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Foster mom set to hear sentence

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Carol Poole will learn her fate Wednesday.

The Canton Township woman, convicted of second-degree murder in the death of her foster daughter in January, is scheduled to be sentenced by Third Circuit Court Judge Ulysses Boykin.

Poole, 42, was also found guilty of involuntary manslaughter and first-degree child abuse.

Allison Newman, Poole's 2-year-old foster daughter, died in September 2006 from head trauma.

While the prosecution said that the Canton woman intentionally injured the toddler, Poole maintained her innocence but admitted to making mistakes after the child was hurt.

Poole, who failed to seek immediate medical attention for Allison, initially offered police multiple stories about the injuries. She eventually said she and the child were playing a twirling game inside her Emily Court home when Allison slipped from her grasp and fell 12 feet over a balcony.

The jury, who opted not to convict Poole of first-degree murder, said Poole's story wasn't believable.

The second-degree murder conviction carries up to life in prison while the manslaughter and child abuse convictions are punishable by up to 15 years.

A statement from Allison's paternal family called Allison's death "a heinous crime."

"Carol Poole deserves the maximum sentence possible. Our family is still trying to accept the reality of this horrible nightmare," the statement read. "We will never truly know the extent of the physical, verbal, and emotional pain that Allison endured from Carol when no one else was around. Allison could not defend herself, nor could she speak up and cry for help."

The statement went on to say, "We pray that the sentence issued will send a very strong message that if you abuse and/or murder a child, you will be punished to the fullest extent of the law. Perhaps it will save at least one child's life."

Poole and her husband, Alan, had Allison for about nine months.



Denise Picard sells lots of truffles to Vince Magi. He stops by once a week to buy a new supply.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Truffle treats

'Candy Man' covers kindness with chocolate

BY NATALIE BURG
CORRESPONDENT

To hear Vincent Magi talk about it, you'd think his weekly ritual was a habit anyone might have.

"I just go and buy them from the House of Fudge, and when I go to church I pass them out to people," Magi said.

What makes this man special, however, is that what he buys from downtown Plymouth's House of Fudge every week is 72 boxes of truffles, which he hands out, not only at his church, but also at his local grocer, credit union, pharmacy and wherever he may happen to find himself. "Of course, my wife thinks I'm crazy," the 78-year-old retired school teacher said, laughing. But the recipients of his gifts certainly don't share that sentiment.

Denise Picard, owner of House of Fudge, doesn't just supply Magi with his truffle boxes, but is a beneficiary of his kindness.

"He brings us Michigan State hats," she said, gesturing to a stack of green and white baseball caps. "He's just a happy-go-lucky guy. They call him 'The Candyman.'"

According to Picard, Magi has been coming into the House of Fudge



Each pair of truffles is nicely wrapped.

to buy candies to distribute for a few years now. "Very rarely do you see someone who does something like this just because," Picard said. "I don't know why he does it."

Neither does Magi, really.

"I just enjoy this," he said. "I would go to the House of Fudge, and I would see (truffles) there and I'd say, 'What are these?' They're so good," he said. "They just melt in your mouth. At first I'd take a box, then two boxes, three boxes, and then I started passing them out."

And now it's a habit he has no intention of kicking.

"The expression on the people's faces when you hand it to them," Magi said. "At church I tell them, 'Now this isn't for before Mass. You have to wait until after Mass.'"

By now, his regular recipients at

his church and grocery store expect to see the truffle boxes tumbling from his pockets each week. Some have expressed their gratitude with thank you notes or kind words, while one young lady even made him a Michigan State blanket.

But the gratefulness of those on his regular route isn't what keeps Magi going. In fact, he always tries to give out chocolates to brand new people each week to see their surprise.

"Sometimes I just walk up to a person at Kroger," he said, "someone really good-looking and say, 'Here, this is from the House of Fudge in Plymouth, and you're getting this because you're good-looking.' It's a lot of fun for me."

Magi, who worked for Detroit Public Schools for 35 years, now lives in Canton with his wife, Karen. The couple has one daughter, Lisa, and two grandchildren. Magi hopes his random acts of kindness will be a positive example for Sydney, 7, and Hunter, 5. The message should be coming through loud and clear. After all, they aren't just the Candyman's grandkids; they're also recipients of his gifts.

"Oh, yeah," Magi said with a laugh, "I've got to save one for them."

Please see **SIGHT, A6**

Hopefuls lining up for run at court

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

At least five attorneys have emerged as candidates for the 35th District Court judgeship that will become available when Chief Judge John MacDonald, 72, retires at the end of this year after 24 years on the bench.

While candidates don't have to file until April 29, Cameron Miller, Joe Barone and Art Butler, all of Plymouth Township, and Martha Snow and Jim Plakas, both of Northville Township, have all indicated they are in the race for the six-year term which pays \$139,272 annually.

The court serves Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township. Candidates must be an attorney, reside in the 35th District Court boundaries and submit petitions with 600-1,000 valid registered voter signatures.

Plakas, who ran in November 2006 against incumbent Judge Ron Lowe — who was re-elected to a third term — said he expects plenty of competition for the open seat, a race which is much different than battling a sitting judge.

"I witnessed the power of the incumbency," said Plakas, 45. "Last time we didn't get involved in the process until May, which gave us only six months to campaign. This time we've already started, and we're light years ahead. I'm not calling myself the frontrunner, but everybody will know I'm a very worthy opponent."

Plakas, who spent \$96,000 in the 2006 campaign, predicted it will take at least \$100,000 to win this year's race.

Miller, an attorney for more than 20 years, believes his experiences clerking for former Judge Jim Garber and MacDonald, as well as his current position as prosecutor for the city of Plymouth, gives him an edge. But according to Miller, having been a life-long resident in the community is his biggest asset.

"You want someone who is born and raised here and knows the histories," said Miller, 50. "You want people who have experience in that court."

"This is the community's court, and I think I can make a difference," added Miller, whose gathering of about 60 supporters Feb. 15 netted him about \$5,000.

Please see **COURT, A6**

Lions help woman with eye surgeries

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Frustrated and growing increasingly depressed, Stacey Weiss told herself that she was going to be blind.

"I don't want to say that I had given up hope but I truly had," the 37-year-old Canton woman said about the cataracts on both of her eyes. "I was trying to find the good

in it but at the same time I was thinking, where the (heck) is the silver lining?"

The lining that Weiss was searching for appeared in October while she was serving tables at Max & Erma's during a fund-raiser for the Canton Lions club.

"When I went over to take their order, the former (club) president yelled at me for squinting and told me that I was going to wreck my

eyes if I kept doing it," she said. "I told him that it was too late for that."

When Weiss, who had been diagnosed as legally blind in her left eye, offered a brief background about her struggles with vision, she had no clue that one of the organization's causes was preventable blindness.

"When he asked me for my number, I still didn't think anything of

it but then I got a call the next day and within three weeks I had an appointment with a doctor," she said. "I really don't know what I did to deserve this but I'm so grateful. I've been blessed."

Former Lions club president Charlie Mott got Dr. Marilyn Belamoric of Taylor to see and treat Weiss and the organization picked



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STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stacey Weiss said she's grateful to the Lions Club and feels 'blessed.'

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Buyers will get a chance at a variety of items as the Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts its 18th annual dinner/auction March 7 at Laurel Manor.

Money maker

Arts council eyes annual auction as top fund-raiser

Most of metro Detroit is feeling the current recession, and the Plymouth Community Arts Council is no exception.

That's why PCAC officials say the PCAC's 18th annual dinner auction, "An Artful Affair: Mod," is more important than ever.

Proceeds from ticket sales and items auctioned at the event will help save many popular programs at the Arts Council, including the hugely popular Music in the Park, the Wednesday concert series that packs Kellogg Park.

Officials say Music in the Park is just one of several programs in jeopardy at the council this year due to dwindling donations and reduced sponsorship. The series, started some 24 years ago, is funded largely by sponsors and donors.

"While we have been blessed to have very generous sponsors, currently the economy makes it tough for everyone to find extra money, even for established programs," said Debra Madonna, vice president of the PCAC board who has chaired Music in the Park for 14 years. "We have some sponsors in place for the 2008 series, but would like to have additional sponsors to make this our signature event."

Costumes from the 1960s are optional at the dinner/auction, set for 6 p.m. Friday, March 7, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Auction goers will have the opportunity to bid in live and silent auctions, with proceeds going to benefit programs and classes at the Council. Unique artwork, vacation packages, autographed sports memorabilia, dinner packages and tickets



Plymouth Community Arts Council matriarch Jo Hulse eyes some of the goodies on display at the annual dinner/auction. This year's event is set for March 7.

to museums, sports events and zoos are among items that will be up for bid.

Tickets are still available, at a cost of \$85 (\$45 of which officials pointed out is tax-deductible). Tickets for a table for 10 cost \$850. Laurel Manor is located at 39000

Schoolcraft Road.

For more information and for tickets, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278. Anyone interested in volunteering, making a tax-deductible donation or needing answers to questions can contact Sheila Paton at stpaton@hotmail.com

Student station silenced

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When problems occur at radio and television stations that affect programming, they're generally blamed on "technical difficulties."

Listeners of WSDP radio, the student-run FM station operating out of Salem High School, will have to wait until sometime this week to tune into their favorite programs because "technical difficulties" have kept the station off the air since Sunday, Feb. 17. "We went off about 7:35

a.m., and tried to go back on," said Bill Keith, station manager of 88.1 The Escape. "We tried to go back on, but we ended up reflecting our power back to the transmitter."

"They found some corrosion on the coax line that connects the transmitter to the antenna," he said.

"We're hoping to be back on the air sometime early next week."

For a station that receives its operating funds from the Plymouth-Canton Schools operating budget and radio- thons, any cost associated

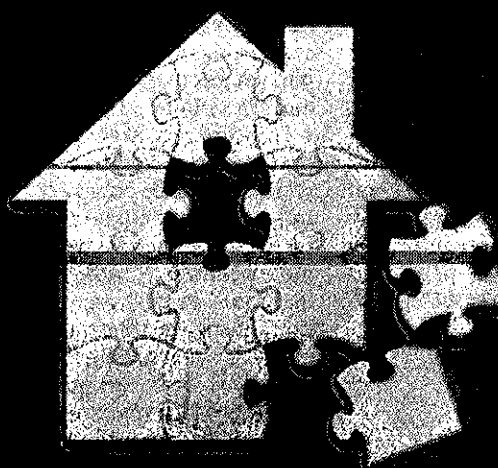
with getting the station back on the air is money that could be put toward other uses.

"The early estimate was a couple of thousand dollars," Keith said. "We have the money from fund-raisers over the past several years, but it's like robbing Peter to pay Paul, taking money from other options."

"But, if we don't have the connection and we can't be heard ... I guess we'll just have to bite the bullet," he said.

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Bowling fund-raiser

Students from East and Pioneer middle schools in Plymouth and Marshall Middle School in Westland are raising money for the People to People Student Ambassador Program, which sends students to other countries as Student Ambassadors to meet and learn from foreign students and representatives of other nations. The students - Richard McCutcheon of East Middle School, Abbey Jarrett of Pioneer Middle School and John Puterbaugh and John Hollenbeck of Marshall Middle School - had to qualify for the honor.

The Bowling Fun Raiser will be at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford Road, 4-7 p.m. Sunday, March 2. Tickets are \$15 and include three games of bowling, shoe rental, two slices of pizza and a soft drink.

For tickets or more information, call Roy McCutcheon, (734) 398-5676 or (734) 748-5803.

Classic movies

The March "Thursday Classics" movie series at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth marks "Hitchcock Month" and will feature classic Hitchcock movies.

Sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, free passes are available at Frameworks, Andy's Hallmark, Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth, and Creatopia.

The schedule for March has "Stranger on a Train" March 6; "Dial 'M' for Murder," March 13; "North by Northwest," March 20; and "Trouble with Harry," March 27.

Box office opens at 6:30 p.m.; movies start at 7 p.m. All seats are \$3.

The Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman. For more information, call (734) 453-0870.

Sagear scholarship

Students wanting to apply for the Sagear-Rotary Scholarship have until April 1 to get in their applications.

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District High School Senior who has overcome adversity. We are looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier. They have also shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to their community.

The recipient of this award will receive a \$500 scholarship.

This award is named after Sandra Sagear a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with Polio.

Information and applications on the Sagear-Rotary Scholarship are posted at www.storytellerdesign.com/SagearRotaryScholarship.pdf. Applications should be returned to Debra Madonna, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., 40200 Pinetree, Plymouth, MI 48170. The award will be announced April 25.

Co-op preschool open house

Plymouth Children's Nursery, 5828 N. Sheldon Rd., will have an Open House 10 a.m. to noon March 15. The co-op has both morning and afternoon classes for children ages 3-4.

The preschool offers children the opportunity to learn through play, socialize, take part in large and small group activities as well as learn independence.

Call (734) 455-6250 for more information.

Preschool information night

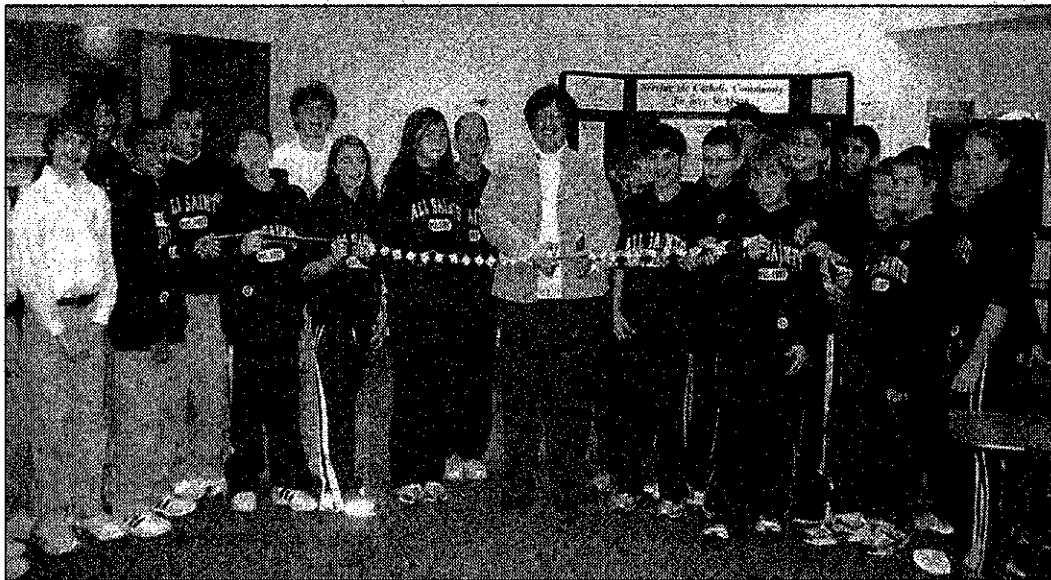
The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Early Childhood Department will host a Preschool Parent Informational Meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford Road, Canton.

At this meeting you will receive applications for the 2008/09 school year, meet staff and learn about our preschool programs. For more information, please call 416-6190 or visit the Web site at web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood.

Hazardous waste collection

The Wayne County Department of Environment's Land Resource Management Division will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, March 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Downriver Community Conference Center, located at 15100 Northline Road in Southgate. This free event, open to Wayne County residents only, is an opportunity to make your home and environment safe by properly disposing of waste that is considered toxic, flammable or corrosive.

Examples of acceptable waste being collected on March 15 include: household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom



Opening up the bank

On Feb. 7, students, teachers, and administrators, including Principal Debra Davidson (center), at All Saints Catholic School in Canton held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Student Credit Union Branch, which is being sponsored by Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union. Students visit the branch on the first and third Thursday of the month during their lunch hour, while students from the 6th and 7th grades will be running the operations. Among the objectives of the branch is to help students learn the importance of savings. The program also provides students real-life job experience – from interviewing for a position at the Student Credit Union Branch to performing the duties of a teller, an accounting clerk, a member service representative, and a marketing specialist. Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union is opening a new branch in spring 2008 at Sheldon and Joy in Plymouth. For more information about Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union, call (734) 432-0212 or visit www.catholicparishesfcu.org.

Scholarships available

Applications are now being accepted for the 24 scholarships offered through the Canton Community Foundation to students from Canton, Plymouth or Plymouth Township. These scholarships are awarded in the spring.

Although each scholarship has somewhat different requirements, there is just one application for them all. The application is available on the Foundation's Web site at www.cantonfoundation.org, at the high schools' counseling offices, or at the Foundation office at 50430 School House Road in Canton.

"The number of scholarships is down a little this year," explains Foundation President Joan Noricks, "but in some instances the amount of money being awarded has increased. We have consolidated several of the offerings into \$1,000 awards making them more appealing to students."

"Several of the scholarships are available to non-traditional students meaning older students returning to study after an extended absence," she says. "We're hoping these may help some residents changing career paths in these challenging economic times."

Completed applications must be received in the Foundation office by Friday, March 7. A panel of community residents including a school counselor, a Foundation board member and several others will evaluate the applications and award the scholarships.

For more information, contact the Foundation at (734) 495-1200 or e-mail at info@cantonfoundation.org.

Relay for Life kick-off

The American Cancer Society invites everyone in the Canton community to celebrate cancer survivorship, remember loved ones lost and fight back

against cancer at this year's Relay For Life event. Canton residents will kick off the 10th annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Canton on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Imagine Theater, 39535 Ford Road, Canton.

Residents are invited to attend the kick-off celebration to learn more about Relay For Life and how they can become part of an exciting overnight event that can lead to a cure for cancer.

Relay For Life is the Society's signature event, dedicated to increasing awareness and raising funds to fight cancer. Teams of family, friends and co-workers camp out overnight, taking turns walking the track.

Donations can be made to this local Relay For Life event by visiting www.relayforlife.org. Community members can also start or join a team by following the links to our local Relay event on www.relayforlife.org.

The Relay For Life of Canton will take place on May 17-18 at Heritage Park. For more information on how you can get involved or about the kick-off event, contact Jamie Chapman at (248) 663-3419 or jamie.chapman@cancer.org.

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 who exemplifies the Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self". The public is invited to attend the noon ceremony at Carraba's restaurant located at 1900 N. Haggerty Road in Canton. Lunch will be served.

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 com-

munities. With this award the Canton Rotary Club will recognize a member of the Canton Community whose goals and selfless service are similar to that of the Rotary Community.

Anyone planning to attend the ceremony or interested in learning more about Rotary should contact President Susan Kowalski at (734) 968-1436, or Membership Chair Lisa Kennedy at (734) 454-4058.

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. The theater is interested in exhibiting both local and regional artists in all medias of artwork.

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 that have been recognized for their exceptional talent.

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 Cherry Hill Village on the corner of Cherry Hill and 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.

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, at their adult general meeting, Wednesday March 5.

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.cantonnewcomers.org of this social, civic and charitable organization 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.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA

March 13, 2008

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, March 13, 2008 at 7:00 PM**. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

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

Acceptance of Agenda

1. Bryan Amann, 355 North Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48187, for light industrial property located at 39740 Warren Road, north side of Warren Road between Lotz Road and the train tracks, appealing Buildings and Building Regulations Article V, Section 78-129 (h), fence located in front yard.
Zone LI-1 Light Industrial
Parcel 045 99 0004 000
(Building)

Approval of the February 14, 2008 Minutes

All written comments need to be submitted to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC 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, 2008	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.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK
Charter Township of Canton

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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STOW & GO SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, Notice his hereby given that a public auction will be held at **STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on MARCH 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.**, on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. **CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS ITEMS.**

UNIT #339-JAMES ALTER OF N.W.C. INC., P.O. BOX 512, DEARBORN HTS, MI 48127
Briefcase, Fax, Bags of clothes, approx. 28 boxes, and other misc. items.

UNIT #558-PAUL ACKMAN OF P.O. BOX 700283, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
Chair, Plastic tubs, dresser, suitcase, grill, gas stove, fan, grinder, tool box, boxes, and other misc. items.

UNIT #561-GALE SHOWERS OF 49471 PINE RIDGE CT., PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
TV, (2) Bikes, basketball hoop, clothes, plastic tubs, luggage, Christmas items, and other misc. items.

SALE DATE IS MARCH 28, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

SITE PLAN APPROVAL:

SP 08-02 Penn Grill & Bar
820 Penniman
Proposed 2nd Floor Seating and Bathrooms
Zoned: B-2, Central Business
Applicant: DJ Maltese Consulting, LLC

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans with disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

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Big Irish party to raise funds for St. Patrick's Parade

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Mike Kelly promises the Sunday, Feb. 24, fund-raiser for the St. Patrick's Day Parade will not only showcase the best Irish entertainment but traditional fare such as corned beef and cabbage.

Kelly's family comes from County Cork so it's no surprise that he's been going to the parade since he was pushed in a stroller.

He grew up celebrating the day at Mass at St. Mary's of Redford. Now he co-chairs the fund-raiser with his wife Maureen, a Collins with ancestors from County Clare.

"It's going to be a great Irish day for the family," said Kelly of Livonia. Kelly is also co-chairman of the 50th parade which takes place Sunday, March 16. "People can meet 2008 Grand Marshal Patrick O'Hara and the Maid of Erin and her Court, and the Court of St. Brigid. Irish entertainers donate their time to this great cause."

Brian Bonner has played the fund-raiser for the last 30 years. His band Arranmore is named after a part of Ireland that his family comes from in County Donegal. Bonner's parents came over from Ireland in the early 1920s. He'll be playing mostly Irish ballads including Home to Donegal, the title



Mike Kelly welcomed Maid of Erin Bridget Belvitch of Livonia and her Court (Megan Henahan, Royal Oak, and Molly Noyes, Bloomfield Hills) to last year's St. Patrick's Parade Fund-raiser.

of a CD he made a couple of years ago. Joining him are Bob Paige, drums, and Mick Reid and Will Derry, guitar and vocals. Bonner plays accordion and sings.

"We have continuous entertainment going on in two locations in the building," said Brian Bonner, a former parade grand marshal.

"Each group plays 45 minutes to an hour. The purpose is to make sure we can put the parade on."

It costs about \$30,000 to run the parade so Gerard Smith is hoping "everybody will come down and have a good time." His band, Bill Grogan's Goat, plays at 5 p.m.

The five-piece Celtic rock band is named after an old folk song his granddad sang to him all the time.

In addition to Smith who plays electric mandolin and guitar, concertina and Irish Bouzouki, the band is composed of Jude Closson, drums; Terry Murphy, vocals, guitar, banjo and tin whistle; Dean Western, bass, and Norman Rosenbaum, guitar.

"We played at the fund-raiser last year," said Gerard Smith. "It's a big party where all the people in the Irish community who haven't seen everybody since last fall see them again before the parade. It's a good day for the family."

Deadline Monday for video contest

The deadline to register your high school team for the Buddy's Pizza/Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers public service video contest is 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25.

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.

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Each school can submit only one video for judging.

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.



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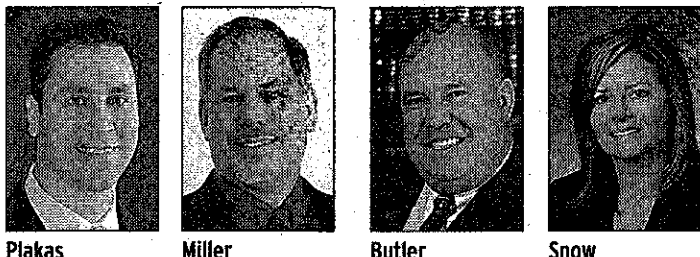
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Snow appears to have the support of at least some members of the Republican Party. Her Feb. 19 fund-raiser attracted about 150 people, including Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox and his wife, Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, as well as state Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton Township.

"As much as this office is about the law, it's also about people," said Snow, 45. "As a community activist, I've gotten to know a lot about the people of the 35th District, their sense of community and what they expect from their public servants."

"As your judge, I will work hard every day to be a positive role model for our children and



Barone to continue to make our community a safe place to live," she added.

Barone, the most junior of the candidates at age 36, made it known last year he'd be in the race. He's expressed a desire to work with the youth in the community.

"A district judge is in a great position to make a positive impact on the lives of young people," Barone said. "Many times the difference between a young person leading a life of hardship vs. a life of success comes down to choices they make while growing up. A district judge has a great responsi-

bility to reach the young people that come before him or her to positively influence their lives."

Butler said he served his country in the military, and he'd like to end his career in public service.

"Forty years ago I started my adult life in the Coast Guard Academy, and I'd like to end it with service to the community," said Butler, 60, a former military trial judge. "That's a lot of my motivating factor."

"I've had a lot of experiences in both the military and afterward in Michigan's legal system," he added. "I think I've developed a conscience and a judgment that will be beneficial to the community."

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AROUND TOWN

Crop for a Cure
An all day scrapbooking event, Crop for a Cure, will be held 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29, in the gymnasium at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, Garden City. The cost is \$35 per person and includes lunch, dinner, beverages and snacks. Pay by March 20 and receive five free prize tickets for a raffle of scrapbooking and non-scrapping related merchandise. A Close to My Heart consultant will be on site with some cash-and-carry stock and limited supplies for purchase. Registration fee is non-refundable. First come, first serve. For more information, call Dawn Downer at (734) 502-4277 or contact her by e-mail at ddowner@comcast.net. All proceeds will benefit the 2008 Michigan 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk.

Preschool open house
Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, located at 30330 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, hosts an open house 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 11. The preschool offers 3- and 4-year programs. Potty training not required. Certified teacher. For more information, please contact (734) 459-6689 or visit www.academicpathwayspreschool.com.

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Suicide Loss Support Group
New Hope Center for Grief Support

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

is offering an ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. This monthly group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month at the First United Methodist Church in Northville located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road. No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group. For further information about this group or about the many other free, age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call New Hope Center for Grief Support at 248-348-0115 and visit us at www.newhopecenter.net

Gardeners meet
The Gardeners of Northville and Novi meet the second Tuesday of the month September through May at 6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (248) 231-2334 or visit our Web site www.gardeners-northville-novi.org

Travel clinics
When traveling to a foreign country, a vaccination and travel consultation could be just as important as a passport. From diseases you may have already heard of such as hepatitis, to the more exotic illnesses like Japanese encephalitis, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's TravelWise Travel Clinic can provide the vaccinations and information you need to consider. This new service from VNA provides inoculations for many common diseases including influenza, pneumonia, meningitis, tetanus and diphtheria, in addition to vaccinations specific to your travel destinations such as hepatitis A and B and typhoid. Additionally, VNA is a certified provider of the yellow fever vaccine. In order to prepare for VNA's travel consultation, individuals should bring their anticipated travel dates, itinerary and lodging plans. Past immunization records and a list of allergies and current medications will also help. For appointments, cost, on-site clinics and general information, contact the VNA TravelWise Travel Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or visit www.vna.org.

Heartland Hospice
Heartland Hospice, located in Southfield and serving the tri-county area, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to register for volunteer training. Evening and daytime classes are available for anyone interested in being a support person for clients and their families during their end-of-life journey. Office support is also needed. To register, call Mary, (800) 770-9859.

Card party/luncheon
Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon to 3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

Hospice training
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in

Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Literacy Council tutors
The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Toastmasters meet
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Grief support
New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhope-center.net.

Post Polio Clinic
Easily fatigued? New, inexplicable physical complaints? History of paralytic or non-paralytic polio? Contact the Post Polio Clinic, 13850 E. 12 Mile, Warren, or call (586) 778-4505. The clinic sponsors support group meetings the fourth Saturday of every month (March through October) at 4328 Livorno in Troy. For more information you can also call (734) 765-8384.

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Weiss, a mother of four daughters, doesn't have optical insurance and said she decided to cope with the cataracts after she faced obstacles in getting the corrective surgeries financed on her own.

"I was told I didn't qualify for certain programs and I couldn't afford to pay for it myself so I tried to deal with it as best as I could but it broke me emotionally," she said. "I think God let me go as far as I could and then he saved me. This just fell in my lap."

Weiss, who got her left eye treated in November and her right eye done in January, said her vision was restored within an hour of the surgeries.

"I could see again," she said, as her piercing green eyes

welled up with tears. "This whole experience didn't just help (my vision), it allowed me to see the good in the world again. There really is good out there."

Weiss said she and her boyfriend, Brett Neilen, plan on joining the Lions club.

"These people have become a part of my life," she said.

Club members, who took Weiss back and forth to her surgeries, appreciate that she's thankful for their assistance.

"Most of the time, we never hear back from people and that's fine because we don't expect anything," Mott said. "But we are happy about (Weiss)."

The Canton Lions club has more than 50 members and meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the Cherry Hill School House located at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

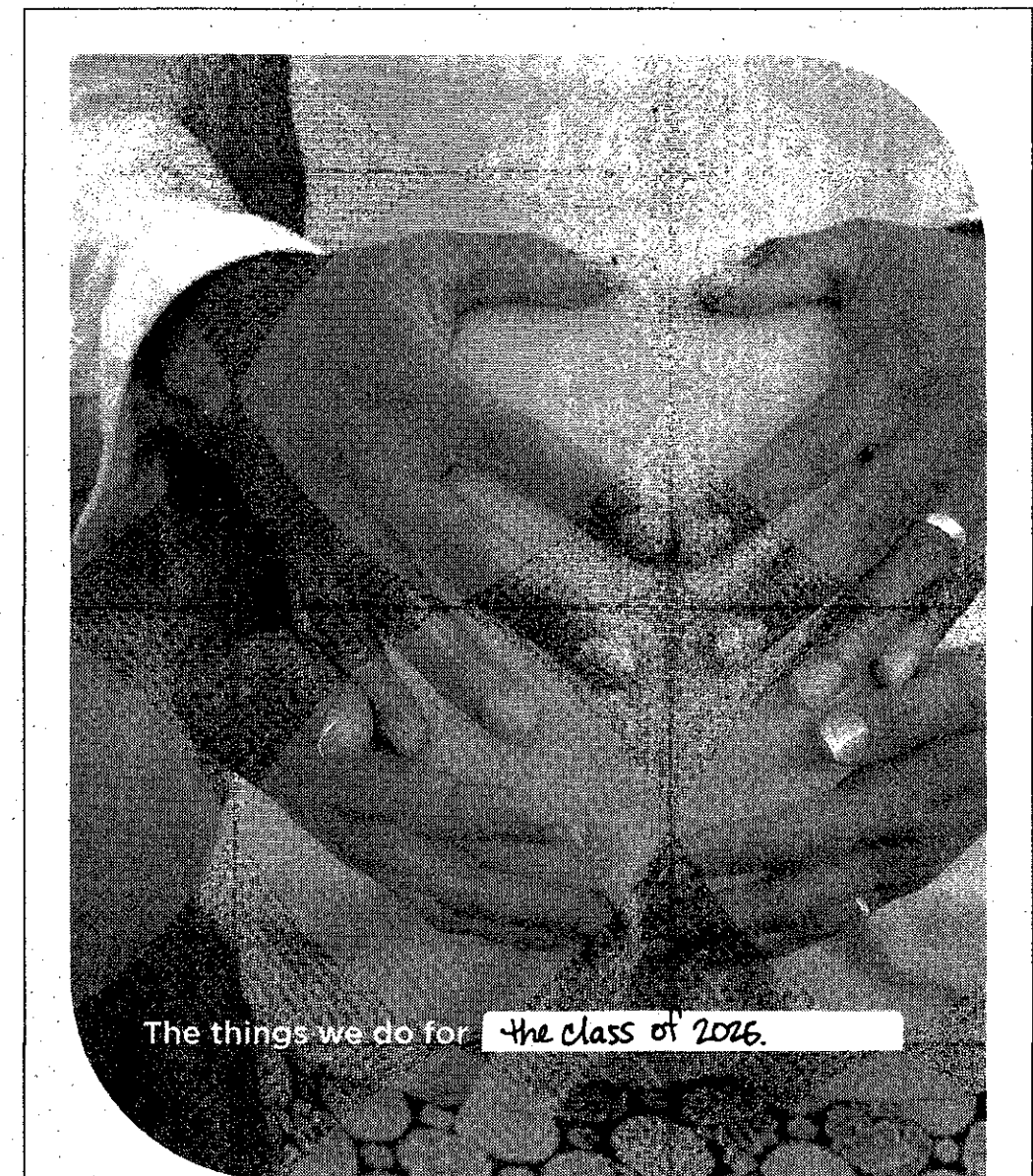
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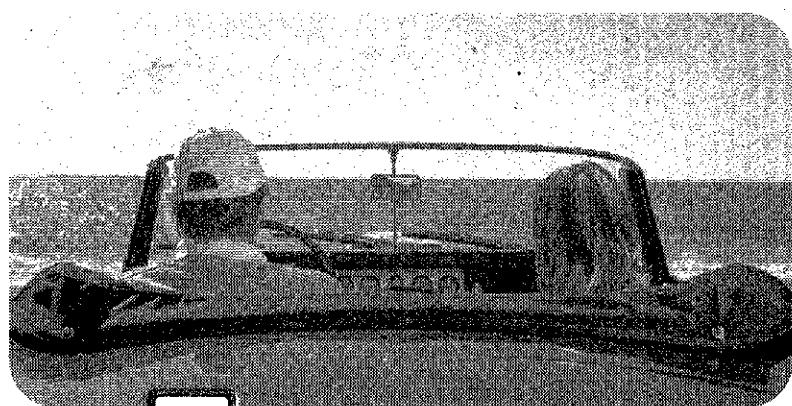
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Growth Works lauds young people, community supporters

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER



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Receiving academic awards for their efforts in obtaining their GED were, from left, Patrick Young, Anthony Tyler, Anton Mills, Nick Jadcak, Julius McCants, Theodore Storm, and Jomiah Washington during the Growth Works Recognition and Awards Dinner held Thursday night at the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth.



Receiving awards for their efforts in the Growth Works program were, from left, Stephanie Watt, James McCormick, Ashley Holland, Linda Langford, and Mariah Mikesell during the during the Growth Works Recognition and Awards Dinner held Thursday night at the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth.

They could have given up on themselves, but they didn't. For their efforts, young men who earned their GEDs were among honorees Thursday at Growth Works' annual dinner.

"What these young men have done is certainly commendable," said master of ceremonies Marc Smith as the honorees assembled in caps and gowns with *Pomp and Circumstance* playing in the background.

Growth Works Inc., serving at-risk youth and their families in western Wayne County, held its 19th annual Recognition & Award Dinner Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Fox Hills Golf & Conference Center. The agency, providing services in the areas of juvenile justice and chemical dependency for more than 35 years, celebrated the achievements of young people and their parents and community members that have contributed to their success.

Honoree Theodore Storm of Canton is now a student at Eastern Michigan University, while honoree Nick Jadcak will enroll in community college. Anthony Taylor of Livonia has been accepted at Delta College in Saginaw. "I want you to stay positive about what you started in these past few months," Growth Works executive director Dale Yagiela told the young people. "What I see today is a lot of promise in you guys. There are going to be times when you get discouraged."

Yagiela urged the young people to remember the Feb. 21 dinner and their recognition.

Youth Program Recognition Awards were received by Stephanie Watt of Dearborn, Mariah Mikesell of Dearborn, Ashley Holland of Westland, James McCormick of Westland and Adam Vega of Beverly Hills for their special achievements and outstanding efforts over the past year. Linda Langford, whose child also receives services, was recognized for her commitment to change while participating in the parent program.

Achievement Awards were presented to a number of youth who received their GEDs while participating in agency programs. They include Patrick Young of Wixom, Jomiah Washington of Redford, Anton Mills of Westland, Theodore Storm of Canton, Julius McCants of Shreveport, La., Anthony Tyler of Livonia and Nick Jadcak of Redford.

Westland resident Holland was lauded for her commitment to recovery. She was brought to Growth Works by her grandmother in October 2005, and later began to make recovery a priority. Holland's made good peer choices, attends AA and has a good relationship with her grandmother. McCormick, also a Westland resident, was cited for helping others in his unit and his dedication to treatment. He's been accepted at Delta College. "I just want to thank Growth Works for always supporting me," said McCormick, who also thanked his group.

GWJ board member Tom Fielder, former mayor of Belleville, received a Community Award for his efforts aimed at improving the lives of young people. Fellow board member Bill Ventola of Plymouth was honored for his role as chair of the Growth Works golf outing for the past 10 years. Master of ceremonies Smith also took a moment in remembrance of Charles "Chuck" Allegrina, a longtime board member and supporter of Growth Works, who died last fall.

Outgoing board member Rita Lowenstein of Plymouth Township was also recognized. Yagiela thanked the board members, noting their significant involvement. "They come because they have their hearts in it," he said of the board members and their expertise. "They keep us honest and they keep us on the straight and narrow."

Yagiela also thanked partners including the Conference of Western Wayne, Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, which helps with residential care for drug treatment, and Wolverine Human Services.

"We have a great staff, a great staff," Yagiela said. "I'm very proud of all of you." Tough economic times have made staffers' jobs even more challenging, he added.

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Photographer sees gradual change for a Cuba without Fidel

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, an ailing Fidel Castro, 81, resigned as president of Cuba, ending almost 50 years as leader of the Caribbean island communist country. Today, the Cuban parliament will select a new leader, probably Castro's brother Raoul, 76, who has been acting as president since Castro fell ill in 2006.

Photographer Jack Kenny, the owner of Quicksilver Photo Service in Plymouth who has traveled to Cuba more than 40 times in the last decade, said Wednesday that any changes in the government would be gradual.

"A year and a half ago, Raoul took over as acting president. In that time he has talked about changing to the China model, which is free-market communism, a contradictory term, but that's what China does and we know what we do with China, our number one trading partner," said Kenny, 63, who lives in Ann Arbor.

Kenny said it is possible that Raoul may move back to his position as leader of the military, opening the way for council vice president Carlos Lage, 56, to move into the political leadership.

"Lage is a good choice and we'll know more on Sunday," Kenny said. "If Raoul is the leader of the country, I think you'll see some changes. But you won't see anything on this side of the border. I don't think he'll do anything drastic. But he's talking about opening up travel for the Cuban people, where they have freedom to come and go, which they don't have now, and expanding private businesses, which they've been doing since the 1990s."

IN LOVE WITH CUBA

Kenny's love affair with Cuba began in 1996, when he was invited to accompany some friends who were shooting a documentary. On that trip, he met Roberto Salas, a noted photographer who has worked with Fidel Castro since 1959.

"I met him the second day I was there, became fast friends, brought some of his pictures back. All my friends loved them, all my revolutionary friends," Kenny said. "They said 'I want to get some of those.' So I started a little enterprise to bring back art and photography and went three more times that year."

Kenny's Quicksilver office is decorated with dramatic, iconic photos by Cuban photographers of boxing champ Rocky Marciano, Ernest Hemingway, Ernesto "Che" Guevara, Fidel Castro and Havana street scenes.

"When I first went, the questions were, 'Aren't you afraid to go? Don't you know you'll be followed everywhere? Don't you think it will be dangerous?' So I went," he said. "When I got there, it was the complete opposite of all the impressions given to me. Not having studied Cuba particularly, it was 180. It was presented as a small island with a dark cloud over it, military oppression. When



Jack Kenny, photographer and owner of Quicksilver Photo Services in Plymouth.

I got there it was a vital place, lots of art and culture."

Kenny, who began taking photographs when he was serving in the army in Vietnam in 1967, said Cuba was an enigma to him. It had good educational and health care systems, but the people lived in poverty. He said some of that is the result of U.S. policies, but some the result of Cuban government actions.

"They are educated, healthy people with no economic opportunities. The average wage is \$20 a month," he said. "But the people were inviting, open, gregarious. As I walked around with my camera, I would be invited into people's houses, invited for a cup of coffee and I didn't speak Spanish at the time."

He began taking pictures of Havana street scenes and scenes from the countryside. He created a Web site, www.cuba-photo.com, to sell his photos and photos by noted Cuban photographers. In 2005, he published a coffee table book of black and white photos, *Cuba* (available from Corazon Press at www.corazonpress.com).

"In 1933, Walker Evans went to Cuba on assignment and did street photography in Cuba

and that book has inspired me," Kenny said. "What I have tried to do is update what he did in the '30s. Several of these photos could be picked up and put into his book and you wouldn't notice the difference."

Kenny also met and fell in love with a Cuban woman. In May 2006, he married Niurka Sanchez Cutino. Last November, Cutino and her 13-year-old son moved to Michigan from Havana and experienced their first snowfall.

Kenny said he hasn't been bothered by the State Department about his travels. He flies from Toronto under a general license as a publisher.

Cuba is a complex problem for the United States, which is home to a large Cuban expatriate community in Florida. They have been strong vocal critics of Castro.

"The problem with the expa-

triate is that the core group left 45 years ago," Kenny said. "They are very disconnected from the country. I've talked to some who don't even know there was a highway built in the country 15 years ago. They are largely a white population, not representative of Cuba and people in Cuba do not respect them or want them back."

Kenny said the U.S. made a mistake in not opening up Cuba long ago.

"Fidel gets all of this power from the embargo. He blames all of his economic woes on the embargo. Most are self-inflicted, but some are from the embargo," Kenny said.

Kenny is also critical of the "One Foot on Dry Land" policy, that allows any Cuban who reaches U.S. soil to remain. He called the policy "propaganda."

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United Way tops goal of \$1.3 million

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

During the current economic times in Michigan, when the unemployment rate in Michigan leads the nation and more and more people are seeking assistance, it has become increasingly difficult for nonprofit agencies to meet fund-raising goals to help those seeking assistance.

However, the Plymouth Community United Way, which also serves Canton, became a bit of an anomaly when officials announced at the group's recent annual meeting it exceeded — albeit by a hair — its \$1.3 million goal by \$283.

"It was a very challenging year, the most challenging we've had in the years I've been at United Way," said President Marie Morrow, who has been with the PCUW since 1983, all but four as president.

The PCUW's top contributor is Johnson Controls of Plymouth Township, followed by Automotive Components Holdings, DTE Energy, General Motors, Shiloh Industries, UAW Local 845, Unisys, United Parcel Service and Visteon Corp.

Other major contributors include Community Financial, Federal Mogul Technical Center, Freudenberg-Nok General Partnership and Metaldyne.

Board chairman Greg Foster said it's a struggle meeting the increasing needs of the community.

"The disaster caused by the Michigan economic downturn is every bit as devastating as any natural disaster, yet there is no federal aid to help cushion it," Foster said.

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United Way campaign honorary chair Chuck Gaidica of Channel 4 hands an award to Destiny Eadie of Belleville during the group's annual meeting.

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By Elena Lombardi

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

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

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith.

"Many people are told by their own doctors that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "We fit special devices to help patients meet their various visual goals."

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

telescopic devices surgeons use during operations," says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are.

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

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

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

Buddy Standafer wearing driving telescopes

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

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

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OUR VIEWS

Call to action for local election

British philosopher Edmund Burke is frequently quoted as saying something like, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

While it is largely considered a warning of the potential misdeeds of government, we see it differently in our local context. While adjusting it to include women, and with the deadline coming quickly for candidates to file to run in local elections, we see Burke's philosophy more as a call to action.

In the Canton area, races are setting up for both the Canton Township board and the 35th District Court. All seven seats are up for grabs in Canton, where at least two incumbents (Supervisor Tom Yack and Trustee Todd LaJoy) won't be running again.

Yack has announced his retirement; LaJoy will seek the 21st District seat in the state House being vacated by his term-limited father, Phil, who has announced he'll seek Yack's seat.

People worried about whether they're qualified need not worry: The only real requirement is that you live in the township, though a healthy knowledge of issues and serious concern for the welfare of your hometown are certainly helpful on the campaign trail.

That kind of love of community has provided Canton Township with long-serving trustees such as Yack, elected in November 1988; Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, appointed to the board in January 1988 and elected treasurer in November that year; Trustee Melissa McLaughlin, elected in November 1992; and Clerk Terry Bennett, who won a special election to fill a vacancy in April 1995.

Say what you will about any of them, but that kind of long-term service is admirable, and anyone thinking about getting involved would do well to emulate them. Anyone who's been thinking about running who wants to jump in has to file at the Canton Township clerk's office by May 13.

There's also a wide-open race for an open seat on the 35th District Court, which serves the Plymouths, the Northvilles and Canton, created by the retirement of Chief Judge John MacDonald.

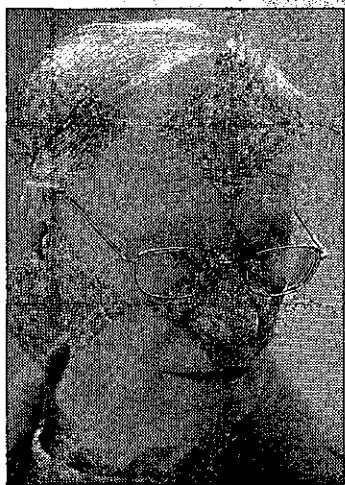
Competition is expected to be fierce, with three candidates — Northville lawyer Martha Snow and Plymouth attorneys Joe Barone and Cam Miller — already having said they'll run. Surely other candidates will throw their hats in the ring (by the way, if you want to run you have to file with the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections by April 29).

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"Yes. I am going back to school."
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LETTERS

Johnson doing disservice

Catherine Johnson is performing a disservice to the Canton community by staying on as a Planning Commission member.

Is it her intention to force Tom Yack into a public hearing? I can predict that the public hearing will only reinforce negative stereotypes of races/religions and the outcome shall be the firing of Ms. Johnson.

It is sad that Ms. Johnson chose to elevate a zoning issue into a religious one due to her public remarks about the Hindu faithful.

Rajeev Ramanan
Canton

Experience more important than hope

Hope is not a presidential platform. In reading *The*

Audacity of Hope, I grew very concerned at a potential Obama presidency. This light, uplifting but low-calorie book screamed of a lack of experience.

One can hope that he will not make the same mistakes of a JFK (Bay of Pigs, escalating the arms race, venturing into Vietnam, sex scandals, the Cuban missile crisis, etc.) due to his lack of experience or others' perceptions of that actual lack, should he become president. Here's hoping.

Edward A. Johnson Jr.
Royal Oak

No to McCain

This is addressed to the conservative readers.

Eight years ago I got fooled by John McCain but not this time. I was also frustrated that we were treated as idiots by the Republican Party; some "good ole boys" got together in Texas and decided

"W" was just what the country needed and I wanted to see a race, so I voted for McCain.

Two events have shaped my negative opinion.

First, no matter how hard the fight, both parties normally "kiss and make up" after an election. Everyone else did as Bush took the White House but McCain actively tried to sabotage everything he could those first years.

That soured me on McCain, but the second event is a show-stopper.

Like a lot of Americans, I want to see an end to the illegal invasion from Mexico. I have three spouses to my children who are legal immigrants, and I even worked (with) one personally when my son was injured. When you know how tough and expensive it is — you have little patience for sneak-ins.

If you have not read the

McCain/Kennedy-sponsored Immigration Law you should — it will make you sick and then very mad. It would end any attempt to control our southern border, put illegals ahead of Hispanics trying to immigrate legally, give them perks citizens don't have, and that's just the start. They would open the doors to any woman or teenager in the world who felt threatened, and give special treatment to Poles!

The Poles coming to Detroit are well-educated, they don't need any special treatment. The whole bill smells like two old duffers sitting around a whiskey bottle trying to outdo each other in giveaways. The result is so putrid you can't stand the smell, nor the authors.

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IRS won't allow you to apply rebate to taxes you owe

Dear Rick: I completed my 2007 tax return and I owe money. I want to apply the tax rebate to the taxes I owe. Can I do it and if yes, how?

Unfortunately, you cannot offset your tax liability with the rebate. What you need to do is file your return and pay your taxes. If necessary, borrow the money from another source and when you receive a rebate later this year settle up your accounts.

The government will begin issuing rebate checks in May and will probably continue sometime into the summer.

Although there are no forms to complete to get the rebate (it is done automatically), it is



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

important to file a 2007 return. You will not get a rebate until you file a 2007 tax return. Therefore, if you file for an extension, it will delay when you receive your tax refund.

Although I could not confirm this with the IRS, I believe if you electronically file a 2007 tax return, your rebate check also will be directly deposited into your bank account.

In addition, the IRS has not issued any rules as to

whether taxpayers who owe money to the IRS will get that rebate, or whether the money will be withheld.

One last note regarding the rebate. The rules are still somewhat unclear for some individuals who do not have to file tax returns but who are eligible for a rebate. If you're in this category, contact the IRS.

Dear Rick: A group of friends meet every quarter to discuss our investments. A few of us have our money professionally managed and an issue has come up with regard to fees. I pay 1.5 percent in management fees. I recently found out in addition to management fees, I am

paying commissions on many funds. When I asked my advisor about this, his explanation was less than convincing. I generally like my advisor, however, now I'm not so sure. What should I do?

I congratulate you and your friends for spending time to discuss investing. I believe the more you know the better. Even if you use a professional advisor, it is important to be informed.

My philosophy with any professional - lawyer, doctor or financial advisor - is you must have trust and confidence in them. If you can't count on them to give you straight-forward answers, particularly about fees, it's probably an

indication you should move on.

Having money professionally managed is something more and more people are doing because it is difficult to stay current with investments.

The theory behind professional management is that the advisor establishes a game plan then watches and manages the portfolio for a fee.

The manager, since he/she is receiving a fee, should be independent of the investments and make decisions good for you - the client.

In regard to fees. The standard is generally a certain percent of the money under management. The

norm is around one percent.

When you pay a fee to have your money professionally managed, why should there be commissions paid in addition? I believe it is double dipping.

A true professional has no problem discussing fees. When it comes to handling your money, if you pay for the service, make sure you pay for a professional.

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

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Chiefs snap, crackle, pop Regional foes

BY ED WRIGHT
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Much like the face on the life-sized cardboard cut-out image of coach Casey Randolph that was propped up beside its bench, the Canton wrestling team never lost its intensity during Wednesday night's Division 1 Regional tournament at Novi High School.

As a result of their relentless tenacity, the Chiefs are headed to the D1 state finals in Battle Creek for the second time in the past three years.

Working in machine-like fashion, Canton (26-7) knocked off conference rival Livonia Franklin, 49-20, in a semifinal showdown before derailing Novi, 47-15, in the final match.

Canton will face No. 1-ranked Davison (31-1) in a quarterfinal tilt set for Friday, Feb. 29, at 5:30 p.m. at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

The Chiefs were ranked No. 10 in Division 1 in the latest *Michigan Grappler* rankings.

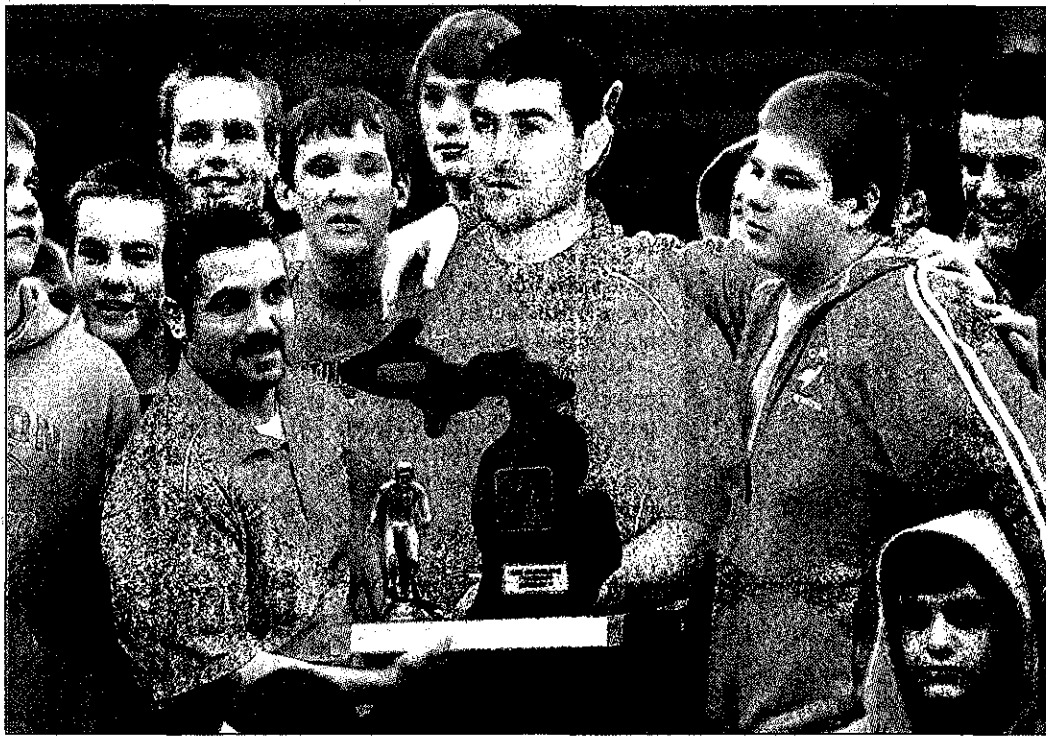
Randolph was suspended for the 2008 postseason after attending an offseason senior national event that one of his former wrestlers was competing in. He can still run practices.

Although he wasn't in attendance Wednesday night, Randolph still had an impact on his on-a-roll contingent.

"The kids were very inspired to get Casey a victory tonight," said Canton interim head coach Mike Pantaleo. "He's our leader; he's the one who's shown us the way. We dedicated tonight's wins to him."

"Everybody in this program has been building up to this moment all season. Ever since our pre-season conditioning started, these kids have put their whole hearts into it. They believe in the coaching staff, they believe in themselves and they're putting it all together right now."

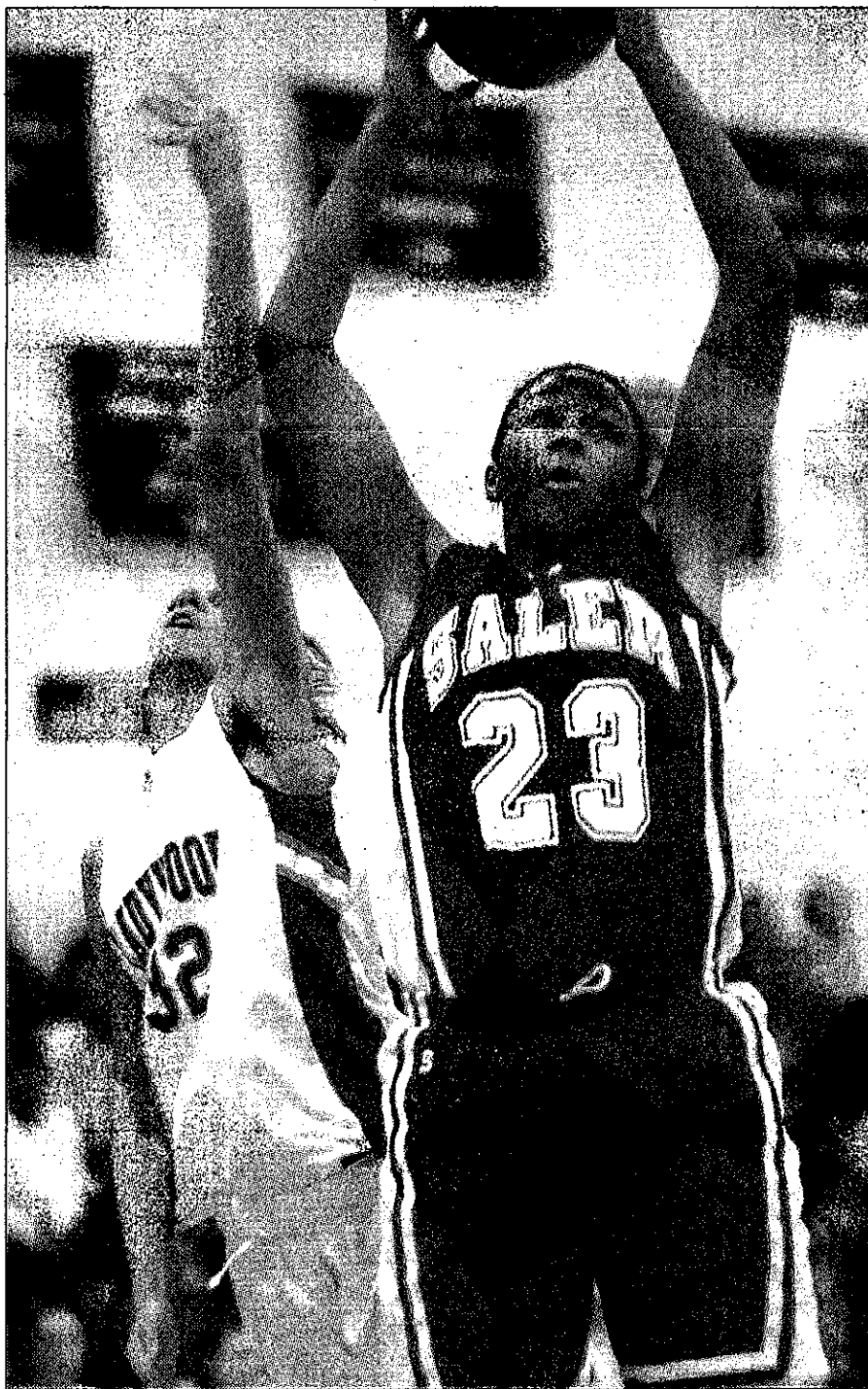
In the much-anticipated semifinal match, Franklin jumped to

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ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Members of Canton's wrestling team surround the cardboard cut-out of coach Casey Randolph moments after the Chiefs captured their second Division 1 Regional title in three years at Novi High School. Randolph cannot coach during the post-season due to a 2007 infraction.

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 47, SALEM 32



Salem's Sara Stone pulls down a rebound over Ladywood's Jenna Anastos during Friday night's Class A district final in the Blazers' gym. Ladywood won, 47-32.

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Salem's Chelsea Davis (left) defends Ladywood's Alex Serowoky during Friday night's Class A District final.

ROCKY ROAD

Blazers' defense stymies Salem shooters in Class A District final

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Arguably the toughest Class A girls basketball district in the state was won Friday night with arguably the best defensive effort in the state.

In a battle of top 10-ranked teams, host Livonia Ladywood applied the defensive clamps on the Rocks early and often to claim a 47-32 victory.

The 20-3 Blazers earned a berth in next week's regional semifinal showdown

against North Farmington at Walled Lake Western High School. The game is set to tip off at 8 p.m.

Salem capped its brilliant season with a 20-3 mark.

The tournament included three conference champions — Ladywood (Catholic League-Central Division), Salem (WLAA) and Novi (KVC) — who entered the postseason with a combined record of 52-8.

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Dedication helps Darolfi reach the century mark

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Not even an American Express card would pay the membership fees in the exclusive club Plymouth wrestler Vince Darolfi joined earlier this year.

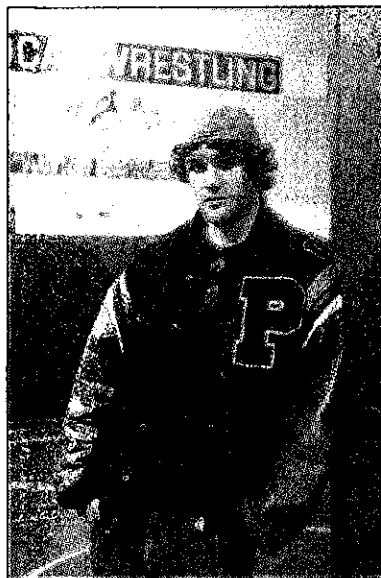
No, it takes four years' worth of non-monetary intangibles like perseverance, diligence and unyielding dedication to secure a seat in the "100 Victory Club" — an elite status all high school grapplers yearn for, but only a few manage to attain.

Darolfi's career came to a premature halt at last weekend's Division 1 Individual District competition, but not before he established himself as one of

the school's all-time winningest grapplers.

Darolfi notched his 100th win in a 42-second pin at the prestigious Observerland Tournament on Jan. 26. Later that day he came within one point of winning the 189-pound title, falling to Livonia Franklin's highly regarded Dan Woodall, 9-8.

"Reaching 100 career wins is what I'm most proud of in my career because I proved to myself I could accomplish a high goal," Darolfi said. "I like wrestling because it's an individual thing — you only have yourself to rely on when you're winning and yourself to

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth wrestler Vince Darolfi closed his high school career as one of the Wildcats' all-time winningest performers.

Hockey teams set for the post-season

The three P-CEP boys hockey teams will begin post-season play Monday (Canton and Plymouth) and Tuesday (Salem) nights.

On Monday in a Division 2 pre-Regional contest, Plymouth will take on Canton at 7 p.m. at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia. The winner will play Wednesday at 7 p.m. against Livonia Franklin. The victor of Wednesday's game will move on to the Regional final Saturday, March 1, at 6:30 at the Novi Ice Arena against the Novi pre-Regional winner.

Salem will tangle with state-ranked Livonia Churchill in a Division 1 pre-Regional game set to face off at 8 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The winner will play Thursday at 8:30 p.m. against the winner of Tuesday's Livonia Stevenson Redford Unified contest.

Sneakiness

What a comeback!

The Our Lady of Good Counsel varsity No. 2 boys basketball team pulled off a rally for the ages on Sunday, Feb. 17, against Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows.

OLGC trailed 27-5 at halftime before storming back to post a 45-43 victory. The 22-point comeback was extra amazing considering the game featured six-minute quarters.

David Houle led the winners with 21 points — 19 of which came in the second half. Garrett Moores added 10 and Alex Loveland poured in nine, including the two difference-making free throws with 10 seconds left.

"This was the absolute most amazing game I've ever been associated with," said OLGC coach Bob Loveland.

The Crusaders, who finished 7-6 overall and 4-2 in their league, consist of the following players: Cole Forfinski, Sawyer Srpyszak, Matt Solarz, Brad Nelson, Mark Bellemare, Kevin Williams, Houle, Loveland, Garrett Moores, Ryan Keast and Sean Yanik. The team is coached by Bob Loveland, Guy Bellemare and Bernie Wrocklage.

Cope selected

Salem junior Kevin Cope, 16, was recently named to Disney's Soccer Showcase All-Star team, which will travel to England this summer to compete against teams from across the world.

Cope, a member of the Michigan Wolves 92 team, was among 18 players invited by English Premier League team Chelsea Football Club to train and compete at the club's world-class facilities near London. The All-Star team, comprised of players from across the United States, will compete in the inaugural Chelsea FC Youth Cup in August of 2008.

Players were selected based on their performances at Disney's Soccer Showcase, the premier youth soccer tournament in the United States.

Coaches: Please report results

Area high school coaches are encouraged to report their scores to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright. Results can be phoned in to (734) 953-2108; e-mailed to ewright@hometownlife.com; or faxed to (734) 591-7279. The deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at 11 p.m.; the deadline for Thursday editions is Tuesday at 11 p.m.

Rocks tame Wildcats in District semifinals

Sophomore forward Sara Stone netted 14 points and six rebounds to lead Salem's girls basketball team to a come-from-behind 41-28 victory over Novi in a Class A District semifinal contest played Wednesday night at Livonia Ladywood High School.

Salem trailed 18-13 at the half and 20-13 early in the third quarter before reeling off a 14-2 run. The Rocks made all

seven of their fourth-quarter shots. "We were getting some good shots in the first half, but the ball wasn't falling for us," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We shot very well in the second half and got very-balanced scoring."

Senior guard Alaya Mitchell added 10 points and six assists; junior forward Victoria Brotz contributed 10 points; Chelsea

Davis tallied two points and 14 rebounds; and Brett deBear scored five points.

Caroline Johnson led the Wildcats with 13.

Novi led 13-8 after one quarter and 18-13 at the break before Salem stormed back to seize a 27-22 lead heading into the fourth.

Salem made 7-of-10 free throws; the Wildcats were 5-of-10 from the stripe.

The Blazers padded their lead to 26-15 with 4:35 to go in the third quarter on an Anastos fast-break layup, but Salem whittled its deficit down to 32-25 at the end of the quarter thanks a steal-and-layup from Stone.

Salem drew to within 32-26 19 seconds into the fourth quarter on a Mitchell free throw, but that's as close as it got.

"We were still right there, only down six in the fourth quarter," said Thomann. "If we make the next basket, we have a shot. Well, we never made the next basket."

Ladywood shot well from the floor, sinking 18-of-38 attempts (47.3 percent), but struggled from the free-throw line (7-of-16).

The Rocks sizzled from the stripe, canning 11-of-13 (84.6).

"We had a great season," said Thomann. "We ended up 20-3, won our conference, we won our division and we played in the District championship game with a chance to move on. And we did it with one senior, two juniors and two sophomores."

"We won a lot of close games and we won some games with magnificent comebacks. It was a fun season."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 53, PCA 41: In a Class D district semifinal Wednesday, Lutheran High Westland (15-5) relied on the one-two punch of Allyson Yankee and Becca Refenes to beat Plymouth Christian Academy (9-11) at Huron Valley Lutheran.

Yankee tallied a game-high 24 points, including 12-of-14 free throws in the final quarter. Refenes added 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Warriors.

Meghan Polera, who keyed fourth-quarter run which sliced the deficit to 39-33, scored 17 to lead the Eagles. Sara Ross added 11.



Salem's Victoria Brotz (right) defends a shot attempt by Ladywood's Caitlin Szczypka during Friday night's Class A District final.

Salem's Sara Stone closed out her sophomore season in fine style with team highs in points (10) and rebounds (11).

Brett deBear scored five points for the Rocks before leaving with an apparent eye injury with 3:38 remaining in the contest.

"I give a lot of credit to Ladywood," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "Their No. 42 (Serowoky) got off against us a little bit and they knocked down a number of three-point shots. They were a hard cover for us."

Both teams came out firing on all cylinders in the first quarter, which ended with the Blazers ahead, 11-9.

Ladywood amped up its defensive effort in the second stanza as it held the Rocks to 1-of-7 shooting.

HOOPS

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The usually hot-shooting Rocks connected on just 10-of-38 field goals (26.3 percent) against Ladywood's relentless defense that was about as easy to penetrate as barbed wire.

The Blazers forced the Rocks into 16 turnovers, 10 of which came in the momentum-changing second quarter when Ladywood outscored Salem 9-4.

"No. 1, we wanted to keep (Alaya) Mitchell in front of us and I thought we did a pretty good job of keeping her from getting to the basket," said Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski, whose squad held the Rocks' biggest offensive threat to nine points. "I thought Mary Fitzgerald did an outstanding job on Mitchell. And our help defense was good on the times we did get beat."

Ladywood senior Alex Serowoky was a force at both ends of the court. She netted a game-high 22 points and nine rebounds and was the Blazers' primary help defender.

Just as importantly, Serowoky drew two early fouls on Chelsea Davis, who was mired in foul trouble the entire game until eventually fouling out with 4:40 left.

"Alex was more assertive tonight than I've seen her in a long time," Gorski said, smiling. "She likes to pass, but we'd like to see her be a little bit more of a ball hog. She was tonight, thank goodness."

Caitlin Szczypka and Jenna Anastos both added six points while Alison Szczypka added five.

Wolverine cagers clinch MIAC Red

Canton Agape's boys basketball team clinched the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division title Thursday night with a rousing 63-31 victory over Ypsilanti Calvary Christian. The win improved the Wolverines' conference record to 8-2.

Ty Majeski led the winners with 17 points. Mark Mullett and Joel Ruffin both contributed 12 points while Jared Miller added 10.

Agape led 24-13 after one quarter, 33-21 at the half and 45-29 with eight minutes to play.

"Our defensive pressure led to a lot of fast-breaks at the other end," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "We were in charge throughout the entire game."

Class A District 25 at Novi H.S.
Monday, 5 p.m. - (A) Plymouth vs. Salem;
Monday, 7 p.m. - (B) Canton vs. Novi;
Wednesday, 5 p.m. - Detroit Catholic Central vs. (A) winner;
Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Northville vs. (B) winner;
Friday, 7 p.m. - Championship game.
Class D District 106 at PCA
Monday, 6 p.m. - (A) Lutheran Westland vs. Detroit Westside Christian;
Tuesday, 6 p.m. - (B) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Plymouth Christian;
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - (C) Redford Covenant vs. Detroit Urban Lutheran;
Thursday, 6 p.m. - Detroit West Village vs. (A) winner;
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. - (B) winner vs. (C) winner;
Friday, 7 p.m. - Championship game.

The Wolverines open District play Monday at Wyandotte Mt. Carmel High School against Newport Lutheran South. A win would catapult them into

Wednesday night's semifinal against Taylor Light & Life Christian, which drew a first-round bye.

The other side of the bracket features a first-round showdown between Taylor Baptist Park and Wyandotte Mt. Carmel. The winner will play Allen Park Inter-City Baptist in Wednesday's other semifinal contest.

Terry sparks Whalers' victory

Chris Terry scored two goals and set up the equalizer with 0:25 left in regulation, then scored the deciding goal in a shootout as the Plymouth Whalers defeated the Brampton Battalion, 7-6, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before 2,641 at CompUware Arena.

Plymouth improves to 32-22-2-2, good for 68 points and fifth seed in the Western Conference playoff race.

Brampton is now 35-20-1-3, good for 74 points and second seed in the Eastern Conference playoff race.

Besides Terry's pair (team-leading 38th and 39th of the year), Vern Cooper scored twice (15th and 16th) and A.J. Jenks (25th) and Ryan Hayes (9th) one each for the Whalers.

Six different players scored for Brampton — Kyle DeCoste (9th), Jason Dale

(9th), Thomas Stajan (23rd), Cody Hodgson (team-leading 36th), Graham McNabb (16th) and Bobby Sanguinetti (23th).

Brampton came back from deficits of 1-0, 3-1 and 5-3 and took the lead at 6-5 with 1:17 remaining in regulation, only to see Cooper tie the game at 19:35 and Terry win the game in a shootout.

Plymouth led 1-0 after one period and 3-2 after 40 minutes. Brampton outscored Plymouth, 4-3, in a wild third period.

Cooper scored a short-handed goal and his first of the night at 15th of the year at 1:33 of the period when he scored on a breakaway.

After Stajan scored for Brampton at 2:34, but Terry restored Plymouth's two-goal bulge at 5-3 when he buried a shot from the lower rim of the right circle.

Hodgson scored for

Brampton at 13:22 with a shot from the right circle and McNabb tied the game at 5-5 in a scramble in front of the Plymouth goal.

Sanguinetti gave Brampton their first lead at 6-5 at 18:43 when he snapped a shot from the slot past Whalers goaltender Jeremy Smith, but Cooper tied the game in a scramble in front of the Brampton goal when he scored from the right hashmark.

After a scoreless overtime, Terry scored his league-leading fifth shootout goal of the year when he skated in on Brampton goaltender Patrick Killeen and — after several fakes — stuffed the puck past the Battalion goaltender.

Jenks sealed the win when he scored top-shelf past Killeen. Smith faced Brampton's Luke Lynes (who shot the puck wide) and then stopped Sanguinetti to preserve the victory.

Livonia Blue takes WLAA gymnastics title

Local finishers: Salem 4th, Canton 5th, Plymouth 10th

The top three teams at Thursday's Western Lakes Activities Association gymnastics conference meet at Hartland High School were separated by the width of a balance beam.

When the final points were tallied, Livonia Blue was crowned champion with 142.475 points, Northville was second with 141.250 and Livonia Red was third with 140.150.

Salem placed fourth with 138.725, Canton was fifth with 138.300 and Plymouth was 10th with 118.425.

Livonia Blue excelled in the floor exercise (36.700) and bars (34.750), the two events in which it placed first. The Mustangs took first in the beam (35.400) while Livonia Red earned the top spot on the vault.

"We were without Cathy Huang, but we still had an excellent showing," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "Robyn Piwowar took first place in the Western Division on vault. Mallory Hudak (Division 2) and Jessie Murray (Division 1) both took second on floor."

Red's Paula Guzik won the all-around with a score of 37.175. Rounding out the top five spots were Blue's Emily Quint (36.450), Salem's Katie Koetting (36.400), Northville's Cassidy Winter (36.350) and Canton's Jessie Murray (36.300).

Northville won the regular-season title with a 10-0 record.

WLAA GYMNASTICS MEET

THURSDAY AT HARTLAND H.S.

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Blue, 142.475; 2. Northville, 141.250; 3. Livonia Red, 140.150; 4. Salem, 138.725; 5. Canton, 138.300; 6. Walled Lake Northern, 136.075; 7. Howell, 132.075; 8. Walled Lake Central, 131.675; 9. Brighton, 126.800; 10. Plymouth, 118.425; 11. Hartland, 86.850.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

DIVISION 1

VAULT: 1. Katie Koetting (S), 9.550; 2. Paula Guzik (LR), 9.450; 3. Emily Quint (LB), 9.350; 4. Alicia DiMauro (LR), 9.325; 5. Taylor Meredyk (WLC), 9.200; 6. (tie) Meghan Powers (LB) and Robyn Piwowar (C), 9.150; 8. Jessie Murray (C), 9.050; 9. Kelly Charniga (LB), 8.950; 10. Alexis Johnson (HWL), 8.90.

UNEVEN BARS:

1. Paula Guzik (LR), 9.350; 2. Liz Sommer (WLN), 9.300; 3. Paula Guzik (LR), 9.200; 4. Robyn Piwowar (C), 9.100; 5. Autumn Collins (S), 8.850; 6. Katie Koetting (S), 8.750; 7. Jessie Murray (C), 8.700; 8. Alicia DiMauro (LR), 8.650; 9. Emily Quint (LB), 8.625; 10. Meghan Powers (LB), 8.40.

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Emily Quint (LB), 9.625; 2. Jessie Murray (C), 9.550; 3. Katie Koetting (S), 9.350; 4. Paula Guzik (LR), 9.275; 5. Cassidy Winter (N), 9.175; 6. (tie) Alicia DiMauro (LR) and Kelly Charniga (LB), 9.100; 8. Liz Sommer (WLN), 8.925; 9. Taylor Meredyk (WLC), 8.900; 10. Meghan Powers (LB), 8.80.

ALL-AROUND: 1. Paula Guzik (LR), 37.175; 2. Emily Quint (LB), 36.450; 3. Katie Koetting (S), 36.400; 4. Cassidy Winter (N), 36.350; 5. Jessie Murray (C), 36.300; 6. Liz Sommer



Salem's Katerina Kariotis, pictured above in a meet earlier this season, tied for 11th in Division 2 at Thursday's WLAA conference meet.

9.250; 2. (tie) Jessie Murray (C) and Liz Sommer (WLN), 9.000; 4. Meghan Powers (LB), 8.900; 5. Katie Koetting (S), 8.750; 6. (tie) Robyn Piwowar (C) and Cassidy Winter (N), 8.700; 8. Alexis Johnson (HWL), 8.600; 9. Brittany Janis (LB), 8.550; 10. Alicia DiMauro (LR), 8.40.

BALANCE BEAM: 1. Cassidy Winter (N), 9.350; 2. Liz Sommer (WLN), 9.300; 3. Paula Guzik (LR), 9.200; 4. Robyn Piwowar (C), 9.100; 5. Autumn Collins (S), 8.850; 6. Katie Koetting (S), 8.750; 7. Jessie Murray (C), 8.700; 8. Alicia DiMauro (LR), 8.650; 9. Emily Quint (LB), 8.625; 10. Meghan Powers (LB), 8.40.

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Emily Quint (LB), 9.625; 2. Jessie Murray (C), 9.550; 3. Katie Koetting (S), 9.350; 4. Paula Guzik (LR), 9.275; 5. Cassidy Winter (N), 9.175; 6. (tie) Alicia DiMauro (LR) and Kelly Charniga (LB), 9.100; 8. Liz Sommer (WLN), 8.925; 9. Taylor Meredyk (WLC), 8.900; 10. Meghan Powers (LB), 8.80.

ALL-AROUND: 1. Paula Guzik (LR), 37.175; 2. Emily Quint (LB), 36.450; 3. Katie Koetting (S), 36.400; 4. Cassidy Winter (N), 36.350; 5. Jessie Murray (C), 36.300; 6. Liz Sommer

(WLN), 35.625; 7. Alicia DiMauro (LR), 35.475; 8. Meghan Powers (LB), 35.250; 9. Robyn Piwowar (C), 35.050; 10. Taylor Meredyk (WLC), 34.500.

DIVISION 2

VAULT: 1. Allison Kemp (N), 9.275; 2. (tie) Hannah Saarinen (WLN) and Margarita Lazarevska (LR), 9.050; 4. Laura Nomura (LB), 9.000; 5. (tie) Katerina Kariotis (S) and Kelly Tapella (LB), 8.950; 7. Tiffany Wysocki (B), 8.900; 8. Monica Cauley (HWL), 8.800; 9. Amy O'Brien (N), 8.750; 10. Jamie Marrihugh (LR), 8.700.

UNEVEN BARS: 1. Hannah Saarinen (WLN), 9.350; 2. Allison Kemp (N), 9.050; 3. Jordan Brodeh (P), 8.900; 4. Tatiana Palafox (WLC), 8.750; 5. Julie Davison (N), 8.650; 6. Monica Cauley (HWL), 8.600; 7. Kelly Tapella (LB), 8.450; 8. (tie) Laura Nomura (LB) and Brittany Young (S), 8.350; 10. (tie) Amy Reynolds (N) and Amy O'Brien (N), 8.200.

BALANCE BEAM: 1. Allison Kemp (N), 9.400; 2. Laura Nomura (LB), 8.850; 3. Jordan Brodeh (P), 8.825; 4. Carley Lukas (LB), 8.700; 5. Amy Reynolds (N), 8.550; 6. Mallory Hudak (C), 8.500; 7. (tie) Brittany Young (S) and Chelsea Foss (WLC), 8.450; 9. (tie) Jamie Marrihugh (LR) and Alicia Potchynok (WLC), 8.350.

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Monica Cauley (HWL), 9.350; 2. Mallory Hudak (C), 9.150; 3. Katie Bridges (LB), 9.075; 4. (tie) Allison Kemp (N) and Katerina Kariotis (S), 9.000; 6. Hannah Saarinen (WLN), 8.975; 7. Laura Nomura (LB), 8.900; 8. Caileigh Deacon (N), 8.850; 9. Shannon Slayton (WLN), 8.800; 10. (tie) Tatiana Palafox (WLC) and Brittany Swazey (LR), 8.750.

ALL-AROUND: 1. Allison Kemp (N), 36.725; 2. Hannah Saarinen (WLN), 35.675; 3. Laura Nomura (LB), 35.100; 4. Monica Cauley (HWL), 35.050; 5. Jordan Brodeh (P), 34.525; 6. Mallory Hudak (C), 34.350; 7. Katerina Kariotis (S), 34.250; 8. Brittany Young (S), 34.000; 9. Tatiana Palafox (WLC), 33.800; 10. Julie Davison (N), 33.700.



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Plymouth icers fall to Spartans

Mike Voran scored a pair of goals Wednesday as host Livonia Stevenson, ranked No. 1 in Division 1, defeated Plymouth, 5-2, in the second-place WLAA crossover at Edgar Arena.

Stevenson improved to 21-1-2 while the Wildcats slipped to 13-9-2.

Stevenson led 3-1 after one period.

At 7:58, R.J. Kierdorf scored from Ryan Baratono and Cole

Rochowiak. Voran followed at 12:39 from Sean Lerg and Tyler Vines and just 57 seconds later Ian Curran scored from Ian Montgomery and Marc Villaire.

Jerry Pitts scored for Plymouth at the 13-minute mark of the first period, while Jake Jossey (from Steve Smith and Kyle Rockov) added the Wildcats' second goal at 8:34 of the second period.

Ryan Schultz was in goal

during the first period for the Wildcats before being replaced by Christian Blick.

Baratono scored for the Spartans 58 seconds into the third and Voran notched his second from John Vella just 36 seconds later.

Plymouth goaltender Ryan Schultz stopped 42-of-47 Stevenson shots, while counterpart Pat McHugh had to make just 13 saves.

CHIEFS

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a 16-9 lead on a Dan Woodall pin at 189 pounds. However, the Chiefs rebounded to take the next three decisions — Dan Wanshon's 10-3 triumph over Cody Hay at 215, Luke Konsitzke's 5-2 decision over fellow heavyweight Michael Modes Jr. and Walled Faraj's pin of Steven Tuyu at 103 — to forge a 21-16 lead.

Jared Pieknik registered a 15-1 major-decision victory over Connor Johnson at 112 to bring the Patriots to within 21-20, but Canton's 119-pound Carl Lucke rocked Franklin's hopes when he pinned Justin Jacobsen at 3:53.

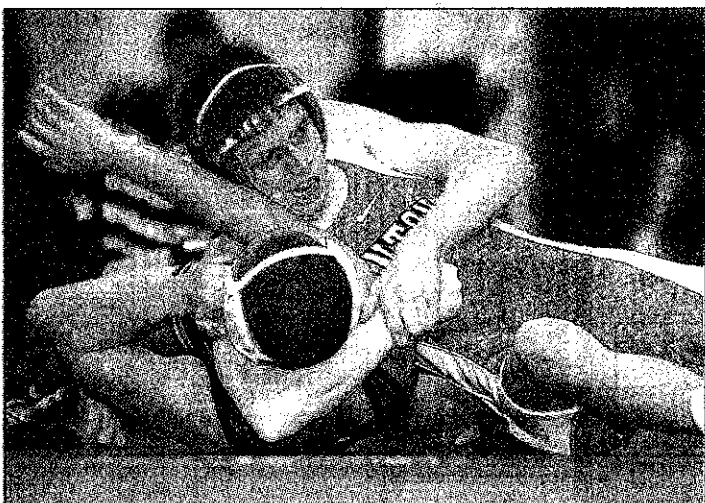
"We had a lot of big wins tonight, but Carl's was the one that kind of set us off," said Pantaleo. "We caught fire after that pin."

Franklin coach Dave Chiola was less-than-thrilled with his team's mental preparedness during Wednesday's match. "Nobody came to wrestle except for maybe two kids," Chiola lamented. "Whatever the reason — they don't want to go to the state meet, they were nervous or they're getting bad coaching — they weren't ready. They're never ready."

Chiola said his team's seemingly small 21-20 deficit through the first nine matches was deceptive.

"We needed to be up about 31-15 at that point to have a chance," he said. "All of our strength was early on."

Canton rolled in the final four matches thanks to strong efforts from Donnie Watkins (125), Jeremy Filippelli (130)



Canton's Connor Johnson (top) defeated Novi's Beau Bielski 10-3 in the 112-pound match of Wednesday's Division 1 Regional final at Novi High School.

and Steve Cox (135).

Franklin voided 140.

The Chiefs trailed Novi, 9-6, early on before winning eight of the final 10 matches.

Highlights of the title-clinching win included Konsitzke's 42-second pin at 285; Johnson's 10-3 decision over Beau Bielski at 112; and Rodger Kropp's thrilling 6-5 victory over Joe Pritchard at 171.

Kropp trailed 5-4 with 22 seconds left when he registered a two-point take-down.

CANTON 49

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 20

WEDNESDAY AT NOVI

145 pounds: Braden Price (C) pinned Brandon Billiau in 1:13;
152: Elvin Ferreira (LF) won by major decision over Anthony Abro, 12-3;
160: Don Stratz won by disqualification;
171: Rodger Kropp (C) dec. Garrett Hay (LF), 10-6;
189: Dan Woodall (LF) pinned Adam Powers in 4:22;
215: Dan Wanshon (C) dec. Cody Hay, 10-3;
285: Luke Konsitzke (C) dec. Mike Modes, 5-2;
103: Waleed Faraj (C) pinned Steven Tuyu

in 3:59;

112: Jared Pieknik (LF) won by major decision over Connor Johnson, 15-1;
119: Carl Lucke (C) pinned Justin Jacobsen in 3:53;
125: Donnie Watkins (C) pinned Grant Phillips in 2:33;

130: Jeremy Filippelli (C) won by major decision over Matthew Hintz, 14-2;
135: Steve Cox (C) pinned Nick Clendennin in 1:01;

140: Brent Winekoff (C) won by default.

CANTON 47

NOVI 15

WEDNESDAY AT NOVI

152 pounds: Ryan Thomas (N) won by default;
160: Pat Durocher (C) dec. Luke Maxfield, 11-5;

171: Rodger Kropp (C) dec. Joe Pritchard, 6-5;

189: Ryan Ridenour (N) dec. Adam Powers, 11-6;

215: Dan Wanshon (C) dec. Joey Shada, 8-4;

285: Luke Konsitzke (C) pinned Charles Satterwhite in 42 seconds;

103: Connor Caldwell (N) dec. Waleed Faraj, 7-4;

112: Connor Johnson (C) dec. Beau Bielski, 10-3;

119: Robbie Yusko (N) dec. Carl Lucke, 2-0;

125: Donnie Watkins (C) pinned Ryan Pollard in 1:26;

130: Jeremy Filippelli (C) pinned Clayton Caldwell in 4:07;

135: Steve Cox (C) won by technical fall, 16-1, over Tom Symanski;

140: Brent Winekoff (C) pinned Steve Debono in 30 seconds;

145: Braden Price (C) pinned Aditya Sathi in 3:37.



Local icers "Crush" foes

The Canton Crush Midget A boys hockey team that calls the Arctic Edge home won the Midget A District 4 championship Feb. 10 by defeating the Orchard Lake Pirates, 5-4. The victory qualified the Crush for the Midget A state tournament set for March 7-9 at the Great Lakes Sports Arena in Fraser. The team consists of: Brandon Baker, Trevor Baruzzini, Ryan Bauer, Matt Berry, Bryce Connor, Sean Gaffney, Alec Gilo, Austin Hervey, Kevin Hoyle, Matthew Hull, Kyle Korte, Royale Letourneau, Steven Manser, Vince Rossi, Ben Wilkewitz and Stephen Zavori. The head coach is Ken Gaffney.



Sharks take "Windy City" by storm

The Plymouth Lightning Sharks Pee Wee B hockey team captured the Chicago Mid-Winter Classic Jan. 19-21 by compiling a 4-1 record. The Lightning Sharks defeated the Foothill Flyers, 3-1, in the title game thanks to goals from Steven Dunn, Brandon Zack and Brendan O'Hare. Jack Collop was named the tournament's MVP. The team consists of: Brandon Brewer, Collop, Peter Contos, Daniel Countegan, Brendan DiRezze, Dunn, Bobby Fletcher, Callum Gibbs, Steven Homrich, Thomas Kelly, Joey Kenzie, O'Hare, Patrick Revnew, Lyle Soucey and Zack. The team's head coach is Bob Fletcher.

DAROLFI

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blame when you lose."

Fast learner

Darolfi spent his freshman season at 171 pounds, a weight class that is highly populated with older, more mature athletes. Despite his lack of experience, the high-energy athlete maintained a .500 record before turning the corner for good the following season when he upped his record to 31-14.

"As a wrestler and a captain, Vince has meant a lot to this team during my two years here," said Plymouth coach Jay Helm. "He's a scrappy kid who can catch anyone at any time. He's one of those kids who is the first to arrive at practice and the last to leave. He helps with both the set-up and take-down duties. He's put in a tremendous amount of time and effort into this program."

Helm attributed Darolfi's success to "a combination of strength and good technique. Vince is one of those guys that never stops, never gives up," said Helm.

Darolfi was introduced to the sport by his older brother, Victor, who wrestled for Dearborn Divine Child.

"I'd go and watch some of his matches and found out that I liked the sport," he remembered.

Solid leader

Darolfi said he enjoyed his role as a captain because it put him in a position to offer advice to the team's younger members.

"I liked teaching the younger kids how important it was to keep trying, to keep going," he said. "We didn't win a lot of matches the past two years, but nobody ever gave up. That's what I'll always remember about this team."

Darolfi was an accomplished linebacker on the Wildcats' varsity football team for three seasons. The highlight of his gridiron career came his sophomore year when he started in the school's first-ever playoff game against Detroit Cody.

He played baseball his freshman year before turning his attention to the more physical sports.

Dig this career

An exemplary student — he has compiled a 3.2 grade-point average with just four months to go before graduating — Darolfi's post-high school plans include attending Penn State University in State College, Pa., to pursue a degree in heavy construction management and operations.

"Penn State is one of just three schools in the country that offers that major," he said. "I'd like to get a job working with heavy construction machinery — earth movers and the dump trucks that are two-stories high."

"I've always liked to be outside and I always liked to play in the dirt, so I figured this would be a perfect field for me."

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Family time

Beat boredom and get moving together

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

From cardio kick boxing to aqua pilates, now there's no excuse not to get moving. Maybe it's just time to try something fun. Exercise doesn't have to be boring — and what's even better — families can do it together at the YMCA, community recreation centers or even church. The Farmington Family Y offers everything from a state-of-the-art Wellness Center with cardio and strength training equipment to salsa dancing on Friday nights.

"We have activities for everybody in the family from shooting baskets to walking on the track or using one of our two swimming pools," said Rick Durei, YMCA district vice president. "New starting now we have family time within the Wellness Centers so kids 11 to 13 can come in with adults after school and evening, and weekends."

Tom Spring recommends alternating resistance or strength training with cardio to stay fit and reduce health risks. Obesity continues to skyrocket causing a variety of diseases from Type 2 diabetes to cancer. As an exercise physiologist in the cardiac rehabilitation program at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Spring works with heart patients on advanced weight training techniques.

"We coordinate high intensity weight or resistance training with heart patients already on an aerobic program with treadmill, biking," Spring said. "We're built of skeletal muscle and bones that work together. If we're working on heart we have to be working on other muscles in the body. The way we do that is adding resistance and adding a load

to muscles and bones. Resistance exercise be it dumbbells, soup cans or body weight is the best way to do that.

"With the advance weight training program we found patients improving strength and flexibility but our primary finding was it reduced their blood pressure and heart rate during that exercise. As part of the program published data shows absolute strength has increased and the work load on the heart has decreased."

For flexibility and balance Spring recommends stretching, yoga or tai chi. He exercises during his lunch hour and in the evening goes for long walks with his wife and kids.

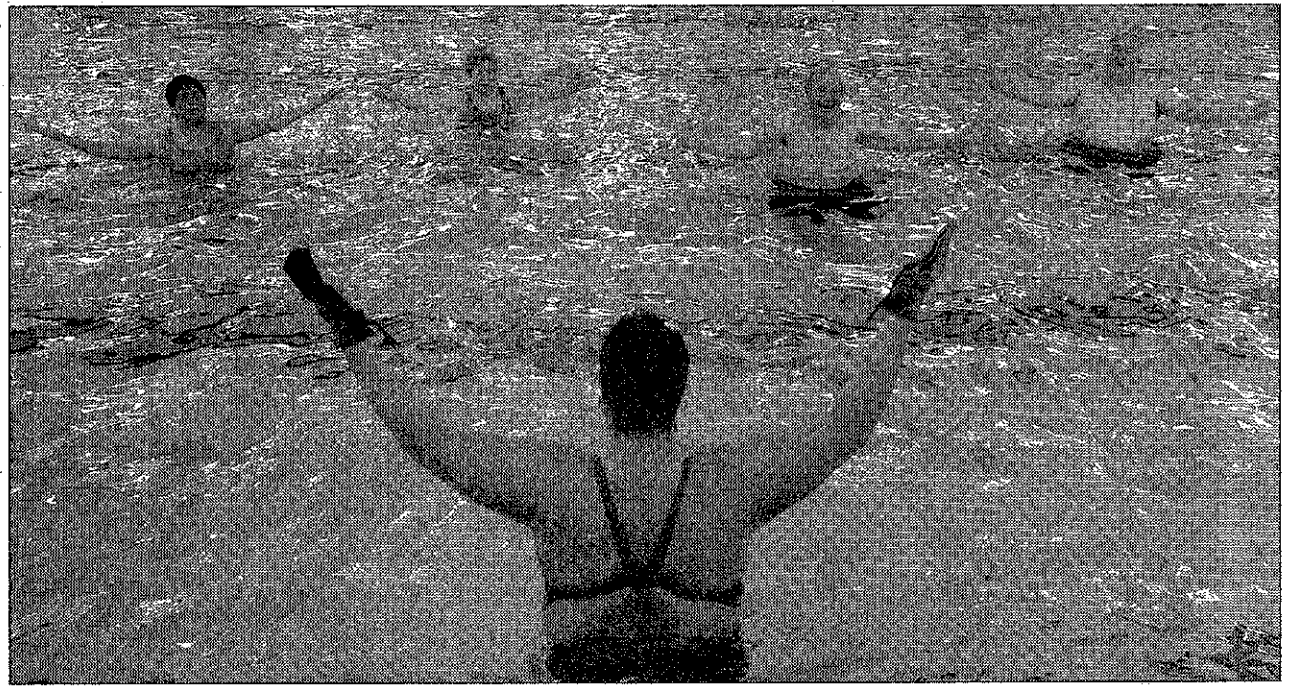
"I do a lot of exercise with resistance bands which are portable, easy to use and cheap," Spring said. "We need to be active on a daily basis. Whatever we can fit into our schedule to get moving is a key. Most of us don't move enough."

American Heart Association and American College of Sports Medicine guidelines recommend all healthy adults ages 18-65 get at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity activity five days a week (www.americanheart.org).

"The key for people is to schedule time for them to do exercise. It's as important for our health as taking a vitamin, eating right, brushing our teeth," said Spring. "Dancing requires a great deal of energy and aerobic. Anything that gets you moving off the couch is fantastic. And any time you can do it with somebody else it helps with motivation. Do it regularly with your friends. I like to spend time with my family when I'm home."

Spring says, children don't need a structured exercise program.

"Kids are built to be active, meant



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Participants exercise in the pool during aquatic fitness class at the Farmington YMCA.

to be moving around. They don't need exercise. They need to be outside running around. From age 5 to 10 and into the teen years you have to keep your kids active whether it's a sport or kicking them out to climb a tree. We're seeing the effects of it (healthwise) if we don't do something about it."

Brenda Woody has a family who comes to exercise class with sons 11 and 13 and loves it. Woody and her husband, Randy, have been doing personal training and ongoing exercise classes for 8 years.

Beginning March 1, they'll offer something new at the Total Life Fitness Center in Redford — 3- and 5-day-a-week exercise boot camps for those looking to step up their workout, families included. Woody continues to teach exercise classes for free through Detroit World Outreach in Redford.

For information about the 4-week camps affiliated with the church, call (313) 561-LIFE or (313) 622-2837.

"It's straight forward weight training exercises to teach form and technique, breathing," said Brenda Woody of Westland. "They'll be kicking and punching a bag, drag-



Instructor Lynn Dryer runs an aerobic and weight training class at the Farmington YMCA.

ging a bag, cardiovascular stuff. I tie in pilates and yoga holds for balance. It's a quick way to change your health around. You're able to build some muscle and trim some fat in a certain amount of time."

Woody tests participants' level of endurance during the first session. Exercises are modified for the elderly or those with injuries if necessary. The only criteria for participants is attitude.

"I don't want anybody to have fear that they can't do it. I want people with a certain level of attitude that they can do this," said Woody.

"I'll be giving handouts on nutrition. You can't sustain a great workout program without good nutrition."

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

FEBRUARY

Tai Chi for Arthritis

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering fitness classes in Tai Chi, an ancient Chinese discipline combining agile steps, joint-friendly movement, relaxed breathing, and mental challenge to promote mobility and well-being 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 25 to March 31, (classes also available on Fridays) in the hospital's Classroom 10 on the 4th Floor of the Marian Professional Building at 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use Five Mile entrance. Registration required, call (734) 655-8950. Enrollment limited. A registration fee payable to St. Mary Mercy Hospital is required prior to first class.

Divorce support group

Gaining financial control of your divorce and how to plan for your future with Jacqueline Gold-Rosesler 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26 in the Women's Resource Center (room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Families in Action program

Presented by the National Alliance on Mental Illness the 10 week educational program is designed specifically for any individual with a loved one that has been diagnosed with a mental illness. The two hour weekly sessions cover topics relative to mental illness, facilitated by family members trained by NAMI-Michigan. Sessions begin 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at St. Regis School Campus, 3695 Lincoln Rd. (1/2 Mile and Lahser), Bloomfield Hills. Cost \$20 per person, \$30 a couple. Call Mary Ellen, (248) 348-7196, or send e-mail to mejudd@comcast.net. Another session is set to begin 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at Oakwood Heritage Hospital, 10000 Telegraph, Taylor. Call Dr. Huebl, (313) 359-0253, or Art, (734) 427-1435.

Pandemic response

Conference and strategic planning 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Best Western Executive Plaza, 2900 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor. The forum is on issues related to emergency planning is for professionals in home health care, seniors centers, community/public housing, assisted living, homes for the aged. Contact hours available for nursing home administrators, nurses. Cost \$50. To register, call (800) 968-8195 or visit www.affordablehomecare.org.

Blood drive

7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb.

28, in the lower level classrooms of the Allan Breakie Medical Office building at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (734) 458-4259. Walk-ins welcome.

Sharing & Caring

Pain and shoulder dysfunction of breast cancer survivors with Justin Riutta, M.D. 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at Beaumont Hospital Cancer Center, Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers education and support programs for breast cancer survivors. For more information, call (248) 551-8586.

UPCOMING

Art of aging

Deadline for registration is March 1 for the 9th annual Art of Aging Successfully 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at Greater Grace Temple, 23500 W. 7 Mile. Hear Detroit icon Sonny Eliot talk about his decades of working in radio and TV and his personal triumphs and tragedies. Sign up for any of five workshops on exercise, nutrition, masterpiece painting, aging issues, and humor. Cost is \$18 for age 55 and older, and includes a hot, sit-down lunch. To register, call (313) 577-2297 and ask for Donna. Art of Aging is hosted by the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University.

Exercise boot camps

Begins Monday, March 3, 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday (\$300) or Monday, Wednesday and Friday (\$180) for four weeks, and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (\$180), at Total Life Fitness Building, 9562 Telegraph, Redford. One day women only boot camp Saturday, March 1 (\$60). Space limited to first 15 people. Call (313) 561-LIFE or (313) 622-2837.

Breastfeeding classes

10:30 a.m. to noon Monday, Feb. 25, and March 3, 10 and 17, at the Oakland County Health Division, 27725 Greenfield, Southfield. Classes for mother and baby are taught by public health nurses and cover everything from pumping to starting solids and weaning. Information targeted to first year of breastfeeding. For information or to register, call (248) 858-4003 or (888) 350-0900, ext. 84003.

Sharing & Caring

Dinner and support for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients and their partners with Annette Spencer, Ph.D. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Beaumont Hospital Cancer Center,

Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers education and support programs for breast cancer survivors. For reservations, call (248) 551-8585.

Food for thought

Workshop with Dr. William Karl, D.C. on how nutrition affects health and longevity 7 p.m. Monday, March 7, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Rd. No charge. Call (734) 425-8588 for more information and to reserve your seat.

Volunteers needed

For Camp Discovery for children with epilepsy (June 29 to July 3, at Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center in Augusta, northwest of Kalamazoo). Volunteer training from experts on epilepsy and camp procedures Saturday, June 28. Free room and board. Opportunities include camp counselors, junior counselors, medical staff, recreation assistants, dietary aides, behavioral specialists and support staff. For information or an application, visit www.epilepsymichigan.org, call (800) 377-6226, option 1, ext. 231, or send e-mail to sstarroch@epilepsymichigan.org.

Self-defense class

For women and men 11 a.m. the first Saturday of every month at the Sanctuary Chiropractic & Wellness Spa, 35275 Plymouth, Livonia. Call (734) 421-7100. The techniques, tactics and information will be new each month and will add to any prior class instruction. No charge, but a \$5 donation will be sent to a shelter for abused women and children.

Fibromyalgia lecture

7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, with Dr. Peter Ianni, a behavioral pain psychologist, present a demonstration of surface EMG and Biofeed back, at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. RSVP a few days before the lecture if you will be attending, by sending e-mail to smo23915@aol.com. Cost is \$5 to help pay for the cost of the room.

For more information, call (248) 344-0896. Loren DeVinney, P.T. will discuss the role of physical therapy in the treatment of fibromyalgia and how Biofeedback and physical therapy complement each other in a multidisciplinary treatment program. There will also be a round table question discussion. New Fibromyalgia patients, spouses or friends are welcome to attend the meeting.

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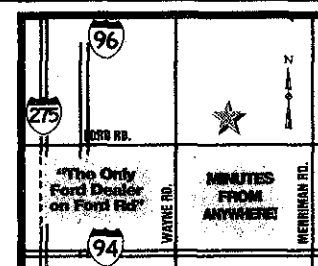
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Gifts in relationships can come in many forms

Several years ago, when I first began writing for the *Observer* newspapers, I wrote an article I called "A Gift for Valentine's Day." In it, I suggested that often the gift of a card is to make nice with your partner after a big blow out or blow up. Sometimes, the card is the only way that a couple communicates. It keeps up appearances and gives both the public and that couple the impression that they still have a relationship.

Now, it is true that there are all kinds of relationships. In the consulting room, I and other therapists see many different kinds of relationships. While many would not be the kind of relationship I might want to be a part of, my job is to help the couple develop the kind of relationship that will work best for them.

But having said this, there is still a sense with many couples that they are unhappy, dissatisfied, don't know what to do about it, have even given up, are willing to stay with the status quo because it is familiar or get to the point where one party feels that nothing about this relationship can be saved; in that case someone walks.

The faith aspect of my work has given me a sense that there is often hope when one thought there was none. Let me be clear, however; hope often leads one down a road of different possibilities, not the re-creation of what was and no longer is.

In the case of relationships, the sense of hope might be that a couple has reached the breaking point, they will split, but each, after they have worked at it, may gain some important new insights and/or skills which will improve relationships and make for greater potential in a future relationship.

The caveat here is that one or both parties to a relationship that is on the rocks will have had enough commitment to themselves and those they love to look carefully, with the help of counseling, at what is not working, stay with the process long enough to see if it can be saved, and if not, what are the possibilities for the future that are best for all concerned.

I think the gift I would suggest we offer our partner is the gift of honesty; let's see how our relationship really is and how we feel about it. After that, if there is work to be done, give yourself and your partner the gift of commitment, the willingness to explore the situation fully and completely, as hard and as complicated as that may be, to work together for, as Christian scripture puts it, "a more abundant life."

It is both a psychological and a spiritual truth that you must pay as much attention to yourself as you need to pay to your partner for both to be happy. That, perhaps, is the final gift. Take your life seriously enough to pay attention to those areas that need care: your loneliness, your low self-esteem, your lack of self-confidence, your depression, and your anxiety. You know what those parts are. This kind of attention to self and relationship could provide a greater life-filling gift than you might have thought.

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Chat Room

Paul Melrose

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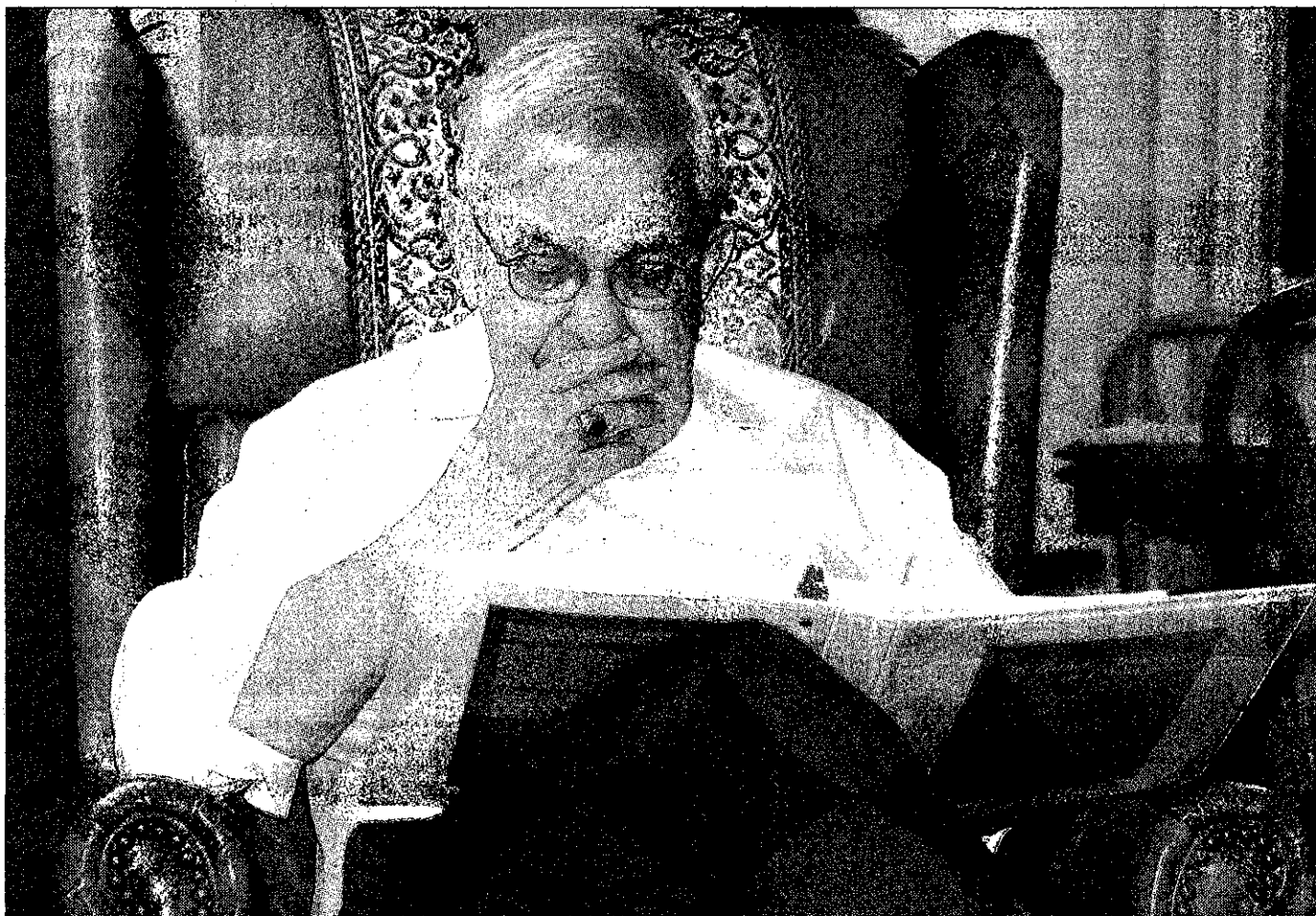


PHOTO BY JEFFREY CAMINSKY

Wallace Caminsky reads through the manuscript of 'All Fathers are Giants' during his 85th birthday celebration at his Redford home.

Author inspired by childhood in Hamtramck

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

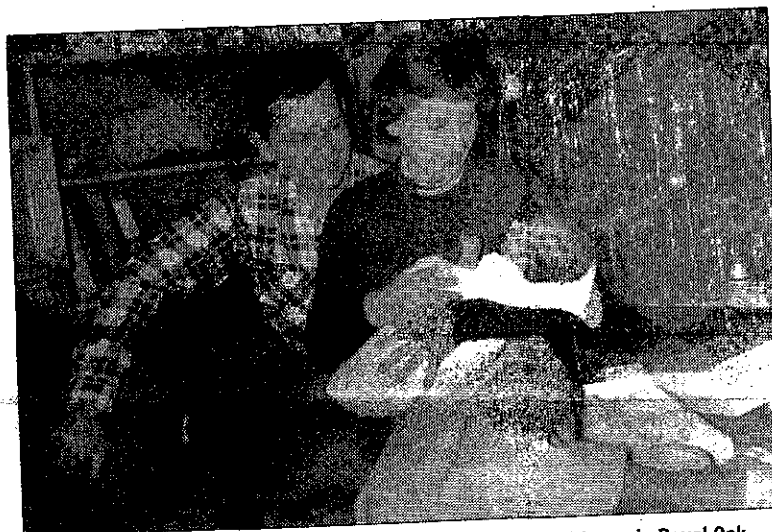


Wasil Caminsky and his son, Wallace, in the back yard of their Hamtramck home.

Wallace Caminsky's short stories might have remained hidden in a filing cabinet if not for his son, Jeffrey. The two sit side by side to talk about the project to publish *All Fathers are Giants*. The collection of short stories and poems was inspired by the elder Caminsky's childhood experiences as the son of immigrants in Hamtramck and later as a young father raising a family in the suburbs of Detroit.

Wallace Caminsky speaks fondly of his father, who was born in a little town outside of Kiev. Wasil graces the cover of the book. His long-suffering death from cancer was very traumatic for Caminsky.

"My favorite is still the first one about my father," said Caminsky,



Wallace and Alice Caminsky enjoy Jeffrey's first Christmas at home in Royal Oak.

85, of Redford. "It was written about 40 to 50 years ago. My father spent most of the Depression out of work. We were poor. One time my mother gave me a plate of mashed potatoes (and nothing else) for dinner and I liked it but it sent her upstairs crying."

Caminsky went on to earn a scholarship to Wayne University

and for the next 20 years worked at one of the Big Three automobile companies. It wasn't until President John F. Kennedy's assassination in 1963 that he decided to go to law school at night. He retired as an administrative law judge for Aid to Dependent Children in the late 1980s.

Please see **FATHERS, C2**

DKC shows to spotlight pampered pooches

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER



Sassy has a career outside of the show ring as well. She recently attended the North American International Auto Show's black tie charity preview as one of the Celebrities Against Autism. Pictured with Sassy is owner Terry Seraceno of Farmington Hills. The two also do pet therapy work with Doctor Paws.

Terry Seraceno starts conditioning her golden retrievers Blue and Sassy about a month before big shows like the two presented by the Detroit Kennel Club at Cobo Center Saturday and Sunday, March 1-2. That takes a lot of shampooing and blow drying not to mention exercising them on a treadmill to keep their muscles in shape.

"I take better care of the dogs than myself," said Seraceno of Farmington Hills.

"I bathe and blow dry them every other day. Golden retrievers have a lot of fur. For a shiny coat, there's a special shampoo with conditioners. I'm feeding a good healthy diet, give them vitamins mixed in with food every day. In the winter it's hard to exercise your dog. Many owners train the dog to run on a treadmill at home."

After all of her hard work Seraceno plans to enjoy the show as a spectator. She's hired a professional handler to show and stay with

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Guests to share laughter at March 13 fund-raiser

Humor heals and it's good for our health. That's the reason Angela Hospice is hosting Laughter Lifts You Up Thursday, March 13. More than 300 women are expected to attend the event at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"Our invitations have gone out and so far the response has been very positive," said Barbara Paul, events coordinator at Angela Hospice in Livonia. "Ladies are very excited about coming to this event and having a fun night out with their girlfriends."

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with registration, appetizers and serenading from a

barbershop quartet. A plated dinner of Chicken Wellington will follow before the main event with guest speaker Maureen Burns who has presented to groups in the U.S., England and Canada, and is the author of the bestselling book *Run With Your Dreams*. She has been called warm, witty, down-to-earth, uplifting, and memorable.

"Some of our committee members saw Ms. Burns speak a number of years ago and are still raving about her," said Paul. "She'll be talking about how humor affects our health."

Following Burns message, guests will be treated to a fruit

Reservations are \$40 per person and can be made by calling Barbara Paul at (734) 953-6014. Proceeds from the event will benefit ALS patients at Angela Hospice. For more information or to download an invitation, visit www.angelahospice.org.

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Nationally known speaker Maureen Burns explores how humor affects our health at Laughter Lifts You Up, a women's event hosted by the staff and volunteers of Angela Hospice.

FATHERS

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LOVE OF WRITING

"I enjoyed writing from high school and overseas while serving in the Army on a ship. I came home and started working for Buick and wrote at night," said Caminsky. "The stories are based upon what happened to me or I heard about. *Always* is about a retarded boy my sons grew up with."

Caminsky started writing novels about being on the ship but never finished them. In fact after returning home from the Army, Caminsky didn't do much writing. He was busy courting Alice, his soon-to-be wife. Alice is a former speech teacher and later taught English as a second language for Redford Union Schools. The couple has lived in Redford since 1954. They married nearly 60 years ago.

"After we were married one of the things she said to me was you're not going to quit writing, are you. She encouraged me," said Caminsky. "She liked the stories. She proofread the stories and sometimes made suggestions."

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Jeffrey began editing the stories early last spring after wading through file cabinets full of manuscripts with the hope of publishing his father's book as a surprise for his 85th birthday on Oct. 28, 2007.

Jeffrey remembers reading his father's writing as a kid then he started writing. Jeffrey Caminsky and his New Alexandria Press published his book, *The Referee's Survival Guide*, last year. The Livonia man's next project was *All Fathers are Giants*. Wallace Caminsky continues to work on new stories. Jeffrey has a series of science fiction novels he's written coming out later this year.

Both of Wallace's sons, Jeffrey and Christopher, followed in his footsteps and became lawyers. Jeffrey is an assistant prosecutor for Wayne County. He admires his father's writing.

Jeffrey says short stories are very challenging to write since the author doesn't have much time to capture the reader's attention or develop the story, but his father has a very poetic writing style and a good ear for a descriptive turn of phrase.

"Since I shared some of the same experiences from a different perspective, I can recognize many of the people and places in many of the stories, but like any artist he uses his life as a point of departure and paints his stories with words."

All Fathers are Giants can be ordered through any bookstore, autographed copies through the publisher's Web site www.newalexandriapress.com. Locally, copies are available at the Book Connection in Livonia.

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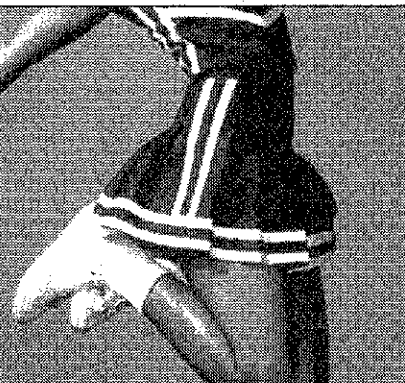
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By stopping the production of uric acid, Allopurinol prevents the chain of events that lead to an attack of gout.

However, several features of Allopurinol make physicians careful in ordering its use. First are side effects. The drug can cause mouth sores and a rash. In rare instances, but still more frequently than physicians want, the medication can cause a life threatening hepatitis.

Second is the timing in starting Allopurinol. You cannot use the drug during an acute attack of gout or begin Allopurinol soon after an attack ends. If used during such times, the drug will make the gout worse or cause another flare of the arthritis. If you wait too long to start the medication, you may have another attack of gout and need to further delay the start of this effective medication.

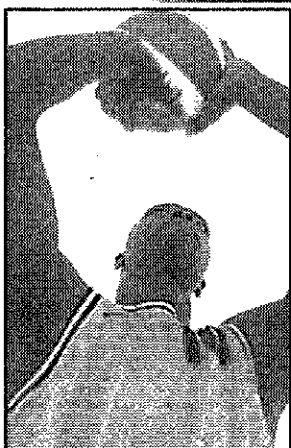
Third is the difficulty in determining the proper dose. Some individuals need as much as 900 mgm a day, while others because of prior kidney or liver damage should take no more than 100 mgm.

Allopurinol is a fine medication but as good as it is, it is not the ideal. Better gout medications are in development, and may soon become the treatments of choice.

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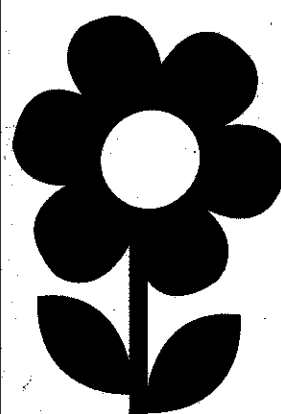
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Blue and Sassy in an area separate from the golden retrievers. Benched dogs like the DKC require shows to be on a bench from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during show hours so visitors can learn more about the breed. Sassy and Blue will be in the professional handlers benching area.

SPEAK UP

"People can come up and ask questions," said Seraceno. "If anybody is looking to buy a dog tell them to come down to the shows before they get a dog and remember if the price sounds cheap, you get what you pay for. Goldens have heart, hip, eye problems. If you're looking for a dog, contact your local club. They have a puppy referral system for reputable breeders. Ask to see the mother or father. Ask questions. Get some kind of guarantee. Hopefully this is a member of the family and they'll be with you for quite a while."

Blue has been with Seraceno 6 1/2 years, Sassy for 3. Both have careers outside of the

ring. Blue is a Doctor Paws therapy dog that visits patients at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills on a regular basis. Seraceno founded the organization and tests dogs to see if they qualify to work with not only patients but staff (www.drpaaws.org or www.drpaaws.info).

Sassy, whose registered name is Harboursfleets Sugar and Spice, recently attended the North American International Auto Show's black tie charity preview as one of the Celebrities Against Autism. Seraceno accompanied the golden imported from Canada. She's been showing dogs 20 years and breeds them as well (sarabaygoldens.com).

The dogs truly are members of Seraceno's family. Sons Kevin, 15, and Christopher, 12, help out with Doctor Paws, events and shows like the DKC which judges different breeds including four new ones this year — Tibetan mastiff, the Beauceron, Swedish valhund, and the Plott hound. In addition to watching the dogs compete in conformation, obedience and agility trials, visitors can learn more about Leader Dogs for the

Blind, the Children's Hospital of Michigan Pet Therapy Program, retriever and field training, herding, and first aid, CPR and arthritis in animals with Michigan Veterinary Specialists.

GOOD FOR KIDS

"It's (showing) something kids can do too," said Seraceno. "They can get involved with junior handling."

Like Seraceno, Cheryl Zink believes shows are a good place to learn about dogs. She's showing Izzy, a 21-month-old Lhaso apso. The breed originally is from Tibet, weighs about 12 to 17 pounds and classified as a small dog in the non-sporting group.

"I've been raising and showing Lhaso for over 30 years because I love the breed," said Cheryl Zink of Westland. "They're eye catching in their beauty with their long coat but can be stubborn and independent. Some people describe them as cat-like. They're loving dogs and not always patient with children like many small breeds but I raised two boys myself and with training they do make good pets."

The beautiful long hair on

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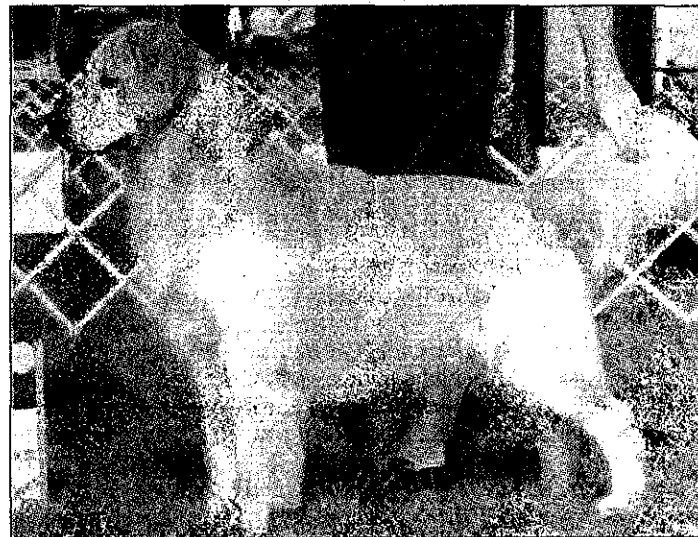
What: An annual celebration featuring more than 2,500 canines from the 169 breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club

When: Two separate shows run 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 1-2, with Best of Show going into the ring at 6 p.m. each day

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the Lhaso apso is a lot of work. Zink will not only be brushing Izzy before but at the show. Zink has shown dogs in DKC events for more than 20 years. The only time she missed one of the Detroit shows was when her second son was born too



Blue is a golden retriever owned by Terry Seraceno of Farmington Hills. At age 6 1/2, he is going to retire soon from the show ring but not from pet therapy work with Doctor Paws.

close to show time.

"They should be mat free so you brush them constantly," said Zink whose husband David frequently helps with grooming. "Lhaso don't shed a lot except for a major coat

change at 6 to 18 months of age. I bathe them in the laundry tub, blow dry by hand, brushing as you go along. There's a lot of grooming. Most people keep them on the shorter side."

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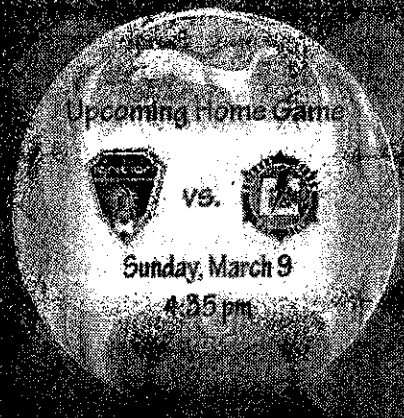


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Irish heritage day celebrates dance, music and food

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The Rose Kennedy Division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians invites everyone to Irish Heritage Day 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the AOH Hall, 24242 Grand River, Detroit.

There is no admission charge. Traditional Irish food is available throughout the day.

Una Bonner says the event is a perfect way to learn about the Irish. The day kicks off at 11 a.m. with a presentation on Irish soda and griddle breads by Peggy Boland and Sadie O'Boyle.

"They're going to talk about and show you how to make it and come with bread already made to pass out samples," said Una Bonner of Detroit.

Bonner is especially excited about the 1 p.m. performance of Siobhan McKinney who plays harp. McKinney is just one of the musicians entertaining during the event. Lynne and Mick Reid, and The Celtic Harpers of Detroit play at 11:30 a.m.

"Siobhan's father is a piper. She won the all Ireland for three years. Her dad is steeped in Irish tradition of uilleann pipes," said Bonner. "One of the nice features this year is a Mass at the ending. Religion is a big part of our heritage. After the Mass they're going to keep a musical session going."

Learn about Irish Scones the Irish Baker way with Charlie French at 12:40 p.m. or Irish literature with Tony Johnston at 1:30 p.m.

Redford fiddler Mick Gavin and Anne McCallum set dancers kick up their heels at 2:30 p.m. after a discussion on the concertina and it's music at 2 p.m.

John Heinzman II talks about step dancing before a demonstration by Kitty Heinzman's ceili and step dancers at 3:30 p.m.

The day offers a variety of ways to experience Irish culture from a noon lesson in conversational Irish to a bodhran demonstration and workshop at 12:20 p.m.

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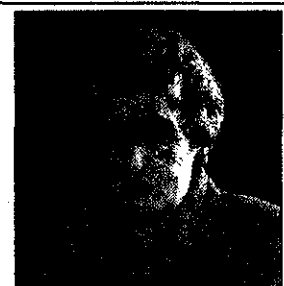
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Age 92, received by the Lord February 20, 2008. Beloved husband of the late Maryalice. Loving father of Landy (Debra), Toni (Marc) Heinonen, Cary, Brooke (Michael) Ruggiero, James, Margaret and Rebecca. Grandfather of 15. Great grandfather of 3. Brother of Suzanne. Preceded in death by his daughter Elizabeth. Will be missed by his family and friends. Respected teacher and administrator for Livonia Public Schools for over 30 years. Was an active member of the Goodfellows, Kiwanis Club, and the Livonia Housing Commission. Visitation Sunday 1-7pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home; 37000 Six Mile Rd, Livonia. Funeral service Monday in state 9:30am until the time of service at 10:00am at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church; 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the church.

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CYNTHIA HOLT CUMMINGS

February 19, 2008, Age 88. Peacefully at home in Beverly Hills, surrounded by loving family. Proud WWII veteran serving in the West African Theatre and the Italian Theatre as 1st Lt. US Army Nurse Corps. Accomplished author and publisher of 11 books of Christmas poetry. Beloved wife of Richard Howe Cummings for 60 years. Dear mother of Roger Holt Cummings (Buff). Grandmother of David Michael Cummings (Michelle), Julia Cummings Dick (Casey), Jessica Lynn Cummings and Amanda Susan Cummings. Great-grandmother of Andrew Dylan Cummings. Preceded in death by her parents and three brothers. Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward (btw 13-14 Mile) Monday (February 25) 4-8pm. Memorial Service at First United Methodist Church, 1589 West Maple, Birmingham, Monday, (March 3) 11am. Interment in Mt. Vernon Cemetery, West Boylston, Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made to the charity of donor's choice. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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February 16, 2008. Age 85, of Plymouth Twp. Beloved husband of Nancy. Loving father of Jerry (Shelly) and James. Dear brother of June and Joyce. Grandfather of Rachel, Jake and Brett. Member of the Westland Planning Commission for 5+ years. Active in Westland politics and with the Senior Center of Wayne. Funeral, Friday 11:30 AM, at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Road, Westland. Family will receive friends Friday 10 AM until time of service. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

ROBERT J. (BOB) MCNUTT

Left this earthly clime Wednesday, February 13, 2008. He was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, March 7, 1920, to R D and Louise Ashton Barron McNutt. He was City Manager for Harper Woods and Southfield from 1955-1960. In 1960 Bob moved out west. He was a retired Consulting Civil Engineer. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, of 60 years, two daughters Marcia Ann Thornton of Magdalena, New Mexico and Jane Roberta McCoy of Las Vegas, Nevada. He is also survived by two granddaughters, two grandsons and two great grandsons. Cremation has occurred. A service celebrating his life was held at First Presbyterian Church, 1515 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada, on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 10 AM.

JAMES EDWARD "ED" SCHWARTZ

Age 77, of Howell, passed away Saturday, February 16, 2008. He was born October 28, 1930 in Detroit, son of Edward J. and Elizabeth (Sause) Schwartz. Beloved husband of Barbara (Latham) Schwartz whom he married in Bloomfield Hills in 1966; dear father of Ellen L. Schwartz of Howell. Ed received a degree in chemical engineering from MIT and an MBA from the Harvard Business School. He was a chemical engineer and Founder of Great Lakes Laboratories, Inc. and a past president of the Marine Historical Society of Detroit. Private graveside services have taken place at Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit. Memorial services will be held Friday, March 28th at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 504 Prospect Street, Howell. Memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association, St. John's Episcopal Church or any charity of your choice. Arrangements by MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Please visit the family's online guestbook at: www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

LYNN ANN (Moore) SEARS

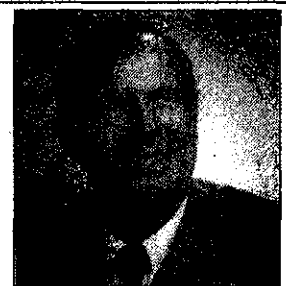
Age 46 died in Oklahoma on February 15th, 2008. Born in Farmington Hills, MI, she is survived by her beloved Dr. Rupert Anderson. She is also survived by her loving son Ryan, her parents Richard and Joan Moore of Cheboygan MI, sister Lisa and her husband Steve, of Milford, brother Durk and his wife Cyndi, and their children Calvin and Isabelle, of Farmington Hills, and loving Aunts, Uncles and Cousins. Lynn Graduated from North Farmington High School in 1980 and went on to pursue a career in the Culinary Arts, cooking from Texas to Chicago. A graveside memorial was held February 18th, 2008 in Brinkley Arkansas. Memorials can be made in Lynn's name to: Vitalcare Hospice of the Straits, 761 Lafayette Ave, Cheboygan, MI 49721, and are very appreciated.

EVELYN MAY STANIBLE

Age 96, passed away February 21, 2008. A long time resident of Plymouth. She was born December 27, 1911 in Nankin Township, the daughter of the late Fred and Lillian Stanible. The family moved to Plymouth in 1923 where she graduated from Plymouth High School in 1930. Mrs. Stanible also graduated from the Acme Business College in Lansing, Michigan. She worked for Burton Abstract of Ann Arbor for two years, then the City of Plymouth for thirty-three years, retiring in 1976. Her memberships include the Rebekah Lodge, where she served as past-President of the the Northwest Wayne District # 8. She was also involved with the Plymouth Senior Citizens Club. Mrs. Stanible was a long time member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, its 60+ Senior Citizens Club and the Women's Society. She also volunteered as a Gray Lady at Garden City Hospital. She is the dear friend of Melvin Litke. Visitation will be Tuesday, February 26, 2008, 10am until time of funeral service 12 Noon at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Contributions suggested to Angela Hospice.

FREDERIC W. TAKALO

Age 77, Farmington Hills, MI. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



WOODWARD ALFRED "CHIP" WARRICK

Of Plymouth, MI, age 86, died February 7, 2008. Born in Indianapolis, IN. Parents, Charlotte Barksdale & Woodward Warrick, Sr. "Chip" married Janet Anderson on June 14, 1952. He was a Stockbroker beginning in 1965 for E.F. Hutton, also worked for Prudential Bache, First of Michigan, and Robert W. Baird. In 1940 he entered U of M and received his commission in the NROTC in 1944 and served in active duty in the North Atlantic. Returned to U of M in 1946 and earned his varsity letter in wrestling and was President of the "M" Club in 1975. In 2008 "Chip" was awarded "The Bob Ufer award". Chip was an avid tennis player and was a long time member of the Racquet Club of Ann Arbor, and the Huron Valley Tennis Club, and Barton Hills Country Club. He won the Nat'l Paddleball Championship in 1977. His survivors include his loving wife, Janet; his daughter, Courtney (Andrew) Cherna; three grandchildren, Andrew, Regan and Mary Cherna. His daughter, Cecily predeceased him in 1979. A memorial service will be held on February 11, 2008 at 11:00am at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ann Arbor, with Rev. Fr. Alan Gibson officiating. Contributions can be made to: Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Arrangements by Muehlig Funeral Chapel Ann Arbor, Michigan

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ENGAGEMENTS



Courtney-Ianni

Jim and Linda Courtney of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Lynn Courtney, to Giuseppe Ianni, son of Theresa and Hasan Nazeer of Canton and Joe and Pam Ianni of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in cable and broadcast production. She is currently a closing coordinator at 1st Security Title.

The future groom is also a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in sales and business marketing. He currently works at Azox, an e-commerce solution provider, as a channel sales manager.

A summer 2008 wedding is planned.



Pawloski-Zurawski

Sharon and Al Pawloski of Greenbush, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Pawloski, to Eric Zurawski, son of Paula and Don Zurawski of Livonia.

The bride-to-be has a bachelor of science degree from Grand Valley State University and master of library science degree from Wayne State University. She is the head of circulation at Marygrove College.

The future groom has a bachelor of fine arts degree from Center for Creative Studies. He is self-employed as a free lance art director.

An August 2008 wedding is planned for Greenbush, Mich.

Foley-Kasten

Kristen Colleen Foley and Timothy Robert Kasten are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Debbie Foley of Plymouth and Pete Foley of Plymouth. She is a graduate of Canton High School. She will be graduating in May 2008 with a bachelor's degree in architecture from Lawrence Technological University. She is employed at Studio Design.

The future groom is a graduate of Salem High School. He is attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn, majoring in mechanical engineering. He is employed at Power Sports.

A May wedding is planned for Weller's in Saline.



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 Franklin High School. He is employed by Formen Brothers Trucking.

A September wedding is planned at Crystal Gardens in Southgate.



Zazula-Brcka

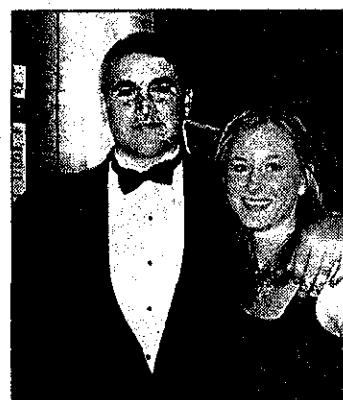
Ann-Marie Zazula of Royal Oak and Joshua Brcka of Berkley are engaged to be married.

Ann-Marie is the daughter of Arlene Zazula of Westland and the late Thomas Zazula.

Joshua is the son of Robert Brcka of Plainwell, Mich., and the late Kay Brcka.

The couple met at their place of employment and will make their home in Berkley.

A November wedding is planned at the Dearborn Inn.



Trosell-Schwartz

Michael and Joann Trosell of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy Trosell, to Jonathan Schwartz, son of Craig and Linda Schwartz of West Bloomfield and Ilene Schwartz of Franklin.

The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and received a bachelor of science degree from Central Michigan University in 2007. She is employed by MetroDetroit YMCA.

The future groom is a 2000 graduate of Birmingham Groves High School and received a bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Michigan in 2004. He received a juris doctorate of law degree from Wayne State University in 2007. He is employed by a Farmington Hills law firm.

A wedding is planned for September in Pontiac.

BIRTH

Alyssa Noelle Gerwing

Jeff and Heather Gerwing of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Noelle Gerwing, on Dec. 29, 2007 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Alyssa weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long at birth.

She has an older sister, Hayley Elizabeth Gerwing. Grandparents are Nard and Pat Cossaboon of Bridgeton, N.J. and Ted and Carole Gerwing of The Villages, Fla.



ANNIVERSARY



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Grants were also awarded to the Farmington Muscile in support of their monthly music programs; Farmington Players for the educational component of the recent production of Cat on a Hot Tin Roof; Farmington Youth Assistance for the Summer Activity Camp; the Multicultural Multiracial Community Council; North Farmington High School's "Link Crew Program," and Pastways, an organization promoting local history.

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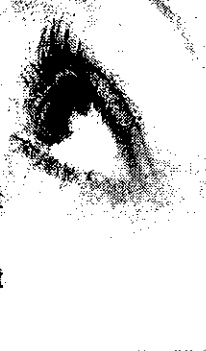
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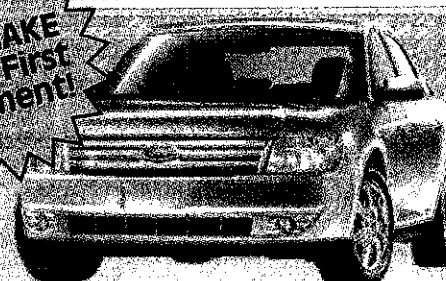
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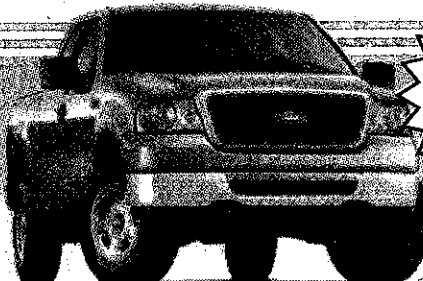
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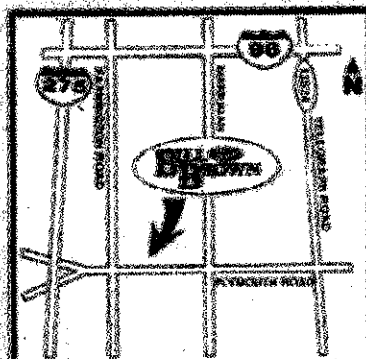
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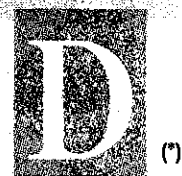


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Down on the farm: Discerni design for the discerning

The Discerni (407-35) brings back memories of visiting Grandma and Grandpa on the farm. The home has been designed to reflect the look of the past homes and still carry the more modern look within. The downstairs area of the Discerni is 1,087 square feet, but when the unfinished attic is added to this to this amount, the area of the home is increased considerably.

Homes of our childhood had the large great room areas where the family could gather in the evenings to eat, relax, and be together to share the stories of the day. The living room/dining room area is over 30 feet long and 10 feet wide. There are bench windows in the dining area, along with a row of windows in the living room to allow the natural light to flow and light up the space.

The kitchen, located on the right side of the home, has plenty of counter space, as well as an eating bar. The sink faces the front of the home, looking out onto the covered front porch. The bathroom for the home is accessible from both the master suite and the great room. The master suite contains a wall closet area and its own sink for privacy of putting on her makeup or for his shaving.

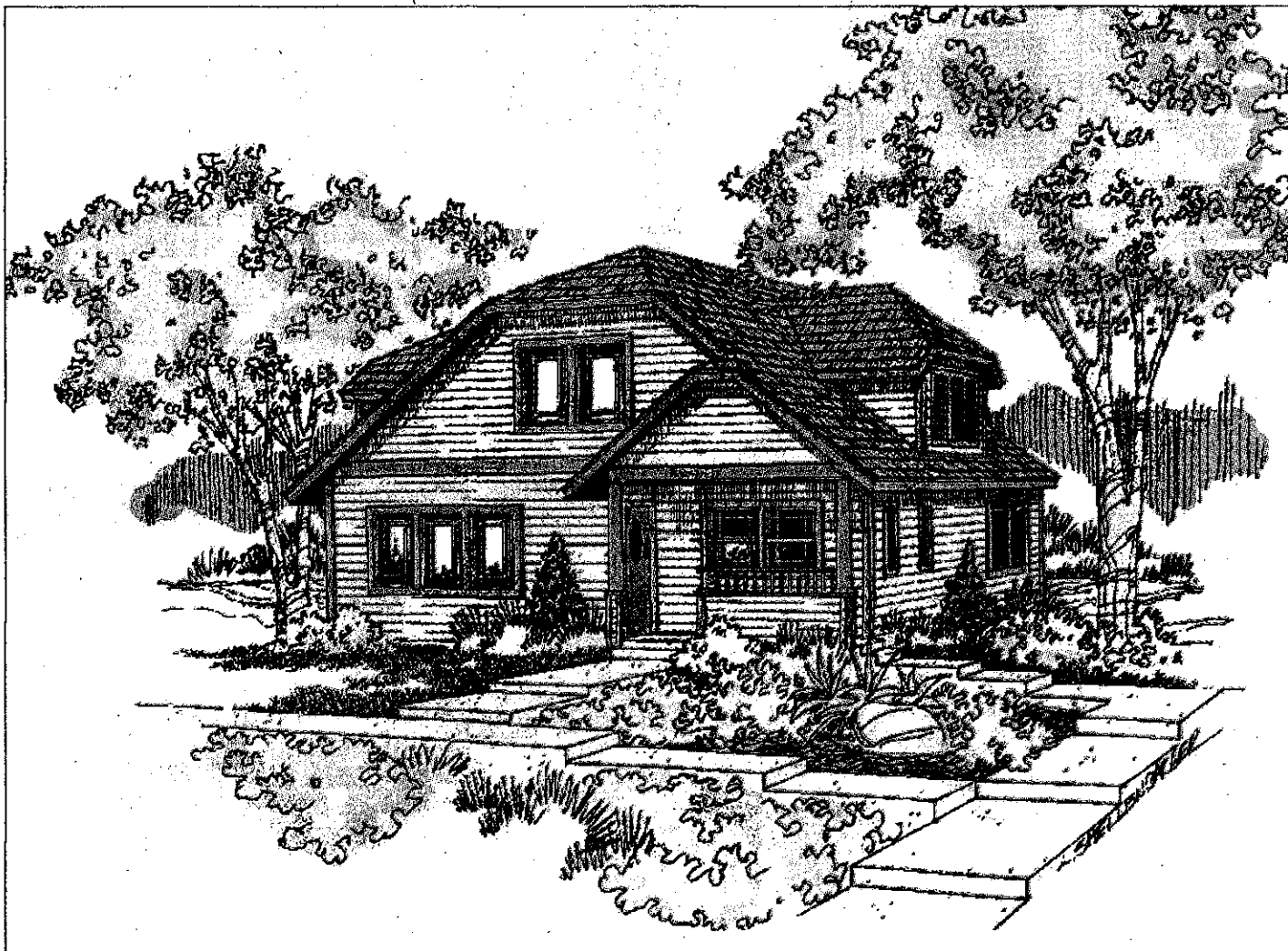
Across the hall from the master suite is the second bedroom. It has two wall closets with shelves in-between. In the area

The Discerni has numerous windows that not only supply the inside with lots of sunlight, but also make the exterior of the home pleasing to the eye. The covered porch with the door opening into the living room and windows looking out towards the front of the home are reminiscent of our childhood and the great times we had.

between the two bedrooms are the stairs to the attic a long with an area for the washer and dryer. This location of the utility room makes it convenient to both bedrooms and the upstairs, should the attic be converted into spare bedrooms.

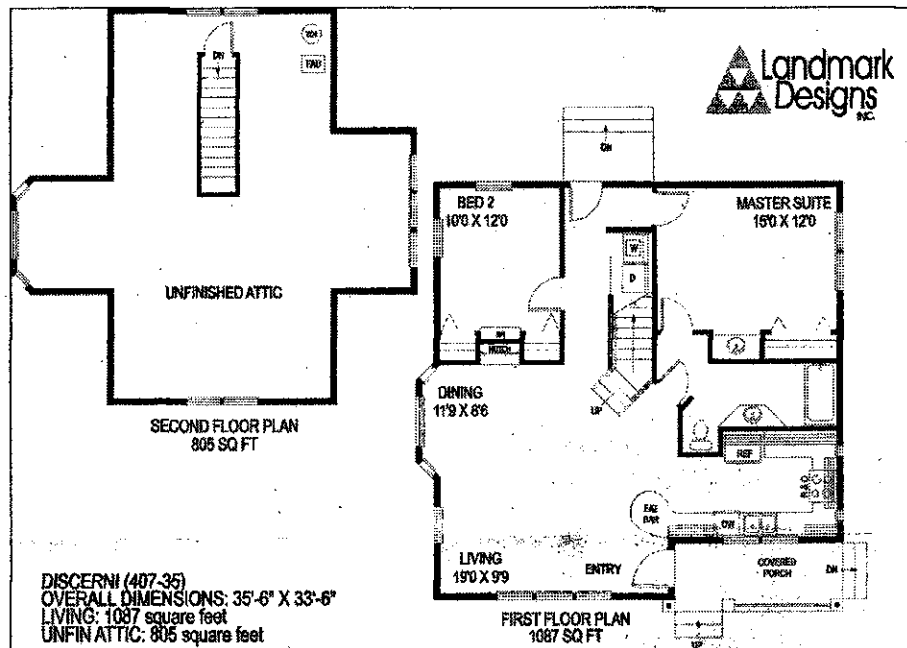
Upstairs is an unfinished attic that is 805 square feet. This is ample space to add more bedrooms, maybe an extra bathroom, a family room, play area for the kids, or an office for the working mom or dad. There are two dormers in the attic, one on each side of the home.

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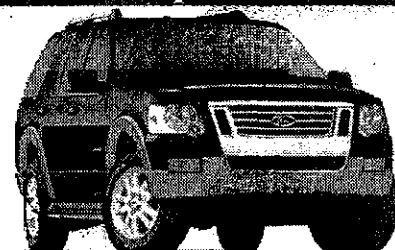
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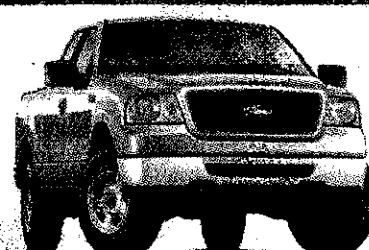
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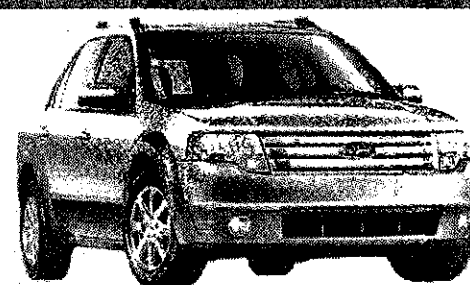
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