excellent customer service with ability to multitask. Must have dental experience and be highly motivated. Email resume & cover letter: [livonia.dental@gmail.com](mailto:livonia.dental@gmail.com)

#### RECEPTIONIST/ BILLER

Full-Time, for a fast paced dental office. Great benefits & friendly staff! Email resume: [exceptionaldentaloffice@yahoo.com](mailto:exceptionaldentaloffice@yahoo.com)

#### Help Wanted-Medical 5060

#### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NURSING

Golden Oaks in Pontiac is seeking an Assistant Director of Nursing and nurse for days and afternoons. Golden Oaks is a 90 bed skilled nursing facility focused on short term rehab. Come join the new team at Golden Oaks. Health and dental benefits, as well as 401K available.

Please fax resume to Golden Oaks at (248) 658-4025 Attn: Scott Avery or Karen Jones

#### DIRECT CARE

FT, PT, afternoon, includes weekends. Farmington area. Contact Nikki, Mon-Fri., 9am-3pm. 248-477-6044

#### FRONT DESK SUPERVISOR & RECEPTIONIST

Full-time for radiology facility in Livonia and Trenton. Fax resume: 734-285-2243

#### HR/PAYROLL CLERK

Needed for large medical practice located in Farmington Hills. 1-2 yrs. exp. Email to: [hjrobb@visitingphysicians.com](mailto:hjrobb@visitingphysicians.com) or fax to: 248-324-0761.

#### MA OR LPN - EXPERIENCED

Excellent opportunity a must. Novi area. Fax resume: 248-626-9533

#### MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Full-Time. X-Ray experience needed. Please fax resume to: (248) 855-1323

#### MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Growing specialty practice with offices throughout Oakland County seeks qualified Medical Assistant. Daytime hrs. Mon-Fri. Full-time with benefits. Send resume or letter stating qualifications & exp. to: Mr. Muir Michigan Kidney Consultants 1701 South Blvd. E. Suite 320 Rochester Hills, MI 48307

#### MEDICAL ASSISTANT

For a busy Garden City Cosmetic Dermatology Practice. Exp. Preferred. FT/PT. Please email resume to [swcwestland@hotmail.com](mailto:swcwestland@hotmail.com)

#### MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Medical Weight Loss Clinic seeking energetic self-starter. Venipuncture helpful. For fast paced environment. Fax resume: 248-353-7624 or email: [info@mwlc.com](mailto:info@mwlc.com)

#### MEDICAL BILLER

Medical Biller needed for a large multi-state physician practice headquartered in Farmington Hills. Ideal candidate will possess a minimum 2 yrs. billing exp. Medicare/BCBS/Commercial experience a must! Fax resume to 248-324-0761.

#### MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

FT for Canton dermatology office. Experience preferred. Fax resume: 734-455-7371

#### MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

Needed in Westland family practice office. Must be very well experienced. Call 734-323-0335

### Help Wanted-Medical 5060

#### OPHTHALMIC TECH

Exp. only. FT. Exc. Benefits Call Terry 248-356-6030 or Fax resume to 248-356-4249 or email [terryr@glaucoma-center.com](mailto:terryr@glaucoma-center.com)

#### OPTICIAN WANTED

Do you have a passion for helping people? Customer service and sales ability must be excellent. This is a unique opportunity within the growing healthcare industry where you can combine sale skills with craftsmanship. Optical knowledge and experience helpful but willing to train the right person with the correct attitude and desire to learn. Please email your resume to [suburbaneyecare@yahoo.com](mailto:suburbaneyecare@yahoo.com) or fax your resume to 734-961-0198 or email the [visioncenter@tds.net](mailto:visioncenter@tds.net) (734)525-0726 Attn: Kristin.

#### OPTOMETRY OFFICE

needs additional staff for growing office in Canton. PT/FT, exp. preferred. Call 734-961-2700 or fax resume to 734-961-0198 or email the [visioncenter@tds.net](mailto:visioncenter@tds.net)

#### RN/LPN/CNA

Full or Part-Time W. Bloomfield Allergy Practice. Fax resume: 248-626-2248

#### VISION THERAPIST

Contribute to the well being of others. Part Time Position. Afternoons and Saturday mornings. Will train as a vision therapist. Must like working with children, have good attention to detail, and planning skills. Education background OR psychology degree is preferred. Being personable and energetic is a must! Please email your resume to [suburbaneyecare@yahoo.com](mailto:suburbaneyecare@yahoo.com) or fax your resume to Attn: Kristin (734) 525-0726

#### Help Wanted-Food/Beverage 5080

#### BIKINI WAITSTAFF

FT/PT, days & nights. Apply in person before 6pm, Plymouth Road House, 34101 Plymouth Rd., (734) 421-7744

#### COOKS, EXPERIENCED

American House is accepting applications for Exp'd. Cook. Inquire at: 35700 Hunter Ave., Westland or at: [ahdletary@comcast.net](mailto:ahdletary@comcast.net)

#### COOKS, WAIT & BUS STAFF

Exp. req. Apply within: Ram's Horn, 32435 Grand River, Farmington

#### DELI MAKER

Upscale market seeking energetic, experienced people to assist customers with orders. Please send resume to: Joe's Produce, Attn Donna 33152 W Seven Mile Rd Livonia MI 48152

#### DELI WORKERS & DELI DRIVERS

Exp. necessary. Part-Time. Call: 248-787-4309

#### SHORT ORDER COOK

PT or FT. Apply in person: Koney Island Inn, Livonia Mall, 7 Mile & Middlebelt. (248) 476-7870

#### WAITSTAFF

EXPERIENCED, All Shifts. Good pay. Apply at: Ram's Horn, 7020 N. Wayne Rd., Westland. No Phone Calls, Please!

#### WAITSTAFF

Must be strong, outgoing & exp'd. FT & PT. COOK PT, poss. FT. 3 yrs. min. exp. Apply Mon-Thurs., 2-4pm at: Four Friends Bar & Grill 44282 Warren Rd., Canton. No Phone Calls!

#### Help Wanted-Sales 5120

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National company hiring sales pros. For personal interview. Office: (734) 464-0115 or Cell: (248) 921-8566

#### Help Wanted-Part-Time 5200

#### PURCHASING CLERK

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## OUR VIEWS

### Board should have kept tape rolling

**P**lymouth-Canton Board of Education President Judy Mardigian consistently promised the search for a new superintendent would be transparent, with discussions and interviews of candidates televised on public service cable TV for those who couldn't attend the open interviews.

Even as late as Jan. 22, when Trustee Dianne Gonzalez suggested board discussion of each candidate's strengths and weaknesses be off-camera, Mardigian insisted everything would be open and on tape.

The school board this week conducted three interviews and, as promised, all were taped. After the third interview Tuesday, however, the board took a short break and then resumed discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate before choosing which, if any, would be invited back.

However, conspicuously missing was the glare of the bright lights that generally accompanies taping of the meeting. When asked if the board's discussion was being taped, a district official said the board decided "a couple of days ago" not to tape because "they didn't want any negative things ... about the candidates to end up on the Internet."

So much for an open process.

Trustees are elected by voters to represent them, and the stakeholders deserve to hear what they have to say on all topics

— good or bad. Selecting a new superintendent is one of the board's biggest decisions, and constituents should be able to not only view the candidate interviews, but also hear trustees' thoughts on their merits.

Trying to keep "bad things" off the Internet is no reason to go back on the promise of openness. It creates a slippery slope, for what might be next?

Turning off the cameras as when a tough decision needs to be made about busing? Or during budget discussions when the tough academic cuts need to be made? Who makes the decision to pick and choose what constituents should — or need to — know?

To be fair, it's true the board could have gone into closed session to discuss the candidates, but only if the candidates themselves requested it. It's to the board's credit they discussed the issue in open session. Still, they didn't follow through on Mardigian's promise.

Voters elect candidates because they heard and liked what they stood for during the campaigns. They also want to hear those voices afterward.

They deserve to see how board members represent them, including hearing their decision-making processes, to determine whether the candidates for whom they voted kept their promises.

Or does politics trump the public's right to know?

If you expect to get a tax refund, do you have any plans for the money?



"Paying off some loans. I'm a student."

- Kavitha Kumar of Canton



"No big plans."

- Fred Reed of Canton



"Paying off some bills and getting caught up a little bit."

- Bob Oliver of Westland



"A vacation."

- Calvin Whitmore of Belleville

## COMMUNITY CORNER

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Recall effort is waste

I read with concern an article about a recall effort against state Rep. Marc Corriveau. I am concerned because he is one of about 10 representatives that a vigilante group by the name of "Michigan Taxpayers' Alliance" has targeted to attack and attempt to remove from office without reason.

Their intent seems to be to harass Democratic legislators in order to set the stage for more of their tainted friends to get into office.

Make no mistake, this is a perverted use of our laws intended to tear from us our natural rights as Michigan citizens.

Secretary of State Terry Lynn Land, a Republican herself, seems to be greasing the skids for the "MTA" and Leon Drolet (an ex-state representative) and his motley crew.

I am a Republican. It is my opinion that Leon Drolet, John Hett, Rose Bogaert and others involved in these actions are acting in bad faith. Their actions seem very much like those I would expect from the remnants of the John Birch Society or Ku Klux Klan that

Michigan once harbored in large numbers.

It appears that Land's office is providing, apparently, aid and succor to a Republican crony like Leon Drolet. If it didn't cost so much money and waste so much time Drolet's frenetic activity would be droll.

Recently in Canton Clerk Terry Bennett stated that to add just one item to the ballot could cost as much as \$50,000.

Leon Drolet is orchestrating, I understand, about 10 recall actions simultaneously. The cost for these actions ultimately is much more than \$50,000. What is happening here is not something small and insignificant.

Marc Corriveau has been acting in good faith in his position as my state representative. I have looked at the records of the others that Drolet is attempting to undermine and the picture I get, after looking at campaign contribution records for Drolet, is that he may be taking orders from out of state and serving the private interests of his contributors rather than working for the people of Michigan.

Alfred Brock  
Wayne

### FISH tale

Thank you for the wonderful article ("FISH swims along in 35th year," Jan. 13). My mother, Sally Baumgartner, who is now deceased, was involved with FISH for years.

I remember many times mom said she needed to stay home because she was Fish of the Day! We liked to tease her about it, but we were really very proud of her volunteer work with this organization. It also was not unusual for her drive a senior to the doctor, wait with the patient in the doctor's office and then take the person home.

Thanks for reminding me of some wonderful memories of my mom and I'm so glad that FISH is still going strong.

Shirley Robinson  
Orange City, Fla.

### More false hope

War without end — Amen. I first need to say that I have always wanted to write about this crazy line that comes into my head. It bothers me a lot, because it is a thing that always pops into my head every time I see Bush Jr. as he is giving his

annual speech to the nation.

You see, I grew up going to the Methodist church. Yes, there was a method to each service, because the preacher man (and most often it was our in-law, the minister at the church we went to) would always say this in his benediction: "World without end ... amen." The "we are strong in our resolve," or we are "making progress" statements always have a way of forcing this goofy statement back into my head.

It's as if Bush was this fictitious preacher, trying to collect money on some TV revival show on some obscure local TV channel.

The reality is that we are spending \$12 billion a month on a war we frankly we aren't winning. Is that fiscally conservative? I think not.

Are the spoils of this war in Iraq coming back to you and me?

Do we feel safer? If you answered yes to either question, then you should send your money to the nearest TV preacher of your choice, because you like false hope.

Mark Barringer  
Farmington Hills

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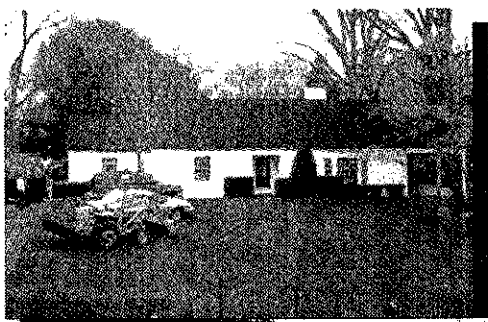
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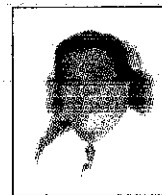


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## A few ideas to help fill empty seats in gyms

I debated whether to dedicate this column to curing the global-warming crisis or solving the problem of diminishing crowds at local high school sporting events.

Since it was 15 degrees out and snowing heavily when I left my house for the office, I decided global warming could wait.



Ed Wright

*(By the way, if the globe is warming, why isn't my heating bill shrinking?)*

Being the huge high school sports fan that I am, it's troubling to walk into a gym or an arena a few minutes before a high school game tips off and see attendance struggling to hit triple-figures.

The dwindling-attendance issue isn't an every-night, every-game thing, but one small crowd is one too many in my book.

And if it's disheartening to me, just think what it must be like for the players.

*(If an 18-foot jump shot hits nothing but net, but no one is there to hear it, does it make a sound?)*

I grew up during an era in mid-70s Lansing when high school hoop games had to be moved to Michigan State's Jenison Fieldhouse so that all of the fans could be accommodated — so I've seen the packed-gym end of the spectrum.

With all the competition for people's attention these days — MySpace, YouTube, texting, PlayStation, 100-plus cable TV channels, etc. — it's unrealistic to think the night-after-night overflow-crowd scenario will ever occur in these parts.

But it certainly would be nice to at least move the Fan-O-Meter dial a little bit from the near-empty-gym end of the spectrum to the one I was used to growing up.

### Step 1: Start doubling-up

The fastest way to generate bigger crowds and more enthusiasm at high school basketball games is to institute

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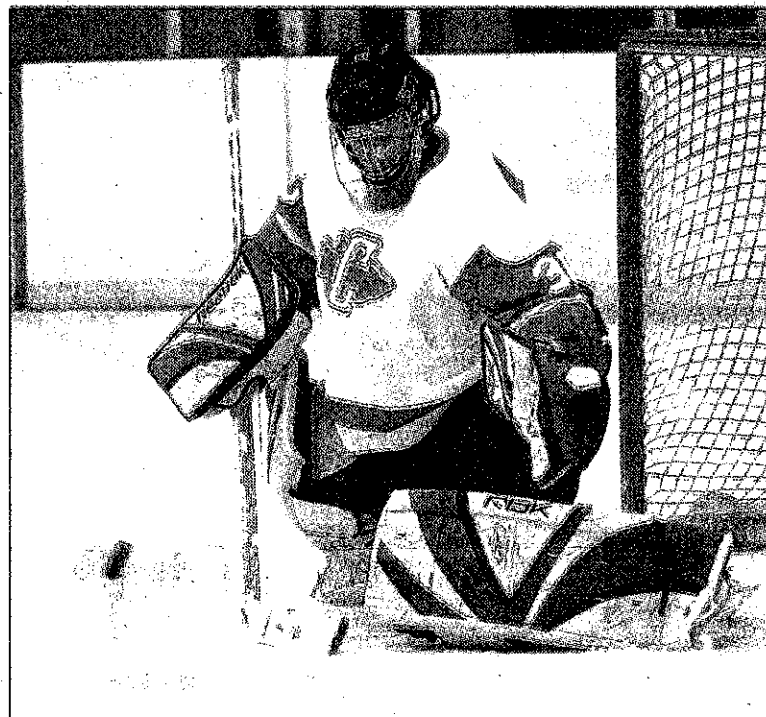


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Canton defensemen Ryan May (left) and Mark Barath (right) put the squeeze on Plymouth's Colin Rolfe during Friday night's cross-campus contest played at the Arctic Edge. Canton won, 3-1.

## Canton icers outlast 'Cats, 3-1

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER



Canton goalie Zane Birchler shined between the pipes Friday night against Plymouth. The junior missed a shutout by just five seconds.

Friday morning's snowstorm wiped out all but one of Friday night's P-CEP scheduled sporting events, but the single game that was played turned out to be a doozy.

In a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division hockey game played at the Arctic Edge, Canton extended its mid-season unbeaten streak to seven by outlasting cross-campus rival Plymouth, 3-1.

The Chiefs, who are 6-0-1 since a Jan. 8 loss to Plymouth, improved to 11-8-1 overall and 3-2-1 in the division. The loss dropped the Wildcats to 10-8-1 and 2-3-1, respectively.

"We've been able to pull out some close games lately thanks to great leadership," said Canton coach Dan Abraham. "I'm proud of how hard everybody is working and how everybody is pulling together."

The Chiefs have an opportunity to draw a little closer to division-leading Northville on Wednesday when the two teams meet at 8 p.m. at the Arctic Edge.

Canton led 1-0 after two periods thanks to a Cory Sosnowski net-finder that was assisted by

Please see **HOCKEY, B2**

## Whalers' two comebacks not enough against Ottawa

Jason Bailey's power play goal snapped a 3-3 tie and the Ottawa 67's defeated the Plymouth Whalers, 7-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth is now 26-19-2-2, good for 56 points and fourth place in the OHL West. Ottawa improved to 23-23-2-2, good for 50 points and third place in the OHL's East Division.

The Whalers battled back from deficits of 2-0 and 3-2, but Ottawa scored the game's final four goals, including the final

three in a span of 1:40 late in the third period to pull away.

Ottawa got goals from seven different players — Ryan Martindale (6th), Mike Latta (10th), Julian Demers (5th), Bailey (8th) Thomas Kiriakou (14th), Jamie McGinn (22nd) and Adam Zamec (13th).

Ottawa rookie goaltender Chris Perugini emerged as the first star of the game after stopping 39-of-42 Plymouth shots.

Ryan Hayes scored twice for Plymouth and now has six goals in 10 games

since coming over from Boston College. Whalers rookie Tyler J. Brown (Westland) added his fourth goal of the year for Plymouth.

After Ottawa led 2-0 on first-period goals by Martindale at 5:04 and Latta at 11:35, the Whalers tied the game at 2-2 in the second period on goals by Hayes at 3:10 (one-timer from the lower rim of the left circle) and Brown at 6:02 (rebound through traffic on the right side of the Ottawa goal).

Demers gave Ottawa a 3-2 lead at 19:06

of when he scored from the left boards.

But Hayes tied the game for Plymouth at 3-3 at 1:38 of the third period with a shot from the hashmarks past Perugini.

Bailey scored the game-winner when Demers' point shot caromed off the back board behind the Plymouth goal and bounced to Bailey on the left lip of the crease at 6:42. Kiriakou (18:16), McGinn (empty net at 18:45) and Zamec (power play at 19:56) salted the game away for Ottawa.

Plymouth outshot Ottawa, 42-33.

## 'Mitch' leads Rocks to hoop prominence

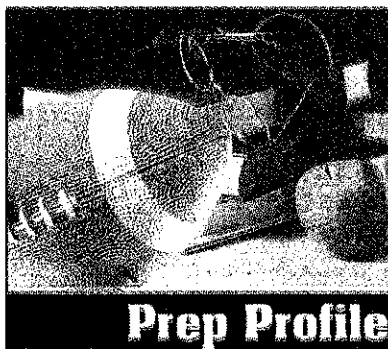
BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

She's smooth, savvy and smart — everything a coach could want in a senior point guard.

She can shoot, distribute and defend — everything you'd expect from a three-year starter.

She is Salem's Alaya Mitchell — No. 5 in your program and No. 1 on the list of reasons the Rocks are among the most successful girls basketball teams in the state this season.

"Mitch" is the best player in our league this year and one of the best in the area," said Salem coach Fred Thomann, whose team will take a 14-2 record and No. 1 seed into next week's Western Lakes Activities Association conference tournament. "She did a great job during the off-season of getting herself in



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outstanding shape and she's been on a roll since our first game.

"We asked Alaya to switch roles this season — from being our top assist player to a scorer, and she's handled it well. We basically told her, 'Go out there and do your thing,' and she's had an outstanding senior season so far."

Please see **MITCHELL, B3**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem senior basketball captain Alaya Mitchell has several reasons to smile. She's led the Rocks to a 14-2 record and first place in the WLAA's Lakes Division along with earning a full-ride scholarship to Marshall University.

## GCYBSA sign-ups are in full swing

Registration for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association's (GCYBSA) 2008 season is in full swing.

Area baseball and softball players between the ages of 4 and 18 who reside in Plymouth or Canton, or attend any school in the Plymouth-Canton School District are eligible to participate.

To register online, visit [www.gcybsa.com](http://www.gcybsa.com).

Walk-in registration is also available at the Canton Sports Center, located at 46555 W. Michigan Ave., daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, to pick up a registration form.

Last year, 2,600 players competed in GCYBSA leagues.

## Sidelines

### Rescheduled hoop games

Friday night's girls and boys basketball games that were postponed due to heavy snow will be played Monday at 7 p.m.

In girls action, Salem will host Livonia Stevenson, Canton will host Walled Lake Western and Plymouth will host Wayne Memorial.

In boys action, the Rocks will travel to Stevenson, the Chiefs will travel to Western and the Wildcats will hit the road to take on the Zebras. Monday's regularly scheduled boys games — Northville at Salem, Stevenson at Canton and Plymouth and Churchill — had not yet been rescheduled as of Friday night.

The Western Lakes Activities Association tournament will commence Tuesday night at 7 p.m. First-round match-ups won't be solidified until Monday night's make-up games are complete.

### PCS girls

#### lacrosse meeting

An informational meeting for prospective Plymouth-Canton-Salem high school girls lacrosse players and their parents is set for Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Canton High School library. The meeting, which is expected to last one hour, is important for new and returning players and their parents.

For more information, visit [www.pcsladywarriors.com](http://www.pcsladywarriors.com).

### Indoor baseball

■ The Velocity Baseball Academy in Canton is offering a Spring Training Camp for kids 12 and older on Feb. 13-15.

Two different camps will be offered: a \$140 hitting and pitching camp from 10 a.m. to noon; and a hitting, pitching and strength and conditioning camp, which will run from 1-3:30 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 485-2561; or visit [www.velocitysp.com/canton](http://www.velocitysp.com/canton).

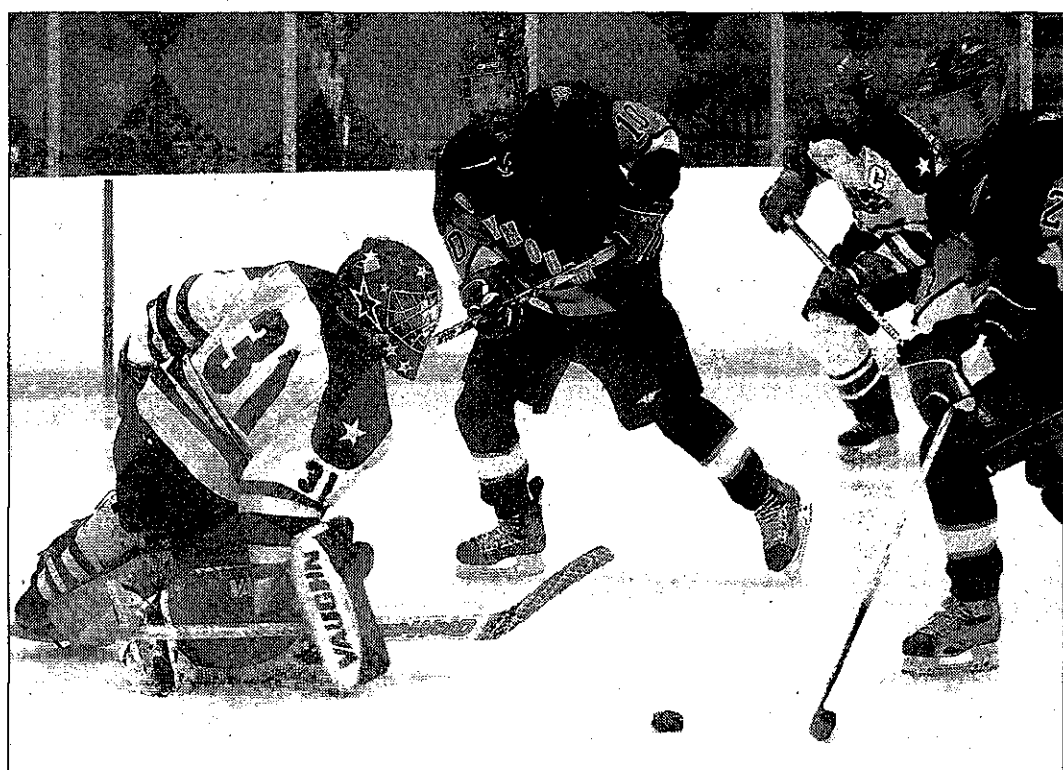
■ Precision Baseball in Canton has hired a certified strength-and-conditioning coach to teach speed and agility training.

Classes start today at 10 a.m. The cost is \$20 per one-hour session or 10 sessions for \$150.

There are also openings for the hitting leagues, which will start Feb. 9 at 9 a.m. There are two age groups for the six-week leagues: 13u and 17u. Hitting machines will be adjusted for the age groups.

For more information, contact Jay Alexander at (734) 459-5921.





TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Erik Olivier scores on Franklin's Austin Mesler during Wednesday night's 5-5 tie.

# Franklin ties Plymouth 5-5

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin first-year hockey coach Scott Wirgau was encouraged by his team's performance Wednesday night in a 5-5 deadlock with Plymouth at Eddie Edgar Arena. "This team (Plymouth) is on a roll and their goalie (Ryan Schultz) is outstanding," Wirgau said of the Wildcats, who are 10-7-1 overall and 3-2-1 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. "I've been able to make a short list for us as far as some of the things the team has to build upon this year and we've done that. Our kids are starting to believe in themselves and the system."

Four of Franklin's five goals were power-play efforts including Eric Volk's game-tying

score from Jordan Short and Tyler Barnes with 11:42 left in the final period. The Wildcats took a 5-4 lead just 1:35 earlier in the third on Erik Olivier's power-play goal from Evan Swieczkowski. Plymouth jump out to a 2-0 lead just 4:42 into the first period on goals by Justin Gilliam (from Jake Jossy) and Colin Rolfe (from Jossy and Kyle Rochov). But the Patriots responded on Jordan Chisholm's power-play goal from Derek Davis and Tyler Miller at the 5-minute mark followed by Chisholm's second of the night from Miller at 11:12. In the second period, Rick Cigile scored from Rolfe and Noel Aspenwall at 4:16 to make it 3-2. Franklin's Tyler Barnes then answered with a pair of power-

play goals just 30 seconds apart, the first from Robert Beattie and David Muller at the 10-minute mark and the second from Beattie and Ronald Perian. Jerry Pitts' power-play goal from Conner Dresser with only 37 seconds before the second period ended evened the count at 4-all. Plymouth outshot the Patriots, 43-23, as Franklin netminder Austin Mesler made 38 saves. Schultz had 18 saves, but none bigger when he blocked Chisholm on a breakaway following a steal off the Plymouth defense with only 1.2 seconds left in the game. Franklin is now 4-11-2 overall and 0-5-1 in the Western Division.

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## HOCKEY

FROM PAGE B1

Dan Bielak. The Chiefs upped their advantage to 2-0 with seven minutes left in the contest on an unassisted goal from Zac Haar — his first of the campaign. Canton iced the win when Nick Tomilenko notched an unassisted empty-netter with 1:2 left to play.

The Wildcats' lone goal came with four seconds remaining when senior Ricky Cigile found the back of the net with his eighth lamp-lighter of the season. "It was a very good game," said Plymouth coach Paul Fassbender. "The story was the power play: We were 0-for-seven and they were two-for-seven." Both teams' goalies excelled. Canton's Zane Birchler missed a shutout by

just a few seconds and just two shots found their way past Plymouth's Christian Blik. "Plymouth played very well tonight — they really came at us," Abraham added. "But Birchler made some outstanding saves." The Chiefs' victory avenged an earlier 7-2 setback to the Wildcats at Compuware Arena.

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# Rock skaters nip Dearborn

Salem's hockey team overcame a sluggish start to upend Dearborn Unified, 5-4, Tuesday night in a game played at the DISC in Dearborn. The victory improved the Rocks' record to 6-11. Salem trailed 2-0 after the first period before tallying four unanswered net-finders in the second period.

Dearborn rebounded the knot the game at 4-all in the final stanza before Salem's Kurt Driscoll lit the lamp with six minutes left to break the tie. Driscoll's game-winner was assisted by Joel Cheesman and David Russell. "We struggled in the first period; we just didn't skate well," said Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher. "We really

picked it up in the second period then got a nice goal from Kurt to win it late." Cheesman, Sam Ott, Eddie Marorowicz and Steve Haburne also scored goals for the winners. Cheesman notched a pair of assists. Mark Barkoff earned the win between the pipes for the Rocks, stopping 14 shots.

## GYMNASTICS RESULTS

**DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**FARMINGTON UNITED 143.300**  
**CANTON 138.400**  
**Monday at Farmington**  
**Vault:** 1. Kristin Nagle (F), 9.30; 2. Jessie Murray (C), 9.10; 3. Robyn Piowar (C), 9.0; 4. (tie) Amy Ancona (F) and Jill Happaniemi (F), 8.90; 6. Sam Kohl (F), 8.80.  
**Uneven bars:** 1. Cathy Huang (C), 9.50; 2. Jill Happaniemi (F), 8.95; 3. Elana Cocke (F), 8.80; 4. Jessie Murray (C), 8.60; 5. Kristin Nagle (F), 8.55; 6. Robyn Piowar (C), 8.45.  
**Balance beam:** 1. Elana Cocke (F), 9.40; 2. Jessie Murray (C), 9.25; 3. Amy Ancona (F), 9.10; 4. Kristin Nagle (F), 8.85; 5. Jill Happaniemi (F), 8.75.  
**Floor exercise:** 1. Kristin Nagle (F), 9.50; 2. Elana Cocke (F), 9.20; 3. Amy Ancona (F), 9.05; 4. Jessie Murray (C), 9.00; 6. Jill Happaniemi (F), 8.95; 6. Cathy Huang (C), 8.90.  
**All-around:** 1. Kristin Nagle (F), 36.250; 2. Elana Cocke (F), 36.000; 3. Jill Happaniemi (F), 35.550; 4. Jessie Murray (C), 35.350; 5. Amy Ancona (F), 35.300; 6. Robyn Piowar (C), 35.000.  
**LIVONIA BLUE 143.05**  
**CANTON 137.25**  
**Jan. 21 at Canton**  
**Vault:** 1. Emily Quint (Blue), 9.35; 2. (tie) Laura Nomura (Blue), Robyn Piowar (C) and Jessie Murray (C), 9.25 each; 5. Cathy Huang (C), 8.95; 6. Meghan Powers (Blue), 8.8.  
**Uneven bars:** 1. Quint (Blue), 9.35; 2. Powers (Blue), 9.2; 3. Kelly Tapella (Blue), 9.0; 4. Huang (C), 8.95.  
**Balance beam:** 1. Murray (C), 9.05; 2. Meredith Albers (Blue), 8.9; 3. Nomura (Blue) and Quint (Blue), 8.85 each; 5. Powers (Blue), 8.65.  
**Floor exercise:** 1. Murray (C), 9.2; 2. Nomura (Blue), 9.1; 3. Quint (Blue), 9.05; 4. Tapella (Blue), 8.75.  
**All-around:** 1. Quint (Blue), 36.8; 2. Murray (C), 35.95; 3. Nomura (Blue), 35.7; 4. Powers (Blue), 35.35.  
**LIVONIA RED 138.7**  
**CANTON 137.25**  
**Jan. 21 at Canton**  
**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**  
**Vault:** 1. Paula Guzik (Red), 9.5; 2. (tie) Jessie Murray (C) and Robyn Piowar (C), 9.25 each.  
**Uneven bars:** 1. Guzik (Red), 9.3; 2. Cathy Huang (C), 8.95; 3. Piowar (C), 8.9; 4. Alicia DiMauro (Red), 8.65.  
**Balance beam:** 1. Murray (C), 9.05; 2. Jamie Marhugh (Red), 8.9; 3. Margarita Lazarevska (Red), 8.7; 4. Guzik (Red), 8.65.  
**Floor exercise:** 1. Murray (C), 9.2; 2. Piowar (C), 8.7; 3. DiMauro (Red), 8.65; 4. Guzik (Red), 8.55.  
**All-around:** 1. Guzik (Red), 36.0; 2. Murray (C), 35.95; 3. Piowar (C), 35.15; 4. DiMauro (Red), 34.45.  
**Livonia Red's dual meet record:** 4-2 overall.  
**Canton's dual meet record:** 3-3 overall.

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**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Farmington (A), 144.350 points; 2. Grand Rapids Forest Hills, 142.775; 3. Livonia Blue, 141.200; 4. Northville, 140.800; 5. Canton, 139.675; 6. Livonia Red, 138.800; 7. Salem, 135.575; 8. Freeland, 130.150; 9. Howell, 128.525; 10. Farmington (B), 127.700; 11. Brighton, 126.600; 12. Fraser, 125.000.  
**CANTON INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**  
**Vault:** Robyn Piowar (5th - 9.20); Jessie Murray (6th - 9.15); Cathy Huang (7th - 9.1).  
**Uneven bars:** Jessie Murray (6th - 9.0).  
**Balance beam:** Jessie Murray (1st - 9.45).  
**Floor exercise:** Jessie Murray (1st - 9.525).  
**All-around:** Jessie Murray (3rd - 37.125); Robyn Piowar (9th - 35.25).  
**LIVONIA BLUE INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**  
**Vault:** Emily Quint, 9.35; Laura Nomura, 9.3; Meghan Powers, 8.65; Kelly Charniga, 8.3.  
**Uneven bars:** Quint and Kelly Tapella, 9.05 each; Powers, 8.8; Nomura, 8.4.  
**Balance beam:** Nomura, 9.05; Powers, 8.5; Quint, 8.25; Charniga, 8.05.  
**Floor exercise:** Quint, 9.5; Powers, 9.4; Tapella, 8.9; Nomura, 8.65.  
**All-around:** Quint, 36.15; Powers, 35.35; Nomura, 35.40.  
**LIVONIA RED INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**  
**Vault:** Paula Guzik, 9.45; Alicia DiMauro, 9.05; Jamie Marhugh, 8.825; Brittany Swazey, 8.8.  
**Uneven bars:** Guzik, 9.35; DiMauro, 8.0; Katina St. Pierre, 7.95; Marhugh, 7.9.  
**Balance beam:** Guzik, 9.35; Margarita Lazarevska, 8.85; St. Pierre, 8.3; DiMauro, 8.15.  
**Floor exercise:** Guzik, 9.1; DiMauro, 8.75; Swazey, 8.55; Lazarevska, 8.35.  
**All-around:** Guzik, 37.225; DiMauro, 33.95.  
**NORTHVILLE 142.15, CANTON 138.70**  
**Jan. 17 at Northville**  
**Vault:** 1. Allison (N), 9.2; 2. (tie) Makenna (N) and Robyn Piowar (C), 9.1; 4. Cassidy (N), 9.0; 5. Jessie Murray (C), 8.9; 6. Cathy Huang (C), 8.8.  
**Uneven bars:** 1. Cassidy (N), 8.9; 2. Allison (N), 8.85; 3. (tie) Jessie Murray (C) and Makenna (N), 8.75; 5. Amyr (N), 8.6; 6. Robyn Piowar (C), 8.4.  
**Balance beam:** 1. Jessie Murray (C), 9.5; 2. Allison (N), 9.3; 3. Julie (N), 9.2; 4. Robyn Piowar (C), 9.1; 5. (tie) Makenna (N) and Cassidy (N), 9.0.  
**Floor exercise:** 1. Jessie Murray (C), 9.2; 2. (tie) Mallory Hudak and Makenna (N), 9.15; 4. Robyn Piowar (C), 8.8; 5. Allison (N), 8.7; 6. Cassidy (N), 8.55.  
**All-around:** 1. Jessie Murray (C), 36.35; 2. Allison (N), 36.05; 3. Makenna (N), 36.00; 4. Cassidy (N), 35.45; 5. Robyn Piowar (C), 35.4; 6. Julie (N), 34.05.



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## Double-double trouble

Canton Agape's Ayanna Martin (25), pictured above in a game earlier this season, gave United Christian fits in the two teams' Jan. 31 contest. Martin recorded a double-double (15 points and 14 rebounds) in the Wolverines' 48-23 triumph. Brooke Purcell also had a big night for the winners, netting 25 points and 10 boards.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**MONDAY, FEB. 4**  
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Wayne, 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 5**  
Oakland Christian at PCA, 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 7**  
Salem at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Northern at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Agape at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 8**  
Parkway at PCA, 8:30 p.m.  
Agape at Baptist Park, 7:30 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**MONDAY, FEB. 4**  
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 5**  
PCA at Oakland Christian, 7 p.m.  
First-round WLAA Tourney, TBA  
Agape at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 7**  
Macomb at PCA, 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 8**  
Agape at Lutheran South, 7:30 p.m.

### PREP HOCKEY

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6**  
Northville at Canton, at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 8**  
Franklin at Plymouth at Compuware, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 9**  
Salem at Plymouth at Plymouth Cultural Center, 7 p.m.

### PREP WRESTLING

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6**  
Canton at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.  
Wayne Memorial at Salem, 6:30 p.m.  
Plymouth at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 9**  
WLAA Tournament, 9 a.m. at Canton High School

### BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

**TUESDAY, FEB. 5**  
Salem at Canton, 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 7**  
Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Northville at Plymouth at Canton pool, 7 p.m.

### GYMNASTICS

**TUESDAY, FEB. 5**  
Saline at Canton at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6**  
Salem at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 7**  
Brighton at Canton at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

### MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6**  
U-M Dearborn at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.  
Canton at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 9**  
Cornerstone at Madonna, 3 p.m.  
Flint Mott CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

### WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6**  
UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 5:30 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 5:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 9**  
Madonna at Cornerstone, 1 p.m.  
Flint Mott CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

### ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

**FRIDAY, FEB. 8**  
Whalers at Ottawa Generals, 7:05 p.m.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 9**  
Whalers at Belleville Bulls, 7:15 p.m.

**SUNDAY, FEB. 10**  
Whalers at Kingston Frontenacs, 2 p.m.

**MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE**  
**THURSDAY, FEB. 7**  
Ignition at La Raza de Monterrey, 9:35 p.m.  
TBA - time to be announced.

## WRIGHT

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girls/boys varsity doubleheaders.

The way the Western Lakes Activities Association's schedule works currently is that the boys and girls games are played at the same time in the opposite schools' gyms, which spreads out each school's fan base.

Start the first game at 7 p.m. (you can rotate who plays first — boys one week, girls the next) and the second game at 8:30 p.m. The freshmen and junior- varsity games can start at 4 p.m. and 5:15 at both schools with time limits so the varsity games are not delayed.

Next year's inaugural season of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association would be a perfect time to institute the double-header format.

### Step 2: Seek pros' advice

Form a committee made up mostly of high school marketing students, a few teachers and maybe an administrator or two, and have them brainstorm with members of the local professional sports franchises' marketing staffs.

I guarantee you the pro teams' marketing stars would be more than willing to

give up a few hours of their time to this cause and offer some ideas to bolster attendance.

And how good would it look on the students' resume to say they actually had some practical experience in sports marketing?

### Step 3: Create 'event' atmosphere

The most memorable high school games I've attended the past few years are the ones that have been heavily populated with high school students/fans.

Parents' and grandparents' support is great, but the energy the players' peers bring to a game is priceless.

Large student cheering sections not only add some much-needed life to the game, they also create a home-court advantage for the hosts.

How do you attract more students to the games?

Let's start by letting them in for just \$1.

Secondly, emulate what the Canton wrestling program is doing by making each home game/match an event. Dim the lights and use a spotlight when introducing players. Pass out thunder sticks. Start a cheering-section club and give each member a shirt.

Students would soon discover what

many fans already know — high school sports action is addictive.

### 4. Invite the youths

I know this has been done to some extent in the past, but the teams and their booster clubs should attempt to form a strong relationship with the junior leagues in their respective sports.

Make every Friday night "CEBL Night" for one of the PCEP home teams and select two teams to play an eight-minute scrimmage at halftime. The young kids would also get a kick out of having the high school players visit a practice or two and hold a mini-clinic.

If the youngsters got to know the high school players even a little bit — maybe even got an autograph or two — they'd probably be more apt to attend some games — and drag their parents along, too.

I realize these steps are easier said than done. In most cases they take time and money — things that seem to be in short supply for most 21st Century Michiganders these days.

If you have any additional ideas regarding attracting bigger crowds to the games, please let me know, and I'll publish them in a future column.

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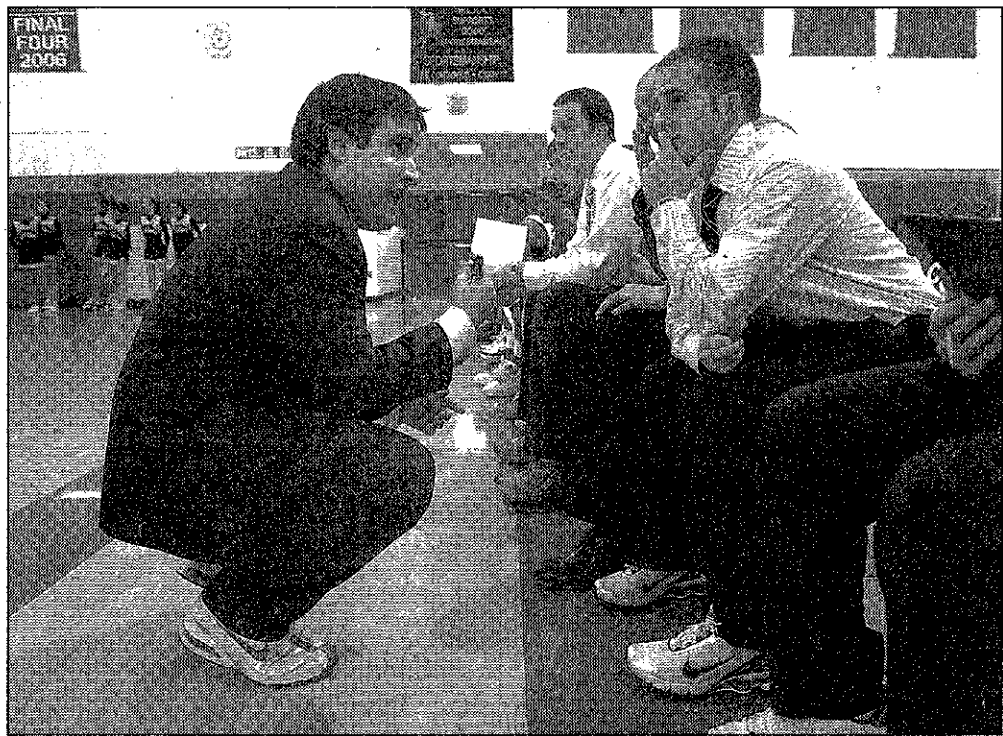
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## Golden Nuggets

The Nuggets captured the Community Education Basketball League's 24-team 7th-8th grade title recently. Pictured are (front row from left) Rishi Patel, Anuj Vyas, Alex Masson, Brian Eggenberger, Josh Heinze, (back row from left) Patrick Murphy (coach), Steven Murphy, David VanDyke, Marcus Oden, Philip Sutfin, Brian Proppe and Mike Heinze (assistant coach).



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## Coaches vs. Cancer

Canton basketball coach Dan Colligan (left) joined the rest of his staff and members of the Plymouth coaching staff in wearing gym shoes during Tuesday night's cross-campus game as part of the "Coaches vs. Cancer" fundraiser that was sponsored by the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

## MITCHELL

FROM PAGE B1

### Shooting star

Mitchell has seized the added scoring responsibilities and run with them, having averaged close to 17 points per contest. Along with averaging five rebounds and three assists a game, she's also shooting an eye-popping 44 percent from beyond the three-point arc.

While her numbers are sparkling, the way in which Mitchell has handled her all-important role as the team's lone senior has been equally impressive in Thomann's eyes. "As a captain, Mitch has developed nicely in terms of communicating, talking and getting things done," said Thomann. "I don't hesitate to ask her to help out with things — both off the court and on — because I know she'll get it done."

### Always an athlete

Sports have been a big part of Mitchell's life for as long as she can remember.

"I played everything growing up — basketball, softball and soccer," she said. "I even played pick-up football with the boys. Basketball was always my favorite, though. I always had a basketball nearby."

After her family moved

from Detroit to Canton eight years ago, Mitchell joined the Western Wayne Wolfpack, an elite-level AAU team that also included several of her future Salem teammates.

The experience of playing against the best of the best in metropolitan Detroit sharpened Mitchell's skills to such an extreme level that she ascended to the Rocks' varsity starting line-up at the outset of her sophomore season.

She's cherished the opportunity to play three years for a hall-of-fame coach of Thomann's stature. "The most important thing I've learned from Fred is teamwork," Mitchell admitted. "Playing on the blacktops like I did growing up, it was all about scoring and doing whatever you felt like doing. Once I got to Salem, I learned how to play more organized basketball — how to find the open player."

### Ultimate highlight

Highlights have been plentiful during Mitchell's two-plus varsity seasons, but the brightest — so far, at least — unfolded early in her sophomore season when she was instrumental in the Rocks' upset victory over eventual Class B champion Detroit Renaissance.

"It was a non-league game, so it didn't count in the stand-

ings, but they were the No. 1 team in the state in Class B, plus I had a good friend who played for them, so it meant a lot to me," Mitchell reflected. "My friend and I talked a lot leading up to the game, going back and forth as to who would win. I ended up making two free throws at the end and we won by two, so that's a game I'll never forget."

Mitchell will take her considerable talents to Marshall University in the fall. She chose the Thundering Herd over a number of other schools that showed interest in her, including Purdue, Notre Dame, University of Detroit-Mercy and the University of Michigan.

"I just loved the atmosphere at Marshall when I visited there," she said. "All of the people were so nice and cordial. Plus, they have a good women's basketball program."

A solid student with a 3.0 grade-point average, Mitchell has her sights set on majoring in sports medicine at Marshall.

If all goes as planned, however, applying the degree will have to wait a few years.

"I'd love to play in the WNBA or in a women's league overseas after college," she said.

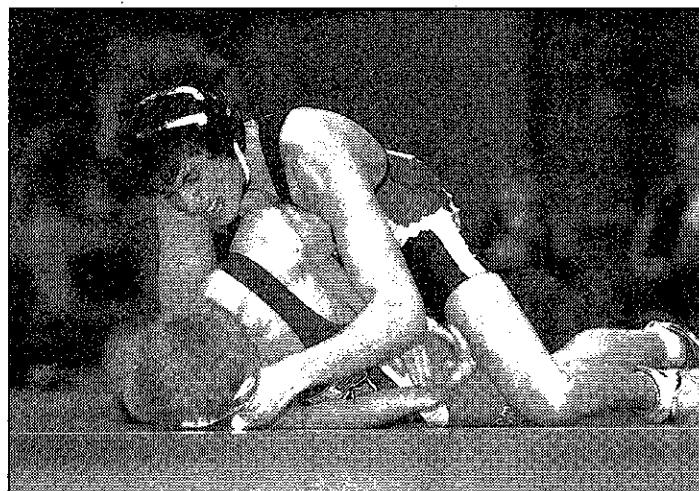
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## WRESTLING RESULTS

### WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 50

#### SALEM 21

Jan. 31 at John Glenn  
103 pounds: Steve Wakeford (WJG) pinned Devin Stratton, 1:59.  
112: Anthony Pavlich (WJG) p. Karl Allen, 0:49;  
119: Josh Austin (WJG) p. Ian Phillips, 2:19;  
125: Kevin Bennett (Salem) won by major dec. over Kevin Hayler, 14:3;  
135: Alex Kemp (Salem) dec. Mikkel Tipton, 1:59;  
140: Jared Stephens (WJG) won by technical fall over Johannes Olind, 23:7;  
145: Dan McCahill (WJG) p. Justin Kane, 0:29;  
152: Zaid Ammari (WJG) won by tech. fall over Robbie Schultz, 17:2;  
160: Jeremy Epley (Salem) p. Zach Redden, 1:59;  
171: Austin Root (Salem) dec. Jeff Adkins, 8:3;  
189: Blake Abbey (Salem) p. Gerald Powell, 1:58;  
215: James Kelly (WJG) p. A.J. Smith, 1:48;  
285: Dustin Gajowiak (WJG) p. Chase Moore, 0:25.  
Glenn's dual meet record: 21-6 overall, 5-0 WJG-Lakes Division (clinched title).



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Salem's Kevin Bennett (top) earned an impressive 10-4 decision over Westland John Glenn's Mark Thompson Thursday night. Despite Bennett's win, the Rocks fell, 50-21, to the Rockets, who clinched the WJG-Lakes Division crown.

## SWIMMING RESULTS

### PLYMOUTH 117 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 69

#### THURSDAY AT PLYMOUTH

200-yard medley relay: 1. Franklin (Scott Ansteth, Brandon Larkins, Nick Anthony, Shane Shelton), 1:36.48; 2. Plymouth (Ben Ambrose, Dan Stocsup, Kyle Dull, Peter Nolan), 1:53.59; 3. Plymouth (Alex Ruedger, Tony McLaughlin, Justin Scaparo, Ethan Weiner), 2:01.89.  
200 freestyle: 1. Nick Anthony (LF), 1:57.29; 2. Chris Wilson (P), 2:00.64; 3. Adam Wing (P), 2:04.22.  
200 IM: 1. Brandon Larkins (LF), 2:17.79; 2. Shane Shelton (LF), 2:20.30; 3. Jack Gruszczynski (P), 2:24.77.  
50 freestyle: 1. Mike Conger (P), 23.27; 2. Jack Distel (P), 24.97; 3. Jason Oldani (P), 25.34.  
1-meter diving: 1. Kyle Wilkenson (P), 163.55 points; 2. Frank Henius (LF), 157.50; 3. Christian Osorio (P), 128.90.  
100 butterfly: 1. Mike Conger (P), 56.32; 2. Nick Anthony (LF), 58.07; 3. Scott Ansteth (LF), 1:02.50.  
100 freestyle: 1. Shane Shelton (LF), 53.81; 2. Joe Eudy (P), 54.24; 3. Jack Distel (P), 55.54.  
500 freestyle: 1. Jason Oldani (P), 5:22.00; 2. Chris Wilson (P), 5:28.61; 3. Scott James (LF), 5:45.45.  
200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Jack Distel, Jason Oldani, Chris Wilson), 1:38.61; 2. Plymouth (Peter Nolan, Ben Ambrose, Joe Eudy, Kyle Dull), 1:39.77; 3. Franklin (Nick Anthony, Shane Shelton, Tyler Lee, Brandon Larkins), 1:40.09.  
100 backstroke: 1. Scott Ansteth (LF), 1:06.51; 2. Dan Stocsup (P), 1:08.56; 3. Nick Cobane (P), 1:09.27.  
100 breaststroke: 1. Brandon Larkins (LF), 1:12.36; 2. Kyle Dull (P), 1:13.81; 3. Alex Juney (P), 1:16.52.  
400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Jack Gruszczynski, Ethan Weiner, Jack Distel), 3:43.18; 2. Plymouth (Chris Wilson, Jason Oldani, Tony McLaughlin, Joe Eudy), 3:44.54; 3. Franklin (Tyler Lee, Joe Michniewicz, Scott Ansteth, Scott James), 4:03.37.

### PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 5-2 overall, 3-0 in the WJG Western Division.

#### WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 115

#### SALEM 71

#### THURSDAY AT SALEM

200-yard medley relay: 1. Northern (Taylor Tannous, Matt Zavislak, Riley Cole, Carsten Walker), 1:48.82; 2. Salem (Matt Collingwood, Stan Chen, Cameron Dunn, Paul Scherewick), 1:52.48; 3. Salem, 1:59.48.  
200 freestyle: 1. Adam Seroka (S), 1:49.39; 2. Ryan Gerber (WLN), 1:49.72; 3. Brian Carter (WLN), 1:59.04.  
200 IM: 1. Evan Cole (WLN), 2:13.84; 2. Stan Chen (S), 2:14.36; 3. Reagan Parmentier (WLN), 2:23.91.  
50 freestyle: 1. Matt Zavislak (WLN), 22.33; 2. Taylor Tannous (WLN), 24.55; 3. Jake Menard (WLN), 26.03.  
1-meter diving: 1. Charles Boothby (WLN), 165.1 points; 2. Paul Kruddy (S), 152.10; 3. Ron Dubois (WLN), 150.15.  
100 butterfly: 1. Riley Cole (WLN), 56.01; 2. Brian Carter (WLN), 1:02.07; 3. Cameron Dunn (S), 1:04.45.  
100 freestyle: 1. Adam Seroka (S), 50.5; 2. Evan Cole (WLN), 53.47; 3. Nate Spala (S), 53.81.  
500 freestyle: 1. Taylor Tannous (WLN), 5:23.71; 2. Max Mills (S), 5:31.39; 3. Joe DeTassanyi (S), 5:43.28.  
200 freestyle relay: 1. Northern (Evan Cole, Ryan Gerber, Matt Zavislak, Brian Carter), 1:33.74; 2. Salem (Adam Seroka, Cameron Dunn, Casey Olson, Nate Spala), 1:39.16; 3. Northern, 1:45.02.  
100 backstroke: 1. Matt Zavislak (WLN), 1:00.24; 2. Riley Cole (WLN), 1:01.49; 3. Reagan Parmentier (WLN), 1:03.71.  
100 breaststroke: 1. Stan Chen (S), 1:08.14; 2. Morgan Hummell (WLN), 1:08.58; 3. Ryan Gerber (WLN), 1:10.40.  
400 freestyle relay: 1. Northern (Taylor Tannous, Alex Goncher, Evan Cole, Riley Cole), 3:33.29; 2. Salem (Adam Seroka, Matt Collingwood, Nate Spala, Stan Chen), 3:33.90; 3. Salem, 3:56.02.  
SALEM'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 2-5.

### PLYMOUTH 121 CANTON 65

#### JAN. 24 AT CANTON

200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Dan Stocsup, Paul Snyder, Chris Wilson), 1:47.96; 2. Canton (Richard Zhang, Kevin Karlinski, Mike Booker, Patrick Jenner), 1:52.75; 3. Plymouth (Ben Ambrose, Joe Eudy, Kyle Dull, Jack Distel), 1:53.66.  
200 freestyle: 1. Jason Oldani (P), 1:56.19; 2. Brandon Tolinski (C), 2:00.57; 3. Paul Snyder (P), 2:00.85.  
200 IM: 1. Mike Conger (P), 2:08.75; 2. Kevin Karlinski (C), 2:13.33; 3. Jack Distel (P), 2:18.24.  
50 freestyle: 1. Chris Wilson (P), 23.85; 2. Chris McGinnis (C), 24.12; 3. Peter Nolan (P), 24.85.  
1-meter diving: 1. Kyle Wilkenson (P), 165.40 points; 2. Matt Figlewicz, 156.75; 3. Christian Osorio (P), 131.00.  
100 butterfly: 1. Jack Distel (P), 1:03.17; 2. Paul Snyder (P), 1:03.23; 3. Brandon Tolinski (C), 1:03.99.  
100 freestyle: 1. Chris Wilson (P), 52.77; 2. Chris McGinnis (C), 53.30; 3. Jason Oldani (P), 53.63.  
500 freestyle: 1. Richard Zhang (C), 5:08.43; 2. Adam Wing (P), 5:21.17; 3. Jordan Gorzalski (C), 5:31.45.  
200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Peter Nolan, Ben Ambrose, Jason Oldani, Justin Scaparo), 1:38.33; 2. Canton (Patrick Jenner, Chris McGinnis, Chris Marinica, Brandon Tolinski), 1:40.68; 3. Plymouth (Kyle Dull, Ethan Weiner, Tony McLaughlin, Jack Gruszczynski), 1:43.47.  
100 backstroke: 1. Mike Conger (P), 57.46; 2. Richard Zhang (C), 1:04.11; 3. Ben Ambrose (P), 1:06.07.  
100 breaststroke: 1. Kevin Karlinski (C), 1:06.60; 2. Dan Stocsup (P), 1:09.56; 3. Tony McLaughlin (P), 1:13.60.  
400 freestyle relay: Plymouth (Chris Wilson, Paul Snyder, Jason Oldani, Mike Conger), 3:31.84; 2. Canton (Chris McGinnis, Brandon Tolinski, Kevin Karlinski, Richard Zhang), 3:32.34; 3. Plymouth (Justin Scaparo, Adam Wing, Peter Nolan, Ben Ambrose), 3:49.40.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### 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](http://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 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.

### Little League

Registration for the 2008 Plymouth/Canton Little League

is fast approaching. Individuals can now register online, through the mail or at the walk-in registration set for Saturday, Feb. 23 at Plaza Lanes, which is located at 42001 Ann Arbor Rd. The fees for this season's leagues are:

- Minor League — \$110;
- Major League — \$120; and
- Junior League — \$130.

All players will go through an evaluation process for a draft to assure balanced teams. The average number of players on each team is 12. The season runs April through June.

For more information, contact Don Lohrmann at (734) 756-7825 or visit [www.plycanll.com](http://www.plycanll.com)



## Bigger babies may become happier adults

Betty from Royal Oak e-mails that her baby was over nine pounds when he was born. Is he too plump?



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Betty, having a bigger baby could mean your child will be a happier adult. Researchers studied almost 5,000 babies over 40 years. They found low birth weight babies were more likely to suffer from depression and anxiety later in life. Researchers also found, the bigger the baby, the likelihood of depression and anxiety decreased. Other studies have linked low birth weight to a higher risk of diabetes and heart disease later in life. Experts stress proper nutrition for pregnant women is crucial.

Patrick from Clarkston e-mails, he was told he has high levels of testosterone. Is this bad?

Actually, Patrick, in some cases it could be good. Researchers studied more than 11,000 men who had no cancer or cardiovascular disease. They found those men in the upper 25 percent of natural testosterone had a 41-percent lower risk of dying from heart attack, stroke, other cardiovascular conditions and cancer. Researchers actually believe low testosterone levels could increase a man's risk of cardiovascular death. But, experts warn, men should not begin testosterone supplementation based on this study, since the benefits and risks of hormone therapy for men are unknown.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site [www.peternielsen.com](http://www.peternielsen.com). Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

# Go red for women

## Luncheon raises awareness about heart disease

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Jo Anne Leslie used to work 80 hours a week, always skipped breakfast and when 5 p.m. rolled around headed for the vending machine so it was no surprise when one weekend in October 2004 she felt especially tired. Instead of seeing her doctor, the Birmingham woman went to work on Monday. When she still wasn't feeling good Tuesday, she drove to the emergency room where she learned she was having a heart attack.



Marcovitz

Two stents and three years of cardiac rehab later, Leslie shares her story at the Go Red for Women Luncheon Feb. 7, as part of the American Heart Association's campaign to raise awareness about risks such as family history. Leslie ignored the fact her mother died at age 63, her father at 73 from heart disease.

"It made me wake up, to realize what's important in life," said Leslie, a baby boomer with two sons and two grandchildren. "I lost 50 pounds. I did not go on a diet. I changed my eating habits. I stay away from fats almost entirely, stay with fruit and vegetables, salmon and chicken. About five days a week I work out on a treadmill and elliptical machine."

Leslie retired from the accounting department at Providence Hospital in Southfield in 2005 after 28 years and now works as a tax analyst at Henry Ford Hospital four days a week in addition to volunteering at the American Heart Association and serving on a cardiology committee at Providence as a patient. She plans to tell women at the luncheon "to form a good relationship with a physician they can trust and talk openly too, and to insist on going to cardiac rehab" if they have heart disease.

### NEW HABITS

"I hadn't exercised for 30 years, had a sedentary and stressful job," said Leslie. "They teach you about nutrition, medications you're on, get you moving on different apparatus."

Two of this year's Go Red education sessions focus on incorporating fitness and nutrition into busy lives, and the myths and facts surrounding heart health nutrition with Beverly Cameron, a registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator at Providence, speaking about preventing heart disease.

Cameron says people hear in the media about studies showing olive oil is good for the heart but don't realize each teaspoon is 50 calories. She suggests keeping a journal, write down the foods eaten and the amount.

"They need to use a small amount, the same with almonds and walnuts. About 1 ounce, 23



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### GO RED FOR WOMEN LUNCHEON

**What:** The American Heart Association event begins at 9 a.m. with screenings and registration followed by education sessions, exhibits, Red Dress Fashion Show and lunch. All attendees encouraged to wear red

**When:** Thursday, Feb. 7

**Where:** Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, 100 Renaissance Center

**Tickets:** \$175. Call (248) 936-5825

almonds, is 200 calories," said Cameron, who starts her day with oatmeal made from scratch and adds flax seed. A couple hours later she eats a piece of fruit then for lunch has lean meat on whole grain bread or a salad with garbanzo beans. Cameron recommends eating five or six times a day — a meal, a snack, a meal. For exercise, she suggests using a sports or weighted Hula Hoop for the midsection ([sports-hoop.com](http://sports-hoop.com)).

"You can do chair exercises while watching television," said Cameron. "Whenever the commercials come on pick up a can of vegetables in each hand, do leg lifts. Within an hour you've exercised six times, or walk around the dining table 10 times. Dance around the room when no one's looking."

Cameron is especially worried about teens and women ages 17 to 24 who are not concerned about heart disease because they don't have high blood pressure, one of the risk factors that include diabetes. Type 2 diabetes continues on the rise in teenagers who Cameron says "are overweight and sedentary and love \$5 pizzas."

"I've talked to fourth-graders doing the Atkins Diet. What is the message we're giving. We're not giving the message to eat more vegetables and fruits and less portions. It's all you can eat buffets, 99 cent meal deals," said Cameron. "We need to

get people back to foods closer to a natural state. The less processed the food the healthier we are going to be."

### DIET MATTERS

Dr. Pamela Marcovitz says eating fast and processed foods is one of the reasons statistics on heart disease in women have not improved.

"A recent study looking at heart disease deaths since 1980, overall they thought heart disease was on the decline then they looked at women age 35 to 54 and thought it was actually increasing. The authors thought women are gaining weight and getting obese and getting diabetes which is more of a risk factor in women than in men," said Marcovitz, medical chairwoman of the AHA's Metro Detroit Board of Directors and director of the Ministrelli Women's Heart Center at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

While Marcovitz believes the Go Red campaign has raised awareness about heart disease, many women are more concerned about breast cancer than the No. 1 killer.

"Women are still not of the belief that they can get heart disease. We still hear of women who just don't feel well, exhausted, have indigestion and don't think of heart attack," said Marcovitz. "You need to know your cholesterol, blood pressure, fasting blood glucose and get enough exercise. Women continue to be underdiagnosed. Half of all women who have a heart attack didn't know they have heart disease. One of the messages of the Heart Association is it's imperative for you to be assertive in your health care. Take the first step and get checked if you're unusually short of breath, exhausted, have jaw pain, tightness in the throat, left arm pain, symptoms of indigestion. If you have a history of heart disease in the family, get checked and ask for a stress test."

For more information, visit [www.american-heart.org](http://www.american-heart.org) or [www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org).

## Turn Fat Tuesday into Fit Tuesday

Fat Tuesday is around the corner and for many Metro Detroiters that involves eating paczkis and leaving behind their healthy New Year resolutions. That's why the Botsford Center for Health Improvement is offering Fit Tuesday. Stop by the Botsford Center for Health Improvement 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5 for free group exercise classes, an ask the dietitian booth with nutrition handouts, recipes and healthy snacks, and use of the facilities exercise equipment, pool and sauna. There is no charge and no reservations necessary.

The morning begins with a Sculpt and Tone group exercise class demo (9 a.m.) which includes a series of upper and lower body workouts that combine dumbbell,

Fitball, resistance bands and your own body weight while also integrating balance, core strength and postural awareness (20-minute session).

At 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. the Gentle Aerobics therapeutic water program increases range of motion, muscle strength and toning which is good for arthritis or other debilitating health conditions including post injury/surgical (one-hour session).

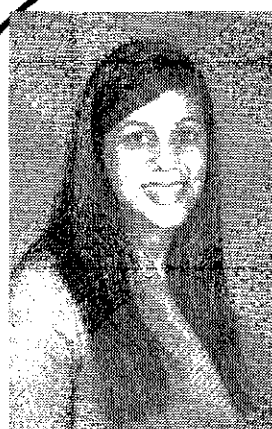
CORE Conditioning increases core strength with floor exercises and power band training at noon. Benefits include ab toning, increased flexibility as well as stability in the lower back (20-minute session).

Zumba Dance, a Latin inspired cardio aerobic dance rhythm that integrates upper and lower body dance aerobic

moves fused with a spice of Latin dance, starts at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. and lasts 20-minutes.

At 5 p.m. three classes are offered. Spinning incorporates cardiovascular, lower body strength, and intense cardio burning in a fun, motivational setting (one-hour session). Fit Ball improves functional strength, balance and coordination while developing posture and core muscles including abdominal and lower back (one-hour session) Aqua Fit is a high-energy cardiovascular conditioning and strength training class which uses hydro-tone equipment to help tone and strengthen muscles (one-hour session).

For more information, call (248) 473-3109 or visit [www.botsford.org/bchi](http://www.botsford.org/bchi).



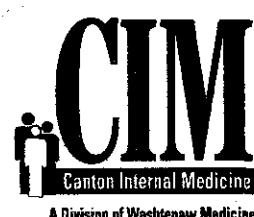
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## Let assault victim know you support her

My friend told me she was raped at a party she went to. I don't know what to do or what to say to her. How can I help her?

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I am so sorry to hear that your friend was assaulted. It is comforting to hear that you want to help her. It's never easy to be in a situation like this, but I do have a few tips that will help you and ultimately help your friend.

First, it's important to let her know that you support her. You don't have to say the "right" thing; just being with her can help. Do this by finding time to be alone with her and letting her talk about the rape in her own time. Wanting to know the details is



Monica Fulton

very natural, but you'll want to keep your questions to yourself. Encourage her to get medical attention right away, no matter how long ago the rape occurred. You might even offer to go with her if she wants you to. Most importantly, give her the phone number of the local sexual assault hotline. In our area, First Step has a 24-hour

crisis line: (888)453-5900.

Don't worry if there are long pauses during your conversation, let them happen, your friend might need a few moments to process everything while she's talking to you. It's very important that you believe your friend, even if it's difficult to hear or if you know the other person involved. You can show her you care by saying things like: "I'm sorry this happened to you" or "What happened wasn't your fault." You can also show her you care by crying with her!

Many rape victims blame themselves for the rape. Remind your friend that she did not cause the rape to happen. If she feels that she should have fought back, say something like, "It's hard to scream or fight back when you're scared." She might feel that she's responsible for the rape because she was alone with the rapist. Remind her that she trusted him and that he violated the trust. She did not ask to be raped!

It's wonderful that your friend confided in you; she probably trusts you not to tell anyone else. Let her be the one to tell people if she chooses. If you think she's not getting the help or support she needs, ask her if you can talk to an adult together. But, if you think your friend might attempt suicide, talk to an adult immediately.

Don't forget to take care of yourself! Hearing about a sexual assault can be very upsetting. It can also be confusing if you know both people involved. It's normal to feel angry, but confronting the other person is not going to make the situation any better. Find someone to talk to about your feelings, like a school counselor or the First Step crisis line: (888)453-5900.

During Winter Break, I went out on a date with someone I just recently met. After the movie, he kept pressuring me to do things I didn't want to do (you know what I mean). He got mad when I wouldn't and took me home. Now I'm worried that he won't want to go out with me again. What should I do?

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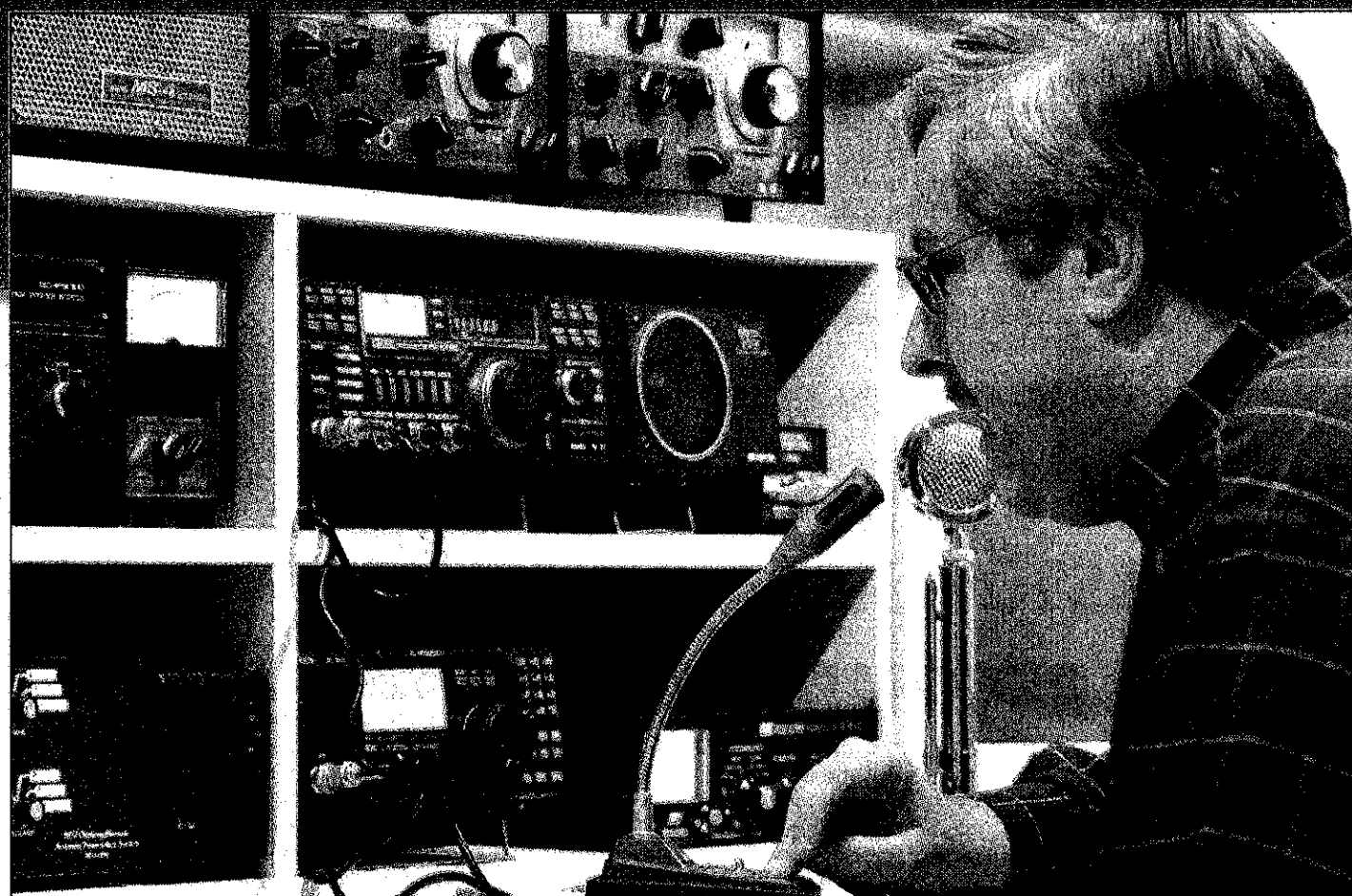
I say stay far, far away from this guy! Anyone who tries to force you to do something you don't want to do is bad news! You could have been a victim of acquaintance rape ... girls between the ages of 15 and 24 are at the greatest risk for being raped by someone they know, most often they are raped on a date. Acquaintance rape is forced, manipulated or coerced sexual intercourse by someone the victim knows. It happens when one person is forced to have sex by manipulation, threats, physical restraint or even violence. Here are some tips to help keep yourself safe.

Pay attention to behaviors that don't feel right. Be careful of your date if he ignores your personal boundaries or doesn't listen to what you say. If your date is jealous or possessive of you and your time, or gets upset when you don't do what he wants, this might be an early warning sign of future problems. If he tries to make you feel guilty in order to get his way, or pressures you to use alcohol or other drugs, leave the situation and get help. Watch out if your date insists you go someplace alone or accuses you of being uptight. These are all examples of behaviors that might indicate a problem.

If you feel like you are being pressured, try to stay calm so you can think. Be assertive and clearly say that you are not comfortable and that you want to leave. And by all means, don't worry about being nice or about hurting his feelings - think about your safety! Look for ways to escape and if one thing doesn't work, try something else. Experts agree, though, that if you can't escape and resisting becomes too dangerous for you, stop. Submission does not mean consent.

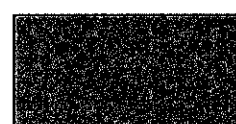
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## Hams at heart

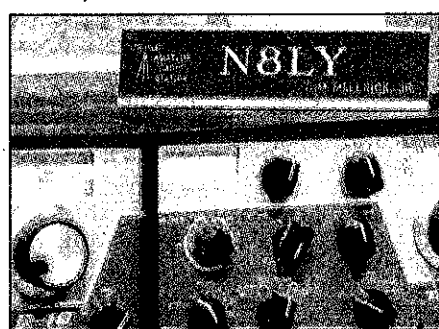


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Livonia resident and amateur radio operator Tom Mellnick calls out over the airwaves to see who is listening.



Amateur radio operators must pass a test to become licensed by the FCC and receive specific call letters for their broadcast.



## Livonia Amateur Radio Club hits airwaves

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Tom Mellnick twists the knob back and forth on the amateur radio when suddenly the voice of an operator from Italy comes pouring into his Livonia home.

Mellnick doesn't interrupt the ongoing conversation. Instead, he shows off postcards that document the times and dates of conversations he's had with others who share the same hobby in Russia and Luxembourg.

On Feb. 17, he and members of the Livonia Amateur Radio Club will swap not only equipment, but information on this form of communication which continues to thrive in spite of advances such as e-mail and the Internet. Amateur radio has been around since the early 1900s.

Mellnick became interested in 1978. Back then, knowledge of

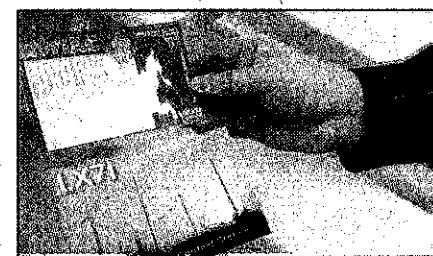
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Livonia resident and amateur radio operator Tom Mellnick talks about the uses of Ham Radio.

### SWAP-N-SHOP

**What:** Livonia Amateur Radio Club's annual fund-raiser  
**When:** 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, Feb. 17  
**Where:** Livonia Civic Park Seniors Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile  
**Admission:** \$5 at the door. For information, call (734) 513-8784 or send e-mail to w8gkh@arrl.net



Amateur radio operator Tom Mellnick displays postcards from Russia and Luxembourg that mark conversations he had with other operators.

## Gay activists talk about creating change

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Jan Stevenson never revealed her sexual orientation during years as a corporate banker. Today, more and more people are coming out of the closet but there's still plenty of work to be done before gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders enjoy equal rights and are accepted by all members of society.

From Feb. 6-10, Stevenson and Susan Horowitz join thousands of activists at the Creating Change conference to learn about organizing to further the movement. The two Farmington Hills women do their part in educating and keeping the gay community up to date on issues through their Livonia-based publication, *Between the Lines* (BTL). Over the last 15 years, they've covered same sex marriage, adoption rights for same sex couples, hate crimes, and HIV/AIDS in BTL ([www.pridesource.com](http://www.pridesource.com)).

Horowitz was born and raised in New York City and has been active in the gay rights movement since the 1970s. She remembers when police were persecuting patrons in Stonewall, a gay bar in Greenwich Village in 1969, and the first Pride celebration in New York in 1970



Susan Horowitz (left) and Jan Stevenson stand in front of their 15-year archive of *Between the Lines*.

in response to not having any civil rights. She founded her first printing and graphics company in 1975, and Pride Publishing in 1989.

Stevenson was born in Ohio and holds master's degrees from Yale University and Drexel University, and a bachelor's degree from the

University of Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music. She met Horowitz when the two were serving on the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. They were married in 2005 in Canada. Together they're working on an exhibit of BTL's 15 years for the conference in the

### CREATING CHANGE

**What:** The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's 20th conference  
**When:** Wednesday-Sunday, Feb. 6-10  
**Where:** Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center  
**Information:** Visit [www.creatingchange.org](http://www.creatingchange.org) or [www.thetaskforce.org](http://www.thetaskforce.org)

Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

"Creating change is about what can we do to work together," said Susan Horowitz, BTL's 55-year-old executive editor. "The conference is the official kickoff to celebrate BTL's 15 years. We took over at issue 34 and we're now at 534. We don't often get the chance to pause and take a look back, take a look at the history and what it's meant to the community."

"In '93 I was executive director of Affirmations (gay community center)," said Stevenson, 52. "The center took a contingent to the Washington March right after Bill Clinton was inaugurated. There was a sense of hope things would change. It had a huge impact at the car companies. They eventually offered domestic

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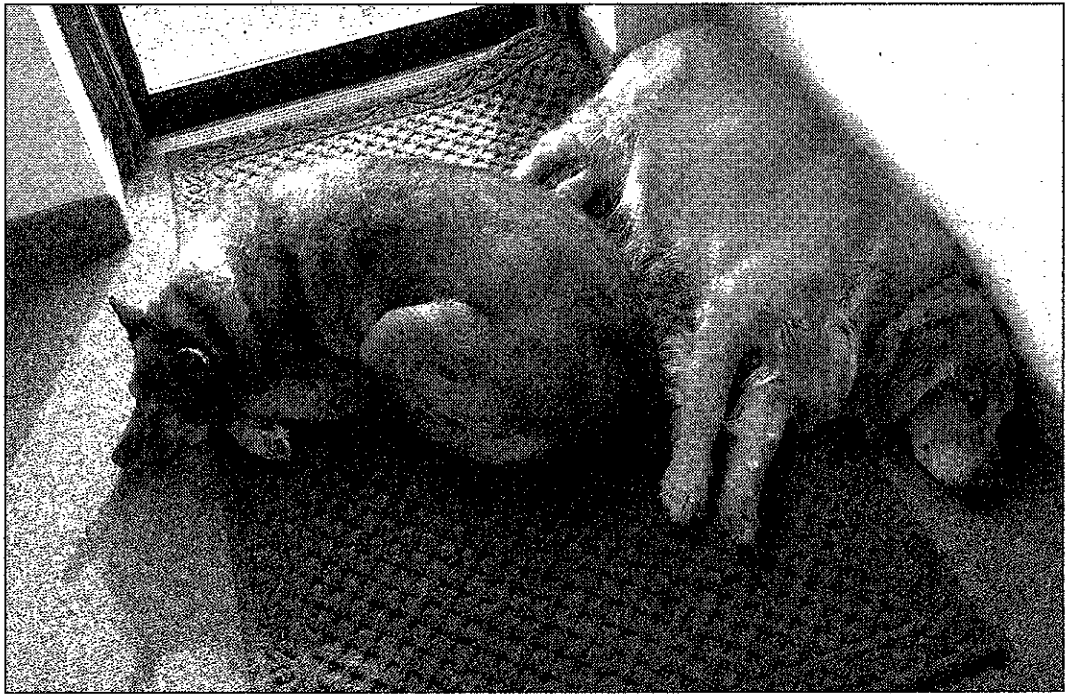


**Young-Virant**  
Deborah Lynn Virant and Jerry Joseph Young III were married Dec. 15, 2007, with the Rev. Sue Nykamp officiating. The bride is the daughter of Chuck and Marilyn Virant of Ubly, Mich. The groom is the son of Jerry Young II of White Lake and Robin Young of Clarkston. The wedding was held at the Victoria Chapel in White Lake. The couple will make their home in Waterford.

**Meier-Grancitelli**  
Meghan Anna Meier and Mitchell Ryan Grancitelli were married Aug. 12, 2007, at the Roostertail in Detroit with the Rev. Edward Gregory Zell officiating. The bride is the daughter of Jerold and Mary Meier of Plymouth. She is a 2001 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 2005 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She was attended by Emilie Drummon, matron of honor and the bride's sister, Callie Gizicki, Katie Conlon and Charlene Dallos. The groom is the son of Mark and Margaret Grancitelli of Monroe. He is a 2000 graduate of St. Mary's Catholic Central and a 2004 graduate of Grand Valley State University. He was attended by Tim Calkins, best man, Nick Gallina, David Lehmann and Bronson White.



Ring bearers were Jacob Meier, Nichola and Nathan Massengill. Flower girl was Kayla Meier. The couple honeymooned at the Riviera Maya in Mexico. They are making their home in Plymouth.



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The Pride Source offices are canine-friendly. The co-publishers' dogs Yogi and Cooper wait to greet visitors and staff.

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partners benefits in 2002. Comparing the early '90s till now, it's amazing how many people are out in churches, work, not just in the community. In the early days writers used pseudonyms and it was difficult to find photographers." While it's still legal to fire an employee for sexual orientation, there has been change especially in the last five years. That's why it's important to present activism training sessions and address health, anti-violence, disability, aging, and military and veterans issues at the conference. "We feel it's important for gay people to be interlocked with other movements that's why (civil rights leader) Julian Bond is the speaker opening the conference. We have the same enemy — intolerance," said Stevenson. "Activism is a process and why the paper exists. We just want to change the world. It's not about burning the place down. It's about teaching people to be more effective activists and then as a team go out and educate. Some people have ink in their blood. I'm far more committed to what we're writing about. It's more the message formed



Co-publishers Susan Horowitz and Jan Stevenson are compiling an exhibit of 15 years of Between the Lines covers for the Creating Change Conference Feb. 6-10, and the publication's anniversary celebrations over the next couple of months.

about tolerance and diversity." Lynn Stange has been reading and advertising in BTL for 15 years because of its relevance. "It's quick hands on knowledge. It's all the education and news of the community, everything that happens in the community, socially, legally, politically," said Stange, a Troy resident and real estate agent in the tri-county area. Leslie Thompson agrees with Stange about the impact BTL makes in the commu-

nity. She especially appreciates the coverage given to Affirmations, the gay community center which she directs in Ferndale. "They get the word out about the programs like HIV," said Thompson, who lives in Royal Oak. The conference offers several sessions on AIDS/HIV. Thompson is especially looking forward to a full day on community centers. "Community centers reach more people than any of the other national organizations. It's about face to face support and helping them through struggles," said Thompson. "There are sessions throughout (the conference). It's also an opportunity for people of color in our movement to network, same way with the transgender community. We all need to come out. We're the ones who are going to make a difference. We need to find the strength and courage to come out." Affirmations was there for Thompson when she came out 16 years ago. "It saved my life," said Thompson. "The negative stereotypes scared me and caused me to stay in the closet to 34. It's here for people. We're just everyday people. We're walking alongside straight people and they don't know we're here."

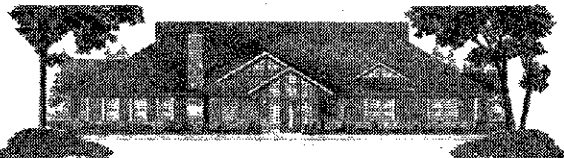
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## RADIO

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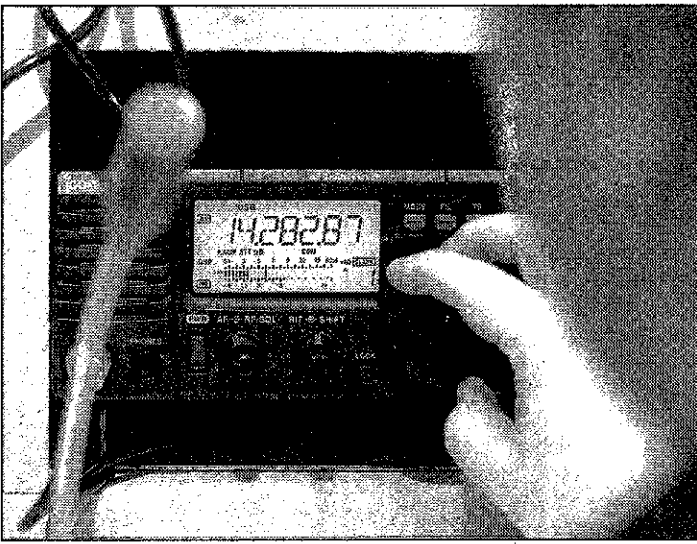
Morse code was required before an amateur radio operator could receive a license and call letters from the FCC required before broadcasting.

"It is very interesting, amazing how it works. Radios have gotten more expensive and complex, but the old technology still works," said Mellnick, whose call letters are N8LY. "We have people monitoring space shuttle communications live from Houston. A lot of astronauts are ham operators and have radios on board. There are radios for vehicles, walkie-talkie size radios. It's a learning experience every day."

"For me it's all done with a wire antenna in my attic, although a generator is needed in case of emergency. There's the fun side and the public service side where the community benefits. We're involved with fire, police and the county."

Sharon Keller is especially proud of the club's commitment to help with communications in case of an emergency. The club also provides its services to organizations such as the March of Dimes during walks.

Keller was licensed in 1985, but her late husband, Joseph, had been involved with the club since the 1960s. The Livonia Amateur Radio Club offers classes to prepare people



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Amateur radio operator Tom Mellnick adjusts his equipment to see who he could locate over the airwaves.

who want take the test so they can receive a license.

"The club has equipment at Livonia Police that was bought for us to use," said Keller, president of the Livonia Amateur Radio Club. "When there's a true emergency, there will be no cell phones. All that's going to work is amateur radio. We have a Field Day the last weekend in June and utilize the radio tower at Fire Station No. 6. It's an emergency preparedness exercise held throughout the world with a two-day contest to make as many contacts as you can during 24 hours."

"This is N8LY," Mellnick says, trying to make contact with anyone who might be listening at this particular moment in time.

Bill from Fairhaven in Ira

Township in St. Clair County responds. Mellnick asks why he's continued to be interested in the hobby. Bill has been

licensed since 1959.

"I enjoy the people. I have a lot of fun chatting with a bunch of friends all over the country," Bill said. "There's a lot to attract amateur radio operators."

"There are so many new things, it's phenomenal," Keller adds. "At the swap there's equipment and how-to books for sale, but we even swap ideas. We have a membership of young and old, men and women."

"Some put in an hour a week to 20 hours a week (into the hobby); people from all walks of life," Mellnick said.

"We're out there," Keller said. "People just don't know we're out there."

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The 2008 Wedding Guide will be published Thursday, Feb. 28 and inserted in all Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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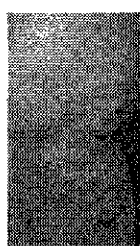
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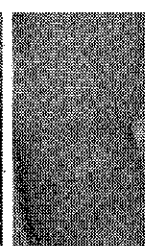
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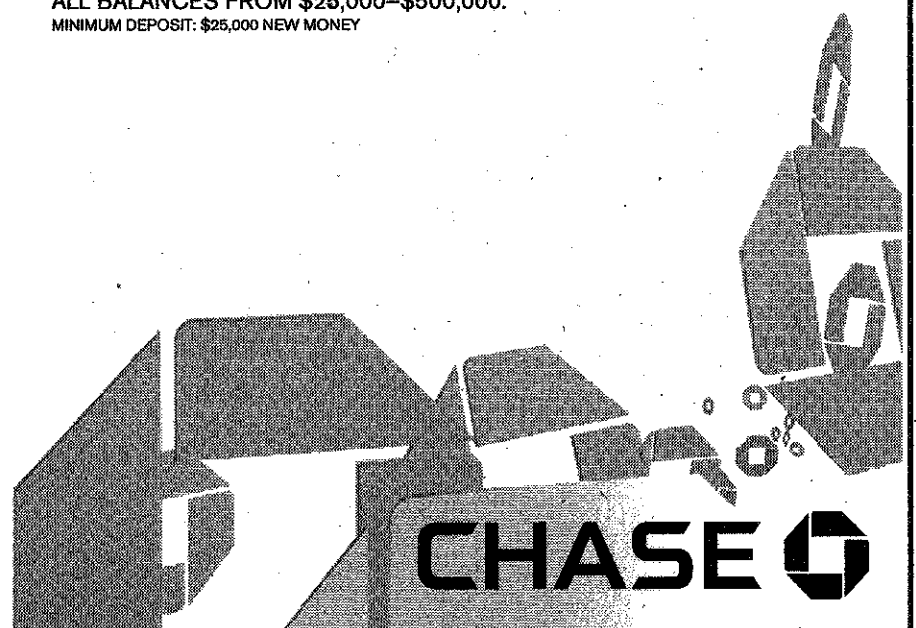
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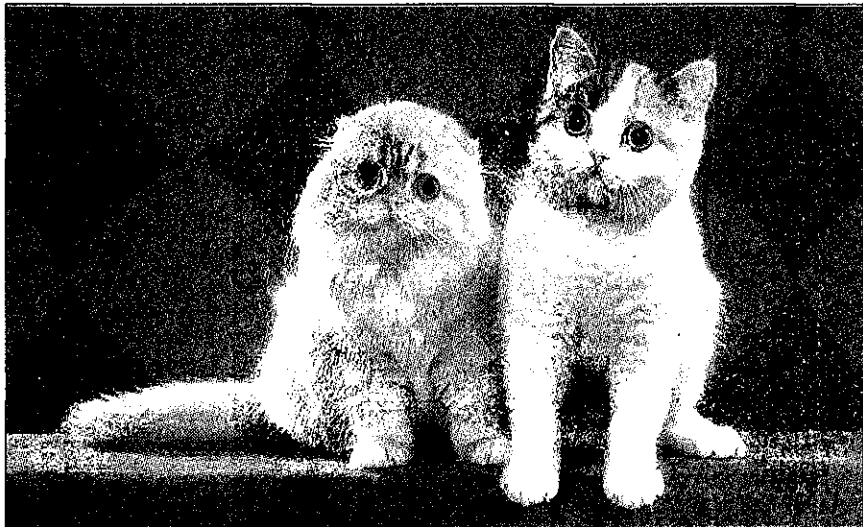
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Sally Patch of Westland has entered her Scottish Fold cat OWHL Red Rover Red Rover (left) in his first adult championship show Feb. 8-10 at the Radisson Hotel in Livonia. Also pictured is OWHL Annie Get Your Gun.



## Cat show a purr-fect place to adopt

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Sally Patch couldn't be more excited about the 300 cats she's expecting for the first-ever show put on by the Great Lakes Cats Consortium in Livonia Friday-Sunday, Feb. 8-10. Formerly known as Glass CItICats, the club has gone nonprofit. The show not only features breeds such as Cornish Rex and Scottish Fold, but benefits local rescue groups as well as helps fund a new rescue center the club will be opening for pregnant and nursing cats.

"We're still working on a location, but part of the reason we're doing the show is to raise money to open it," said Sally Patch, co-manager of the show. The Westland resident has also invited local rescue groups to offer cats for adoption at the show.

The Great Lakes Cats Consortium is affiliated with The International Cat Association (TICA) which is similar to the AKC (American Kennel Club) for dogs, but unlike the AKC allows household pets in the show. This year 19 rings spotlight 16 all breed competitions and three specialty breeds with long and short hairs. In addition, visitors will be able

### CAT SHOW

**What:** Great Lakes Cats Consortium holds its first show in Livonia with 300 cats in 19 rings

**When:** 4-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 9-10

**Where:** Radisson Hotel-Livonia, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, (734) 464-1300

**Admission:** \$6 adults/teens, \$4 seniors, \$2 ages 6-12, free age 5 and under. For details, send e-mail to owhlfold@msn.com

to view wild blood cats such as the Cerval in Savannahrama, purchase cat-related products and hear lectures on raw food.

"Cats shows are different than dog shows with toy and hound breeds judged (separately) and then the best of the best. With cat shows, if you have eight judges they judge all of the different breeds and then do the best in show. Each judge is almost their own little show," said Patch. "Kitten class is four to eight months, championship class age eight months and over. There's also the alter class which is for spayed and neutered, also household pet kittens and

household pet adults. TICA allows household classes. The average person who rescues a kitty off the street can still be involved in the sport."

Patch showed her first cat 24 years ago at age 18. She never imagined being in the sport this long, but enjoys competing with the Cornish Rex and Scottish Fold cats she breeds (www.owhl.com). Patch is also part of the Scottish Fold Rescue.

"I love the camaraderie of people doing it and I like this organization because they do promote rescue," said Patch who owns and operates All Around Town Grooming, a mobile service for cats and dogs.

"The show is a good way to see the breed. The Cornish Rex come from Cornwall, England, the Scottish Fold were discovered in a barn in Scotland and can all trace their ancestry back to one cat."

The Scottish Fold is so named because of the ears that bend over. Patch is quick to point out the folded ear is a natural mutation. All of the different characteristics of cats are naturally occurring. There is no tail or ear docking allowed.

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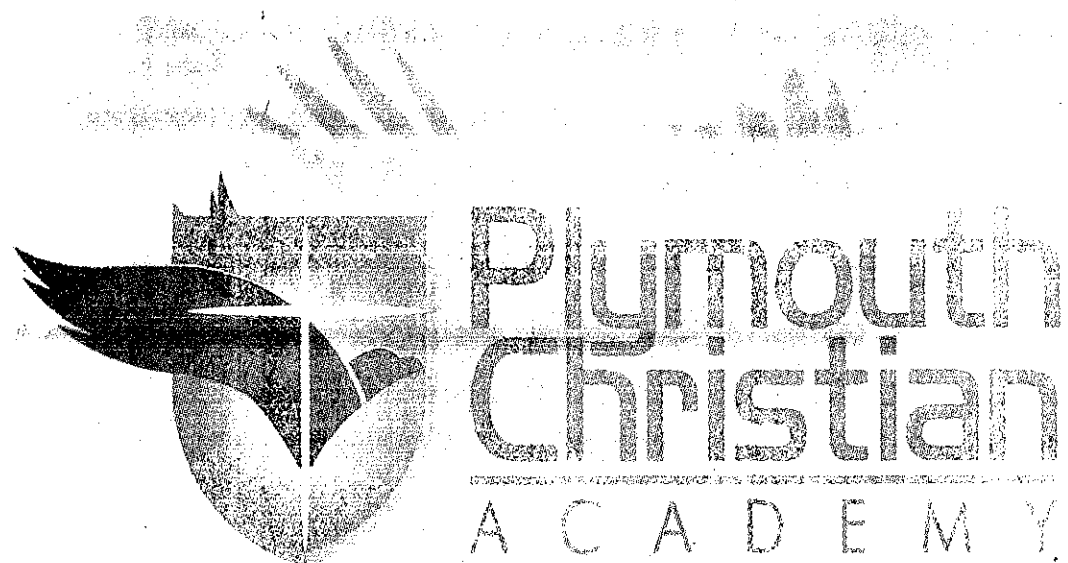
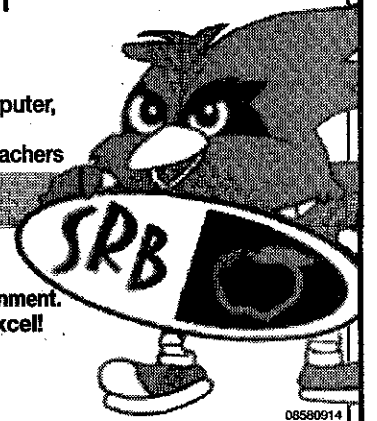
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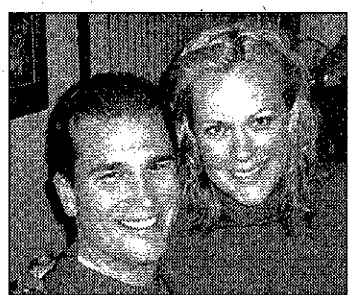
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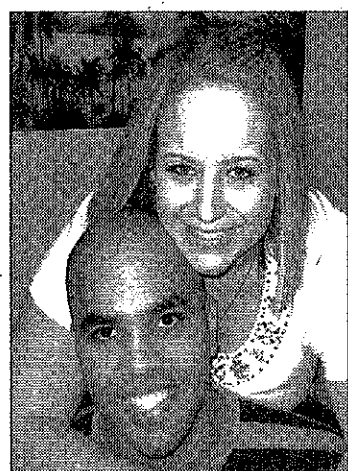
**Worden-Harbar**

Maureen and Terry Worden of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Teresa Worden of Westland, to Lucian Christopher Harbar, son of Denise and Lucian Harbar of Detroit.

The bride-to-be has a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and a master's degree from Marygrove College. She is a teacher at the Novi Community Schools.

The future groom has a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University. He is self-employed.

A Nov. 22, 2008, wedding is planned for St. Robert Bellarmine Church.

**Hixson-Davis**

Pamela and Vaughn Hixson of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Hixson, to Shelby T. Davis II, son of Shelby and Paula Davis of Saginaw.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is employed by Charter One Bank.

The future groom is a 2002 graduate of Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw. He is a student, in the Army Reserve and employed by CSK Auto.

An Oct. 18 wedding is planned for St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City followed by a reception at Woodlands of Van Buren in Wayne.

**Lietz-Flannery**

William and Hendrika Lietz of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Katelyn Marie Lietz, to Matthew Brady Flannery, son of Michael and Dorinda Flannery of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 2006 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and currently a full-time student at Wayne State University.

The future groom is a 2005 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, a certified massage therapist and a full-time student at Wayne State University.

A May 25, 2008, wedding is planned for the Unity of Livonia Church.

**Lomason-Snyder**

Kyle and Diane Lomason of Gaines, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Denise Lomason, to Brian Snyder, son of Cliff and Sharon Snyder of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Swartz Creek High School. She has a bachelor of business administration degree in finance from the University of Michigan-Flint. She is employed by Consumers Energy.

The future groom is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He has a bachelor of science degree in engineering from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed by Harley Ellis Deveraux Architects.

A July 26, 2008, wedding is planned at Fox Hills in Plymouth.

**Guibord-Bennett**

Greg and Janet Guibord of Dearborn announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Ann Guibord, to John Joseph Bennett, son of John and Sandy Bennett of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Dearborn High School. She received her bachelor's degree in education and is currently working toward her master's degree from Madonna University. He is currently teaching kindergarten at Tutor Time in Farmington Hills.

The future groom is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He received his bachelor's degree in education from Madonna University. He is currently a substitute teacher in the Plymouth-



Canton School District. He is employed with Mikes Market in Livonia.

An April 18, 2009, wedding is planned in Dearborn followed by a reception at Burton Manor.

**Wright-Luke**

Deborah Ann Wright and Brian Jeffrey Luke are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Paul Wright of Tennessee and the late Ann Dormanen. She is a graduate of John Glenn High School and Spring Arbor University.

The future groom is the son of Don and Annette Luke of Canton. He is a graduate of John Glenn High School and Spring Arbor University. He is employed by Long Mechanical.

A June 27, 2008, wedding is



planned for the Westland Free Methodist Church.

**Humphrey-Napier**

Robert and Jan Humphrey of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Lea Humphrey, to Chip Napier, son of Flora Napier of Terre Haute, Ind., and the late Herman Napier, Sr.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 1997 graduate of Alma College. She was formerly employed as a math teacher with Birmingham Public Schools.

The future groom is a 1985 graduate of Medora High School in Medora, Ind., and 1989 graduate of Indiana State University. He is employed



at engineering manager with UPS in Long Island, N.Y.

A summer 2008 wedding is planned.

**Barnes-Gabriel**

Laura Barnes of Plymouth and David Gabriel of Royal Oak are engaged to be married.

Laura is the daughter of Donna Barnes of Plymouth and Joel and Teresa Barnes of Niles, Mich. The future bride is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and received a bachelor of arts degree in journalism/public relations from Madonna University. She is currently the membership and annual gifts director at the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor.

David is the son of the Virginia Gabriel of Clinton Township and the late Crist Gabriel. He is a graduate of Fraser High School, received a bachelor of science degree in



engineering from Lawrence Tech University and a master's of science degree in engineering from the University of Michigan. He is currently a controls systems engineer at the Ford Motor Co. working on hybrid electric vehicle development.

They are planning an April 12, 2008, wedding in Farmington Hills, Mich.

**Clement-Sinawi**

Randy and Cathy Clement of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne Clement, to Brandon Sinawi, son of Ruth Sinawi of Novi and Tony Sinawi of West Bloomfield.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a teaching degree in special education. She is a teacher at the Autistic Center Program.

The future groom is a 1999 graduate of Farmington High School and will graduate in 2008 with a degree in physical education from Eastern Michigan University.

A May 24, 2008, wedding is



planned for the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit.



## BIRTHS

**Wyatt Patrick Bushway**

Toni and Todd Bushway of Garden City announce the birth of their son, Wyatt Patrick Bushway on Jan. 22, 2008, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Grandparents are Harry and Sharon Bushway of Alger, Mich., (formerly of Livonia) and Gail and Pat Landino of Garden City.

Great-grandparents are Stuart and Jane Gibbs of Alger, Mich. (formerly of Livonia), Delores Beyer of Garden

City and Cecile Landino of Chesterfield Township.

**Aubrey Wren**

Olivia and Jeremy Wren of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Aubrey Wren, on Dec. 30, 2007, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Grandparents are Kathleen and Vincent Sagona of Livonia and Darlene and John Wren of Livonia.

Great grandparents are Theresa Parrelly of Livonia, Jean Gennette of Wayne, Joan Kosberg of Westland and Eileen Wren of Northville.



## ANNIVERSARY

**Smiths mark 50th anniversary**

Malcolm (Mac) Smith and Phyllis (Rogala) Smith of Livonia are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

The Smiths were married Feb. 15, 1958, at St. Clements of Rome in Romeo, Mich. They have lived in this area for more than 40 years.

They have three children: Daniel (Ann) Smith of Livonia, David (Marc) Smith of St. Joseph, Mich., and Denise (Robert) Lorey of Canton.

The couple have eight grandchildren: Justin, Matt, Kayla, Kendra, Lisa, Amanda, Alexandria, Andrew and one great grandchild, Zachary.

Malcolm is retired from JW Cole & Sons/Atlas Van Lines. Phyllis has been a homemaker who is skilled in the arts and very talented in crafts.

A family and friends gathering has been planned in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland.



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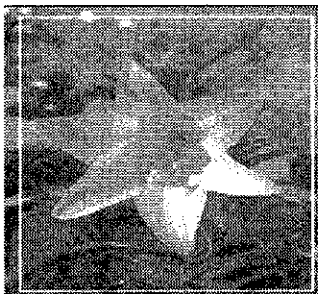
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**SARAH KATHRYN ISARD**

Age 92, formerly of Farmington, MI, died Jan. 29, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

**NANCY LEWIS KOCHENDERFER**

Passed away on Sunday, January 27, 2008, in Bethesda, Maryland. She was a long-time resident of her native Royal Oak, Michigan. Mrs. Kochenderfer was the wife of music educator L. Vincent Kochenderfer, and the mother of seven children (Lee, Sandra, Kristen, Karil, Marc, Kent and Kurt), and the grandmother of twelve grandchildren (Katharine, Leah, Eric, Drew, Ryan, Nathaniel, Karly, Kory, Kerry, Toby, Konnor and Jenna). Mrs. Kochenderfer was a professional organist for over thirty years. After graduating from Royal Oak High School, she attended the University of Detroit and graduated in music performance from the University of Michigan School of Music; she was a member of the Sigma Alpha Iota professional music sorority. While studying music in Ann Arbor, she met and dated her future husband, Vincent, and married following their graduation. Nancy and Vincent would work together later as an organist and choral director in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, and at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Birmingham, Michigan. She believed in gospel ministry through music and received many opportunities to serve, including traveling with Vincent to Europe and South America with the Youth for Understanding Choral (1969-1971) and the Southeastern Michigan Youth Choral (1974-75). Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 2, 2008, at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home in Royal Oak. Interment at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

**JAMES EDWARD MYERS**

January 26, 2008, age 81, of Clinton, formerly of Westland. Beloved husband of the late Patricia Ann. Dear father of Daniel J. (Maureen), James A. (Sunny), Brian H. & Katherine A. (Michael) Bowles. Brother of William (Nancy), Irene (the late Robert) Arnold, the late Glen (late Ruth), Kenneth (Geraldine), Clarence (late Ellen), Lawrence. Loving grandfather of 13 & great-grandfather of seven. Funeral Services were held through Uht Funeral Home. Family requests memorials to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Saline. Please visit and post a tribute at: [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com)

**MARJORIE CANEVER OLSEN**

Passed away Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at age 94. She was born on March 14, 1913 to John William and Elsie Emma (Berry) Canever originally of Wellington and Taunton, England. She married Merritt W. Olsen in 1938. Together they owned Olsen's Market, a 50 year family business and Birmingham institution. Wife of the late Merritt W. Dear mother of Nancy Cook (David) of East Grand Rapids, M. Carol Yeomans-Phelan (Paul) of Albion and William F. Olsen (Carol) of Birmingham. Also survived by 10 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by her brother, Victor W. Canever (Betty) and son-in-law, James H. Yeomans. Marge is remembered for her devotion to family and faith, her keenness of mind, sense of humor and gentle manner. She was a lifelong Birmingham resident, oldest and longest standing member of Birmingham First Baptist Church, active in American Baptist Women, Judson Center (previously Detroit Baptist Children's Home), Birmingham Area Senior Citizen Coordinating Council, Birmingham Historical Society and 30 year parent in Birmingham Public Schools. Memorial service Saturday, February 9 11am at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willis. Family will receive friends 9:30 - 10:30am preceding the service. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to the Merritt W. Olsen Major Maintenance Endowment Fund of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham. View obituary and share memories at: [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

**JANET L. MAYBERRY**

Of Auburn Hills, age 79, January 24, 2008. Beloved wife of Gilbert. Loving mother of Karen S. (Jeff) Swarbrick. Dearest grandma of Justin and Kendall. Loving sister of the late Jean Tull. Born in Ferndale; raised in Lapeer, graduating from Lapeer High School. Mrs. Mayberry worked for J.L. Hudson Co. and Himmelhoch's in Birmingham, where she was part of management, buying and retail sales. She enjoyed golfing at her residence in the Seven Springs Golf Community in New Port Richie, Florida. While in Florida she worked at Dillard's and retired just a few years ago prior to return to Michigan. In honoring her wishes a private service will be held. Memorials in Mrs. Mayberry's name can be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Michigan, 20300 Civic Center, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076. Arrangements entrusted to Pixley Funeral Home in Rochester (248) 651-9641.

**JAMES REID**

Of Bloomfield Hills, MI, passed Jan. 27, 2008. No service will be held.

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P.S. One fourth of all adults over age 35 have gum disease, and that percentage increases to about half of all Americans 55 and older.

## Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

Dr. Sheldon Smith fits special glasses to help those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions keep reading and driving.  
*By Elena Lombardi*

Most of us take things like reading, watching TV or playing cards for granted. But poor vision from conditions like macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes or cataracts makes these tasks difficult or even impossible. When people have insufficient vision to do the things they want to do, they have low vision.

Today Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers many of these people have been seeking. Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people with these types of eye diseases see better. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "Many people are told by their own doctors that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "We fit special devices to help patients meet their various visual goals."

Patients often end up using weak, clumsy handheld magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely, Dr. Smith prescribes hands free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same

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Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes help make reading a little easier. Telescopic glasses primarily focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery. Telescopes can also be adapted to closer tasks like playing cards or computers. "Telescopes can even help people meet the vision requirement for driving" Dr. Smith explained. Michigan is one of the 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Charles Willim, age 81, of Taylor came to get his driver license restored after macular degeneration reduced his vision to 20/70. Dr. Smith fit him with special driving telescopes that improved his vision to 20/40. A few weeks later Charles passed his road test and is now a licensed driver again. "Those telescopic glasses are pretty darn good" he said.

Buddy Standafer, age 70, of Westland had diabetic eye problems. He came to reinstate his driver license and read better. His regular vision as 20/200 but with special driving telescopes he saw 20/50. Prismatic reading glasses got him reading newspaper. Two months later his license was restored. "Now I see the traffic lights much better. I am happy to be on the road again. I tell a lot of people about Dr. Smith" Buddy said.

Dr. Smith also advises patients on using sun filters and nutritional supplements to prevent further vision loss. Special glasses and telescopes range in price from \$600 to \$2,500. "Every patient is unique, with different amounts of vision and individual goals," says Dr. Smith. "I strive to help patients resume doing what matters most to them. Meeting patient goals with suitable solutions ultimately improves independence and quality of life."

If you or someone you know is struggling with their vision, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it. You can reach Dr. Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at

**1-877-677-2020**

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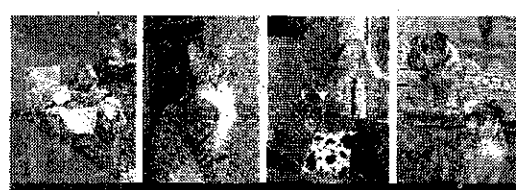
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Pricing will be around \$59,000 when it goes on sale in March.

Standard amenities include 10-way power front seats; dual-zone automatic climate control; a pollen filter and smog detector; power moonroof with one-touch open/close and seven open-position settings; power tilt-and-telescoping steering wheel; three-position memory function for front seats, steering wheel and mirrors; all power windows with automatic up/down operation with jam protection; an auto-dimming rear-view mirror with HomeLink programmable garage door opener; automated rain-sensing wipers; and heated auto-dimming outside mirrors with integrated puddle lamps. Whew!

To keep up with the competition, buyers are rewarded with the convenience of a standard SmartAccess keyless entry and push-button start, which allows the driver to keep the access fob in a pocket or purse.

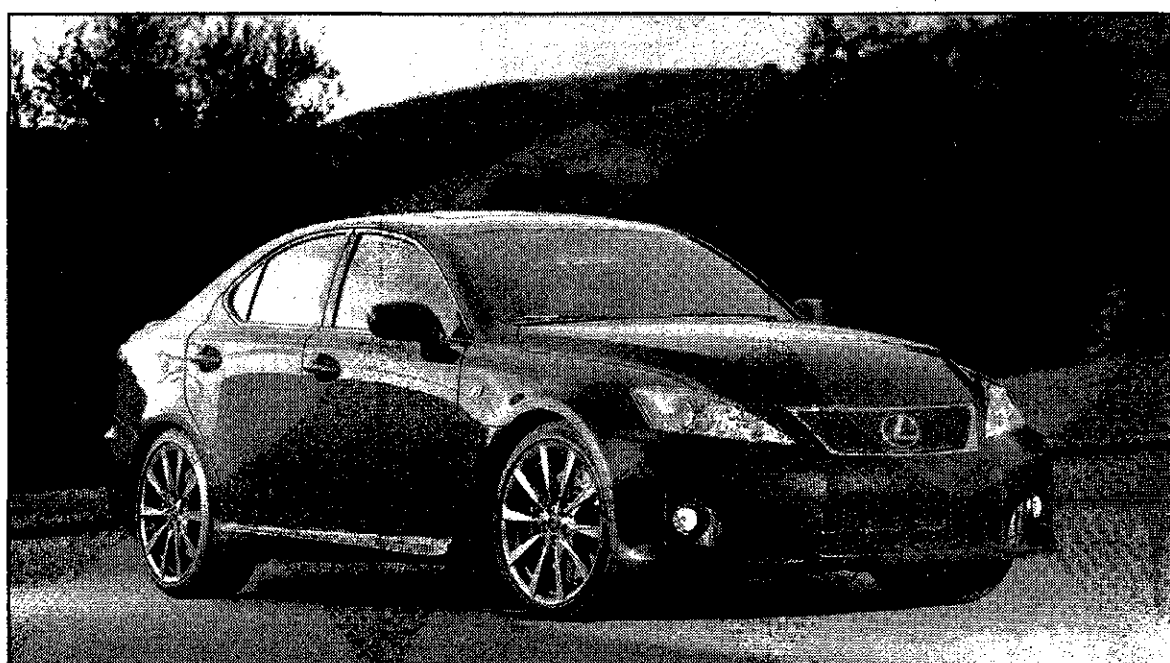
The IS F is equipped so well that there are few options. The most notable option, though, is the premium Mark Levinson Surround Sound system. Truthfully, I preferred to leave the radio off so I could listen to the empowering purr of the V8 when I drove this car on a trip I took to Alabama. You probably won't cross paths with another IS F on the road, as Lexus only expects to sell 300 to 400 a month, but if you want to stand out from the pack the IS F is available in six colors. There are four variations of pearlescent and metallic tones. Among them: Obsidian Black, Starfire Pearl and a bright red called Matador Red Mica. Unique to the IS F is the color Ultrasonic Blue Mica, which is a deep blue.

The 5.0-liter V8 engine produces 416 horsepower and is mated to the world's first 8-Speed Sport Direct-Shift automatic transmission. Because this trans has both manual and automatic modes, there is no manual transmission available despite the diehard racing fans Lexus is targeting. Most will find that its 8-speed automatic offers performance characteristics comparable to race cars anyway. Fuel economy ratings for the IS F are an incredible 16 miles per gallon in the city and 23 mpg on the highway.

On the road, the Lexus IS F is as quick as a hiccup, with precise and responsive steering and a ride that soaks up bumps and potholes. The low growl of the V8 made me look forward to the few straight-aways found on the back roads of Mobile, Ala.

Once the car climbed to 80 mph, this motorcycle-like sound provided the feeling of true power within my grasp. It's still a good day-to-day driver, though you sometimes may long for the raceway instead of the roadway if you're the one behind the wheel.

The uniquely Lexus interior perfectly complements the vehicle's performance. Featuring an exclusive design



The 2008 Lexus IS F promises a zero to 60 mph time of 4.2 seconds. Harnessing all of that speed will be the world's first eight-Speed Sport Direct-Shift automatic transmission.

treatment highlighted by aluminized composite trim, aluminum-rimmed main gauges, unique steering-wheel treatment and other special surface treatments, the IS F has a visually stunning cabin.

The "F" logo is discretely showcased on the steering wheel, rear-center console and outer seat cushions. For comfort, UV-reducing, heat-absorbing glass is used throughout the car.

A comprehensive multi-information display located in the speedometer integrates a trip computer that provides outside temperature, driving range, average fuel consumption, average fuel consumption since refueling, current fuel consumption and average speed. The display also includes an oil-maintenance reminder and system warnings.

And for comfort, the IS F has four specially shaped and trimmed bucket seats, rather than a rear benchseats, that hold drivers like us securely in place while whipping around corners. The special leather-trimmed sport seats are available in black with blue stitching or a unique high-contrast Alpine and black trim.

The involved driver will find a small switch located to the right of the steering wheel that controls the Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management system. This switch operates the three different settings of the electronic stability control system.

In the normal mode, the vehicle dynamics provides cooperative control based on feedback from throttle, steering and transmission. With VDIM in control, there will be no wheel-spin on launches and the driver has unbelievable control without losing speed even through tight corners.

For the more performance-driven enthusiast there's the Sport mode that allows shifting at higher speeds and also makes the throttle more sensitive, adds weight to the steering and expands the range of acceleration.

By holding the switch down for three seconds, you can completely turn off the electronic traction and vehicle stability control. In this mode, only ABS remains active. At this point, the driver is in full command and can easily drift or fishtail around corners without interference from electronic traction systems.

Passive-safety technology in the IS F begins with a reinforced passenger compartment that helps protect the occupants with front-and-rear crush structures.

In addition to the driver and front-passenger front airbags and front seat-mounted side airbags, the Lexus Supplemental Restraint System includes side-curtain airbags and a knee airbag for both the driver and the front passenger. Advanced dual-stage front airbags are designed to deploy based on impact force. The driver's front airbag also includes an extra low stage designed to deploy based on the seat's position on its track to ensure the best protection.

For added safety, the available Pre-Collision System can help reduce collision damage. The package includes Dynamic Radar Cruise Control, which uses millimeter-wave radar to measure and maintain a set distance from a vehicle traveling ahead. PCS relies on the radar sensor to detect obstacles in front of the car. The PCS computer, taking sensor inputs from vehicle speed, steering angle and yaw rate, is designed to determine whether a collision is unavoidable. In such a situation, PCS preemptively retracts front seat belts and pre-initializes brake assist so increased braking will be applied the instant the driver depresses the pedal.

There's also a rear back-up camera, included with the available navigation system, that automatically projects an image of what's behind the car onto the navigation screen as soon as you put your Lexus in reverse.

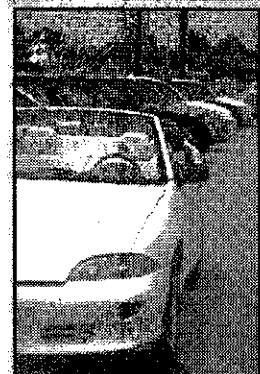
Added parking technology comes in the form of Lexus' Intuitive Park Assist system, which uses ultrasonic sensors to detect objects close to the car's bumpers, alerting the driver and showing distance to objects in the multi-information display within the speedometer.

The performance-orientated IS F is not for everybody, but after a zippy test drive it may take a while to get over the power and the passion under this beast's hood. Write him at [kevinkoloian@excite.com](mailto:kevinkoloian@excite.com). Distributed by Fracassa News Group. ©2008, Fracassa Communications LLC.

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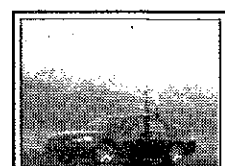
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- 4 King beaters
- 8 Gourmet cook
- 12 Suffix for hero
- 14 Invitation word
- 14 Took the trolley
- 15 Intimidate (2 wds.)
- 17 Director — Kazan
- 18 Yes, to Rob Roy
- 19 More peculiar
- 20 Jetties
- 23 Macho sort
- 26 Footed vases
- 27 Ja, to Jacques
- 28 Current meas.
- 31 Devotee
- 32 Bilko's nickname
- 34 — Paulo, Brazil
- 35 Mai — (rum drink)
- 36 Hobby shop buy

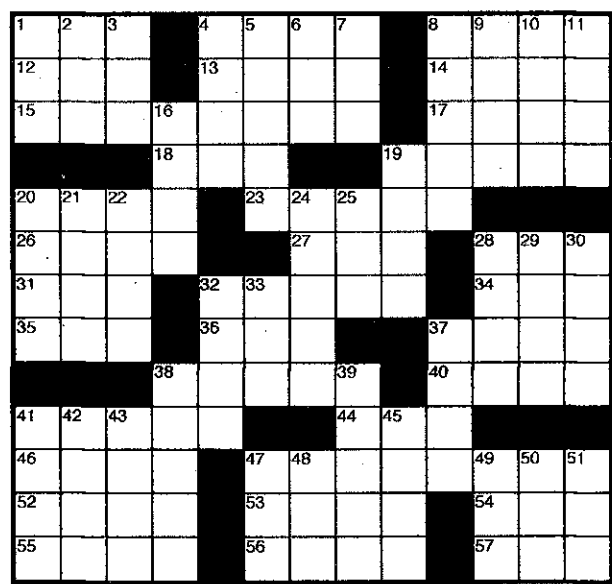
#### DOWN

- 37 Present
- 38 Bicycle part
- 40 Survive
- 41 Humbug!
- 44 Thou, today
- 46 Made do with
- 47 Striped animal
- 52 Encircle
- 53 Mother of one's cousin
- 54 Command to a horse
- 55 Nimble
- 56 Entreats
- 57 She-lobster
- 1 Friendly advice
- 2 Dangerous curve
- 3 A Vanderbilt
- 4 — Breaky Heart
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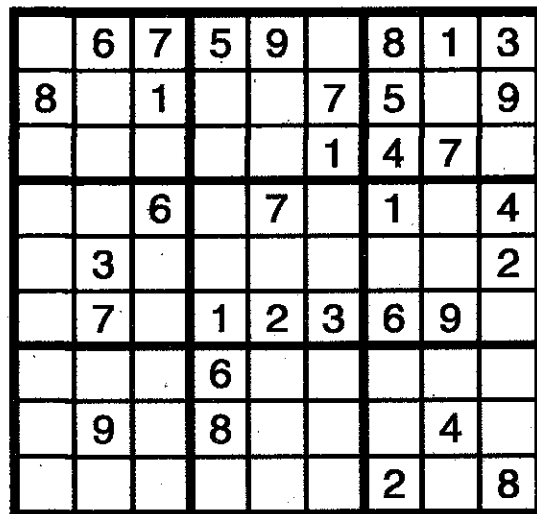
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## COUNTERING LIES IN DIRTY POLITICS



### WORKWISE

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"The New IQ: How Integrity Intelligence Serves You, Your Relationships and Our World" (Elite Books, \$17.95), states that "lies and dirty politics are not only the norm today, but they are in some senses expected."

Elaine Englehardt, distinguished professor of Ethics and special assistant to the president at Utah Valley State College in Orem, Utah, points out that a habitual liar or one focused solely on personal gain "gives us a picture of reality that's different from what exists. A habitual liar could be a sociopath who cares only about himself, sabotaging others by deliberately and maliciously lying merely to advance his career and himself."

### DEGREE

Some people laugh a lie off, assuming that it's not worth confronting. Others uncritically accept a lie,

Englehardt maintains, particularly "if it's provocative, even when facts are placed in front of them." Gruder mentions that repetition becomes particularly damaging as a lie circulates, prompting others to repeat what they've heard. "It's that repetition more than a lie by itself (that damages)," he says.

Your first instinct might be to ignore a lie about you, but as it swells into a crescendo, you might want to rethink your strategy. In the workplace, this is particularly important, because a lie can rapidly contaminate the environment. This is also particularly important if you work among people who don't think critically.

But be hopeful. "There is always a minority, but often times, a powerful minority," reports Arnie Devero, management consultant at The Devero Group in Tampa, "with the flexibility and fairness to revise their points of view, or to resist adopting a negative point of view in the first place, even when others try to convince them to do so."

### 'CONTAINMENT'

How do you know when to begin to confront the lies? Devero reminds you that you needn't respond instantly, because "reputations are built over time, and it takes a very big lie or a real transgression to destroy them overnight. If someone has lied about you and

damaged your reputation, clarify the issue, confront the exact thing that was said and the person who said it, and correct the information." Gruder maintains that each case is different, but, that you might hold back until you begin to hear the propaganda machine at work, such as when three people are telling a lie.

If an individual lies with impunity, Gruder recommends, "React with righteous indignation, indicating that this is *really* intolerable." Prepare for what he calls "containment in degrees of intensity." He suggests beginning with the mildest form, because if it isn't effective, you can increase it later. Using the most intensive could well backfire, compelling you to correct two instances of damage, new and old.

Consider his escalating steps:

— "Talk to that person privately, or with a neutral third party, where he doesn't have to put on a face for the public. Explain that his statements of fact are not that, and that you need to clear this up in order to continue to collaborate.

— "Identify key people in the system to tell that a lie is circulating. Ask these key influencers for advice about how to respond. Make this a sincere attempt to serve the collective highest good.

— "Organize an intervention if the previous methods prove ineffective.



Credit: Willingness Works

David Gruder, psychologist and author, has a three-step method for correcting lies spread in dirty politics. They vary in intensity.

— "Gather people who understand what the truth really is to collaborate on a procedure for publicly confronting the liar" — but only if you're desperate, because of the humiliation it causes. This could mean a note in a personnel file.

Finally, you might take comfort in knowing, as Englehardt contends, that "sooner or later the lies will catch up with the liar, making him a victim of his own ill will."

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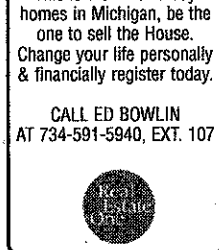
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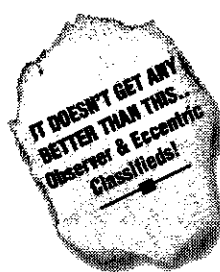
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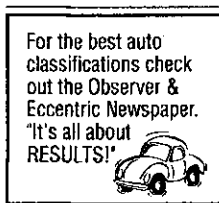
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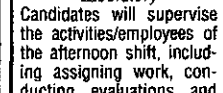
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Free homebuying Seminar for Single Women Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, near Farmington and Five Mile roads. Sponsored by Marcia Hermann of Keller Williams and Steve Scheel of Success Mortgage Partners. Homebuying process and mortgage approval will be discussed. Call (734) 452-1084 to reserve a space.

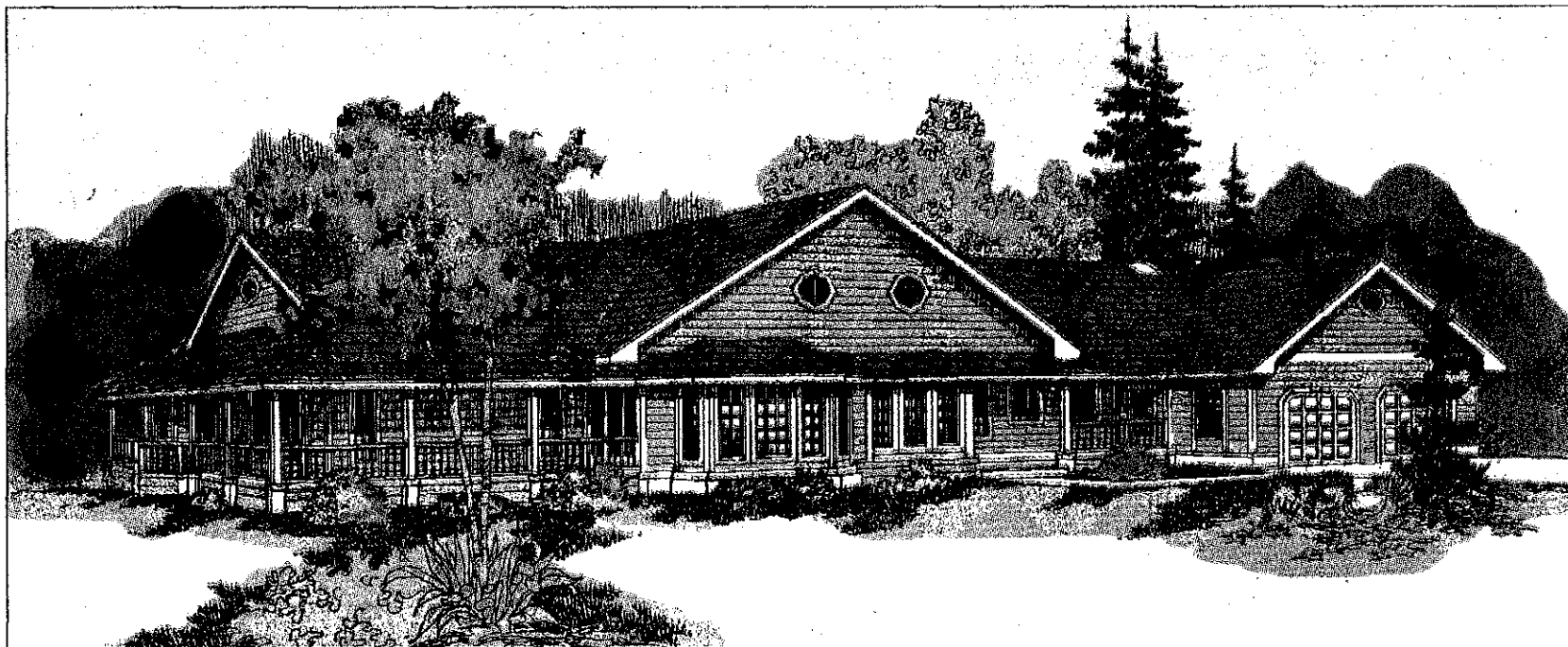
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Timothy Low, C.P.A., will discuss the benefits of renting properties and understanding the tax consequences of "find, fix and flip" activity, including forming an entity, bookkeeping systems and maximizing your deductions. The program is sponsored by the Real Estate Investors of Oakland Thursday, Feb. 14; 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747 6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com)

**BIA**

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a lien law seminar on Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Marty Burnstein, of the Law Offices of Marty Burnstein, will discuss "What's New in Michigan Construction Lien Law and Lien Procedures."

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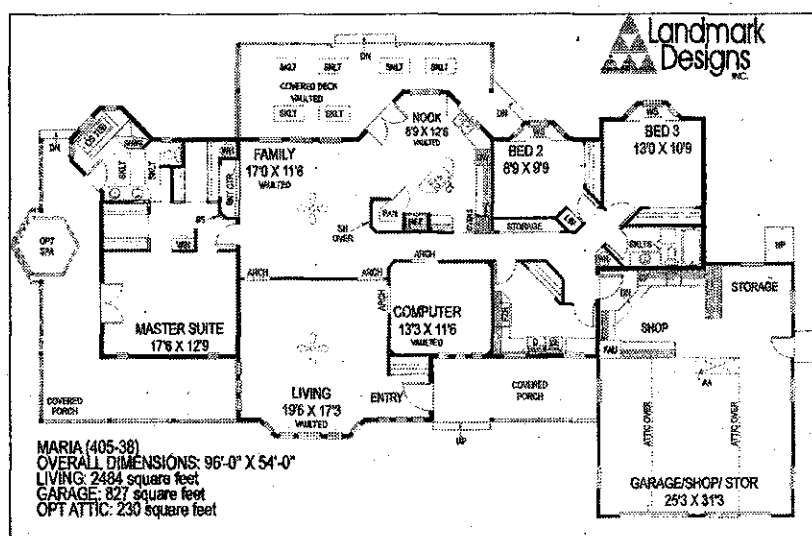


## Maria's ranch design offers open area living

Maria (405-38) is a sprawling ranch-styled home, designed for luxury and comfort. The garage definitely had the busy farmer in mind, with a large two-car garage, a shop with workbenches and a sink, and a huge storage area. Above the garage is also an attic for further storage and safekeeping of important items.

Connected to the garage is a covered porch over the entry to this magnificent home. The living room faces the front and is lined with windows. There is a ceiling fan mounted overhead to help circulate air and keep the room comfortable. In lieu of doors, the living room and the computer room have archways. The computer is centrally located in the home for easy access from any other room.

The family room is large and open, giving an air of the gathering area of past. However, to bring the family closer in this home, there is a large built-in entertainment center, viewable from the family room, the kitchen, and the covered deck beyond. The air is circulated by another large ceiling fan. Adjacent



to the family room, the kitchen nook is vaulted and lighted by a large window. An island cook top, corner ovens, and sink are spaced for a true working ranch home, where there is need to have more than one cook in the kitchen to prepare the meals. The corner pantry is handy for supplies and keeping the shelves stocked.

Pampering begins at home, and Maria's master suite has been designed to make life more wonderful. There are two large walk-in closets, with access to the back of the entertainment center hidden within. The skylit full bath has two sinks, a shower, and a raised tub. A personal spa waits outside on the covered deck.

Completely away from the master suite are the other two bedrooms, another full bath, and the utility room. Each bedroom has a wall closet, along with window seats for daydreaming.

The utility room has two entrances, one from the garage area and one from the hail area. Folding counters, a freezer, and the washer and dryer fit easily into the space allowed. Because of the enormous length of this home, two water heaters have been placed to provide ample hot water throughout the home.

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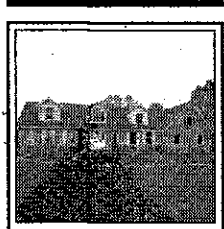


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ing & gutters. New tile entry,  
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**BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED**  
4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial.  
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ed kitchen w/brkfst nook,  
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lights and master suite  
w/Jacuzzi tub. \$345,000  
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This brick ranch is priced just  
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living room, newer kitchen  
cabinets, finished bsmt & a  
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**Oakland County** **3540**

**INDEPENDENCE TWP**  
Spectacular 5 bdrm, 5 bath  
home sited on hill overlooking  
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w/gas fireplace, lower level  
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place. \$379,900  
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stay. \$239,900 MLS 27152029  
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2.5 baths, 2500 sq. ft. Open  
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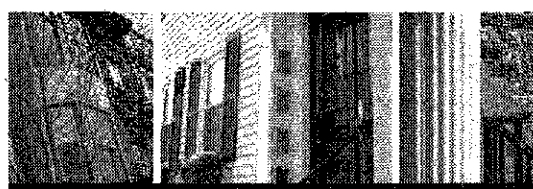
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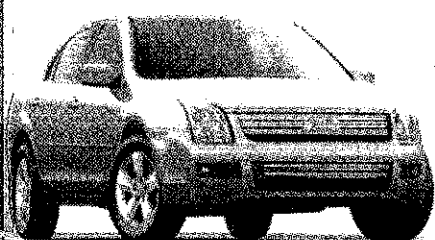
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