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## Oakwood submits initial plans for site

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Oakwood is on to round three in its quest to build a hospital in the township.

Having been hugely criticized twice in its attempts to build a facility on the northwest corner of Beck and Geddes, the Dearborn-based health care system has apparently listened to suggestions that it build on or near Michigan Avenue.

Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We want to know your thoughts about the location where Oakwood is proposing a medical campus. Either e-mail editor Kurt Kuban at [kkuban@hometownlife.com](mailto:kkuban@hometownlife.com) or post a comment on our Web site at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

Oakwood has submitted a preliminary planned development district request for a parcel of land on the west side of Beck Road north of

Michigan Avenue.

"They submitted it last week," he said Wednesday.

The property is zoned industrial and was intended for warehouses.

Two warehouses sit south of the possible site for the hospital.

The Beck Road land is less than a mile south of where Oakwood previously suggesting building a state-of-the-art medical center.

In late 2006, Oakwood presented its proposal to the Canton Planning Commission but faced sharp

criticism from hundreds of homeowners adjacent to the 88-acre property. The health care provider then tabled the proposal and altered it in an effort to accommodate residents.

When Oakwood went before the commission again in April, the request was denied.

Goulet said township officials are reviewing Oakwood's submitted documents.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack said he plans to back the proposal.



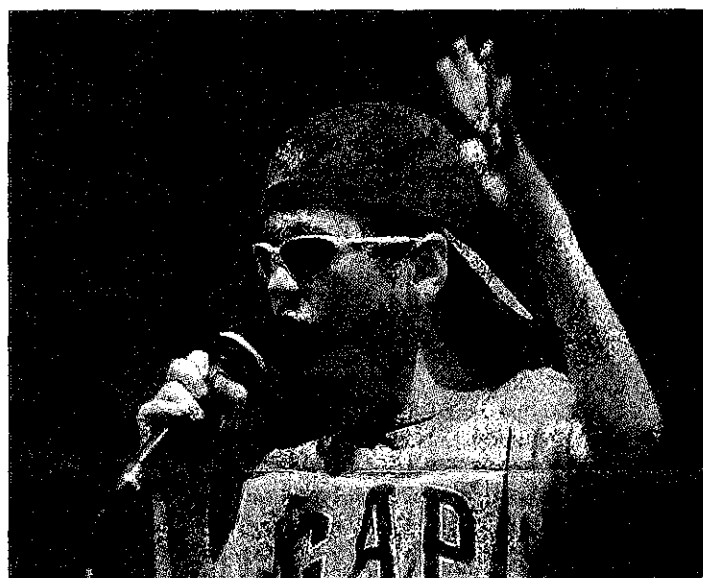
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The proposed hospital is on Beck Road, south of Geddes and north of Michigan Avenue, less than a mile south of a parcel Oakwood wanted to build on last year.

"I'll be an unabashed supporter this time," Paula Rivera-Kerr, Oakwood spokeswoman, was

not available for comment.

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Hip-hop artist Eric Kim raps.

## A time to shine

Talent show allows students to show growth

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

For most of the first eight years of the Building Bridges Therapy Center's annual "Twinkle Twinkle Little Stars" talent show, Casey Orr was a participant.

As she celebrated her 17th birthday last Saturday, she had graduated to valuable helper for the ninth annual show at

Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton.

To paraphrase an old commercial, Casey has come a long way, baby.

"She looks forward to it every year, and she's made great friendships," said proud mom Sue Orr. "Casey has made great strides over the years. She could barely talk when she started, and now she can carry on a conversation."

Building Bridges (formerly Speech, Language and Sensory-Motor Systems Inc.) is a Plymouth Township-based therapy center specializing in working with special needs students. The annual talent show is a vehicle for those students



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Arianna Bickle of Joanne's Dance Extension and ballet dancer Kylie Diluvio perform during Saturday's Building Bridges talent show.

to display the things they've learned over the course of the year.

The number of participants was down this year — some 15 youngsters signed up, although a few missed the event due to illness — but the show went on, and went on well.

More importantly, for those

who took part, it was their chance to step out of their comfort zone and shine, according to co-owner Stephanie Naberhaus.

"The numbers were down, but we were still very happy with it," Naberhaus said. "What

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## Man accused in burning of girl headed to trial

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

District Court Judge Mike Gerou ordered Willis Jacob Adams bound over for trial on child abuse charges Friday, after prosecutors provided compelling evidence that he put his live-in girlfriend's 3-year-old daughter into a scalding hot bath and burned her.

The most damning evidence was the testimony given by the girl's 8-year-old sister, who was home at the time the burns occurred, which was sometime in early January. According to the sister, Adams put the girl in the bath after she had soiled her pants because of a case of diarrhea.

"She was fussing and splashing," the third-grader



Adams

said about her sister. "She was crying loudly."

The girl's testimony also contradicted statements that Adams and the girl's mother, Ann Plass, provided to police and doctors at University of Michigan Hospital, where they took their daughter several weeks after she suffered the burns only after Child Protective Services visited the home and told them to do so. Adams allegedly told doctors and police that the girl got into the bath by herself and never cried.

The sister also testified

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## Around the world

China and Vietnam are just two of the countries being showcased at a cultural fair at St. Mary Catholic School in Wayne today (Feb. 17). Student Colleen Verla of Canton holds the papier-mâché head her mother made for the eight-foot long Chinese dragon that kindergartners are showing off during the fair. Parents of prospective students are invited to visit the school until 1:30 p.m., located on Michigan Avenue east of Wayne Road in Wayne.

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—Kristen Jordan Shamus is editor of MotorCityMoms.com. She can be reached at (313) 222-5997 or [kshamus@MotorCityMoms.com](mailto:kshamus@MotorCityMoms.com).

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## Coming Thursday in filter



The Center for Creative Studies features more than 1,000 pieces of art by local artists.

Relay for Life kick-off

The American Cancer Society invites everyone in the Canton community to celebrate cancer survivorship...

Symphony Orchestra -- are donating their services to help support the numerous music education programs...

New Liberty Bank and Lotus Arts Gallery will be hosting a pre-concert cocktail party...

Relay For Life is the Society's signature event, dedicated to increasing awareness and raising funds to fight cancer.

Donations can be made to this local Relay For Life event by visiting www.relayforlife.org.

The Relay For Life of Canton will take place on May 17-18 at Heritage Park.

Charity hockey game

On Saturday, Feb. 23, the Canton firefighters will take on the coaches from the Canton Amateur Hockey Association...

Symphony Society benefit

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Society will present a special benefit concert, "A Beatles Blast!"...

Tickets are \$100 per person, with a 10-percent discount for groups of eight or more...

Tickets may be purchased by contacting the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society office...

Saberette kids clinic

The Plymouth High Saberette are looking for participants in a Kid's Clinic Performance at the Saberette Variety Show...

The Beginner and Intermediate performance (grades K-3, grades 4-6) will take place at 7 p.m., Feb. 22.

Performance outfits include pom T-shirts, black shorts and poms.

Rotary award ceremony

On Feb. 25 the Canton Rotary Club will present their first annual Community Service Award to a member of the Canton Community...

The Canton Rotary works to serve members of the local, national, and international

communities through charitable and humanitarian projects, and to promote peace and understanding within local and international communities.

Anyone planning to attend the ceremony or interested in learning more about Rotary should contact President Susan Kowalski...

Marching band seeking members

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, named Bands of America Regional Champions for 2007 and a BOA Finalist at Grand Nationals in Indianapolis...

The meeting is designed for incoming 8th graders, but is open to any high school student. Interested students will spend time with the existing marchers...

Parents and students are asked to attend the Open House meeting at 7 p.m., Feb. 19 in the Plymouth High School band room.

For more information, contact Marc Whitlock, director of bands, at (734) 582-5666.

Calling all artists

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is now accepting proposals for the 2009 exhibition season. The deadline for submission is March 31.

On average, more than 5,000 individuals visit the theater each month. The Village Theater is a venue that comfortably showcases established, as well as emerging artists...

Artists must submit slides or high quality digital images, contact information, current resume/biography, an artist statement, and availability.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located in the corner of Cherry Hill and



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Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority will present the biannual Consumer Expo Feb. 21 from 5-7:30 p.m. at Summit on the Park in the Grand Ballroom.

Ridge roads. Deliver your submissions to the theater or e-mail your submissions to villagetheater@canton-mi.org.

For more information on the 2009 exhibition season, visit canton-mi.org/villagetheater or call (734) 394-5460.

LaJoy hours

Due to the Van Buren Township offices being closed for Presidents Day, state Rep. Phil LaJoy's office hours have been moved to the Big Boy located at 10705 Belleville Road in Belleville.

An appointment is not necessary. Residents unable to meet LaJoy during the scheduled office hours can contact his Lansing office toll free at 866-LAJoy21 or through e-mail at phillajoy@house.mi.gov to make an appointment.

Hall of Fame nominations

Nomination forms for Canton's Hall of Fame, Community Supporter and Community Achiever awards are now available at the Canton supervisor's office, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and on Canton's Web site, www.canton-mi.org.

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

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

Newcomers bingo night

The Canton Newcomers will host Bingo Night, with prizes donated by local businesses, dinner samples by Entree Vous of Canton, dessert by Back Home Bakery, a raffle to benefit a local charity, and an opportunity to sign up for 20-plus activities for the entire family.

The club's own "March Madness" starts at 7:15 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse, at 45800 Hanford, west of Canton Center. Visitors are welcome.

Request a complimentary newsletter at www.canton-newcomers.org of this social, civic and charitable organiza-

tion or call Donna at (734) 398-6487 with questions before the meeting. You don't have to be "New" to be a Newcomer.

Mom-2-Mom sale

In anticipation of their upcoming Mom 2 Mom Sale, the Canton Newcomers, a social, civic and charitable organization, invites table renters to sell new and gently used maternity, baby and child items including furniture and larger play equipment.

The sale will be held on Saturday April 5, at the Summit on the Park from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information, please visit cantonnewcomers.org or e-mail amybrody@comcast.net.

Tonda scholarships

The Tonda Elementary School Scholarship Committee is accepting applications and essays from now until April 9.

Qualified applicants must have attended Tonda for at least three years, have a GPA of 3.25 or better and have been accepted into an accredited college, university or trade school. Two letters of reference from a non-family member as well as transcripts must also be submitted.

Applicants will submit an essay entitled "Qualities of a Peaceful School."

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Dr. Jeffrey Mendelson enters the operating room where the patient is prepared for knee replacement surgery. He carries the patient's x-rays and other medical records.

## Inside the operating room

Teamwork, advances awe visitors to St. Mary Mercy

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

Caterers and legislator's aides, CEOs and correspondents got a firsthand look, and a very close one at that, at how a hospital operating room really runs Tuesday morning in the Healthcare Partnership Program at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Volunteers got to shadow doctors that morning, watching them perform various procedures, as part of a program designed to educate people about the inner workings of the most private of public buildings.

Jennifer Kennedy, marketing and public relations manager, said the program, launched in 2001, is there to inform.

"We want to educate the community about what we do," she said. "Not everyone gets to see so far inside the hospital. We're trying to encourage a dialog between the community and the hospital, to show off our resources."

In one of the hospital's operating rooms, Dr. Jeffrey Mendelson discussed the generalities of joint replacement surgery while replacing a hip and a knee. The procedures are necessarily violent — even elderly bones are hard — but the conditions the procedures are designed to alleviate are no less brutal.

"Over time, cartilage erodes and bone starts rubbing against bone," he said. "It's

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Physician's assistant Lisa Hypnar scrubs before knee replacement surgery.

painful."

Osteoarthritis, the loss of cartilage due to wear, is something that virtually everyone will face given a long enough life. No one knows what causes it.

"All of the treatments are based on replacement," Mendelson said. "We don't know how to prevent it. Inflammatory arthritis, like rheumatoid or lupus, can be managed. It's a miracle, the alteration

in those conditions. Those diseases are extremely well-controlled."

The process of removing a natural joint and replacing it with a construction of titanium and plastic has become fairly routine, a near one-hour process. The plastics are new, the machining of the parts is extremely fine and the replacement parts can be expected to last for the life of the patient.

What's amazing, given all of the work that is done with drills, saws and hammers, is that the patients were expected

to be walking in the afternoon.

Livonian Ron Reinke, a former parks superintendent with the city, also took part in the program and visited the hospital's cardiology department. He was floored by the abilities he saw on display. "The skill the doctor possessed to run a wire from the patient's leg to view and eliminate a blockage was amazing," he said. "I was also impressed by the teamwork of the team the doctor had around him."

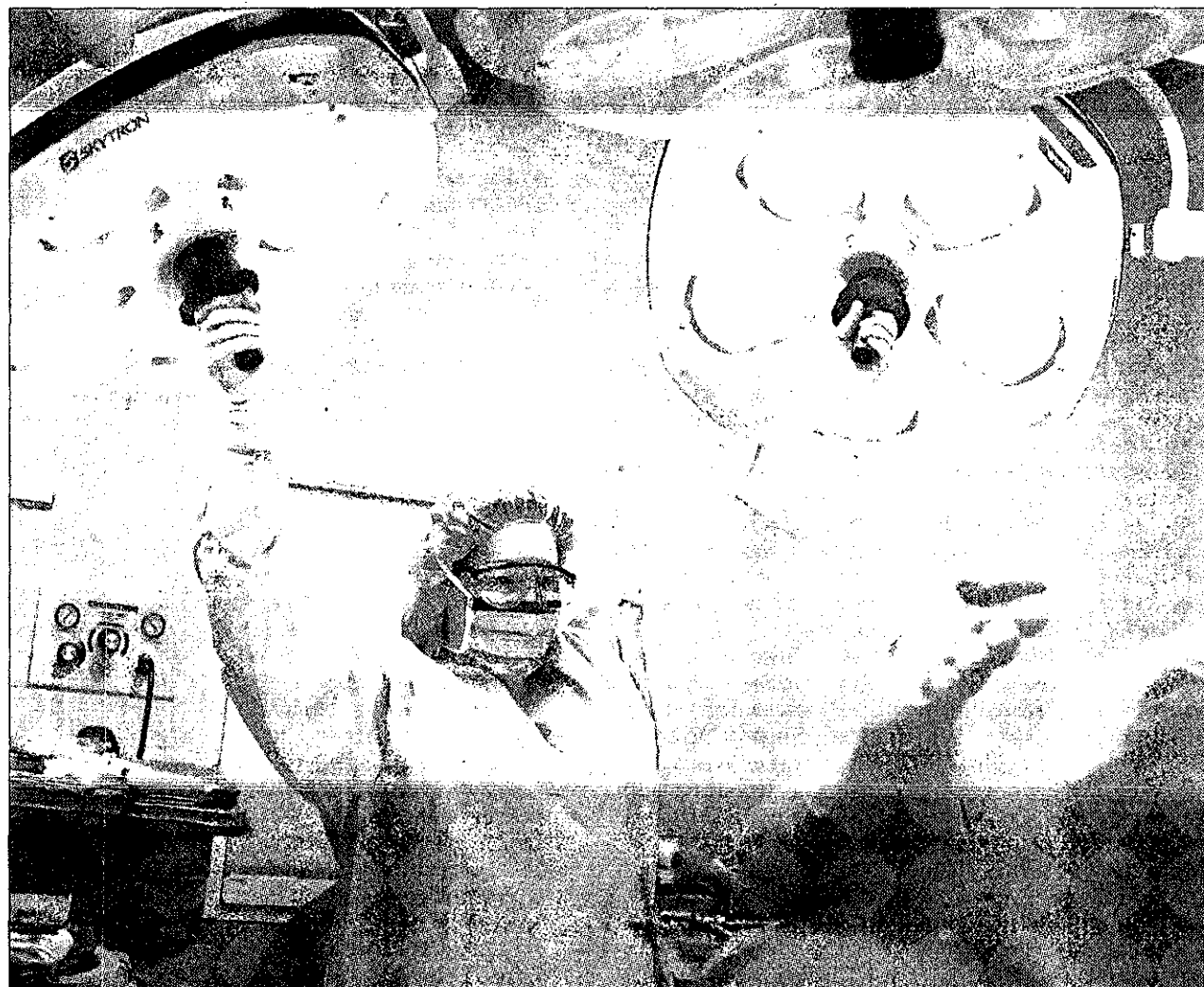
Chico Rodriguez saw a man's back

being repaired.

"They were pouring cement into the vertebrae," he said. "It reminded me of people working construction, pouring concrete into a pillar. It was amazing, they were doing it by monitor."

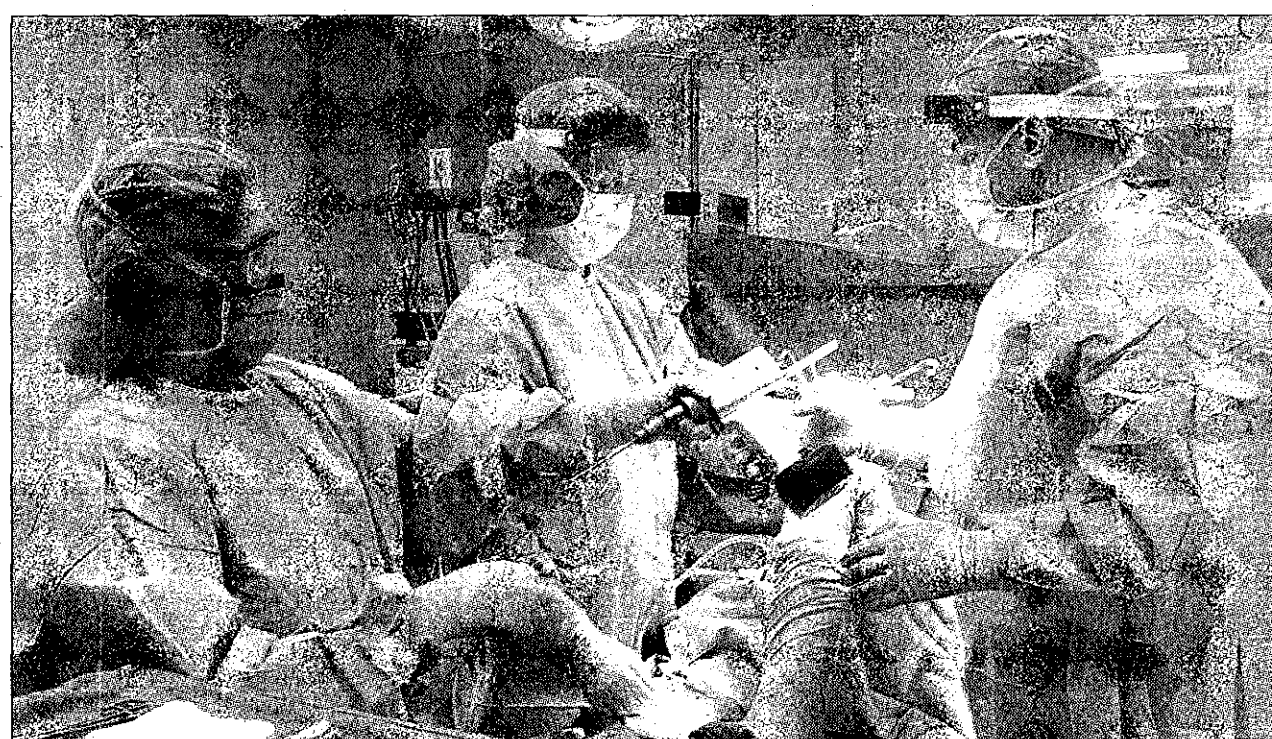
Since the inception of the program in 2001, 110 participants have visited the hospital. The program is offered three times a year.

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June Mathews, a surgical technician, adjusts the lighting for surgery.

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Surgical technician June Mathews hands a drill to Dr. Jeffrey Mendelson, as he and physician's assistant Lisa Hypnar fit a knee replacement to the patient at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

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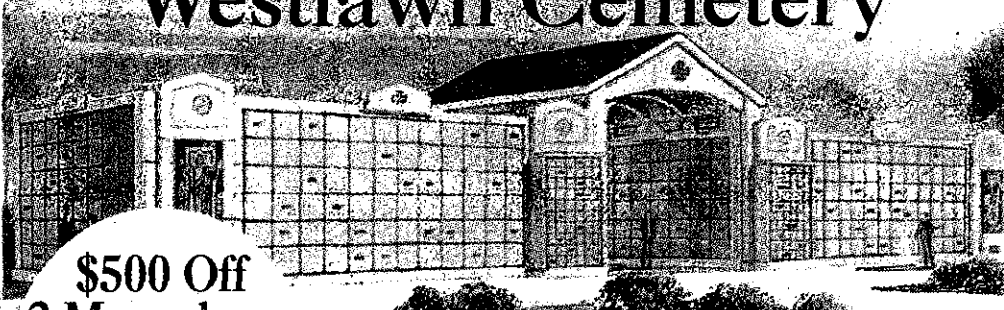


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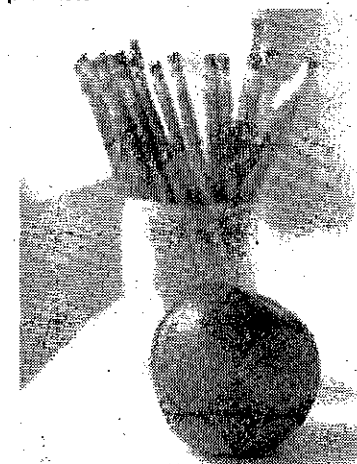
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# Oakwood, Meijer store on planning agenda

## Canton Planning Commission

Canton's Planning Commission will meet on Monday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. on the first floor of Canton's Administration Building. Items on the agenda include:

### SITE PLANS

■ **Hindu Temple rebuild:** Consider site plan and special land use for a religious institution. Property is located south of Cherry Hill Road and west of Canton Center Road. Item was tabled Dec. 3.

■ **St. Joseph Mercy Health Center expansion:** Consider site plan approval. Property is located west of Canton Center Road and north of Summit Boulevard.

### PUBLIC HEARING

■ **Kirco Business Park:** Consider special land use for a medical office. Property is located east of Haggerty Road and north of Ford Road.

### NEW BUSINESS

■ **Schoolhouse Montessori Academy:** Refer review of site plan to staff. Property is located east of Haggerty Road and north of Palmer Road.

■ **Canton Corners Shopping Center addition:** Refer review of site plan developer instigated revisions to staff. Property

is located south of Ford Road and west of Lilley Road.

■ **Comerica Bank addition:** Refer review of site plan to staff. Property is located north of Ford Road and west of Sheldon Road.

■ **Oakwood Canton Medical Campus planned development:** Refer review of preliminary PDD to staff. Property is located on the west side of Beck Road, north of Michigan Avenue.

■ **Michigan Avenue Market/Meijer planned development:** Refer review of preliminary PDD to staff. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and Lilley Roads.

## Van Buren Board of Education

The Van Buren Schools Board of Education will hold a special meeting/work study session at 7 p.m., Feb. 18 at the district's administrative building, 555 W. Columbia Avenue, in Belleville. For more information, call (734) 697-9123.

- Agenda items include:
- Elementary boundary discussion
  - 2007-08 budget amendment discussion
  - Strategic plan discussion
  - Board of Education feedback

## TALENT

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I liked was we had different acts. It's always fun when that happens."

The show was choreographed largely by volunteer dancers from Joanne's Dance Extension in Canton. Those teens volunteer every year to spend time with the students, putting the musical and dance aspects of the show together.

The girls volunteer an hour a week starting in October.

"It's a good way for a high schooler to interact with younger kids," said Canton High School student Erika Martin of Canton, 16, who has done every show but the first. "The kids, seeing their smiling faces when they accomplish everything, is the best part."

Naberhaus and her husband, Brad, were quick to point out the show — which features dancing, music and readings, in addition to a fashion show — couldn't go on without the sponsors.

In addition to Joanne's Dance Extension, flowers are provided by Vanessa's Flowers, Gap Kids at Laurel Park Place in Livonia provides the clothes for the fashion show, Screened



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Jacob Endres, Joshua Kayden and Ryan Tomaszycy sing 'I Know a Chicken' with a little help from music therapist Debbie Gombert (right) and student music therapist Julie Raphael.

Images Inc. and C&M printing take care of programs and T-shirts, and Kroger provides the food.

They all combine to provide the opportunity for Building Bridges students to show how

much they've grown.

"Certain kids have no stage fright, but for other kids, getting up on stage in front of people, even if they don't do anything, is a huge deal for them," Stephanie Naberhaus

said. "It's neat to see. Some of the kids come year after year, so it's neat to see how the kids grow with it."

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# School board set to make decision

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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The Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education is expected to make one of two decisions Tuesday night as it considers who will succeed Jim Ryan as superintendent.

The board will decide whether either of the two finalists — Paul Kadri, 42, the superintendent of the Neshaminy school district in Langhorne, Pa., which consists of 9,200 students; or Craig Fiegel, 52, the superintendent of Evergreen Park Elementary School

District 124 in Evergreen Park, Ill., which has 1,900 students — is worthy of further consideration.

If the board isn't impressed enough with either candidate, the second option would be to suspend the search and have interim superintendent Ken Jacobs continue in the position until the board decides to reopen the search.

"We still have some final things to do, including reference checks, before we make a final decision," said Judy Mardigian, board president. "The question is do we have

someone to lead the district into the future, with finances and academics our biggest priorities.

"If the answer is 'no,'" she added, "we always have a Plan B, Ken Jacobs, who is very knowledgeable about the district. I think we will be in good hands either way."

The school board meets Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

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**Tuesday, March 4** 9 am - Noon Organizational Meeting  
2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment

**Monday, March 10** 2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment  
6 pm - 9 pm Hearings by Appointment

**Wednesday, March 12** 9 am - Noon Hearings by Appointment  
2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment

**Saturday, March 15** 9 am - 11 am First Come - First Served

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 21, 2008.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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# Business views vary on stimulus money impact

## Retailers hope you'll come shopping with checks

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Local retailers have their eye on the rebate checks due to taxpayers this spring, although not all think they'll make a big difference.

Kate Rosevear, owner of Carlson Wagonlit Travel in Plymouth, didn't expect a big rush the day after the president's signature came through.

"In truth, my business is doing fine," Rosevear said. "I had a good year last year. A lot of my colleagues had a good year."

She gets a lot of baby boomers whose kids are now through college, meaning they have some disposable income. "They're young enough to travel," she said.

Buyouts from local employers have also boosted the

travel business for Rosevear and others.

Talk of the rebates — expected by May and to range from \$300 to \$1,200 — came up Thursday morning at Laurel Park Place in Livonia among mall walkers.

"I'm going to buy a brand new TV if it's made in the United States," said Mel Karfis of Livonia, a retired construction ironworker. His wife noted few such TVs are now.

Jack Morrison of Plymouth Township, retired from brick sales, had no immediate purchases in mind. "Probably just put it in the bank, I guess," said Morrison, adding he doesn't know how much he'll get. "I think maybe I'll pay my income tax."

Over at Bill Brown Ford in Livonia, sales manager Mike Schriber was pleased.

"Business is pretty good," Schriber said. "Any money that's put in the hands of people that live in this area is good for the economy in general."

He thinks customers mulling a car purchase but cautious about a down payment or making payments "will now have that little extra to work with." Those concerned about property values will buy American, the sales manager added.

"It allows them to make some of those purchases they've been dreaming about," Schriber said.

Westland Floor Covering owner Richard Strausbaugh said this is their normal slower season, with January normal and February thus far slower. "We're hoping the final figures aren't too bad" for February, he said.

"I sure hope so," Strausbaugh said when asked if the rebates will boost business. He plans to offer 110 percent to customers who come in to spend rebate checks. "We're

definitely going to help the economy, personally," he said of his family, noting a TV purchase is in the works.

"I would imagine there's a pent-up demand for goods," Strausbaugh said. "I would hope it would help our business." Westland Floor Covering will mark its 48th anniversary this year.

Tracey Pawlowski owns Back Home Bakery in Canton. "I know personally ours is going in the bank," she said of the family's check, citing the volatile economy. "That money is our padding" in case her husband loses his job.

Pawlowski would like to take a vacation, but isn't rushing to make plans. "The beauty is everybody has a birthday, thank God," she said of business at Back Home Bakery.

Pawlowski, who grew up in Garden City, was a "jumper" with her sister for UPS this past holiday season, helping deliver packages. The women saw a lot of vacant, foreclosed homes, and an eviction.

That was hard for her to

watch, and Pawlowski said even losing a business wouldn't be as bad. She hopes people hang on to their money, "just to help themselves."

Laura Van Vliet, owner of Eva's Bridal & Fashions in Garden City, is pleased with what she views as "a windfall" for customers.

"We were just discussing that. It certainly couldn't hurt us," said Van Vliet, who wouldn't want people to ignore mortgage payments but is hoping for increased business. Her store has moderate prices, which she said will help.

"Right now, we're into

proms." Eva's Bridal & Fashions also has bridal and mother of the bride dresses, said the owner, who's a member of the National Federation of Independent Businesses. That group anticipates help from the stimulus money.

"It will be a little extra cash," said Van Vliet. "I would think they would" spend.

"I really feel that people are going to hang onto the money for emergencies," said Mary Jo Mullen, executive director for the Redford Township Chamber of Commerce. "I don't think they're going to go out and buy."

## Excelsior Energy Fund still a good investment after management change

**Dear Rick:** I received notice that Excelsior Funds has become Columbia Funds. I know you recommend Excelsior. I am curious about your thoughts now that it is Columbia.



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

I have liked the Excelsior Energy & Natural Resources Fund (UMESX). A number of years ago, I did some research and I confirmed that a natural resource fund does belong in a portfolio. This allows an investor to further diversify and also to provide some hedge against rising energy prices.

The Excelsior Energy & Natural Resources Fund has been managed for more than 10 years by Mike Hoover. Members of the Investment Committee at my firm had the opportunity to discuss the changes happening with the company with representatives from Excelsior. They have been assured there will be no fundamental changes to

the fund and that Hoover will continue to manage the portfolio.

The Excelsior Energy & Natural Resources Fund has been very good and for current investors, I recommend they stay put. Despite having a difficult year so far, if you look at the fund's long-term track record, it has been very productive.

The Columbia Funds are managed by Columbia Management, which is the investment management division of Bank of America. Columbia Management, for the last number of years, has been aggressive in acquiring different mutual fund companies. In some cases, it has merged and consolidated funds. It has also acquired a fund company and left some of the funds as is.

Although I continue to like the Excelsior Energy & Natural Resources Fund, I will judge it like I do all other funds, based on performance over the long term. If other things occur such as defections from the portfolio management team, I will reconsider my opinion. That being said, my present recommendation is keep the fund.

**Dear Rick:** I've always done my own tax return. I am getting to the point where it's getting too difficult to do on my own. Should I buy a software package or should I hire a professional?

I agree that tax returns have become more complex. If you are going to attempt to do your tax return on your own, use a software package such as Turbo Tax or Tax Cut. It makes preparing your return much easier and eliminates mathematical errors. If you file a return with mathematical errors, the IRS will take closer scrutiny of your tax return and that is something none of us want.

For filers who do not want to do their own tax return or have a complicated situation — such as they own a business or they have income in more than one state — it makes sense to hire a professional.

Just because someone knows how to prepare tax returns does not make him or her a professional. If you are having your return professionally prepared, spend a few extra dollars and make sure you are dealing with a professional

— someone who is dedicated to keeping current on the tax law changes and who is available to assist you on any issues throughout the year with regard to your tax return.

As a taxpayer, you are responsible for your return — whether you prepare it, use a software package or hire a professional.

As I have mentioned in previous columns, there is a program where you can obtain free software and do your return for free.

The IRS has partnered with many software companies to offer this service. To see if you qualify, visit the IRS Web site, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and click on "free file."

It is important to remember that tax returns, like everything in our society, have become more complex. So don't be stubborn. If you need help, hire a professional.

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

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that Adams told her not to tell anyone about the incident.

"He told me not to tell anyone or I would get in trouble, and I would be taken away by Protective Services," said the girl, who also added that Adams threatened her with physical violence.

It is the policy of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* not to name minors involved in the case.

The 25-year-old Adams, who was arrested Feb. 7, is charged with first-degree child abuse, a 15-year felony; second-degree child abuse, a 4-year felony; and habitual offender II, which will enhance his sentence to 1.5 times the sentence amount, if he is found guilty. According to Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Lora Weingarden, Adams was convicted of a felony in 2005.

Child Protective Services removed both girls, as well as their 6-year-old sister,

from the couple's mobile home near I-275 and Michigan Avenue. Neither Adams nor Plass are allowed to have contact with them.

University of Michigan pediatric physician Dr. Leena Dev also testified Friday. She examined the girl on Jan. 23, the day after Adams and Plass brought her to the emergency room for her burns.

Dev said the girl's buttocks and the back of her upper thighs were raw and blistered, and she considered it a serious injury. She also interviewed the parents, and said the injuries were not consistent with the story that the child got into the bath on her own.

"She would've had injuries to her feet or lower legs," said Dev, who has testified in dozens of child abuse cases.

Dev said the child was most likely cradled over hot water, and had her buttocks submerged, which is why that was the only area to be burned.

Defense attorney Matthew Evans told Gerou there

wasn't enough evidence to hold his client, and that it was likely the burns were a result of some cleaning agents Adams had used in the tub about a half hour before the girl used it.

Weingarden got Plass to admit she lied to Child Protective Services, which learned of the girl's injuries by an anonymous tip, when she told them she had taken her daughter to Oakwood Hospital after the burns occurred. Plass admitted the first medical treatment the girl received was when she was taken to U-M Hospital — roughly three weeks after the incident.

Weingarden said the girl's injuries were clearly child abuse. "He had a motive to do this," she said. "She had diarrhea, and he had to clean it, which isn't a pleasant job. So he was angry. He intentionally dumped this child in the tub."

Adams, who is being held in Wayne County Jail on a \$10,000 cash bond, will be arraigned in circuit court in Detroit on Feb. 29.

**5 candidates file in WW board race**

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Voters in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will have a choice of five candidates to fill two seats on the Board of Education in the May 6 school election.

Filing nominating petitions were incumbent Cindy Schofield of Wayne and Shawna Walker of Westland. Paying the \$100 filing fee were Westland residents Jennifer Finley of Westland, Brian Mulligan and William Gabriel.

Missing from the list if Terrance McClain who announced Tuesday that he would not seek a second term on the school board.

Schofield, a residential property manager, is the current school board vice-president, a position she has held for six of her eight elective years. She has said that she decided to run again because "there are still things to be accomplished, especially at the secondary level."

Finley is a registered nurse and the mother of seven adopted children. She has been involved in programs at the Stottlemeyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center and

serves on its policy committee.

"I'm involved in the schools and education and what better way is there to make an impact on a community I've been a part of for 14 years," she said.

Gabriel is a consultant in airline management. He has served on the Westland Library Board and Local Officers Compensation Commission and currently is a member of the Westland Planning Commission.

"Education is probably the one most important thing to me," he said. "My experiences (on the Library Board) have reinforced my wanting to give back to the community," he said.

"I also have more time to give and think I can do a good job."

Mulligan is making his second bid for a school board. He ran unsuccessfully in the 2007 election.

A licensed electrician, he has said that he believes ordinary citizens need to take a more active role in their communities.

In campaigning last year, he stated that "all parents need to take responsibility for their children's education and actively participate in that education, not only for

their children's benefit but for our society as well."

Mulligan and Walker were unavailable for comment on their decision to campaign for a school board seat.

In the Livonia Public Schools, three candidates have filed for two four-year terms on the school board.

Incumbents Tom Bailey and Greg Oke are running for re-election. And Patrice Mang, who ran unsuccessfully for a one-year seat last year, will try again this year.

Bailey, a technical specialist with BASF, was elected in 2004. Prior to that he held leadership positions with the PTA at local, regional and state levels.

Bailey was the only trustee to vote against the Legacy Initiative school closings and reconfigurations.

As such, he did not face recall in 2006.

Oke, assistant principal at Wolfe Middle School in Center Line, was elected last May to a one-year position.

Mang is a high school special education teacher in Allen Park.

Staff writer Rebecca Jones contributed to this story.

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Bid Documents are on file for review at Canton Township Hall - Engineering 2nd Floor, Construction Association of Michigan, Reed Construction Data, McGraw Hill Construction Dodge, and Construction News Service of Michigan, Inc.

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**TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK**

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
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BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS**

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton: that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 14, 2008 at 12:00 p.m.

The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Entry into the building can be accessed through the front doors of Township Hall. Please come prepared, as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review:

Tuesday, March 4, 2008	Organizational Meeting -- 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (No Appointments)
Monday, March 10, 2008	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Tuesday, March 11, 2008	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. -- 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Wednesday, March 12, 2008	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. -- 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Thursday, March 13, 2008	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. (Appointment Only)
Friday, March 14, 2008Z	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. (Appointment Only)

Please be advised entry the building on Tuesday, March 11th after 5:00p.m. and Wednesday, March 12th after 5:00p.m. can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township hall.

If you have any questions, please contact the Assessor's office directly at (734) 394-5111.

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Previously, Blashak served as vice president of business



Blashak

research and effectiveness for Apollo Group Campus Services, where his responsibilities included analyzing student data related

to the retention of more than 100,000 online undergraduate and graduate students, identifying opportunities for improved student retention and exploring

various partner opportunities and acquisition targets. Blashak graduated from the University of New Mexico with a bachelor's degree in organizational communication and a master's degree in adult education/training and development. He is currently a student at the University of Phoenix pursuing an Ed.D. in educational leadership. Blashak is a member of the Detroit Economic Club, American Management Association, and Leadership Detroit.

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OUR VIEWS

## For everyone's good, Johnson should resign

It appears longtime Planning Commissioner Catherine Johnson is going to force the hand of the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Johnson, you may remember, was told by Township Supervisor Tom Yack to resign after a Dec. 3 meeting for making, in his words, "intolerable" statements about the proposed Hindu Temple expansion. At the meeting, Johnson, who lives in one of the neighborhoods surrounding the temple where there has been widespread opposition to the project, said she had heard reports that Hindu women at another temple were urinating in public, and wanted to know if that was going to happen at the Hindu Temple.

We completely agree with Yack — Johnson's statements were definitely off-base. Intolerable is one word that can be used. So are embarrassing, insensitive and a slew of others. We also agree that Yack did the right thing to ask for Johnson's resignation. As a longtime township official — she's been on the planning commission since 1980 and was formerly a member of the zoning board of appeals — Johnson should have known better. She was representing the township when she made those remarks.

Yet here we are more than two months later and Johnson still has not tendered her resignation. Yack has said that unless Johnson submits her resignation by Feb. 21, the township board will hold a public hearing regarding her appointment in March. At that time, the board will consider removing her from the position.

We hope it doesn't come to that, however. No. 1, it wouldn't be good for the community to drag this issue on. Canton is home to one of the largest Hindu communities in the area. They, more than anyone, have been offended by Johnson's remarks (not to mention some of the comments made by residents living in the subdivisions surrounding the temple property). This episode has created divisiveness in a community that prides itself on its diversity.

It would also put members of the township board on the spot, forcing them to in essence publicly fire a longtime active member of the community boards. Perhaps she is hoping that the board goes against Yack on the issue. We can't imagine that happening — it would be a public relations nightmare, especially for members seeking re-election this fall.

And ultimately, this wouldn't be good for Johnson. It is unfortunate that this episode clouds Johnson's long and distinguished career serving the Canton community. It is easy to vilify her, but it should be remembered that in addition to serving on planning commission and ZBA, she also has volunteered in more roles than can be listed here. It is a list that goes on and on. So for her to drag this on only takes away from her legacy that much more.

For the good of the community, the one that Johnson has given so much to and cares so much about, she should take the high road and tender her resignation.

## Adjust temple site plan

I am writing regarding the Hindu Temple rebuild which is scheduled to be on the Feb. 18 Planning Commission meeting agenda. I live in Glengarry Village on Fairfield Court, a street that will be directly affected by this project. I attended the Planning Commission meeting on Dec. 3, and have since attended several neighborhood meetings including two with Mr. Bryan Amann and a member of the Temple. Amann has addressed a number of our concerns regarding the construction of the new temple and cultural center including the noise, the drainage, the security of the back lot, and the traffic. There is, however, one major issue that has not been addressed to the satisfaction of the neighbors and that is the location of the new building on the lot.

At the Dec. 3 meeting, the planning commissioners were all invited to visit our neighborhood so they could adequately visualize the impact of a 19,699-square-foot and 43-foot-high building nestled (shoehorned?) in between two residential cul-de-sacs.

If you have not taken the opportunity to do so, I invite and encourage you to visit before the meeting on Feb. 18. I have received a packet of site-line drawings. They do not present an accurate visualization of the impact the building will have on the neighborhood. The building is too close to the two cul-de-sacs, and there is too little space there for a large building in between.

At the meetings with Mr. Amann we have asked the temple to consider moving the building to the north and east of the proposed location to a position behind the current temple and adjacent to an open field. This will distance the temple from the back yards of those living in Kingston Estates by placing the driveway between them and the temple, and locate it north of Fairfield Court. We were told that this is not possible because the members would have limited parking during construction (a short-term issue) and affect the traffic flow in and out of the parking lot. I do not believe these are insurmountable issues.

Another issue with this suggested

relocation is that the building would no longer be centrally located in the parking lot, thereby causing a longer walk for some members. Given that the temple has indicated that they would need full use of the parking lot only a few times a year; this does not appear to be a major issue. Moving the proposed building "one section" north and to the east would go a long way toward alleviating neighborhood concerns with this project. The long term effect would be an atmosphere of neighborly cooperation.

In the Supervisor's Update dated Jan. 21, Mr. (Tom) Yack states a number of arguments leading one to believe the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees have no options if the temple project meets all state and local zoning regulations and Canton ordinances. I do not believe it would a "capricious and arbitrary action" for the Planning Commission to act within its authority, as stated on the Canton government Web site, to ensure "that the community receives the best development possible." The temple members would not be denied their rights to develop on their land, using an architecture they deemed appropriate, if the Planning Commission required that the building be moved to the north and east of the currently proposed location on their lot.

Furthermore, it is important to consider the spirit of the zoning ordinances because the letter of the law cannot be expected to cover all possible contingencies. While the proposed building may meet the requirements for lot and building size, it is unlikely that those who drafted the regulations considered the possibility of such a large building on such a narrow lot where the length is more than six times the width.

The ordinances also require religious institutions to locate in residentially zoned districts. This ordinance is well intended, but again it is not likely those who drafted the regulation had in mind the shape and location of the Hindu Temple lot. At some point there must be an acknowledgement that the spirit of the law is not being respected. I believe that the current proposal does not respect the spirit of the law and the

Planning Commission and the Board of Trustees have a responsibility to uphold the spirit of the law in cases such as this one.

If the Planning Commission chooses to recommend approval of the project, it is my hope that the approval will be contingent on the building being positioned in a location that minimizes the long-term impact on the neighbors. This can be accomplished with minimal and only short-term impact on the Temple members by moving the proposed building to the north and east.

Kim Zaugg

Canton

## Attorney shouldn't frame issue

Why has the Planning Commission let attorney Bryan Amann dictate about what to build and where to build in Canton? Mr. Amann is behind much of the development in Canton. He is good with words and has turned a building proposal about a Hindu temple into a diversity issue. If you drive around Canton, you see that Canton is not against any religious construction. We have many wonderful churches, temples and places of worship. Do not let Bryan Amann insult the people of Canton by turning the temple development into an issue about diversity or who can build the biggest building.

And why is the Planning Commission also allowing more construction of buildings in front of existing buildings that remain empty (southwest corner of Ford and Lilley)? And do they also forget that the old Farmer Jack is another empty building in Canton?

We need to give fair, unbiased consideration to every building proposal, and make the decision based on the best interest for the people of Canton Township, not for the interests of a developer or lawyer. The Planning Commission needs to approve or not approve based on the land use, ordinances, neighboring properties, and available space. Whether it be a place of worship or a restaurant.

Linda Whiteaker

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# 'Pursuit of Happyness' author speaks at Music Hall Feb. 28

Christopher Gardner, who inspired the movie *The Pursuit of Happyness* comes to Detroit to share his inspirational "rags-to-riches" story 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at Detroit's Music Hall Center. Gardner will discuss his struggles of being homeless and his incredible journey to becoming the CEO and owner of Christopher Gardner International Holdings.

Unfortunately circumstances left Gardner and his toddler son homeless on the streets of San Francisco in the early 1980s. A man driving a red Ferrari became the major turning point in Gardner's life. He realized what he wanted for his and his son's future and what it would take to get there. As a father first, and a businessman second, Gardner's story is one of overcoming obstacles, facing the daunting task of balancing life's responsibilities, and ultimately succeeding.

Despite not possessing any connections or a college degree, Gardner, who wanted to be a stockbroker, managed to earn a place in the Dean Witter Reynolds training program and was offered a position there in 1981. Gardner spent time at Bear



Christopher Gardner, who's story inspired the movie "The Pursuit of Happyness."

Stearns & Co. from 1983 to 1987, eventually becoming the top earner in San Francisco and later in New York. Gardner left in 1987 to establish Gardner Rich & Company, Inc., which has since expanded into Christopher Gardner International Holdings. Gardner's bestselling autobiography, *The Pursuit of Happyness*, recalls this remarkable journey and is also the inspiration behind the movie

starring Will Smith.

African American Family Magazine's Distinguished Speakers Series presents America's most intellectual, inspirational and informative speakers who engage broad-based audiences by addressing issues such as history, race, literature, economics and education. The series has had notables, such as the late Coretta Scott King, author and poet Maya Angelou, Nobel Laureate and Pulitzer Prize recipient Toni Morrison, Sheila Johnson, the world's first black female billionaire and, most recently, former President Bill Clinton.

"The Pursuit of Happyness: Meet the Real Christopher Gardner" is produced by African American Family Magazine. This event is also sponsored by DTE Energy Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Central Michigan University, McDonald's, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Metro Parent Magazine, International Black Expo, Inc., WMXD 92.3 and Warner, Norcross and Judd. Partial proceeds from this event will benefit The Yes Foundation, a local 501c3 nonprofit organization that works to promote literacy in Detroit.

# High school students: Film a PSA video, win

The *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* are teaming up with Buddy's Pizza to sponsor a public service announcement video contest for high school students.

The winning team will receive \$1,000 to be divided among the participating students.

Schools throughout the tri-county area are invited to produce a 30-second PSA video focusing on teen issues.

"The contest will give high school students an opportunity to send a powerful message that impacts their peers and the community on topics including, but not limited to, the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, bullying, cyber-bullying and violence," said Marcy Brontman of Buddy's.

Completed student PSA videos are due by midnight Tuesday, April 1. They will stay on the Buddy's Web site throughout April for the public to view and vote for their favorite video. Detroit media professionals will select the winner from the top 10 public favorites.

Student teams interested in participating should e-mail or fax their school name, student project manager and name of high school adviser with address, telephone and e-mail contact to Buddy's Pizza, Attn: Michelle at (248) 855-6329 or mlawton@buddyspizza.com by 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25.

### CONTEST RULES

Each video must include some representation of Buddy's Pizza and the *Observer & Eccentric* or *Mirror Newspapers* (i.e.: filmed at a Buddy's Pizza location,

Buddy's logo in video, *Observer & Eccentric* and/or *Mirror Newspaper* visible at some point in video). Also included must be the tagline "Sometimes you just need some Buddy's ... Seriously!"

Entries received after deadline will be disqualified.

A school team (one per high school) entering the contest must have a school staff member to supervise the project. No copyrighted audio or video materials will be allowed. Only public domain and royalty free music is allowed. No obscenities, vulgarity or lurid material will be permitted and disqualification will be at the discretion of the judges.

All entries become the legal property of Buddy's Pizza to utilize at their sole discretion and will not be returned. Entry in the contest constitutes permission to use winner's video without additional compensation.

Each school can submit only one video for judging.

Release forms must be filled out and signed by all participants, on-air and voice-over talent used in the video.

For more information on uploading submitted videos to YouTube and a complete list of rules, contact Michelle Lawton at (248) 855-6222, Ext. 212, or via e-mail at mlawton@buddyspizza.com or Brontman at (248) 626-0250 or visit Buddy's on the Web at www.buddyspizza.com.

Student teams must save their original video. The top 10 selected by viewers from the online poll must submit a high quality version for final judging. Winners will be contacted for further instructions.

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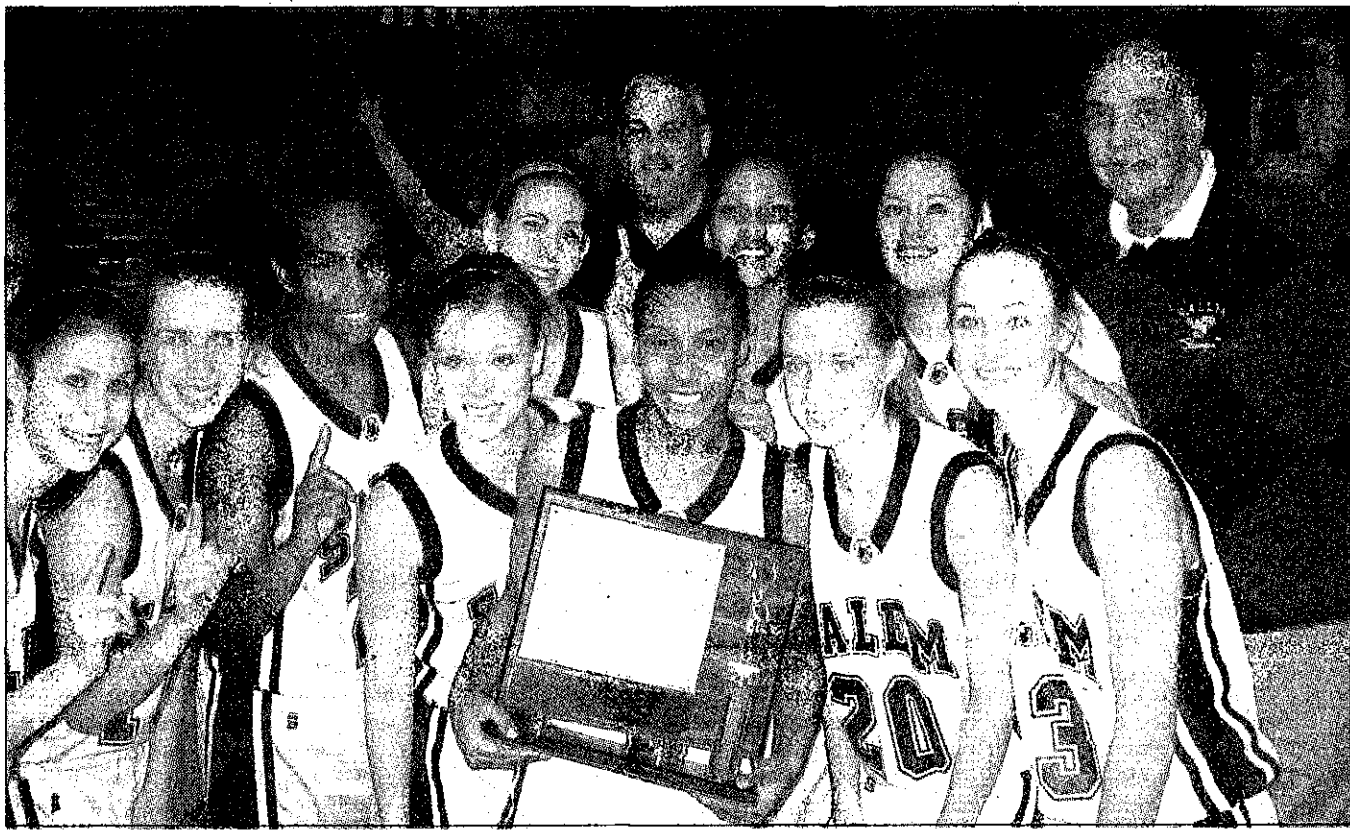
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## WLAA Championship Game: Salem 38, Western 36



Salem's basketball team earned its first WLAA championship trophy since 2004 Thursday night when it knocked off Walled Lake Western, 38-36, on Alaya Mitchell's last-second shot. Mitchell is pictured holding the hardware.

## Game-winning shot was one for the ages

I can see it now, 50-some years down the road, Salem senior point guard Alaya Mitchell will sit down in her rocking chair, a grand child on each knee, and proceed to tell them about Valentine's Day 2008 — the night she



Ed Wright

banked in a 1-in-a-million shot to beat Walled Lake Western in the WLAA championship game.

She'll tell them how the clock was ticking down perilously close to 0:00, her team was behind by one point and when she finally pulled up to launch a shot after a court-length rush with the ball, three Western players surrounded her so tightly that it was a wonder she could see the rim through their outstretched arms, let alone throw a ball through it from 14 feet away.

She'll tell them how one of the Warriors bumped her, knocked her off balance, and how she — with so much on the line — somehow managed to push off with one foot and release a shot that skimmed off the backboard and through the net from such a ridiculous angle that it's amazing the ball didn't hit the side of the backboard.

### Timeless story

As her grand kids' eyes grow to the size of quarters, she'll tell them how the gym suddenly grew library-esque quiet as everyone looked at the refs to see what they would call.

And how when the trailing man in stripes extended his index finger and made the motion of a ball going down into a hoop before mouthing the words "Count it," her ecstatic teammates gave her a group hug she'll never forget.

### Never give up

Alaya will conclude the story with a lesson in perseverance. She'll tell her grand kids how she

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## Sidelines

### District hoop

All three P-CEP boys basketball teams will be participating in the Class A District tournament at Novi High School that will run Monday through Friday, Feb. 25-29.

The tournament will open on the 25th with Plymouth squaring off against Salem in a 5 p.m. game. Novi will take on Canton in the second game of the double-header, which is set to tip off at 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, Feb. 27, Novi Catholic Central will play the winner of the Plymouth-Salem contest at 5 p.m. Northville will then play the winner of the Novi-Canton game at 7 p.m. on the 27th.

The championship match-up is set for Feb. 29 at 7 p.m.

The District champ will advance to a Regional tournament the following week at Walled Lake Northern High School.

### Basketball winners

Canton's Summit on the Park hosted the MRPA Hoop Shoot competition and a 3-on-3 tournament on Feb. 9.

The winners of the Hoop Shoot were: Zack Gruczelak (boys 8-9), Mike Montgomery (boys 10-11), Scott Gring (boys 12-13), Ashwin Kumar (boys 14-15) and Nina Chen (girls 10-11).

The 3-on-3 champions were:

■ Boys grades three-four: the All-Stars (Obi Okoli, Christopher English, Preetam Shokar and Amanjot Sanghe);

■ Boys grades five-six: the Wolves (Viet Nguyen, Jim Fiscus, Andrew Stevens, Joey Hewitt); and

■ Boys grades seven-eight: the Canton Lions (Devin Slominski, Scott Gring, Mike Boes and Nate Sass).

### Golf leagues forming

Golf leagues are currently forming at Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Club, located at 46500 Summit Parkway.

Pheasant Run will create leagues or it will accept already-developed leagues.

All levels of ability are encouraged to enroll.

Among the available openings are mornings; afternoons between 3-5 p.m. from Monday through Thursday; and Sunday evenings.

For more information, call (734) 397-6460 or visit www.leisure.canton-mi.org.

## THEY'RE NO. 1!

### Rocks win conference title on Mitchell's 1-in-a-million shot

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Thursday night's WLAA girls basketball championship game was decided by a shot you'd normally only see on YouTube, SportsCenter or in your dreams.

With her team trailing Walled Lake Western, 36-35, and less than two seconds left, a triple-teamed Alaya Mitchell banked in a near-miraculous 14-foot, off-balance, off-the-wrong-foot jumper while getting fouled to give Salem the lead with 1.5 ticks left.

Mitchell hit the ensuing free throw and the Warriors failed to get off a final shot as the Rocks won, 38-36, to capture their first WLAA tournament championship since 2004.

"It all happened like it was in slow motion," Mitchell recounted a few moments after her game-winning effort. "Everything was going crazy in my head, I can't even tell you how excited I was when I saw the ball go in.

"It was kind of like a play I'd do on the playground."

Tanya Meftah hit the front end of a 1-and-1 free throw opportunity to put the Warriors up 36-35 with nine seconds left. Her second attempt bounced off the rim and into the hands of Salem's Chelsea Davis, who called a heads-up time out while leaning out of bounds.

Salem coach Fred Thomann then drew up a play that put the ball in Mitchell's hands. "First of all, it was a great

time-out call by Chelsea Davis," Thomann said. "We wanted to get the ball to 'Mitch', get two shooters spotted up and two rebounders stationed down low in case the shot missed. If 'Mitch' was covered, the play called for her to give it up to one of the other two shooters.

"But, of course," Thomann said, smiling, "we all knew 'Mitch' wasn't about to give it up."

Western coach Dave Walther said his team couldn't have defended the play any better than it did.

"We knew Mitchell would get the ball, so we rotated over to her," said Walther. "We figured she'd either take it herself

Please see **ROCKS, B2**

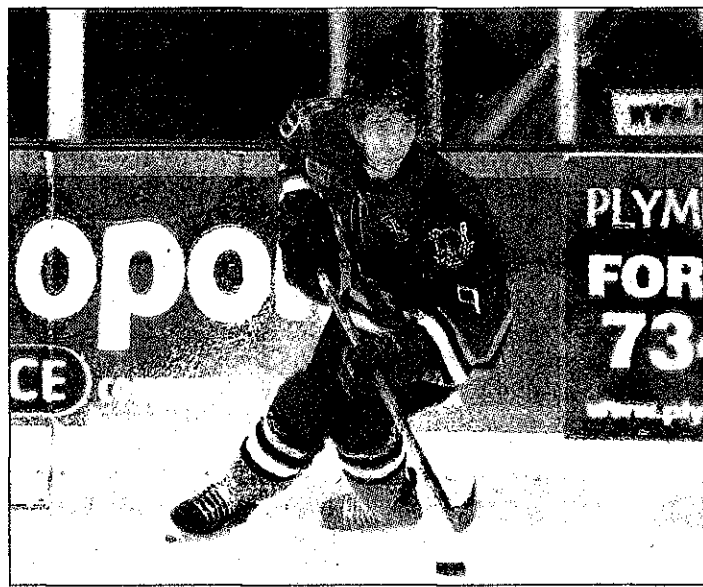
### FEBRUARY FRENZY

All three P-CEP girls basketball teams will open Class A District play Monday night at Livonia Ladywood High School. Following is the schedule:

■ Monday, 6 p.m. - Canton vs. Ladywood; 7:30 p.m. - Salem vs. Plymouth;

■ Wednesday, 6 p.m. Canton-Ladywood winner vs. Northville; 7:30 p.m. - Salem-Plymouth winner vs. Novi;

■ Friday, 7 p.m. - Championship game.



Plymouth Whalers forward Vern Cooper is making the most of his increased ice time this season as he's picked up 14 goals and 14 assists through the team's first 53 games.

## Waswanipi's finest

### Cooper has traveled great distances in search of OHL success

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Vern Cooper is listed at 5-foot-9 and 176 pounds in the Plymouth Whalers' official team program, but he's a lot bigger than that in his hometown of Waswanipi, Quebec.

How big? The top link on the village's official Web page reads, "Vern Cooper: OHL Champ."

Click on the link and you'll find a series of photos taken after the Whalers won last year's Ontario Hockey League championship in Sudbury, Ont., which, coincidentally,

is the city Cooper's family relocated to when he was 10.

One of the link's photos shows a broadly smiling Cooper hugging his parents. It's hard to tell what's greater in the snapshot: Cooper's joy or his parents' pride.

The 17-year-old quicker-than-lightning skater has earned near-legend status in Waswanipi — and near-celebrity status in Sudbury — because he's a tough, fast-moving forward who can zip around bigger defensemen like the roadrunner zips past the coyote — and because he's as likeable as he is talented.

"You can't walk down a street in

Sudbury with Vern without somebody recognizing him," said Pete Krupsky, the Whalers' director of communications. "He's a very popular figure there."

Cooper is flourishing in his second year with the Whalers. After serving as a self-described "fourth-line energy player" last season, he's racked up 14 goals and 11 assists through Friday night's win over Saginaw.

"I had kind of a rough first half, but I've been picking it up lately," he said. "I'm on the PP (power play) and

Please see **COOPER, B2**

## Stone tips scales Rocks' favor in 2OT thriller

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

If you like dramatic, buzzer-beating shots and down-to-the-wire excitement, the Salem gymnasium was the place to be Friday night.

The host Rocks outlasted Plymouth, 74-72, in a double-overtime marathon that wasn't decided until a Wildcat long three-point attempt fell just short at the buzzer.

"It was like two gladiators going to battle all night," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, whose team improved to 9-10. "They'd land a punch and we'd counter. Both teams played very well. It was just a matter of who ended

up with the ball last."

The game-winning points came on an offensive put-back by Salem senior Grant Stone, who finished with a career-best-tying 36 points.

Plymouth slipped to 7-12. Plymouth led 11-8 after one quarter and 25-24 at the intermission.

The Wildcats extended their advantage to 43-38 with eight minutes to play, however, the Rocks rebounded to grab a 56-53 lead with the final seconds ticking down when Plymouth's Brandon Roberts picked up a loose ball following a mad scramble and calmly banked in a triple at the buzzer to send the game in the first overtime.

Salem trailed 63-61 during the closing seconds of the first OT when senior forward Ross Davis drained a turn-around jumper from the top of the key to force another four-minute period.

Davis finished with 15 points for the winners and junior forward Courtney Frazier added eight points.

Stone led all rebounders with 15 boards.

Roberts had a sensational night for the Wildcats as he poured in 25 points. Other key contributors included Garrett Reban (15 points), Navraj Sandhu (14) and freshman Justin Moss (13).

The Rocks connected on 9-

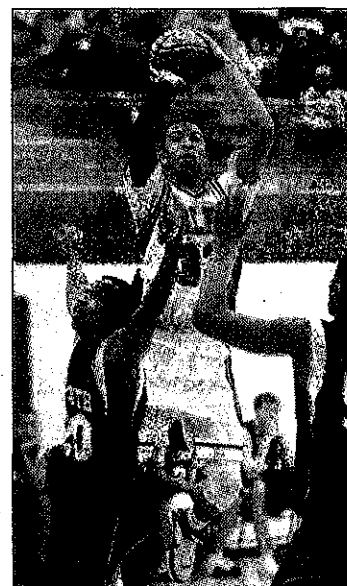
of-17 free throws (52.9 percent) while the Wildcats swished 15-of-31 (48.3) from the charity stripe.

The same two teams met Feb. 7 at Plymouth with the Wildcats coming out with a 56-52 victory.

They'll meet again in the first round of the Class A District tournament on Monday, Feb. 25, at 5 p.m. at Novi High School.

The Rocks and Wildcats will conclude their regular season Tuesday night against opponents that were not determined as of Friday night's Observer deadline.

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Salem's Grant Stone takes aim at two of the 36 points he scored in Friday night's 74-72 double-overtime victory over Plymouth.

**GYMNASTICS RESULTS**

**CANTON 134.95**  
**WALLED LAKE WESTERN/NORTHERN 130.85**  
**WEDNESDAY AT WALLED LAKE**  
**VAULT:** 1. Robyn Piuowar (C), 9.25; 2. Hannah Saarinen (WLWN), 9.15; 3. Cathy Huang (C), 8.95; 4. Kiley Tobel (WLWN), 8.55; 5. Mallory Hudak (C), 8.5; 6. Shannon Slayton (WLWN), 8.4.  
**UNEVEN BARS:** 1. Hannah Saarinen (WLWN), 9.15; 2. Robyn Piuowar (C), 8.65; 3. Cathy Huang (C), 8.45; 4. Shannon Slayton (WLWN), 7.95; 5. (tie) Kiley Tobel (C) and Kiley Tobel (WLWN), 7.9.  
**BALANCE BEAM:** 1. Hannah Saarinen (WLWN), 9.15; 2. Robyn Piuowar (C), 8.2; 3. (tie) Kiley Tobel (C) and Shannon Slayton (WLWN), 8.05; 5. Cathy Huang (C), 7.85; 6. Mallory Hudak (C), 7.8.  
**FLOOR EXERCISE:** 1. Mallory Hudak (C), 9.55; 2. Robyn Piuowar (C), 9.1; 3. Shannon Slayton (WLWN), 9.05; 4. Kiley Tobel (C), 8.4; 5. Hannah Saarinen (WLWN), 8.75; 6. Cathy Huang (C), 8.5.  
**CANTON'S ALL-AROUND SCORES:**  
 Robyn Piuowar, 35.20; Mallory Hudak, 33.80; Cathy Huang, 33.75.

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**WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 123.05**  
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# Chief cagers hold off late Northern rally

Canton repelled a valiant fourth-quarter comeback by Walled Lake Northern and went on to post a 58-51 victory Friday night in the Chiefs' Phase III gymnasium. The Knights erased all but one point of an 11-point deficit in final four minutes before the Chiefs turned in some clutch plays down the stretch. The win improved Canton's record to 6-13. Northern slipped to 4-15. Senior forward William Tidwell led Canton with 14 points and eight rebounds. Also excelling for the winners were juniors Dan Stoney (12 points and eight boards) and Joel Schwiebert, who netted eight points and six rebounds. Leroy Jackson led Northern with 23 points — 16 of which came in the fourth quarter. "Our inside guys played a fantas-

tic game," said Canton coach Dan Colligan. "We knew we had to get the ball inside to win tonight and they guys did a phenomenal job of doing that." "Even though Leroy Jackson finished with 23, the guys who were guarding him — Kyle Biega, Kierre Daniels and Don Haron — did a great job defensively on him holding him to seven points through three quarters." Canton roared to an 18-7 first-quarter lead and 28-16 halftime advantage. The Knights cut their deficit to 37-30 with eight minutes to play. Canton made 17-of-27 free throws (62.9 percent) while Northern was 9-of-10 from the stripe.

**CANTON AGAPE 78, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 54:** On Friday at Ypsilanti Calvary Christian, the Wolverines earned an impressive victory on "Homecoming." The win improved Agape's record to 12-6 overall and 6-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. Macomb slipped to 6-12 and 2-6, respectively. The Wolverines will battle for first place in the division with fellow co-leader Novi Franklin Road Christian Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the Warriors' gym. The winners broke open a tight contest by outscoring Macomb 29-13 in the second quarter. "We started pressing in the first quarter and I wasn't pleased how effective it was, so we switched to a man and a zone," explained Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "I sat down

my starters for a while after the first quarter and put the reserves in and I think it motivated the starters to play harder because when they got back in the game they really played well." Ty Majeski led the homecoming triumph with 25 points. Mark Mullett added a career-high 23 points (15 of which were the result of five three-pointers), Donald Mullett chipped in with 10 and Jared Miller netted nine points and eight rebounds. "Ty got a lot of his points on fast-break lay-ups — he plays very well in the open court," said Anleitner. Agape led 47-29 at the half and 66-43 with eight minutes left. Joel Batjes paced Macomb with 21 points. Agape connected on 7-of-11 free throws (63.6 percent) while Macomb netted 6-of-14 freebies (43.0).





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## COOPER

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 PK (penalty kill) teams now, so I'm getting more opportunities to score and help the team." His accomplishments are widely followed in Waswanipi, a hockey-loving Cree community of close to 1,200 residents located in central Quebec. "Everybody is into hockey up there," said Cooper, who noted his hometown is a 16-hour drive from Plymouth. "Hockey is pretty much all there is to do where I grew up." "A lot of good players have come out of Waswanipi, but most of them end up going back because they get homesick. I think a lot of people have respected me because I've been able to battle through it and keep going." Cooper laced on his first pair of ice skates at the fearless age of 3. Before too long, he was battling for loose pucks with his older brothers. "My brothers were actually very good hockey players; they had a lot of potential," said Cooper. "They helped me a lot when I was younger." Cooper has been able to overcome his less-than-Chris-Chelios-like stature with a skill that can't be taught. "I guess my speed has had a lot to do with my success," he said,

modestly. "I'm able to get around the bigger defensemen because I'm a little quicker than they are." A student at Starkweather School in Plymouth, Cooper said the dual responsibilities of student/OHL player can get demanding at times. "Probably the toughest part is when we're traveling because I still have to take care of my school work along with playing hockey," he said. "Just because we're on the road doesn't mean I can stop concentrating on my school work." Cooper emulated former NHL star Pavel Bure as a kid. "I always admired his speed and skill, plus he's a smaller guy like myself," said Cooper. Cooper is already working toward improving his chances of getting drafted by an NHL team when he's eligible in June of 2009. "My parents have hired a trainer for me, so I work very hard at off-ice stuff during the summers," he said. When he gets back to Waswanipi during the off-season, Cooper enjoys playing golf with his brothers and accompanying his relatives on hunting excursions. "I've never shot at anything yet, but I've been with people who have shot bear and moose," he said. With his impressive combination of speed, determination and savvy instincts, it may not be too long before Cooper is taking a serious shot at stardom.

## Whalers double-up Saginaw


Veteran Joe McCann netted a power-play goal and an assist to lead the Plymouth Whalers to a 4-2 victory over the Saginaw Spirit in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before 3,613 at the Dow Event Center in Saginaw. The Whalers won their second straight game and are now 31-21-2-2, good for 66 points and third place in the OHL West. Plymouth is currently the fifth seed in the OHL's Western Conference playoff race. Saginaw is now 26-22-4-2, good for 58 points and fifth place in the OHL West. Besides McCann's 11th net-finder of the season, Patrick Lee (10th), Andrew Fournier (32nd) and Monroe's R.J. Mahalak (2nd) scored for Plymouth. Adam Comrie (7th) and Chris Chappell (12th) replied for Saginaw. Plymouth won the battle of special teams, going 2-for-5 on the power play, scoring a short-handed goal and killing off all five Saginaw power plays. Plymouth played the game without suspended defensemen Leo Jenner and Jozef Sladok; and injured defense-

man Josh Bemis. To fill the vacancies on the blue line, the Whalers called up Anthony Donati from the London Jr. Knights and utilized McCann on defense. In addition, the Whalers were without right wing Ryan Hayes and head coach Greg Stefan, both suspended Feb. 10 due to fighting in the Whalers' 7-4 loss in Kingston. The Whalers took a 1-0 lead on a power play at 7:12 of the first period when McCann tapped home a rebound from the left wing after Christian Steingraber's point shot was stopped by Saginaw goaltender Ryan Daniels. Saginaw tied the game at 14:12 when Comrie ripped a shot from the left point over the shoulder of Plymouth goaltender Jeremy Smith. Plymouth took a 2-1 lead on another power play goal at 17:25 when Lee tapped home a loose puck in the Saginaw crease area. Fournier gave the Whalers a 3-1 lead on a short handed goal with ten seconds left in the first period when Chris Terry skated hard right wing to the Spirit goal line and fed Fournier out in front.

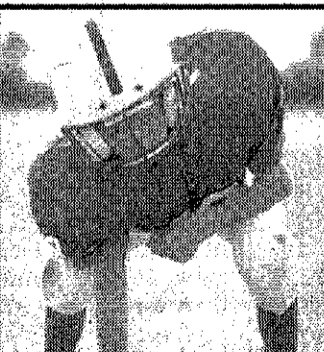
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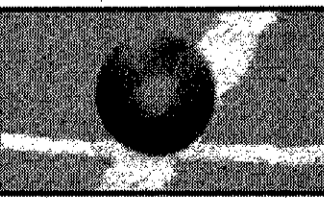
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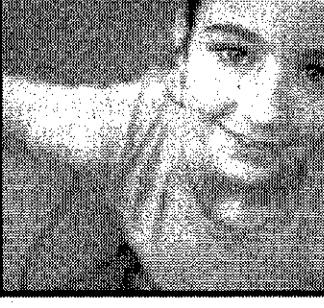
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## ROCKS

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 or pick-and-pop it to Davis, because she's a pretty good shooter. "We rotated over to her well and I thought we might get a travel call, but the ref saw it differently." Salem closed its regular season with an 18-2 mark and plenty of momentum heading into Monday night's Class District opener against Plymouth. Western will take a 17-3 record into next week's Class A District tournament. "When we started the season, I thought we'd be decent, but I didn't know if we'd get this far," said Davis, who was the Rocks' MVP for the first 31 minutes and 58 seconds Thursday night. "Winning this proves that we've gotten better as the season has gone on and that we're playing together as a team." Davis finished with 16 points and eight rebounds. Drawing double- and sometimes triple-teams, Mitchell had a sub-par shooting night before her dramatic difference-maker as she connected on just 3-of-21 shots and 3-of-5 free throws for 11 points. Sophomore Sara Stone added nine points and 10 rebounds for the Rocks.

The Warriors' scoring ledger was as balanced as the Walled Lake Northern gymnasium floor the game was played on: Carly Zeitlin and Chelsea Hunter both contributed eight points; Meftah added seven; and Melanie Wilkerson and Lauren Williams both chipped in with four. "The girls played great — they did everything I asked them to do," said Walther. "They really sold out for this game. Salem is especially tough to guard, especially because we were out-sized. We had some rebounding issues that hurt us." Western jumped out to a 13-10 first-quarter lead before the Rocks battled back to deadlock the game at 21-all at the half. The biggest lead either team owned in the second half was Western's 31-26 advantage that came during the opening seconds of the fourth quarter on Meftah's back-door layup. The Warriors grabbed a 35-32 lead with 2:51 left on a nifty up-and-under post move by Zeitlin. Davis countered with a basket 30 seconds later to bring her team to within 35-34. The Rocks drew even at 35-35 thanks to a Mitchell free throw with 10.7 ticks left. Meftah was then fouled with nine seconds to go to set up the dramatic conclusion.

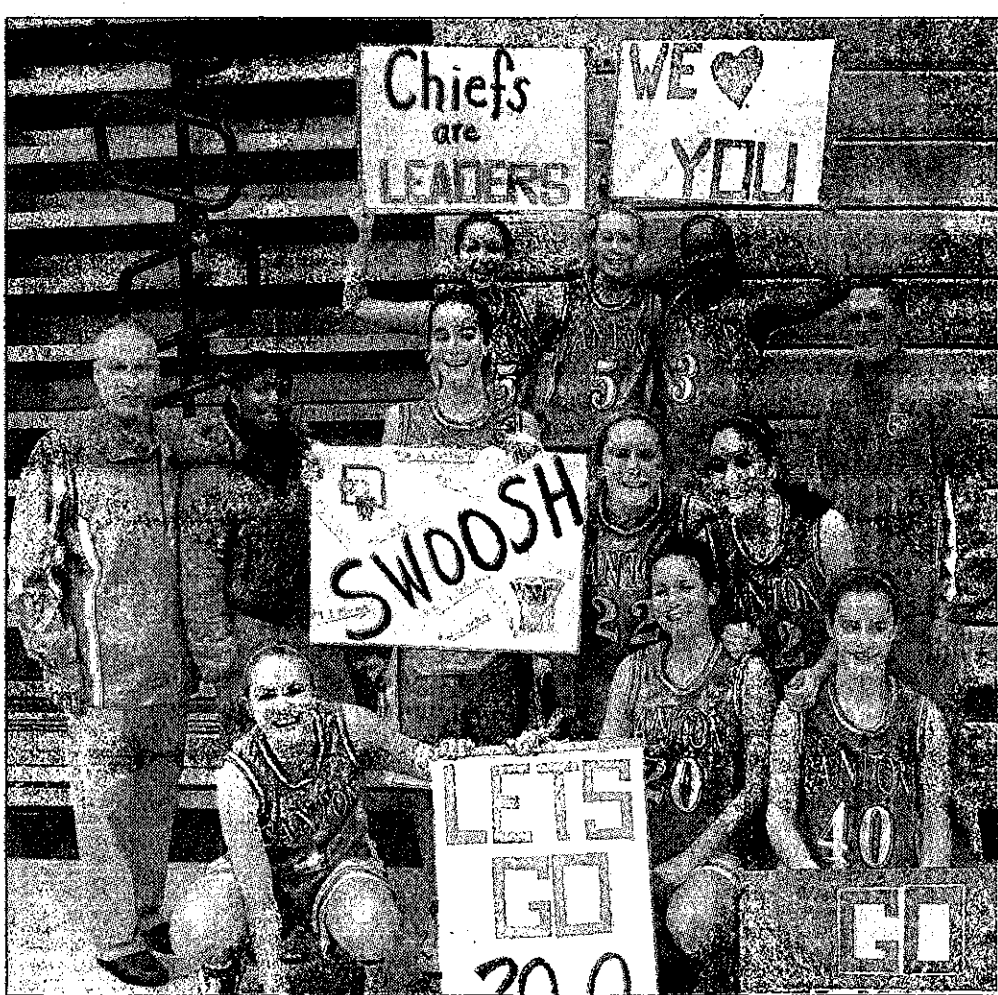
Salem hit 14-of-44 field goals (31.8 percent) and 7-of-12 free throws (58.3). Western connected on 14-of-39 shots from the field (35.8) and 7-of-11 freebies (63.8). Both teams turned the ball over 13 times. "I'm especially happy for 'Mitch' tonight," said Thomann, referring to his lone senior. "It's the first time she's won this tournament as a varsity player." "Western has a heck of a team. They were 17-2 coming in and they played right with us. And they play hard — oh my, do they play hard." **LIVONIA FRANKLIN 45, W.L. NORTHERN 24:** The Patriots won handily in the WLA tournament third-place game played Thursday night at Walled Lake Northern. Junior forward Briana Taylor had a huge game, netting 14 points, 16 rebounds, five assists and five steals. Her twin sister, Brittany, also shined, contributing 16 points, five rebounds and five steals. Ashley Price chipped in with seven boards and Seneca Scott added six points. Brittany Gibson led the Knights with seven points. Franklin (16-4) led 12-2 after one quarter, 22-8 at the half and 34-16 with eight minutes to play. ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108

## WRIGHT

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 couldn't buy a basket for most of the game that night — how the ball seemed to sit on the rim so many times before deciding to fall the wrong way off it. Then she'll tell them that despite the fact the basketball gods were frowning on her for most of that night, she didn't

give in, didn't get down. And how when her coach drew up the final play for her, she wanted the ball more than she's ever wanted it before. She'll tell them to always keep their chin up, no matter what, because their team will be counting on them — just like her team was counting on her on Valentine's Day night, 2008. And I can see it now — her

grand kids will jump off her lap, grab their basketballs and run to the door that leads to the drive-way hoop court. "Wait for me," she'll say, before picking up another basketball and spinning it on her finger as she follows them out the door. Ed Wright is the Sports Editor for the Plymouth and Canton Observers. He can be reached at (734) 953-2108 or ewright@hometownlife.com.

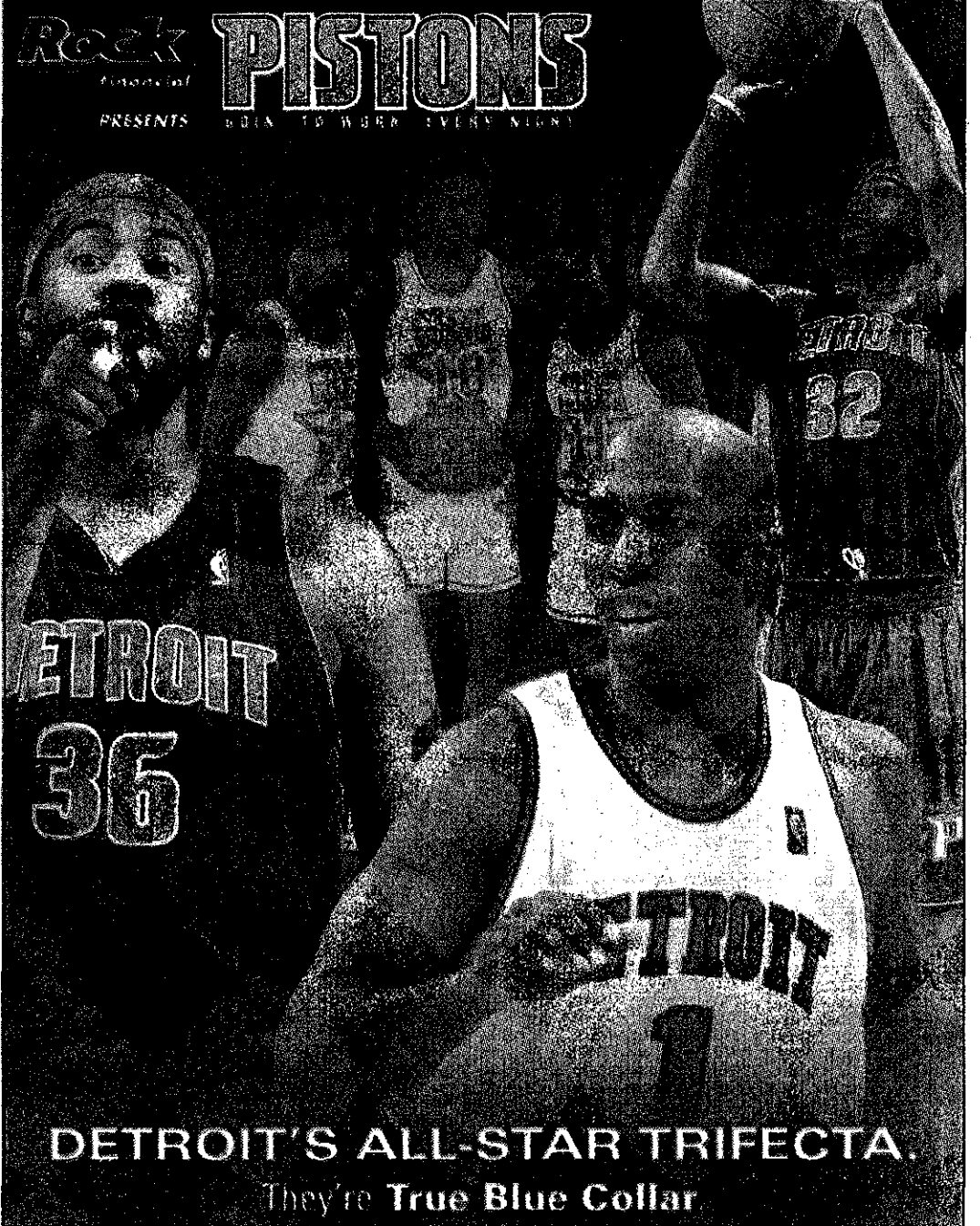


**Perfection personified**

Canton's junior varsity girls basketball team completed a 20-0 season Monday against Livonia Stevenson. Pictured are (top row from left) Yuki Krolicki, Lindsey Winters, Shelby Nolen, (middle row from left) head coach Bob Blohm, Ciara Williams, Kari Schmitt, Laura Kushner, Alyssa Cottrell, assistant coach Jason Priebe, (front row from left) Lauren Macuga, Kelly Larimore and Sara Schmitt.

**SWIM RESULTS**

**SALEM 110 WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 76**  
**THURSDAY AT SALEM**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Salem (Matt Collingwood, Sida Chen, Cameron Dunn, Nathan Spala), 1:50.58; 2. Central (Ryan Miceli, Ben Baumgarten, Tyler James, Garrett Leidich), 1:52.26; 3. Central (George Smolkin, John Molnar, Cory Casagrande, Tyler Esmacher), 1:57.44.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Adam Seroka (S), 1:54.63; 2. Sean Riley (WLC), 2:00.33; 3. Max Mills (S), 2:06.19.  
**200 IM:** 1. Sida Chen (S), 2:13.33; 2. Ryan Miceli (WLC), 2:21.73; 3. Cory Casagrande (WLC), 2:24.25.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Nathan Spala (S), 24.78; 2. Paul Cherewick (S), 25.16; 3. Garrett Leidich (WLC), 25.62.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Kevin Smith (S), 171.50 points; 2. Tyler Esmacher (WLC), 147.35; 3. Paul Krutty (S), 140.45.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Sida Chen (S), 58.40; 2. Ryan Miceli (WLC), 1:00.28; 3. Cameron Dunn (S), 1:01.95.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Adam Seroka (S), 51.27; 2. Ben Baumgarten (WLC), 51.78; 3. Sean Riley (WLC), 52.64.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Matt Collingwood (S), 5:17.34; 2. Max Mills (S), 5:26.52; 3. Tory Tederington (WLC), 5:36.06.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Nathan Spala, Sida Chen, Joe DeLassanyi, Adam Seroka), 1:38.04; 2. Central (Tyler Esmacher, Matt Jannette, Garrett Leidich, Sean Riley), 1:42.11; 3. Central (Artur Stepanov, Tyler James, Dan Montgomery, Matt Fumi), 1:45.77.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 1:03.59; 2. George Smolkin (WLC), 1:07.73; 3. Alex Suriano (S), 1:08.09.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Ben Baumgarten (WLC), 1:11.34; 2. Eric Schendel (S), 1:14.99; 3. John Molnar (WLC), 1:15.33.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Adam Seroka, Casey Olson, Matt Collingwood, Nathan Spala), 3:38.04; 2. Central (Cory Casagrande, Ryan Miceli, Sean Riley, Ben Baumgarten), 3:49.32; 3. Salem (Max Mills, Chad Newton, Alex Suriano, Nick Hoffmeyer), 3:57.55.



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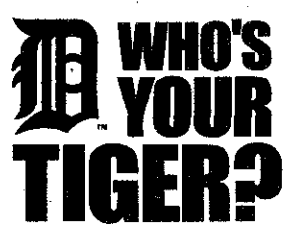


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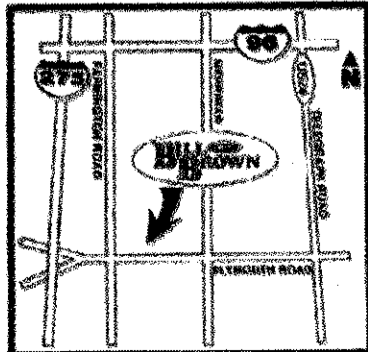
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## Finding happiness in turbulent times

Times are tough in our neighborhood, in neighboring neighborhoods, and in neighborhoods across the country. Locally, news of Big Three employee buyouts has become so commonplace that it seldom commands headline status anymore. GM's latest attrition effort extends to 46,000 workers; or rather, 46,000 families feeling betrayed, despondent, displaced, and desperately in search of alternative employment.



Donna Rockwell

Metro-Detroiter's hearts and minds are numb with job loss overload. Of course, this is also a national problem: the U.S. economy lost 17,000 jobs in January, the worst in over four years. Atlanta-based Home Depot recently announced a layoff of 500 of its 5,000 corporate employees, blaming current belt-tightening trends in customer spending. Starbucks, for goodness' sake, says it is dumping plans to open hundreds of stores, and even closing some.

From penny stocks to blue chips, companies are reporting earnings below expectations, and businesses across the board are reassessing projections downward; many businesses, small and large, are falling victim to the overwhelming undertow of this turbulent economic tide. As the word "recession" grows from a murmur to a roar, many Americans are finding themselves in need of fiscal and emotional life preservers.

On a personal level, it is depressing driving past empty storefronts, "For Sale" signs, and banners promising future developments, only to realize that years have passed and no buildings have yet risen on that spot. Evidence lies all around us: our area is in an economic funk. On grey days, a turnaround can seem improbable. But, on those beautiful, cold, crisp Michigan days, when the snow glistens in the bright yellow sun, you dare to believe in a comeback.

In State House offices, and planning committees across the state, leaders are exploring ways to engage new industries in innovative ways in order to lure capital back to our state. A thriving local economy is necessary to support our family-oriented, quintessential Middle American lifestyle, something surely worth fighting for. And there is reason to be optimistic that somewhere on the horizon a recovery awaits. Meanwhile, though, how can we get through this difficult time and still live happy, fulfilling lives? If we give in to a pervasive sense of melancholy, in the end, what good will that do?

It has become a cliché: the only constant is change. Though we know it, we still try and hold onto what we want to be true, rather than acknowledging what is true. Human beings are very resistant to change. That is why the fear of job loss is so deeply felt; it is beyond our control. While situations like retraining or relocation seem burdensome, they do, at least, allow us a hand in our own destiny, so important for self-esteem. By examining the link between reality and what we wish were true, we discover, in the intersection of these two points, how to stay grounded in this ever-changing world.

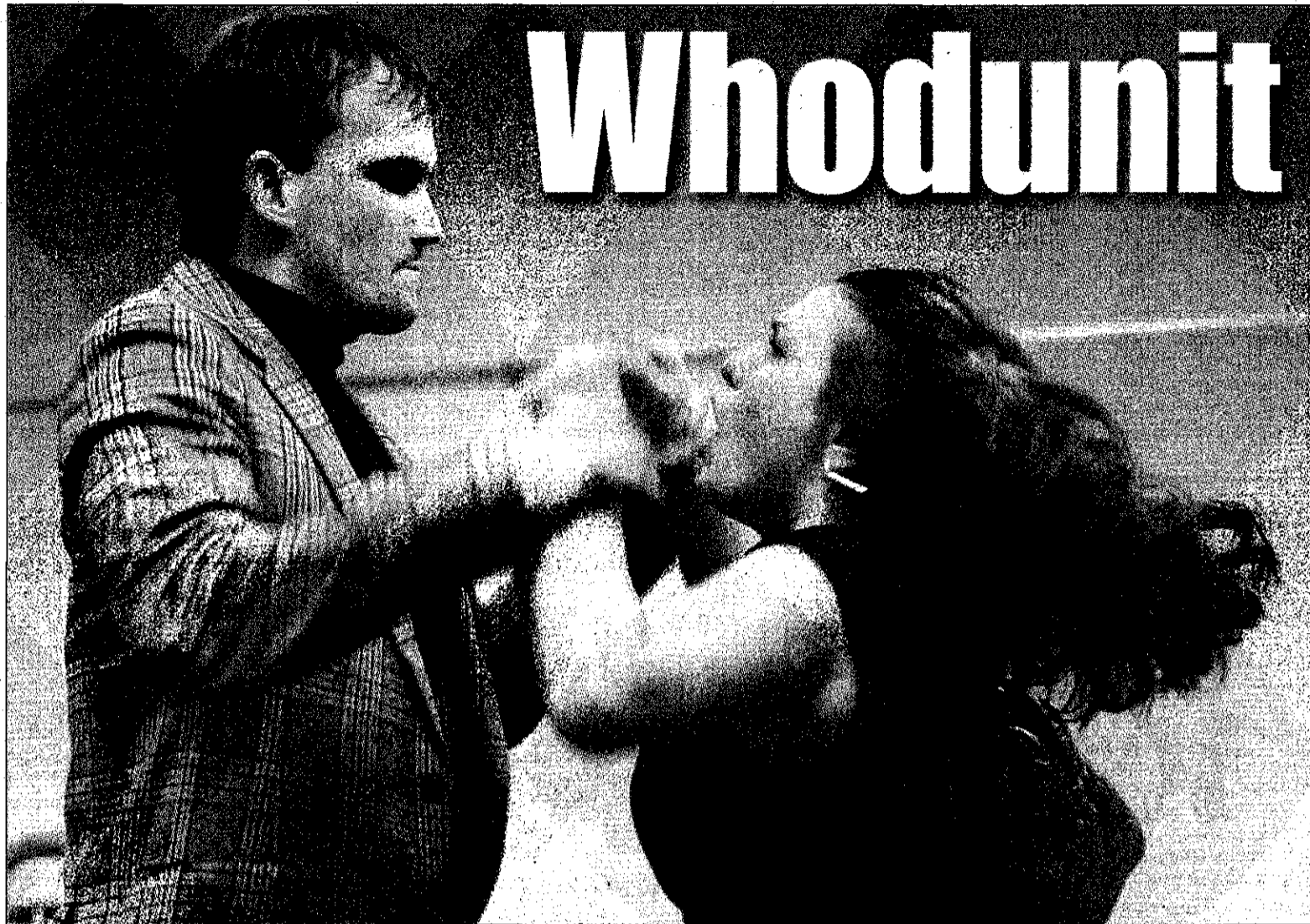
No matter how much fear we generate, it will not help us escape from the places in which we find ourselves: out of work, looking for work, or contemplating moving to find work. After spending a certain period thinking "what if," and "how did this happen," it might be time to make a plan.

Start by looking realistically at the way things are. Decide what you need to do to take care of yourself and your family. Hold to no limits or parameters; simply imagine the best-case scenario for your life and your family members' lives. With no restraints, envision how, together as a family, you could make this life-view come true. Chart out the small, manageable steps you could take to bring this plan to fruition. Think outside the box. By taking tiny steps, one day at a time, and not taking "no" for an answer — from others or yourself — life becomes a creative process as you build a new future. By making a plan and taking the steps to realize that plan, we reclaim ownership of our lives from a corporate conglomerate that may have held us under its spell, dependent and afraid.

Belief-in-self is the best way to break this spell. It is a cure for the affliction of fear, and a way to stay personally and professionally motivated. The Declaration of Independence proclaims as self-evident, "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

For information on ways to cope with job loss, and emotional, physical, financial, and career suggestions during work transition, go to the Michigan School of Professional Psychology Web site: www.mispp.edu and search: resource folder.

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David Matthews' (Drew Martin) plans to seduce Monica Welles (Kori Bielaniec) fail and their argument turns violent.



The playwright's young assistant Sally Bean (played by Wendy Ascione) turns away after a cold greeting from Karen Daniels (Meg daPonte).

Playwright Alex Dennison (played by Steve Sedore) introduces his new play to Karen Daniels (Meg daPonte), Lloyd Andrews (Joe Cone), Leo Gibbs (Richard Holland), and David Matthews (Drew Martin).



Director Mike Cuba watches intently as the actors run through their lines.

## Spotlight Players invite audience to solve crime

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

The dialogue comes on like rapid fire once Steve Sedore pulls the revolver out of his briefcase at the beginning of the play. This is only a run-through, but the actors already have their lines down pat three weeks before Spotlight Players open *Rehearsal for Murder* Feb. 22, at The Village Theater of Cherry Hill in Canton.

Director Mike Cuba says the mystery will keep the audience guessing as to who murdered the fiancée of the lead character played by Sedore. Playwright Alex Dennison has gathered the producer, director and actors from his show that flopped one year ago. It is the anniversary of Monica Welles' death which was ruled a suicide. Dennison is determined to

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### REHEARSAL FOR MURDER

**What:** A murder mystery  
**When:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 22-23, Feb. 29 and March 1, March 7-8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 2 and 9  
**Where:** The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill at Ridge, Canton  
**Tickets:** \$18 adult, \$16 youth/seniors age 60 plus, and \$15 for groups of 15 or more, and available at (734) 394-5460, www.spotlightplayers.net, and the box office one hour before performance.

## Meet the First Ladies at Presidential Tea

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Sarah Polk was her husband James' biggest adviser long before Hillary Clinton proposed a national health care program during her husband's administration. In this election year, Linda Wiacek thought it would be interesting to hear more about the wives from the wives so she invited the Petticoat Ladies to don their Victorian dress for a Presidential Tea Saturday, Feb. 23, at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

Jackie Zopff of Plymouth performs as Polk, Debbie Eleson as Mary Todd Lincoln, Gini Miles as Julia Grant, and Gail Smalley as Ida McKinley. A total of nine women form the Petticoat Ladies who began giving presentations at Victorian Teas in 2003 as members of Garden City Presbyterian Church. Any donations they receive go back to the church. In addition to Presidential wives, they portray Women of the Old West, Vaudeville, and Mothers of Invention as well as Cranks and Charmers through history. Polk was First Lady in the mid 1800s when she came up with the idea of playing Hail to the Chief whenever the president walked into the room.

"Each researches our own history through books, the Internet," said Gail Smalley of Garden City. "There



Denise Salo (left front), Jackie Zopff, Wanda Jarvis, Louise Salvatore, and Debbie Eleson (back row), Gail Smalley, Vera Siefers, Rita Gibbs, and Gini Miles perform around town as the Petticoat Ladies. On Saturday, Feb. 23, Zopff, Eleson, Miles, and Smalley take on the roles of former First Ladies for the Presidential Tea at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

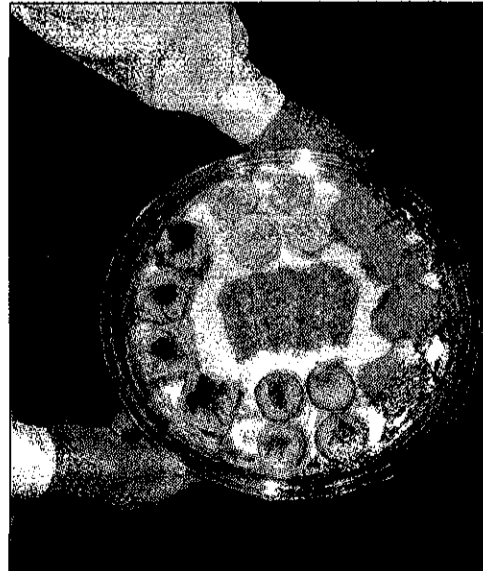
are a lot of behind the scene things we found out. Ida McKinley was an epileptic. It's something they didn't talk about back then. She lost both her children, was practically an invalid and her and her husband became the center of each other's lives."

In addition to listening to the former First Ladies and enjoying crab bisque, tea sandwiches and scones, guests will be treated to favorite cookies of the presidents. Afterwards guests receive a booklet with the recipes including one for Abraham

Lincoln's fruit cookies made with currants, raisins and walnuts.

"We'll have George Washington's Jumbals made with butter, sugar, salt and orange rind, a recipe from over 200 years ago when they didn't have all the ingredients we have today," said Linda Wiacek, Greenmead's recreation supervisor. "George W. Bush's Cowboy Cookies is more of a modern cookie and like a chocolate chip dough with oatmeal and pecans."

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Finger sandwiches are some of the delights on the menu at the Presidential Tea.

### PRESIDENTIAL TEA

**When:** 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23  
**Where:** Alexander Blue House at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh, south of Eight Mile, Livonia  
**Tickets:** \$25, advance sales only. All proceeds used to preserve and restore Greenmead.  
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# Concert shows off music faculty's talents

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Barbara Wiltsie agrees with Linette Popoff-Parks that in order to have a successful music program Madonna University faculty need to strut their stuff. On Friday Feb. 22, voice, piano, harp, flute, and guitar teachers take to the stage in Kresge Hall for their annual Faculty Allegro Series concert.

Popoff-Parks accompanies Wiltsie, one of Sopranos Three! along with Kimberley Dolanski and Karin White. As part of the voice faculty, Wiltsie directs The Lyric Theatre, a performance group composed of students and community members. They are currently rehearsing the updated version of *Godspell*

## FACULTY ALLEGRO SERIES

**When:** Concert begins 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22  
**Where:** Kresge Hall, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia  
**Tickets:** \$10 general admission, \$5 faculty, student and staff. For information call (734) 432-5709

for April 12-13 performances. "We need as active performers to show our students what they need to strive for and how to handle themselves in a performance situation," said Barbara Wiltsie who recently performed at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton in November with Act II, a Broadway quartet. Wiltsie formerly toured with Michigan Opera Theatre.

Sopranos Three! is part of the Michigan Arts & Humanity directory performers booked throughout the state. They have selected to sing a trio from *Der Rosenkavalier* by Strauss, *Three Little Maids from School* (The Mikado), and *Bosom Buddies* (Mame).

"We're all trained in classical music as well as some Broadway. We mix operatic solos, duets, trios from opera to Broadway," said Wiltsie of Royal Oak. "We're giving them a little flavor of the three styles we do."

Popoff-Parks is proud of the diverse backgrounds of the faculty in the music department of which she is chairwoman. In addition to three piano teachers including Popoff-Parks, the faculty

provides instruction in voice, flute, classical guitar, clarinet, trumpet, violin, cello, and harp. Dave Wagner, WRCJ radio's early morning classical music host, teaches organ.

"We also offer a music management major. As part of the program students do internships. This semester we have students working with Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and WRCJ radio station. They get experience and learn to serve the community which an important component of our music program," said Popoff-Parks of Plymouth. "Music is really a service career. Performers are providing an opportunity for people to enjoy music whether they're church majors, in education or management,



Kimberley Dolanski, Barbara Wiltsie, Karin White, and Linette Popoff-Parks enjoy a few laughs while rehearsing for the Madonna University faculty concert.

or preparing to work in arts organizations which also provide services to communities. "I think the faculty concert is a good service for students and community. Music is an art to be communicated. You

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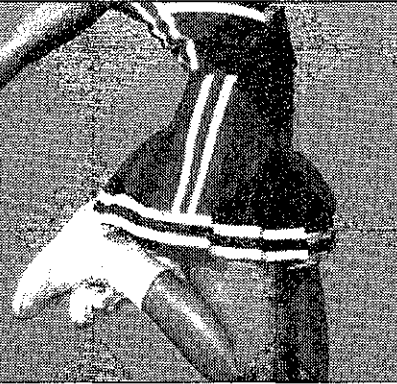
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### DOING NOTHING

Most of the time, this column discusses the diagnosis and treatment of bone and joint conditions. By repeatedly discussing medications and options of care, I may create a wrong expectation: That for every condition there is a treatment.

However, in arthritis that rule doesn't hold. Instances occur when you will see a doctor and he will decide to wait and watch. That can happen when you had an injection and you are not responding as both you and the doctor have expected. Waiting is reasonable when you are under treatment for polymyalgia, and you still ache. The doctor may feel it is in order to give the present therapy a further chance rather than change you to an even higher prednisone dose.

Waiting may be reasonable when you continue to ache and the diagnosis is uncertain, but the doctor has determined that delay will bring on impairment. However, watching what happens may reveal, in time, a feature that explains the problem.

Remember every treatment brings side effects and risks. And keep in mind that the body has a wide array of responses to fight an invasion of its integrity. Doctors learn to respect that aspect of medical practice.

When a physician examines and talks with you, and does not prescribe or change a medication nor order laboratory tests or x-rays, do not feel disappointed. That appointment was important.

Using restraint is just as valuable as forging forward, observing rather than intervening remains good medicine.

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## Bowlathon to raise money for books for blind children

WNIC celebrities will be featured at Seedlings' 21st Annual Bowlathon for Braille Books Sunday afternoon March 9, at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

Sponsored by Foresters, Community Choice Credit Union, and St. Mary Mercy Hospital, this event will help put braille books into the hands of blind children. There will be many great raffle prizes and the bowlers who raise the most pledges will be eligible for top prize packages. Help us bring the gift of literacy to blind children and reach our 2008 goal of 25,000 braille books.

New this year on Seedlings' Web site is online pledging and registration. Visit [www.seedlings.org](http://www.seedlings.org) under special events to register or pledge a registered bowler or download a brochure.

Registration deadline is March 1, and the minimum

donation or pledges per bowler is \$50. Bowlers will receive three games, lunch, gift bags, and a free ticket for a chance raffle drawing. Tax-deductible door prize and lane or T-shirt sponsorships are still available to local businesses. Register now and reserve a spot at the event.

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a nonprofit organization in Livonia dedicated to increasing the opportunity for braille literacy by providing high quality, low-cost braille books for blind children. Every \$10 earned at this bowl-a-thon will create one more book. Last year, bowlers raised over \$20,000 to provide blind children access to popular children's books in braille and to bring them the materials they need to read and succeed.

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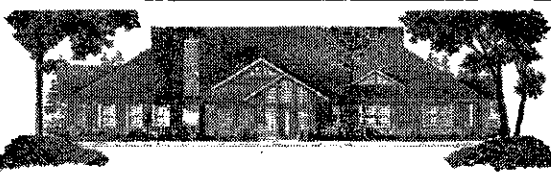
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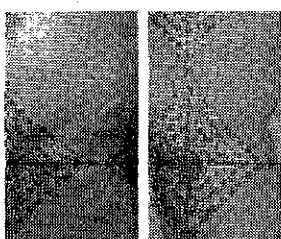
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prove it's murder. He has written a new play, *Killing Jessica*, which reveals motives for each of the characters who, one by one, read their lines.

The work originally won writers Richard Levinson and William Link an Edgar Award from the Mystery Writers of America in 1983.

Cuba originally saw the teleplay starring Robert Preston, Lynn Redgrave and Jeff Goldblum in 1982. He's following in the footsteps of his mother Kelly who directed the play when she was a high school teacher in Missouri. Cuba is a retired high school chemistry teacher who's just getting his feet wet as a director. This is his second production in that role, but he's served as an assistant to directors twice before. As a Spotlight Players' board member, he proposed the mystery for the 2007-2008 season.

"*Rehearsal* is basically a whodunit," said Mike Cuba of the play. "The play is actually written about Monica not a fictional character. Three of five have alibis except for a former husband and wife. At the end of evening you're going to know who killed Monica Welles. Every piece of information is presented to you well before you have to sit down and figure out who did it."

Jon Milan's music adds to the mystery. The Westland resident writes especially for the Spotlight Players' production in the style of Bernard Hermann, the composer whose music set the mood for films including *Taxi Driver* and the Alfred Hitchcock thrillers *Psycho* and *The Birds*. A CD of Milan's score will be available at the performances.

"It's all minor key," said Cuba of Livonia. It provides a somber note. It's very haunting music."

Kori Bielaniec is especially spooky since she comes to life as Monica Welles in a flashback focused on her plummet from a 10-story building. Even though the 19-year-old Livonia resident studies theater at University of Detroit-Mercy, she had to take a lesson on how to fall from Julie Evans at Guardian Marshal Arts in Garden City.

"My death scene is a challenge," said Bielaniec. "My knees are pretty bruised. I had to learn how to fall without hurting myself."

Sedore called on his years of studying German for his taxing role as the playwright who appears in all but two scenes. Sedore grew up in Canton but didn't start acting until a student at Albion College. He's done four plays with Spotlight Players including *Dial M for Murder*.

"I spent some time in Germany in a work study program so it's not as difficult for me because to speak German you first have to memorize all the words," said Sedore, a

Plymouth resident and German teacher at Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn.

Joe Cone says Sedore isn't alone when it comes to being on stage for much of the play. Cone of Canton plays the director. From 1999 to 2003 he worked in theater in England.

"It's a small enough cast where every actor has a major role. Each actor is important to the story," said Cone, a Spotlight Players board member. "It grabs you right away from the minute Alex pulls the gun out of his briefcase and puts it in his pants."

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# TEA

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Eating off of presidential china is sure to make the afternoon memorable as well. Greenmead owns reproductions of china used by 14 different commanders-in-chief.

"I think it's the most elaborate tea we do," said Wiacek. "We'll have a cockade, a ribbon

that's sewn into a floweret with streamers that's been around from Revolutionary War times to World War I. People wore them to show support to the troops. Soldiers wore them on their hats. Both North and South used them during the Civil War. The women would pin them onto their clothing like a brooch."

An exhibit highlighting Teddy Roosevelt carries through the

red, white and blue theme of the tea.

"The food is generous. The atmosphere is wonderful. We have a lot of things going on," said Wiacek. "We're looking for it to be fun and patriotic all at the same time. We welcome democrats, republicans and independents but there will be no campaigning of any kind."

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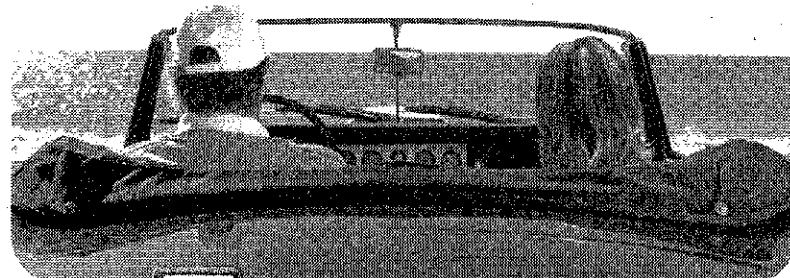
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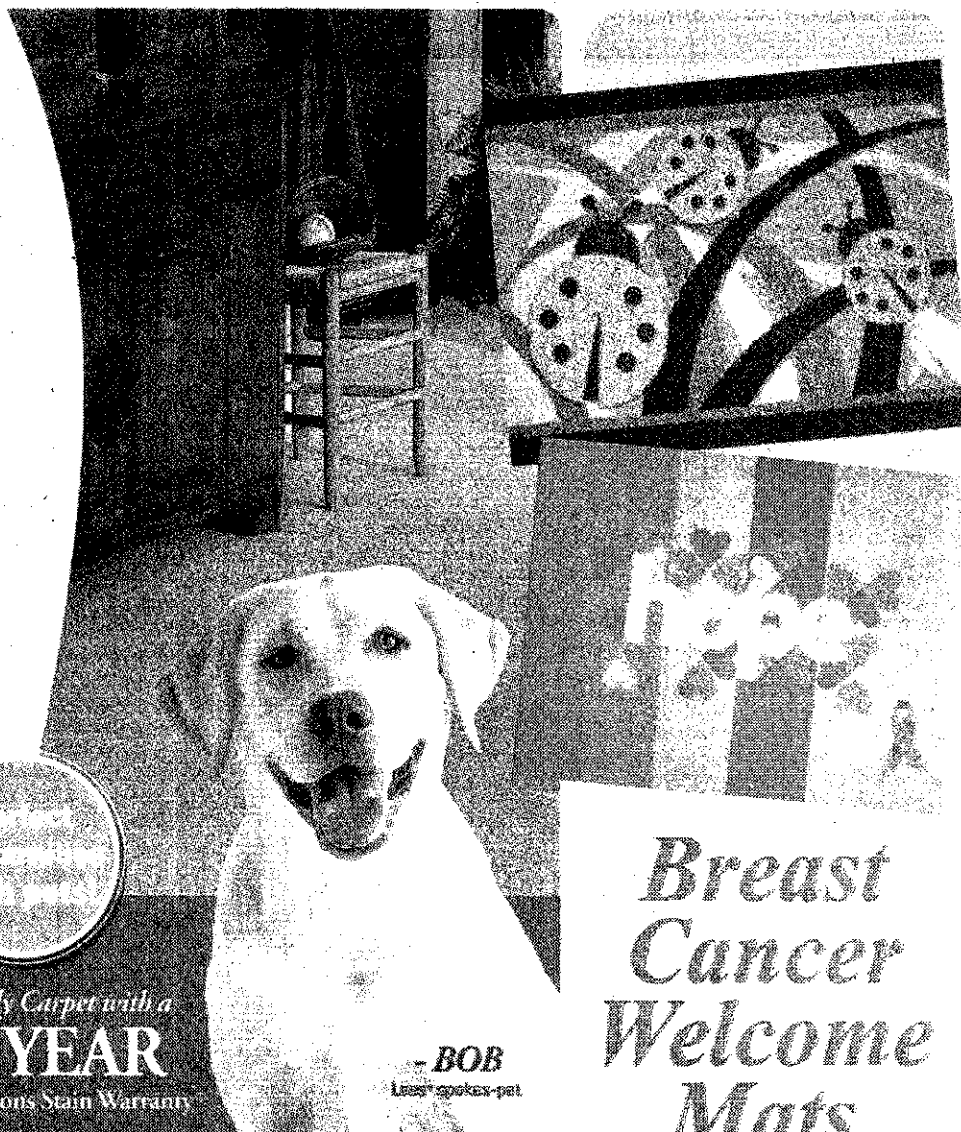
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## BETTY M. BROOKS

Age 85, formerly of Birmingham, MI, died on Thursday, February 14, 2008 in John's Creek, GA. She was preceded in death by her first husband John Musto, and her second husband Wayne Brooks. She is survived by her three sons, J.N. Musto, HI, Ronald G. Musto, GA, and Richard B. Musto, CA; grandchildren Katie, Steve, Jennifer, Alison, and Lindsay Musto. Mrs. Brooks was a founding member of the Congregational church of Birmingham and the Beverly Hills Garden Club. Memorial Services will be at a later date at the Congregational Church of Birmingham. Donations may be made to the Michigan Heart Association in her memory. Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory, Rosewill, GA was entrusted with arrangements.  
www.northsidechapel.com  
770-645-1414

## FRANK ROBBINS CHAPMAN JR.

Died February 1, 2008 at Maine Veterans Home, Bangor, ME. On October 23, 1923 Frank was born in Harper Hospital, Detroit, Michigan to Frank Robbins Chapman and Lou Blackwood Chapman, his father, an architect, and mother. Frank, known within and without the family as "Bob", lived near the corner of Collingwood and 14th Streets in Detroit in early life and subsequently removed with the family to Chicago Blvd. in Detroit where he attended Doty School. In 1935 his father built a new house in the countryside north of Rochester, Michigan on Mead Road, Oakland county where Frank attended the Rochester schools through grade seven. He finished secondary level training at Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan graduating in 1942 Yale University was the site for three degrees in architecture and city planning, BA '47, March '49, and MCP '54. He had also been accepted at Dartmouth, his father's institution, and the U.S. Navy Academy. His town planning thesis was a design for the St. Lawrence Seaway and a new town within it. Mr. Chapman was three years in the U.S. Navy during WW2. Following graduation Frank boarded a revamped C4 troop carrier in 1947 for Europe. He was accepted and completed a year's study of architecture and urban planning at Kungliga Tekniska Hogskolan in Stockholm, Sweden. Frank subsequently spend eleven years working in Sweden where he became a member of the Swedish Architects' Association (SAR) and The Royal Bachelor's Club of Gothenburg. He was employed also three years in Copenhagen, Denmark as an architect. He worked in Canada, Brazil, and in Botswana where he served as chief planner for the Ministry of Surveys and Lands and as an adjunct for the UNDP. There he married his Swedish fiancée, Barbro Haller of Gothenburg, Sweden, in the year 1970. The pair returned to Sweden driving their short wheelbase Land Rover 14,000 miles through Africa and Europe. Crossing the Atlantic the pair took up residence in Hilton Head Island, SC working there, residing seven years on their 30 foot sloop. Suffering the "oil crisis" of 1975 the pair accepted another UN post in Saudi Arabia where they remained until 1981. Frank first served first as a councilman on the Hilton Head Town Council and eventually was elected Mayor in 1993 and served a single term. As mayor her resisted further commercialization of Hilton Head Island. In 1999 Frank and Barbro sold the house they had built upon return from Saudi Arabia and removed to Deer Isle, Main constructing there yet another house located on ocean frontage. He is survived by his wife Barbro; sisters, Mary Lou Ingwersen and Doris C. Hinds, as well as six nieces and four nephews. Memorial contributions in Frank's memory may be made to Island Heritage Trust, 420 Sunset Road, P.O. box 42, Deer Isle, ME 04627. Arrangements by Jordan-Fernald, 141 South St. Blue Hill, ME 04614. Condolences may be expressed online at:  
www.jordanferald.com.

## MARIE E. HAKALA

Age 89, of Dearborn, MI passed away February 8, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.



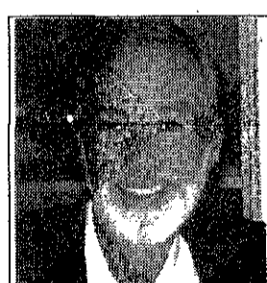
## RICHARD D. (Richie) CRANE

Age 61, of Cape Coral, FL, passed away Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at his home surrounded by his family. Richie was the beloved husband of Deborah Crane and the dear father of Richard and Kelly. Richie was a life member of the VFW of America and a member of BOVA Engineers Post #9885. He will truly be missed and will live in our hearts forever. A Memorial Celebration of his life was held Saturday, February 9, 2008 in Florida An additional memorial will be held Saturday, March 1, 2008 between 1-4pm at the VFW BOVA Post #9885, 6440 Hix Rd., Westland, MI. In lieu of flowers the family request contributions be sent to the National Coalition for the Homeless Veterans, 333 1/2 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20003-1148 in memory of Richard Crane.



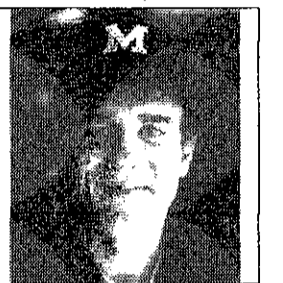
## WILLIAM JAMES COATSWORTH

Age 91 of Beverly Hills, died February 14, 2008, after a short illness. Bill grew up in Clawson and Royal Oak and attended St. Mary's of Royal Oak. After high school, Bill attended the University of Detroit and graduated in 1943 from Lawrence Technological Institute with a bachelors degree in mechanical engineering. He was a WWII veteran having served in the United States Navy and a member of the American Legion Post 253, Frank Wendland, Royal Oak. Bill retired from General Motors Truck and Coach in 1982. Bill is survived by his children, Greg, Sandy (Michael) Burke and Mary Sue Coatsworth and grandchildren, Brittany and Chris. He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary Stewart Coatsworth and son, William "Skip" Coatsworth. Funeral at Transfiguration Catholic Church, Ten Mile Road (Between Lahser and Telegraph) Monday 10am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (Between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Sunday 2-5pm. Prayers Sunday 4pm. Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials appreciated to Transfiguration Catholic Church, 25225 Code Road, Southfield, Michigan 48034 or Rochester Lions Club, P.O. Box 80393, Rochester, Michigan 48308.



## JOHN B. THOMPSON

Age 61 of Knoxville, TN passed away suddenly Thursday afternoon, February 14, 2008 as a result of an automobile accident. John was born April 1st, 1946 in Escabana ("In the UP"), MI. He was a graduate of Western Michigan University and served as a pilot in the U.S. Navy. John was preceded in death by his father Walter J. Thompson. He is survived by mother, Blanche B. Thompson and mother-in-law, Dora Jo Byrnside, both of Maryville, TN; wife, Ellajo Byrnside Thompson, of Knoxville, TN; sister Yvonne and husband Brian Clark, of Sitka, AK; son, John Jr. and wife Nancy of Farmington Hills, MI; daughter Jennifer and husband Ron Abner, of Howell, MI; step-daughter, Joelle and husband Harvey Mitchell, of Bowling Green, KY; stepson, Byron and wife Shannon Walker of Keller, TX; stepdaughter Julianne and husband Jeremy Burdette of Helena, AL. "Papa John" was especially dedicated to his seven grandchildren Olivia, Caitlin, Marina, Emma, Quinn, Merrick, and Amelia. He was the founder and the former owner of Future Pak Ltd., a pharmaceutical packaging company of Farmington Hills, MI and President of Southern Yankee Restoration. During his career John received several patents for packaging innovations. In retirement, John became an avid boater and fisherman who loved spending quality time on the water with family and friends. He was particularly proud of his ongoing research in the fields of horticulture and poultry. John will be remembered by those who loved him for his wit, sarcasm and unwavering resolve to help anyone in need. In lieu of flowers, the family requests all donations be made to Loudon County Habitat for Humanity, 298 Village Square Drive, #115 Loudon, TN 37774. Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel is serving the Thompson family.  
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## CLARK D., JR. "MATT" MATTHEWS

February 14, 2008 Age 63. Beloved husband of Kirsten M. (nee Schmidt). Dear father of Jason C. and Andrew C. Matthews. Brother of Marjory Jill Whelan (the late Buff), Linda Leonard (late Dwight), Melissa D. Matthews, and Hannah M. Terhune (Joseph). Uncle of Amy, Amanda, Kerry, Marny, Lindsey, Megan, Shayla, Matt and Marya. Former husband of Sandra and Doreen. Services were held Saturday, Feb 16, 2008. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

## DONALD A. PORTMAN

Age 71, of Indian River, formerly Livonia, passed away Thursday, February 14, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. Visitation will be held Friday, February 15, from 6pm-8pm, at the Lintz Funeral Home in Indian River. Visitation will continue on Saturday, February 16, from 10am until the time of the Funeral Mass at 12 noon, at the Cross in the Woods Catholic Church in Indian River.

## FRANCIS A. BUTTLER

February 13, 2008, age 80. Beloved husband of Jewell. Memorial Tributes to Friends of the Troy Public Library, 510 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48064-5254. A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

## HAROLD KERMIT COUNTS SR.

Age 86, passed away peacefully in Alpena, MI on Feb. 13, 2008. A resident of Livonia, MI for 42 years and Alpena for three years, he loved his time here. Born December 9th, 1921 on Nealy Ridge in Dickenson County, VA. He was the second of four children of Lawrence and Maxie Counts. His beloved wife Maxie Lee preceded him in death, as did his brother Lawrence, Jr. his sister Mabel Anderson (Doc) and his son (Lawrence Gregory). He is the dear brother of Fern Taylor (Herb) and the loving father of H. Kermit Counts Jr. (Karen), Garen Lea Foust (David) and Suzanne Adams (Steve). He has nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was a member of Alpha Baptist Church in Livonia, MI for 44 years. Harold was awarded the Silver Star for heroism during combat while in the 6th Armored Division during WWII. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. A Loving father and devoted husband, he was a gift for all of us from our Savior. The family would like to express their sincere thanks to the 2nd floor and ICU staff at the Alpena Regional Medical Center. Everyone was so kind and caring. Thank you to the E-wing staff at the Alpena Tenderecare on Long Rapids Rd. in Alpena for your kindness and compassion during this difficult time. Services: Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, MI. Visitation will be Sunday, 2-17-2008 from 1:30 to 4:30pm. Services are at 4:30pm.

## IRENE E. ADAMS

Age 80, of Plymouth, MI passed away February 9, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

## A. JOAN SHAW

Of Fenton, formerly of Livonia, age 74, died Friday, February 15, 2008 at Genesis Regional Medical Center. Per Joan's wishes cremation has taken place and there will be no visitation or service at this time. Those desiring may make contributions to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Joan was born in Petoskey, Michigan on March 28, 1933, the daughter of the late Herman and Nettie Laubrich. Joan was a member of the Women's Pilot Organization the "99ers". She enjoyed traveling and spending time at the casinos. Surviving are son, Steven of Fenton; grandson, Justin Shaw of Livonia; twin sister, Mary Jean Tilk of Lambertville, MI.; several nieces and nephews. Joan was preceded in death by her husband Thomas, eldest son, Charles; 2 brothers, Col. Allen and William Laubrich. Your condolences may be shared with the family at: swartzfuneralhomeinc.com



## Happy 100!

Edna Cannizzaro (seated in blue) recently celebrated her 100th birthday with children Frank Cannizzaro (left), Mary Capoferi, Yolanda Fenech, Sylvia Ebens, and Joe Cannizzaro at Corsi's in Livonia. She has 20 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren and 14 great great grandchildren. She also has two living brothers and a sister who are younger than her. She came to the U.S. from Sicily through Ellis Island when she was 5 years old. She has lived in Livonia more than 43 years.

## WEDDING



## Ouillette-Clayton

Tonya Ouillette and Nic Clayton of Gladwin were married June 16, 2007, in an outdoor ceremony along the Cedar River performed by Minister Don Wray at the Riverwalk Place in Gladwin.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Robin Ouillette of Gladwin and granddaughter of Roy and Mary Lou Carter and Audrey and the late Ervin (Red) Ouillette of Garden City, and is employed at Kirtland Community College. She is a 2001 graduate of Clinton High School, and a 2003 graduate of Kirtland Community College. Her matron of honor was Laura (Noack) Baker of Tecumseh, friend of the bride; and her bridesmaids were Teri (Ouillette) Bailey of Brooklyn, sister of the bride; and Samantha Clayton of Clinton, sister of the groom. Flower girl was Kristie Wenk of Saline, friend of the bride. Ring bearer was Kyle Wenk of Saline, friend of the bride.

The groom is the son of Ted and Teresa Clayton of Clinton. He is a 2001 graduate of Clinton High School. He is employed as a heavy equipment operator in Harrison. His best man was Nathan Young of West Branch, friend of the groom; and his groomsmen were Christopher Lenton of Clinton, cousin of the groom; and Kevin Molsky of Westland, cousin of the bride. The couple honeymooned in Cave City, Kentucky.

## ENGAGEMENTS



## Sarkisian-Bell

Dr. Edward and Anna Sarkisian of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara, to Morgan Bell of St. Charles, Ill. A July 2008 wedding is planned at St. John Armenian Church in Southfield, Michigan.

Sara graduated from Northville High School in 2001. She received her bachelor's degree in the history of art and Armenian studies from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 2005 and is currently completing her master of architecture at the U-M.

Morgan, son of Reagan and Linda Bell of St. Charles, Ill., is a graduate of St. Charles High School and received his

bachelor of education from Aurora University in 2000. He is currently completing his master of education in reading at St. Francis University and is a fifth grade teacher in Plainfield, Ill.

Sara and Morgan met while staff members at the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan family camp, Michiganian, near Boyne City, MI. They will reside in the Chicago area.

## Riley-Rzetelny

William and Laura Riley of Romulus announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Ann of Livonia, to Randy Joseph Rzetelny Jr. of Livonia, son of Randy and Kim Rzetelny of South Lyon.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the International Academy of Design and Technology of Troy. She is employed at Outback Steak House.

The future groom is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He is employed by



Formen Brothers Trucking. A Sept. 6, 2008, wedding is planned at Crystal Gardens in Southgate.

## Pytlak-Horn

Richard and Patricia Pytlak of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine, to Patrick Horn, son of John and Kathy Watson of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and UM-Dearborn. She is employed with a major insurance company.

The future groom is a graduate of Redford Union High School. He is employed with Waste Management.



A September, 2009, wedding is planned.

## ANNIVERSARY



## Fouls celebrate 50th

Bruce and Judy (Shafer) Fouls of Wayne are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Fouls were married Jan. 30, 1958, at First Christian Church in Meadville, Pa.

They have lived in this area for 47 years.

The Fouls have two children, Cindy (David) Schofield of Wayne and Jeff (Romna) Fouls of Naperville, Ill.

They have six grandchildren. Bruce is retired from Ford Motor Co. and presently owns and operates Norplex Associates, a residential management company.

Judy is a homemaker. The couple are members of Livonia Church of Christ where Bruce is a deacon and Judy is co-leader of the women's ministry. Bruce is involved in civic affairs and both enjoy traveling and spending time with family. A celebration was recently held hosted by their children.

## Mion-Meddaugh

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Mion of Tecumseh, formerly of Westland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Stefanie Lorna, to Christopher Daniel Meddaugh.

Stefanie attended John Glenn High School and after graduating in 2002 from Spanish River High School (in Boca Raton, Fla.), she joined the U.S. Navy from 2002 to 2006 and is now attending college to become a paralegal in San Diego, CA, while working at Paul Hastings Law Firm.

After graduating in 1999 from Maple Valley High School in Maple Valley, Wash., Christopher decided to join the U.S. Navy, which he served from 2001 to 2005. Chris



recently graduated with honors earning an associates of science degree and now works for Hamilton Sundstrand. The two plan marry in July of 2009.

## Kulczycki-Rickens

Ronald and Joyce Kulczycki of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen M. Kulczycki to Aaron W. Rickens, son of Walter of Mary Ann Rickens of White Lake.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2006 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She is certified personal trainer in Wisconsin.

The future groom is a 2001 graduate of Lakeland High School and a 2007 graduate of Grand Valley State University. He is a physical education instructor.

A June 2008 wedding is planned for Northville Hills Golf Club.



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than in-person conversations; - poor relationships; and - diminished productivity. The office of Isabel Barrera, director of IT Recruiting at AT Recruiters International Inc. (AT Recruiters), in Corpus Christi, Tex., has five workers and two telecommuters. She's been thriving with telecommuting co-workers since July.

doesn't feel under siege because of overlapping responsibilities. "The telecommuters have very specific jobs different from mine," she notes, "and communicate with each other via the Internet and by phone. They work very well independently. We have the same goal ... and are equally responsible and accountable."



Isabel Barrera, who directs IT Recruiting in Corpus Christi's AT Recruiters International Inc., enjoy having telecommuting co-workers, in part because she learns from them. Her experience indicates that good recruiting by a manager makes the difference.

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take time out for a doctor's appointment. If she's jealous about anything, it's the gas her co-workers save and the lunches they don't have to buy. However, "it's not enough to make me seethe for Bob." She believes that the office increases her professionalism, that working at home would be too distracting.

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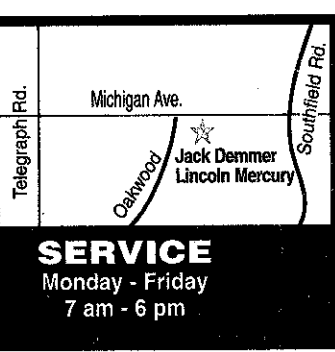
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# New Homes

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## New Affordable Homes With Luxury Features In Westland In The \$140's!

Danny Veri couldn't believe it when he crunched the numbers and saw a family with a household income of about \$40,000 could move into a home in Brookfield Village.

"This is just an incredible value," said Veri, a partner in Livonia Builders who teamed up with Tim Breault of Breault Homes to build the "neighborhood" bounded by John Hix and Cherry Hill in Westland.

Brookfield Estates consists of 63 homes with 4 available floor plans starting in the \$140,000's.

"We set out to build affordable housing with exceptional standard features and people are responding. In just over 12 months we have sold approximately 80 homes

with theme features."

The Baymont, a colonial, measures 1250 square feet and boasts 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, a great room, and a second floor laundry for only \$148,900.

The Regency is a 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with a formal dining room, a great room, a first floor laundry, and starts at just \$159,900.

Veri said buyers can choose from different elevations for the colonials.

The average lot size for the homes is 60 x 120. There are many lots that are larger and lots that back to a thick wooded area. "It's a very inviting neighborhood," he said. Each home has an attached 2 car garage and full basement.

Veri said buyers will be even more amazed at

the the homes' affordability when they see the upgrades and extra amenities he and Breault have built into the homes.

Guests are welcomed into the foyer by site finished oak floors which are also used in the kitchen and nook. Granite countertops, Merillat cabinets, designer pullout faucet, and undermount double bowl stainless steel sink comprise just some of the kitchen's amenities.

The cabinetry and Delta faucets are carried into the ceramic-tiled bathrooms with the powder rooms featuring a pedestal sink and oak floors.

Ceramic tile is also used in the laundry rooms and carpeting covers the great room, dining room, and bedrooms where ceiling lights illuminate the nighttime chambers.

Each room is surrounded by 4 1/4 inch thick baseboard moldings and 3-inch door casing moldings finish out the two-panel interior smooth finish doors.

The homes are protected by a 90 percent efficient Comfort Maker furnace, a high-efficiency 40-gallon hot water tank, and R-30 insulation in the attic.

Options include a fireplace, air

conditioning, skylights, and sprinkler system.

Veri said the exterior is "100 percent maintenance-free".

The ranch is completely brick as is the first floor of the two colonials. The second floor of the colonials is finished in vinyl siding. Overhangs on all three models are either aluminum or vinyl trim.

Pella vinyl windows as well as glass block on the basement windows finish each home.

Other accoutrements include a limestone address block, sod, sidewalks and city water and sewer.

Coach lights outside the garage lend to the aesthetics as well as a clear view of the home and garage in the nighttime hours.

The homes also come with a one-year warranty.

Brookfield Estates is on the Canton border and very close to Ford Road shopping. It is in the Wayne/Westland school district and is nestled in Brookfield Village, an existing subdivision where home values range in the mid to upper \$200,000's, Veri said.

Ford Road is a mere mile away and in close proximity is I-275 and local home improvement stores.

Veri said he can't get

over the affordability of the homes.

"We worked on slim margins to keep working", he said "The main theme to this whole project was creating affordable housing with luxury features. With an hourly wage of \$19 per hour for household income, you can buy a house with all these features."

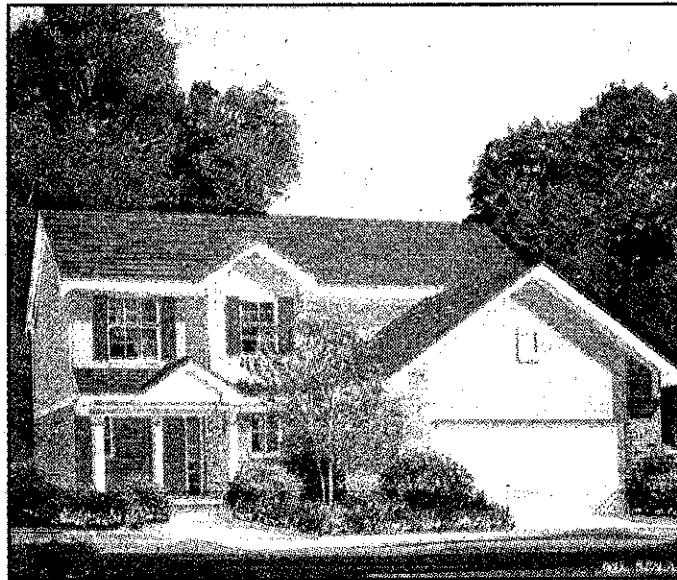
Veri worked with his in-house mortgage lender, Mortgage Concepts, and came up with a 5% down, 30-year fixed rate mortgage plan which includes taxes and insurance for about

\$1200 a month.

"We even have a program that has no out-of-pocket closing costs," he said. "It's just a phenomenal deal for a first time home buyer or someone looking for more square footage."

"There's just nothing under \$250,000 with all of these outstanding features subdivision-wise in the Westland area."

Model homes are under construction. Call Danny Veri for brochure info at (313) 586-2559 or (734) 397-9140, or email him at dannyveri@sbcglobal.net.



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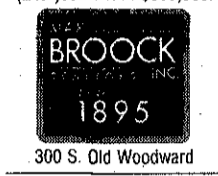
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1 Started cries  
4 - and dined  
9 Ironc - yung  
12 Egg - yung  
13 Movie award  
14 Big Ben numeral  
15 Leave behind  
17 Think logically  
19 German article  
20 Sunspot activity  
21 Cut  
23 Gulf st.  
24 Stonehenge worshiper  
27 Little kid  
28 Motel plus  
30 Lhasa -  
31 Commercial  
32 Book source  
34 Thus  
35 Longest river  
37 Trig function  
38 Stray dog  
39 Take the car  
41 Tooth puller's deg.

**42 "- a Lady"**  
(Tom Jones tune)  
43 Zoo attraction  
45 - tai (rum drink)  
46 Summerhouse  
48 In hook  
51 Cassius Clay  
52 Ms. Barkin of films  
54 Take a crack at  
55 Drone or queen  
56 Sweetie-pies  
57 Last letter

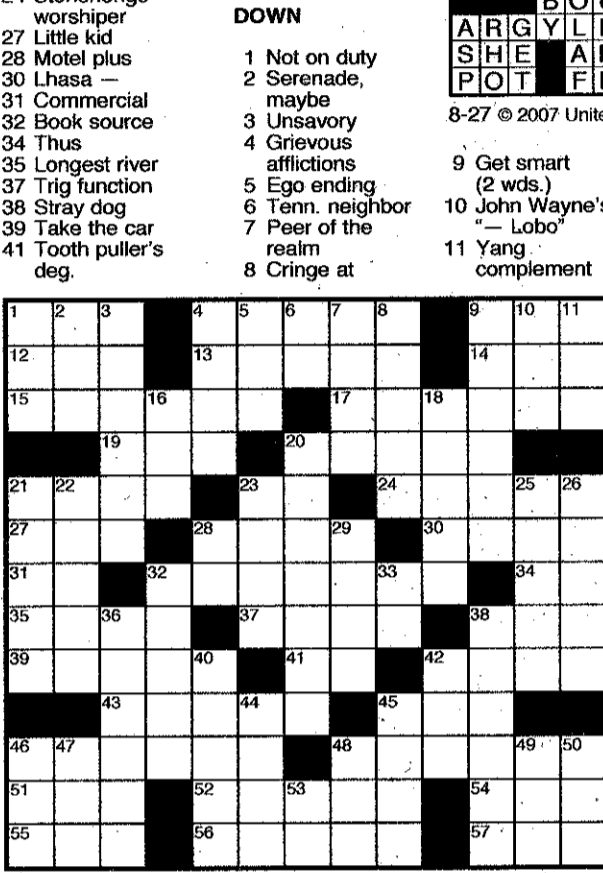
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AGLOW ELL AHA  
IATE AILERON  
LIIRASCAL  
SNOBCEE BOLL  
YAMS GOOEY  
DECADE KEWPIE  
ELAND RULE  
BYRD SIRDIRK  
BOUNDS NUN  
ARGYLES OMBI  
SHEADE RELIT  
POT FED EWOKS

9 Get smart (2 wds.)  
10 John Wayne's "- Lobo"  
11 Yang complement

16 Blank space  
18 Panoply  
20 Keys locale  
21 Wait in line  
22 Lowest ebb  
23 Watch pockets  
25 Gush forth  
26 Cabinet parts  
28 Geometry symbol  
29 Make shore  
32 Sandbags, maybe  
33 Note before mi  
36 Tin -  
38 Glazed fabric  
40 Dwindled.  
42 Visited  
44 Cameo, maybe  
45 Provides staff  
46 Schmooze  
47 Malt beverage  
48 - annum  
49 Afore  
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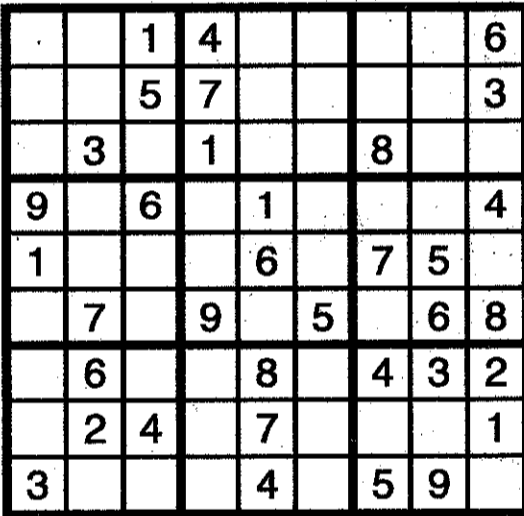
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S D C A R P U S F G  
W W L W F I B U L L  
H P A T E L L A J K  
U H V A M G F L D S  
M R I R U S K U L L  
E A C S R T I B I A  
R D L U R A D I U S  
U I E S U S X F C B  
S T E R N U M M P N

### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Z	G	S	Z	4	9	B	L	S
1	8	1	9	6	7	3	4	2
2	3	4	1	8	9	6	9	7
8	6	1	6	1	3	6	7	4
9	5	1	7	4	9	2	2	7
4	2	3	2	7	1	8	9	6
4	5	6	8	9	1	9	1	3
1	3	8	6	8	7	2	4	9
6	8	1	4	5	7	3	2	7

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(U)	(S)	(E)	(X)	(A)	(F)	(C)
(R)	(D)	(I)	(K)	(V)	(A)	(D)
(S)	(R)	(I)	(B)	(I)	(A)	(J)
(L)	(V)	(I)	(S)	(K)	(U)	(L)
(H)	(U)	(M)	(G)	(F)	(L)	(D)
(H)	(P)	(A)	(T)	(E)	(L)	(L)
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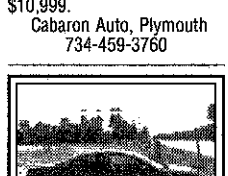
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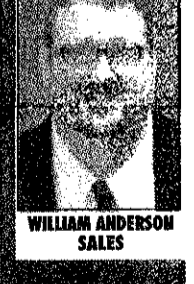
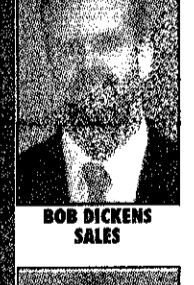
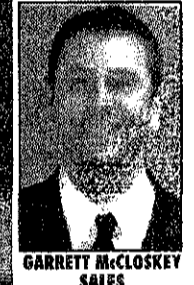
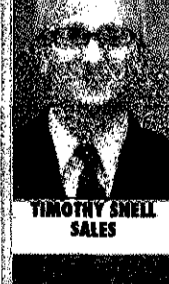
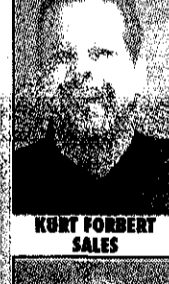
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