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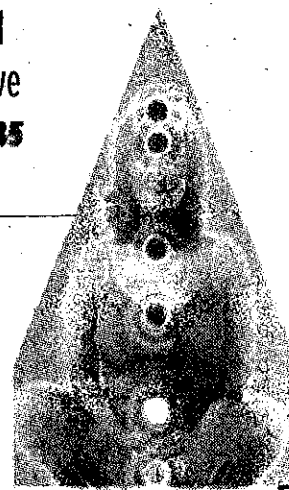
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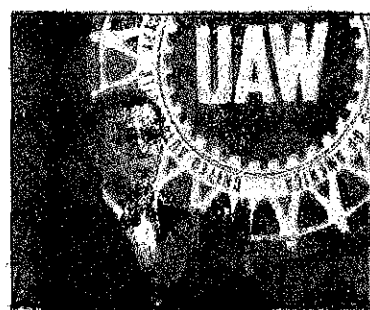
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UAW President Ron Gettelfinger, who lives in Canton, will speak at the Canton Economic Club's Wednesday luncheon.

Economic Club returns after 5-year hiatus

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After an extended hiatus, the Canton Economic Club has gotten its revitalization off to a running start with Ron Gettelfinger.

The United Auto Workers president will be the featured guest speaker at the club's semi-annual luncheon on Wednesday at Summit on the Park.

"Most of us are tied and wedded to the auto industry so to have the president of the UAW meet with us is awesome," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack, who has led the resurgence of the club. "Every once and a while, I think back to something we did before and sometimes the memories are good and sometimes they are bad. With this, I had really good thoughts about what we did."

The club was previously under the umbrella of the Canton Community Foundation and, at one time, had a formal structure. It eventually evolved into a casual

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COURTESY OF UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS

More than 7,000 bowling teams will participate in the women's championships of the United States Bowling Congress.

Cha-ching!

Bowling tournament expected
to get local economy rolling

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A lively shopping district + 45,000 women = *cha-ching*.

The women's championships of the United States Bowling Congress is coming to the township and Leadership Canton is ready.

"We have been told this tournament will have a \$40 million impact on the area," said Leadership Canton member Joyce Silagy. "We could get 600 new people everyday for nearly three months. These

women will spend money on hotels, food and entertainment."

To kick start the 88-day tournament, which will take place at Super Bowl on Ford Road just east of Canton Center, Leadership Canton has created the Pins on Parade program.

Sixteen decorated, oversized fiberglass bowling pins will be planted along Ford Road intersections starting in early April. "We are trying to give the

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Artist Tom Messing of Ypsilanti stands with the bowling pin he painted for Connection Church, as part of Leadership Canton's Pins on Parade program.

New system would speed school alerts

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools is among a consortium of six area school districts which will share a federal grant of \$570,000 to be partially spent on an emergency alert system which will enable them to contact parents and school staff simultaneously and within minutes of an emergency situation, such as a lockdown or evacuation.

According to Bob Hayes, director of student services for Plymouth-Canton Schools, nearly \$100,000 of the total will be used for the new communications tool, which will allow the school districts to call parents and secondary contacts in case of a district-wide emergency, power outages, notification of snow days and reminders about parent-teacher conferences.

"If there's an emergency, we can have the information out immediately," said Hayes. "Not only will it stop a lot of the incoming phone calls to the district, but alleviate the fears of parents."

Plymouth-Canton will share the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Grant from the U.S. Department of Education with Northville, Walled Lake, Huron Valley, South Lyon and West Bloomfield. The grant will cover the cost of the emergency notification system for the remainder of this school year and all of next year. District officials believe PCCS will be able to renew the grant to continue the service beyond the 2008-09 school year.

A number of districts throughout the state are already using a similar notification system.

"On a particular snow day we sent over 3,000 calls to our staff, parents and students in just two minutes," said Judy Considine, South Redford Schools spokeswoman. "We've also used it to send out reminder calls to parents about parent-teacher conferences and PTO meetings. The system also allows us to make calls to parents if their child has been marked absent."

Kerri Huckestein of Redford Township, a South Redford schools parent, said the notification system has been invaluable.

"When we had an unexpected snow day a lot of parents thought the band booster spaghetti dinner fund-raiser would also be canceled," said Huckestein. "We did a fan-out using the notification system and the dinner was a huge success. It would have been nearly impossible to contact all those people by phone."

Plymouth-Canton officials are hopeful of having the new communications system, which can also send messages via e-mail, operational before the end of the school year.

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Roadhouse comes to the rescue of patrons holding gift cards from Corral

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Eric Hughes is encouraging a move from the corral to the roadhouse.

In response to the closure of Canton's Texas Corral Grill & Saloon, Hughes, the managing partner of Texas Roadhouse in Westland, is offering diners a chance to redeem Texas Corral gift cards at his eatery.

The nearest Texas Corral is about two hours from Canton.

"People have told us they are happy we are able to do something for them," Hughes said.

The Westland restaurant, 36750 Ford Road, along with the Texas Roadhouse location in Taylor are accepting gift cards from Texas Corral, Mountain Jacks and Don Pablo's, which has also closed its Canton location on

Ford Road.

In bringing a card to Texas Roadhouse, the amount will be verified and for every \$5 on the card, \$5 Roadhouse vouchers will be issued. Hughes said customers can redeem up to \$10 at a time.

"A lot of people are ticked off that they made gift card purchases and that these places aren't around," Hughes said, adding that he's already gotten cards from Texas Corral.

Canton resident Ken Glantz bought a \$50 gift card from the Corral a week before it closed. "Somebody should have told me they were leaving," he said, before taking down the Westland Roadhouse's number.

For more information, call (734) 729-4570.

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Canton's Eric Hughes, one of three managers at Texas Roadhouse on Ford Road in Westland, will honor gift certificates from the recently closed Texas Corral and Don Pablo's restaurants, as well as Mountain Jacks.

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Explore the 'Fringe' of art and
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Music performance

The Plymouth-Canton Winter Guard teams and Winter Drumline will perform a special performance for community at large at 7 p.m., Wednesday April 2 at the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

The PCMB Winter Ensembles - Winter Guard A, Winter Guard World, Winter Drumline will all perform at the special performance. The Winter Ensembles are comprised of students of Plymouth-Canton Education Park and the music program. All three teams are active in the 2008 competition season, where they have received numerous accolades for their programs.

Winter Pee Wee and Junior Guard is comprised of elementary and middle school students who participated in a special workshop hosted by the Winter Guard Program and director Jennifer Leseth.

Women wanted

The Canton Business and Professional Women will meet from 6-8:30 p.m., Monday, April at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road, Canton. Dinner will be served.

Guest speaker will be Lisa Mininni, Canton author of "Me, Myself and Why? The Secrets of Navigating Change."

The goal of the group is to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women. They hold monthly meetings. For More Information please contact: June Nicholas at (313) 610 2561 or via e-mail at juvenicholas@comcast.net. Please RSVP for this meeting.

Historical Society presentation

The Canton Historical Society will host its 2nd in a series of speakers at 7 p.m., April 9th at the Cherry Hill School on the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. The guest speaker will be society trustee Larry Arnold who will present "Lydia Pinkham and Patent Medicine Frauds," which is about a remarkable woman and offers a humorous look at the rampant patent

medicine industry in the early 1900s before the Food and Drug Administration came into being.

For more information contact the Canton Historical Society Museum at (734) 397-0088 or visit their Web site at www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

Senior Indian festival

Community members are encouraged to attend the Canton Senior Center's Visakhi Event on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 from 12:30-2 p.m. in the Summit on the Park's Maple Room, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. This new program celebrates Visakhi, a seasonal festival popular in India that takes place right after winter. Traditionally, the festival was celebrated as the harbinger of happiness and plenty being closely connected with harvesting. To ward off malignant spirits ruinous to the harvest, a ritual dance preceded the festivities.

Come learn about the Indian celebration of the birth of the Sikh faith and the beginning of spring at this free event. The featured speaker will be area resident, Iqbal Bhan. From the colorful clothing to the delicious desserts, you will have a lovely afternoon. Although there is no admission required to attend, it is asked that you please register at the Senior Center Front Desk. For more information on this Visakhi Celebration, hosted by Canton Leisure Services' Senior Center, visit leisure.canton-mi.org call (734) 394-5485.

Dingell to Lead healthcare forum

U.S. Rep John D. Dingell (D-Michigan) has invited healthcare experts to take part in a hearing on the state of healthcare at 2 p.m., Friday, March 28 at Romulus City Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus. The Congressman will hear from three panels at the hearing: one on community health centers, a second on the United Auto Workers' (UAW) Voluntary Employee Benefit Association deal, and then a third on the work of some of the local hospitals.

The event will mirror a Congressional hearing in

the sense that witnesses will be providing testimony to Congressman Dingell, which he may follow up with questions if time allows.

Mom-to-Mom sale

St. Thomas a' Becket's "Mom-to-Mom Sale" will be on Saturday, April 12 from 9 a.m.-noon in the church gym and classrooms. More than 70 tables and racks full of great finds for babies, toddlers and kids will be available, as well as several "large item rooms" full of strollers, cribs, car seats, exersaucers, large toys, etc. Admission is \$1. Those shopping with strollers will be admitted after 10 a.m.

St Thomas a' Becket Church is at 555 South Lilley Road, Canton. For more information contact the church at (734) 981-1333 or visit their Web site at <http://kirstemoline.com/mom-2mom.html>.

Mom to mom sale

Connection Church (formally Tri-City Christian) in Canton is having its Spring Mom to Mom Sale on Saturday, April 5, at 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a \$1 admission. Connection Church is located at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue. For more info, please e-mail mom2momsale@yahoo.com.

Cultural art grants

In preparation for the 2008-2009 Village Theater season beginning in September of this year, the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities (Partnership) is now accepting grant request applications for cultural art initiatives in the Canton community. Originally formed to help raise money to build the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, the Partnership is a relatively new nonprofit that has spent the last few years refocusing its efforts on providing financial support to local cultural arts groups and activities in Canton through a grant making process.

In past years, grants have been given to local performing art groups like Ever After Youth Theater and Spotlight Players, musical and vocal



'Company' is coming

Cast members Stefanie Mallasch, David Zolotarchuk, Sue Schuler, Kevin Branshaw, Matt Cameron, and Allison Soranno clown around during rehearsals for the Stephen Sondheim musical, "Company," to be performed by local theater company The Spotlight Players April 25, 26, 27 and May 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Company, which was first staged in 1970 and won several Tony Awards, revolves around the life of the single Robert, a charming New Yorker who thinks he has everything & #8211; friends, family life, and all the girls he could want. However, he realizes committing to someone is what makes life worth living. "It's not performed that often any more, but it still has such resonance in our go-go-go lives. How people connect meaningfully is such a core theme to this piece that I think audiences will find revelatory," said actor Roy Sexton, who plays Robert. Ticket prices are \$18 for adults, and \$16 for seniors and children under 18. Call for group sales. To order tickets call (734) 394-5460 or (734) 394-5300 or online at www.spotlightplayers.net.

groups like Orchestra Canton, the Canton Community Band and Canton Community Chorus. Additionally, the Partnership provides a large amount of funding for national and regional acts brought to the Village Theater throughout each season. Some of the most notable have been comedian John Heffron, literary giant David Sedaris and groups like Capitol Steps and The Lettermen. Part of its funding includes support for several Canton-produced events that focus on the diversity in our community.

"When choosing a place to call home, many consider the quality of schools, driving distance to and from work and even the style of housing offered in a community; few offer the depth that Canton has in its cultural arts offerings" said Elizabeth Knoll, Executive Director of the Partnership. "We hope to generate enough philanthropy each year to continue to support the arts in our community." For more information on obtaining a grant from the Partnership for the Arts

and Humanities or to support the mission of the organization by making a financial gift, please log on to www.partnershipforarts.org or call (734) 765-7061.

Corriveau coffee hour

State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) invites residents to talk over a cup of coffee during an evening coffee hour at Parthenon Coney Island and Restaurant starting at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 31.

"Talking with residents about issues that are important to them and their families is a very important part of my job as a state representative," Corriveau said. "It's important for me to hear from residents so I can continue to do a good job of representing them in the capitol."

Parthenon Coney Island and Restaurant is located at 39910 Ford Road in Canton.

If your business or organization would like to schedule an event with Corriveau, please contact his office at (877) 20TH-REP (208-4737).

Rotary poker tournament

The Canton Rotary Club will host a poker tournament fundraiser on March 29 at the Hickory Creek Golf Club, on Ridge Road north of Ford Road. Registration begins at 5 p.m., and the game starts at 6 p.m. The cost to play is \$50. Rebuys and add-ons are \$40 for the first hour. Prize money will be paid out to top eight players. After all payouts, all additional money will be used by the Rotary Club for service in the community. For more information, contact Ken Beardsly at (734) 844-1901.

PCEP senior party preparations

The PCEP Senior Party committee has several upcoming fund-raisers planned.


Max & Erma's on Canton Center near Ford Road in Canton is hosting a fund-raiser on Wednesday, April 2 and will be donating 20 percent of each tab that presents a flyer. Jet's Pizza will be donating 20 percent of each tab that presents the flyer for the entire month of April at five locations in the Plymouth and Canton area. Southern Living at Home consultant Pam Uller will be donating 25 percent of each product purchased now through April 25. Mention Senior Party when ordering. Longaberger Basket consultant Laurie Maltby will be donating 25 percent of each Graduation Basket purchased now through April 25. Mention Senior Party when ordering.

Mary Kay consultant Lisa Sawchuk will be donating 25 percent of each product purchased now through April 25. Mention Senior Party when ordering. Coffee Express Company will be offering fresh ground coffee in custom bags labeled uniquely for the Class of 2008. Mention Senior Party when ordering. Additional offers will be available soon. For more information about these fund-raisers, including downloading fliers, and how you can volunteer, please visit the group's Web site at <http://pcep08seniorparty.blogspot.com>. Students purchasing advance tickets will be entered into a drawing to win a Wii game system. Tickets may be ordered by mail by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Karen Movsesian at 44123 Sheridan Street, Canton, 48187. Make \$35 check payable to PCEP Senior Party.

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Glenn students give 110 percent to 'High School Musical'

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Dayna Krushlin and Megan Walker, it was a given that they would be the assistant directors of John Glenn High School's spring musical. They were the only students in Sheri Grove's drama directing class who wrote the essays needed to earn the coveted positions.

But there also was some planning that went into landing what most likely are the prime jobs on what is turning out to be the biggest production in Grove's 13 years at the Westland high school.

"We passed up being play directors to be the musical directors," said Krushlin. "This is bigger and better and we can dance."

The bigger and better is the stage production of Disney's *High School Musical* which will be presented April 10-12 at the Westland high school. Seventy students are working on the production, a modern retelling of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.

"We did the planning for it in the fall and the calls started coming in," said Grove. "For the kids, knowing they're in a show people want to see has been exciting."

"We just found out the mayor bought tickets," said Krushlin. "It's kind of cool. We never really had anyone come, only our parents and friends."

The play has a cast of 40 and a crew of 30. And from day



The cheerleaders — Courtney McKinney (front row), Amy Selewski, Jordan Burgess, Nikki Zurban (back row), Kimmie Shepers, Tyla Echols and Sarah Mellas — perform the "Wildcat Cheer" during rehearsal of the spring musical.

one, they have "viewed being in the show as a privilege, said Grove.

"We had 100 students come out for auditions, that shows that they viewed this as something special," said Grove. "All the popularity and the hype has made it more exciting to be a part of. From beginning to the end, it's been a wonderful experience."

GOOD EXPERIENCE

Preparations have gone smoothly, thanks to Disney which provides "so many assets" to help with the production. In past productions, Grove has had to rely on karaoke music, but with *High School Musical*, Disney has provided rehearsals and performance CDs as well as logos to use for T-shirts and promotions.

"They want the show done

the way it was done originally," she said. "We're trying to make it as authentic as possible to the Broadway show and movie."

The challenge facing Grove is adapting the play to the size of Glenn's auditorium, which is "more intimate than most theaters."

Because it's a small stage, a simple wagon will be used to rotate the three sets need for the production.

"The students have given 110 percent," Grove said. "This has been completely student-driven."

"They want to be here," added co-director Belinda Walakonis-Semak. "They're self-driven and they've all stepped up to the plate. They all come prepared, they've put the musical first. This group has been phenomenal, awesome."

According to Grove, students



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The cast of the John Glenn High School spring musical, 'High School Musical,' rehearses the opening number, 'Start of Something New.' Playing lead roles in the production are Megan Walker as Taylor (front row, from left), Lauracindy Plaque as Gabriella, Dayna Krushlin as Sharpay, Matt Benyo as Ryan, Jacory Frowner as Zeke, David Sumlin as Chad, and Joseph Franklin Blouse as Troy.

have been able to learn on their own and teach other students. Krushlin and Walker did the choreography, using a video that taught them the dances.

"It took about 1 1/2-two hours to learn," said Walker who has been in dance for 15 years.

In addition to their directing and choreography duties, the two seniors also are members of the cast. Krushlin plays Sharpay Evans, a member of the Thespians, while Walker plays Taylor McKessie of the Brainiacs.

"This is so big, it's so exciting for us," said Krushlin.

POPULAR PRODUCTION

Grove selected the musical last fall and immediately began getting calls for tickets. One of the things done near then end of rehearsals, Grove had tickets printed up first for this musical because of the demand.

She also decided to do *High School Musical* to attract underclassmen, especially freshmen students, to drama.

"With the new curriculum, there's really no time for elec-

tives," she said. "Electives are barely hanging on. This was a way of hyping their interest in choosing drama as an elective."

Krushlin and Walker didn't need the hook. For them, being involved in the production is the best way to close the book on high school.

"This is probably the biggest thing for us to go out on," said Walker.

"It's our big finale," added Krushlin.

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Man credits Focus:HOPE with turning his life around

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For William Motts II, being a child on Detroit's west side was a life of constant chaos.

"Growing up pretty much was a living hell. Ever since I can remember I was surrounded by crime and drugs," he said.

Motts' father was a drug addict and dealer. Motts, now 34, has vivid memories of being taken on deals when he was 8 and 9 years old, of police raiding his home, of bullets fired into his house and of his father being taken off to jail.

"It was embarrassing," he said, his dark eyes staring intently as he told his story. "When I was 13 or 14 years old, my father went off to jail again. He gave me the keys to his car and his wallet and he said, 'Do you remember where we parked?' and I drove home. I was literally petrified. I could barely make it home."

That began Motts' own descent into crime, picking up his dad's business while he was in jail.

On Wednesday, Motts of Livonia was a featured speaker at a press conference to launch the yearlong 40th anniversary celebration of Focus:Hope, the job training and social services organization founded by the late Rev. William Cunningham and Eleanor Josaitis in the wake of the 1967 Detroit race riot.

As Josaitis, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and other dignitaries looked on, Motts, a General Motors innovation/decision team leader, thanked Focus:Hope for changing his life.

Motts was arrested at 18. He had been handling his father's business and faced serious jail time. But he remembers his own arrest as a blessing in disguise.

"I had a 3-month-old daughter. I was sitting on the floor of the county jail facing



Eleanor Josaitis, co-founder of Focus:Hope, talks about the program during ceremonies held Wednesday to celebrate the organizations 40 years of service.

a life with murderers with the worst elements of society. And my father was two floors up," he said. "What is wrong with this picture? He's on the floor above me and it doesn't phase him or even care and I am mortified about what my daughter is going to think of me. Is she going to grow up in the same environment that I did? I just said no, we have to break this cycle."

After a year in Wayne County Jail, a perceptive lawyer and a compassionate judge put Motts in touch with Focus:Hope.

"After sitting there, they realized I was a puppet, a way for my father to make more money and do what he couldn't do," he said.

GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY

Attorney Robert Elsey had taken an English class with Rev. Cunningham and knew about the program. Judge David Kerwin agreed that Motts should go to Focus:Hope instead of back to jail.

"I didn't graduate from high school. I didn't know how to write a paper at the time. I didn't know about algebra," Motts said. "It really scared the death out of me. I did not want to be my father. I did not want to

be an idiot. I did not want to force my kids into something they did not want to do."

Motts got his GED, enrolled in Focus:Hope's Fast Track program to bring up his reading and math skills and graduated from the Machinist Training Institute. His group started with 50 people and ended up with seven. His grades were so high he was encouraged to pursue a college degree through the Center for Advanced Technologies.

"This is the best-kept secret in Detroit," Motts said.

He had strong support from his wife, Paula. They made a pact to take turns getting their education. He earned his associate's degree and she earned her dental hygienist degree and a bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit Mercy. Motts also earned a master's degree in engineering management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and is finishing a master of business administration degree from Indiana University.

When his father was released from prison, Motts supported him through the



Judge David Kerwin, left, and William Motts talk during ceremonies celebrating the 40th anniversary of Focus:Hope. Kerwin presided over Motts' trial in the 1990s and decided to send him to see the Rev. William Cunningham at Focus:Hope where Motts enrolled in the Fast Track program.

Machinist Training Institute and he is also employed.

Motts calls his wife "the backbone of the family," which now includes three daughters, Mercedes, 16, Helaina, 6, and Trisha, 3.

"I sensed that in his heart he was a good person and he was going to make it out," Paula said. "When he sets his mind to something, he's going to achieve it. He got into Focus:Hope and they helped him in every sense and direction."

Kerwin, a retired judge from West Bloomfield, also sensed Motts' potential. Kerwin grew up in the tough neighborhood around Focus:Hope near Oakman Boulevard. His own sister died of a heroin overdose.

"Some of my friends ended up in prison, some are on the police force, some of them became doctors," Kerwin said.

He said Motts' story was

special, but not unique.

LEARNING DISCIPLINE

Wednesday, Kerwin and Motts were reunited for the first time since Kerwin gave Motts his opportunity. Focus:HOPE let Motts make the most of that opportunity.

"It taught me a lot about discipline. Being here, not a minute late, being here on time, looking professional, acting professional," he said. "I couldn't say enough about this program."

In addition to hands-on training, Motts was able to interact with the many retired GM, Ford and Chrysler plant managers who have donated their time to working with Focus:Hope. He was inspired by their example.

Now that Motts is successful, he wants to tell others what he's found.

"There is somewhere in this city where you can get educated, you can change and break

the cycle, change the history you're born into," he said.

He now brings his oldest daughter down to Focus:Hope to help package food for the elderly and tell her what a difference it made in their lives.

Josaitis has met many success stories in the 40 years that Focus:Hope has been offering a hand to those who want a way out.

"It makes me realize we are really making a difference in a lot of lives," she said.

"That's all I want to do. And when William comes back and tells the story, other young people might say I didn't think I had a chance, but now I've got a chance. There is nothing greater that you can do than that. I am so proud of William because he told me, 'I'd be dead on the street if you hadn't helped me.'"

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Focus:HOPE serves many needs

Focus:HOPE was founded in 1968 by the Rev. William Cunningham, a Catholic priest, and Eleanor Josaitis, a Downriver housewife, in the aftermath of the 1967 Detroit race riot. The mission was to bridge the social, economic and racial divides of the Detroit area. On its campus on Oakman Boulevard in Detroit, Focus:HOPE offers social services and technical job training.

Programs include:

- Commodity Supplemental Food Program. Provides a free monthly supplement of food to 42,000 pregnant

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

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Special Land Use
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, April 16, 2008
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting Special Land Use Approval for a Kennel to house four family household dogs, in a Single Family Residential District, (R-1-E), on Tax ID R78-037-99-0013-709, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 6.2-12. The property is located east of Ridge, south of North Territorial, and west of Beck Road at 12715 Rolston.
Application 1984/0308. Applicant, Michele Best

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-037-99-0013-709.

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170. TDD users: 800-949-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary
Planning Commission

Publish: March 30, 2008

**CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD.
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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction April 1, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF A
PUBLIC HEARING FOR
RECOMMENDING RENEWAL,
REVOCATION AND NON-RENEWAL
OF LIQUOR LICENSES IN
ACCORDANCE WITH
The City of Plymouth Liquor
Management Ordinance**

Plymouth City Commission
Commission Chambers
201 S. Main
Plymouth, MI 48170
April 7, 2008 - 7:00 p.m.

The City of Plymouth may provide correspondence, reports and/or public comment from the City Manager, Police Chief, City Clerk, Building Official, Fire Chief or Inspector, City Treasurer and/or other members of the City of Plymouth Staff.

Licensees are required to notify the City's Attorney Office at least three (3) days prior to the hearing date if they intend to contest the proposed action, and to provide the names of witnesses known at the time who will testify on their behalf. (Section 8, B6) City Attorney Office - Plunkett & Cooney, Robert Marzano 248-901-4000.

LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

Publish: March 30, 2008

Tax on sale of widow's house may be less than she thinks

Dear Rick: My husband and I bought a home together over 40 years ago. We paid about \$25,000 for the house and last year I sold it for more than \$500,000. My husband died about five years ago. Do I have to pay taxes on the gain? My tax preparer says I do while a friend of our family, who also does taxes, says I don't because I qualify for the \$500,000 exclusion. What do you think?

It's not uncommon for there to be a variety of opinions. Our tax laws are complex and confusing. That being said I believe your friend is wrong. However, you probably will pay less tax than you think.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

The only other way of avoiding taxes was if you were a senior citizen. Seniors were eligible to exclude \$125,000 of that gain

The law has changed with regard to the sale of a personal residence. It used to be that if you sold your property, and you had a gain, you could avoid taxes if you purchased a new house of greater value.

The only other way of avoiding taxes was if you were a senior citizen. Seniors were eligible to exclude \$125,000 of that gain

from income taxes.

In order to make those laws simpler and fairer, Congress changed the law. Now if you are single and sell your home you can exclude \$250,000 of gain from taxes as long as the home was your primary residence for two of the last five years. Therefore, if you purchased a house for \$50,000 and you eventually sold it for \$350,000, your gain on the home would be \$300,000. As long as the home was your primary residence for two of the last five years the first \$250,000 of gain would be tax free. The

\$250,000 number is increased to \$500,000 for married couples.

Since you sold the house when you were single you are allowed to exclude \$250,000 of profits. However, you are entitled to a step-up basis for half the house. For example, if the house was worth \$400,000 at the time of your husband's death your new basis in the property would be half the \$400,000 plus one half of the original purchase price. Therefore, your new basis would be \$212,500. Therefore, your gain would be the sales price less the \$212,500. Your

taxable gain would be the gain less the \$250,000 exclusion.

Starting this year, a surviving spouse can exclude the full \$500,000 as long as the house was joint property and the sale occurs within two years after the first spouse passed on.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@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.

Legislation paves way for vote on zoo tax

Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a new bill into law Thursday that allows counties to create authorities with the power to levy funds for zoos.

Through the creation of zoological authorities, metro Detroit counties could then levy a tax for the Detroit Zoo of up to 0.10 mill on all taxable property for a period of 20 years - with approval from the electorate. The millage would average approximately \$10 per year for a \$200,000 home.

The City of Detroit turned over governance and manage-

ment of the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo to the Detroit Zoological Society in 2006.

At the time of transition the city stopped paying an annual subsidy of about \$8 million for operations and \$2-3 million for capital maintenance. In addition to replacing the subsidy, the Zoological Society anticipates incurring lost revenue and increased expense relating to discounts and other benefits provided to citizens living within participating counties. Altogether, this

funding gap is approximately the value of the tax that would be collected from a 0.10 mill in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

"This legislation is crucial to protecting the long-term financial future of the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo and continuing valuable programs that serve Metro-Detroit's children and families," said Detroit Zoological director Ron Kagan. "We appreciate the legislature and Gov. Granholm for leading this initiative. We're espe-

cially grateful to Sens. Gilda Jacobs and Nancy Cassis and Rep. Andy Meisner for their outstanding leadership on this important issue."

The Zoological Society will work closely with Metro-Detroit counties to help each county create its own zoological authority and to place the issue in front of voters on the August ballot.

"We look forward to continuing our work with the Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb County commissioners to take this next step," said Kagan.

SMART offers Google Map service online

The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) is offering Michigan's first "Google" Maps Trip Planner for customers looking for a fast and easy way to plan their bus trips. SMART has partnered with Google Maps to offer the free service on the authority's Web site at www.smartbus.org.

"Google Maps is a tool designed to help you find your bus route step-by-step," said Hayes W. Jones, SMART general manager. "It's so convenient and so easy it makes rid-

ing the bus an obvious choice." SMART fixed route bus fare is \$1.50 per trip.

The online service is available at 21 transit agencies nationwide. Users can click on the Google Maps icon and get detailed itineraries. By using your origin and destination and the time of day you would like to travel, Google plans your route based on available public transportation schedules and information including route numbers, locations, schedules, transfer information on SMART buses, return trips and walking

directions. Also available on SMART's Web site is a complete listing of Places Served by SMART with addresses and contact information.

"We are pleased to partner with SMART to offer Google Maps Transit Trip Planner in southeast Michigan. Google's mission is to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful, provid-

ing transit information is a step towards that," said Tom Sly, Google New Business Development. Transit customers can also find this service on the Google Transit page at www.google.com/transit on the web to plan their trips.

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Canton couple swindled in mortgage scam

A Canton couple has been swindled out of more than \$7,000 in a mortgage scam.

The husband, 32, told officers that he and his wife learned of a company called Royal Advantage Group through Lendingtree.com and were approved for a \$200,000 mortgage.

In order to get the lump sum, which was supposed to be deposited into their bank account on March 20, they were instructed to send in an initial payment of \$7,219. Although the company was advertised as being based out of Maine the money was sent to a location in Ontario.

When the couple called about the status of their mortgage, they told police the

COP CALLS

company's numbers were disconnected. The wife, 30, said she had passed along her bank account information to the company while her husband had given his social security number and copies of his check stubs.

Patient becomes irate

Canton police were called to a medical office on the 1600 block of Canton Center Road Thursday after a township man became angry with his care provider.

The man, 29, was treated and then got hostile when he was denied a prescription for

the drug 'Ultram.'

The doctor refused the request after searching through a database and learning that the man was going around to area facilities and getting new prescriptions every two days.

The doctor told police the man threatened him saying: "Do you know who I am?" and "Do you know what I do to people?" Before leaving, the man also warned the doctor against sending any police officers to his home.

Beauty queen harassed

Security officials connected to the Miss America organization contacted Canton police Monday to inform them

of a township man that has been harassing a former Miss Michigan.

The man, 32, had previously been in contact with the 26-year-old woman against her wishes but had stopped. He recently began sending her e-mails saying that he missed her and requesting that she respond to him. In one of his messages, the man passed along the address to his residence on Lilley Pointe and asked that she send him a letter.

Construction ladder stolen

A aluminum staircase was stolen from in front of a con-

struction company's trailer on the 5700 block of Lotz Road sometime late Tuesday or early Wednesday.

The 100-pound, 4-foot-tall item, which is valued at \$500, was one of two staircases at the trailer.

A business near the site told police they would review their outdoor surveillance film to see if the theft was caught on tape.

Credit card fraud

A 44-year-old Canton woman has reported to police that her former partner had opened several fraudulent credit cards accounts in her name.

The woman told police

shortly after she moved out of the Amber Drive home she shared with the other woman, also 44, she learned of four credit accounts the woman had in her name.

She has since closed the Capital One credit cards and the two Chase accounts.

The first Chase account was opened in October 2000 and has a balance of \$3,962.

The second was opened in October 2007 and has a balance of \$6,874.

The woman said that even though she was in a lengthy relationship with the woman, she didn't know the accounts existed.

Tiffany L. Parks

WW wants to round up Class of 2012

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Five-year-olds don't have to wait until September to have their first school experience. In fact, Wayne-Westland school officials want them to have that experience now as part of the annual Kindergarten Roundup slated for 9-10 a.m. Tuesday, April 8.

"We would like all the kindergarten students to join us at the Kindergarten Roundup," said Sally Perkins, the executive director of elementary education. "It's very important for parents to come out and learn about the school and Wayne-Westland's kindergarten program."

The roundup will be held at all 17 of Wayne-Westland's elementary schools. Parents will have an opportunity to tour the school, meet the principal and kindergarten teachers, discuss the curriculum and review registration materials.

Incoming kindergartners will get the opportunity to participate in an activity, visit their kindergarten classroom and receive a free school T-shirt to wear in the fall. They also will be given free backpacks, filled with school supplies, books and suggested activities to prepare youngsters for the first day of school.

For parents who can't attend the morning program, school offices will be open 6-7 p.m. that evening for registration only. If those times don't work, parents can call the school for an appointment.

Youngsters who will age 5 by Dec. 1, 2008, are eligible for kindergarten enrollment this fall. Parents must provide the child's original birth certificate with raised seal, a current immunization record and three proofs of residency, such as a current mortgage/lease agreement or tax statement, current bank statement, current utility bills or current employment

record.

Parents also can get information on the district's all-day kindergarten program which is offered at seven schools - John Hick in Inkster; Wildwood, P.D. Graham, Lincoln and Jefferson-Barns in Westland; Walker-Winter in Canton and Roosevelt-McGrath in Wayne.

Families who are interested in the all-day program but don't live in those schools' attendance areas, can apply through the Schools of Choice program at the district's administrative offices on Marquette west of Wayne Road, Westland. Applications also are available online at www.wcsd.net. The deadline for applying is April 21. For more information, call (734) 419-2083.

The school district also offers a magnet kindergarten program to meet the needs of school-age children who may be developmentally young. The program provides students added support through a curriculum which places greater emphasis on hands-on instruction. There is currently one magnet classroom available to students in the district.

Parents are responsible for providing transportation for students in schools of choice programs, including the magnet program.

There also are Champions before and after school programs available at 13 of the district's 17 elementaries as well as an extended-day kindergarten programs at Kettering and Wildwood Elementaries with a free one-way shuttle service. For more information, call (734) 722-9157.

"We would like all students to join us at the roundup," said Perkins. "We'd like to have as many students registered now before school starts in September."

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- Single Stream Recycling Pilot
- 2008 Water and Sewer Rate Study update
- Elected officials compensation

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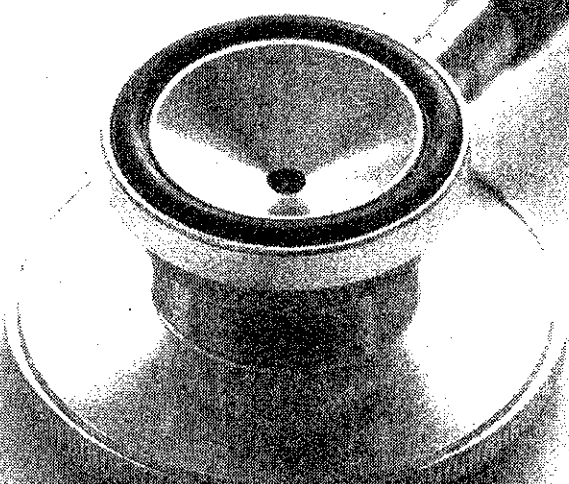
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Canton resident Judith Gettelfinger was honored as a "woman of distinction" by the Wayne County Commission during its annual Women's History Month celebration on March 20. Commissioner Kevin McNamara (pictured) nominated Gettelfinger, calling her "a very strong advocate for the working men and woman of our country." She is active in local causes in Canton and across Wayne County, including the Community Democratic Club, the Michigan Democratic Party, and the March of Dimes. She has been a UAW loyalist since 1966, and supports all UAW causes with her husband, UAW President Ron Gettelfinger.

BOWLING

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bowlers a visual welcome," Silagy said. "I've already gotten an e-mail from someone participating in the tournament that said she can't wait to see them."

The 5-foot-tall pins have been sponsored by area businesses and organizations including Connection Church, Jack Demmer Ford, the Canton Soccer Club, 4 Friends Restaurant and Mary Kay Cosmetics. Sponsorship levels range from \$100-\$1,500.

At his State of the Township Address, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack joked about the

spending power that the world's largest sporting event for women is expected to offer the township.

"Forty-five thousand women will converge on Canton and they have credit cards," he said.

More than 7,000 teams will compete in the championships, which will begin April 10 and end in early July.

According to the USBC, the tournament hasn't been in the Detroit area since 1953.

"The annual pilgrimage by participants to this tournament is almost a Mecca-type experience," the USBC stated in a release. "In its 90-year history, the event has grown to become the largest par-

ticipatory sporting event for women."

The championships, which include women of all skill levels, take place at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno every three years and touch down in commercial facilities during the years in between. Bowlers compete in team, doubles and singles events.

Silagy said each bowler is expected to be in the area for up to five days and are only required to bowl a minimum of six hours.

"Six hours in 3-5 days leaves a lot of time to spend and shop and play," she said. "That's why the businesses have gotten together. We started talking about this at the first day of

USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS FACTS

- Begins April 10 and ends in early July (lasts 88 days)
- 65,000 bowlers and their guests will come to town
- 7,300 teams will participate
- Expected to have a \$40 million impact on local economy
- Third time in metro Detroit

class of Leadership Canton 2008 and it's been a wonderful collaboration among all of us."

For more information on Pins on Parade or to become a sponsor, contact Silagy at (734) 890-2050.

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CLUB

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assembly and then fizzled out about five years ago.

"The idea was to bring to Canton individuals that people read about in the news," Yack said. "Those that are influential in southeastern Michigan."

With the month-long strike at American Axle & Manufacturing Inc., Gettelfinger, a Canton resident, was the ideal guest for the restored club's first activity. Gettelfinger, recently selected as the 2007 Newsmaker of the Year for Crain's Detroit Business, is a married father of two and grandfather of four. Gettelfinger has been UAW

president since 2002.

"I hope (he) will provide insight into what his accomplishments are personally and how his work has impacted southeast Michigan," Yack said.

About 150 people are expected to attend the luncheon, which is open to all.

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ECONOMIC CLUB LUNCHEON

Date: 11:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesday

Where: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway

The luncheon will feature UAW President Ron Gettelfinger as the guest speaker. Tickets are \$20. To register, call (734) 394-5185. While reservations are preferred, walk-ins will be accepted.

Restaurant continues dinner, movie offering

Alexander the Great Restaurant has partnered with Emagine Theater to continue offer patrons its package of two full dinners and two movie tickets for \$29.95.

"We recognize that the economy is rough right now," said Tom Tomich, owner of Alexander the Great. "As part of this community for 30 years, we also know that people still want to be able to go out and enjoy themselves from time to time. At \$29.95, we feel like people can still enjoy a night away from the kitchen and


catch a show, but feel comfortable that they are getting a pretty good bang for their buck."

Alexander The Great had offered their dinner and movie package with the Showcase Cinemas, which closed its Westland location on Wayne Road earlier this month. Valid tickets purchased under the previous arrangement will be honored by Emagine. The movie tickets are good at both Emagine Theater's Canton and Novi locations.

"We offer a diverse selection

of dinners, including our specialty barbecue ribs for two and you walk out with two tickets to an exciting, state-of-the-art theater," Tomich said. "You can't beat it. People have been buying them for years for a night out, as gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, graduations, you name it."

The movie and dinner package can be purchased at Alexander The Great at 34733 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-5410.

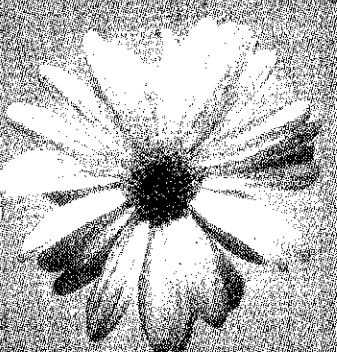


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Judge makes right decision concerning party voting lists

The farce known as the 2008 Michigan presidential primary reached another milestone Wednesday when federal Judge Nancy G. Edmunds barred the Michigan Secretary of State from providing party preference declarations solely to the two major political parties.

The judge struck down a portion of the legislation authorizing the January primary that made it a misdemeanor for anyone other than the two major parties to have access or use the preference lists. The suit was brought by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of the Green Party of Michigan, the Libertarian Party of Michigan, the Reform Party of Michigan, the *Metro Times* and Winning Strategies, a political consulting firm.

"The state is not required to provide the party preference information to any party," Edmunds wrote. "When it chooses to do so, however, it may not provide the information only to the two major political parties."

We agree the state had no business being an agent for collecting valuable political information for two private organizations, the Democratic and Republican parties.

This is the latest in a series of embarrassing consequences of the state's ill-considered attempt to buck the national parties by moving Michigan's primary to an earlier date. The national Democratic Party stripped the state of all of its delegates to the August convention in Denver.

The two remaining presidential candidates have been unable to resolve their differences to allow delegate allocations and the state Legislature rejected an attempt to hold a do-over primary in June.

Clearly, something has to give in the future. The national party must give more voice to large, urban, racially and economically diverse states. Iowa and New Hampshire have had their day and the decision on a better method needs to be made long before the 2012 election.

We need some understanding

Reading Thursday's paper I was interested in the opinions section's focus on race and diversity. Wayne Peal's column on Senator Obama and the speech he gave on race was well thought out and impressive in the very personal approach he took. Mr. Peal was dead on in his analysis that the uncomfortable truths of our attitudes on race and how we all, regardless of race, have a common interest in transcending these. On the other hand, the leading letter to the editor titled "Consider American residents" was a little more off. While I generally appreciate Mr. Denstedt's letters I was a little surprised by the comment.

While the argument that a new building in the area may adversely affect residents in the area may have merit, this statement comes off as 'us verses them' labeling members of the church as the polar opposite, non-American. I am sure that this was not the purpose of the letter and many times context can be lost by focusing on a few words, I do feel that these implications are indicative of the lack of knowledge we have of the members of our community.

All one has to do is go to the public library on a weekday to witness the diversity that boasts of Canton's wide appeal to people from all geographic locations and walks of life. This is a testament to the quality of the township and is hard to dismiss. Canton has a wide variety of cultural, ethnic and religious groups within its borders and perhaps we could work harder to understand each other.

Many groups have faced adversity in this country, from the Italians in Chicago, Irish in the Northeast and Chinese in California. We may be better off in learning from our past reactions out of fear. This was the point I got out of Senator Obama's speech and Mr. Peal's column. This is also the sentiments I got out Mr. Denstedt's letter in hoping that both sides will be satisfied by the outcome.

Michael Siegrist
Canton

Texas Corral will be missed

Our family of five loved Texas Corral. We have three children, ages 18, 12 and 7. It was the only restaurant in Canton that all of us liked

the food at (every weekend we have a problem agreeing on where to eat). My husband and I liked the sirloin steaks and the children all liked New York Strip steaks. The kids also loved the idea of eating the peanuts and throwing the shells on the floor. It overall had a great, friendly atmosphere.

So in conclusion, we are sad to see the restaurant go. It seems that Canton can only hold fast food type restaurants. Over the years we have seen Olive Garden, Mountain Jack's, and various restaurants that housed the now Big Boy's Restaurant come and go.

Lisa Gee
Canton

Not fond of Texas Corral

I read with interest your article about the Texas Corral. My husband and I were served cold ribs there after waiting way too long for our meal. That night we were both sick. We suspected food poisoning from the ribs that weren't heated to the right temperature. We called them the next day to tell them of our experience (by the way we were there using a gift card) and they said that it couldn't be food poison. They claimed that it takes 24 hours to have the symptoms of bad food.

We also reported this event to poison control, who said that it doesn't take 24 hours. I'm glad that the Texas Corral closed and wish that it did so before I had a chance to use my gift card.

Holly Nichols
Canton

Help keep Canton clean

It's time again for us to contribute to the success of our community, by keeping it neat and clean. The Wayne County Adopt-A-Road program will kick into gear next month with the first of three 2008 pickup weeks. April 9-13 is the first.

The Geddes Road corridor has become quite a busy thoroughfare in Canton in recent years and promises to continue to be so, as new development brings more traffic and attention there. For that reason, there is

more debris and trash that has accumulated along the side of the road that needs to be picked up.

You can help. For an hour or two on Saturday morning, April 12, beginning at 9 a.m. you can contribute to your community by making Canton a cleaner, more attractive place to be.

Simply decide what part of Geddes you'd like to help with and look for a green tub on the south side of the road in that area. It has reflective vests and Wayne County orange plastic trash bags in it, along with a registration clip board. Sign up and take as many orange bags from the tub as you think you'll need to do that stretch and just start picking up papers, bottles, cans, etc. and place them in the bags. Tie each bag in a knot and just leave it right there by the side of the road on the shoulder. Wayne County trucks will be dispatched to pick up the litter filled bags later.

That's all there is to it. Give a bit of time to your community and then still have the rest of your Saturday left to accomplish other things. Work in teams or groups, if you wish, or all by yourself. It is not recommended to include children under the age of 13, however, since it involves being exposed to traffic.

Let's get together and help clean up Geddes from the wintertime litter and debris from Sheldon/Michigan Avenue west to Beck Road. The Canton Lions Club will be out from Beck to the western border of Canton.

C'mon, let's show how it's done in Canton!

Greg Greene
Canton

Health care reform needed

National Health Care is all the talk of this presidential election. It seems the "one payer," "single provider" or "Canadian style" system is the rage. There are several problems with these systems that need to be addressed.

We need to keep in mind that health care and health insurance are two complementary systems that must be kept separate. You don't

make an insurance claim to do the regular oil change on your car; you just pay for it out of your pocket because it's a predictable maintenance cost just like a yearly physical. But you would file a claim if you were in an accident because accidents are unpredictable. This is "risk management" and you don't buy your auto insurance at the gas pump.

The private, for-profit insurance industry has done a good job at risk management and competition among many companies will keep costs down and efficiency up. The exception is national disasters like a hurricane, where the federal government must step in.

Lastly, if abortion services are any part of national health care reform the whole thing will be torpedoed.

Health care reform should include:

■ Tax-free Health Savings Accounts of \$5,000 that each person would use first to control costs of their own health.

■ Compulsory medical insurance with caps through employers or groups like credit unions and trade organizations.

■ State and Federal catastrophic insurance for long-term or very expensive care like cancer or multiple sclerosis that exceed the insurance caps.

■ Every insurance company and medical provider would take on an equal proportion of the number of people that cannot afford or are unable to get insurance or medical care to spread the risk fairly.

■ Specialized and expert medical courts to hear insurance and malpractice complaints.

■ Mandatory yearly physicals or all government assistance, tax refunds, employment or benefits would be withheld.

■ No abortion services except in the strict case of saving the life of the mother.

We don't want the government making health care decisions for us so we must step up and bear the cost and responsibility ourselves.

Frank Kalinski
Livonia

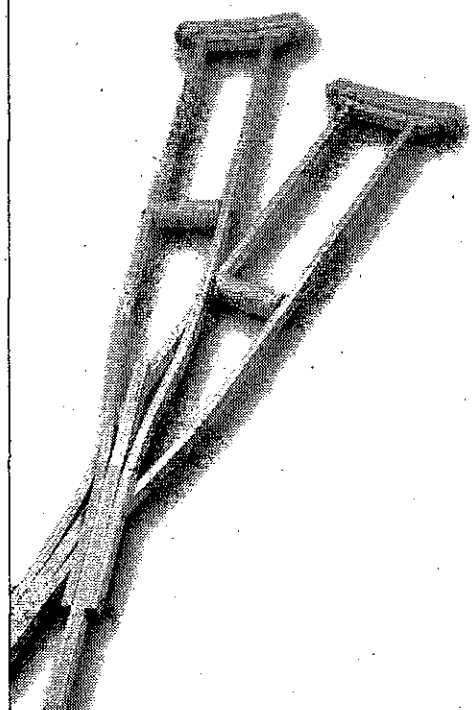


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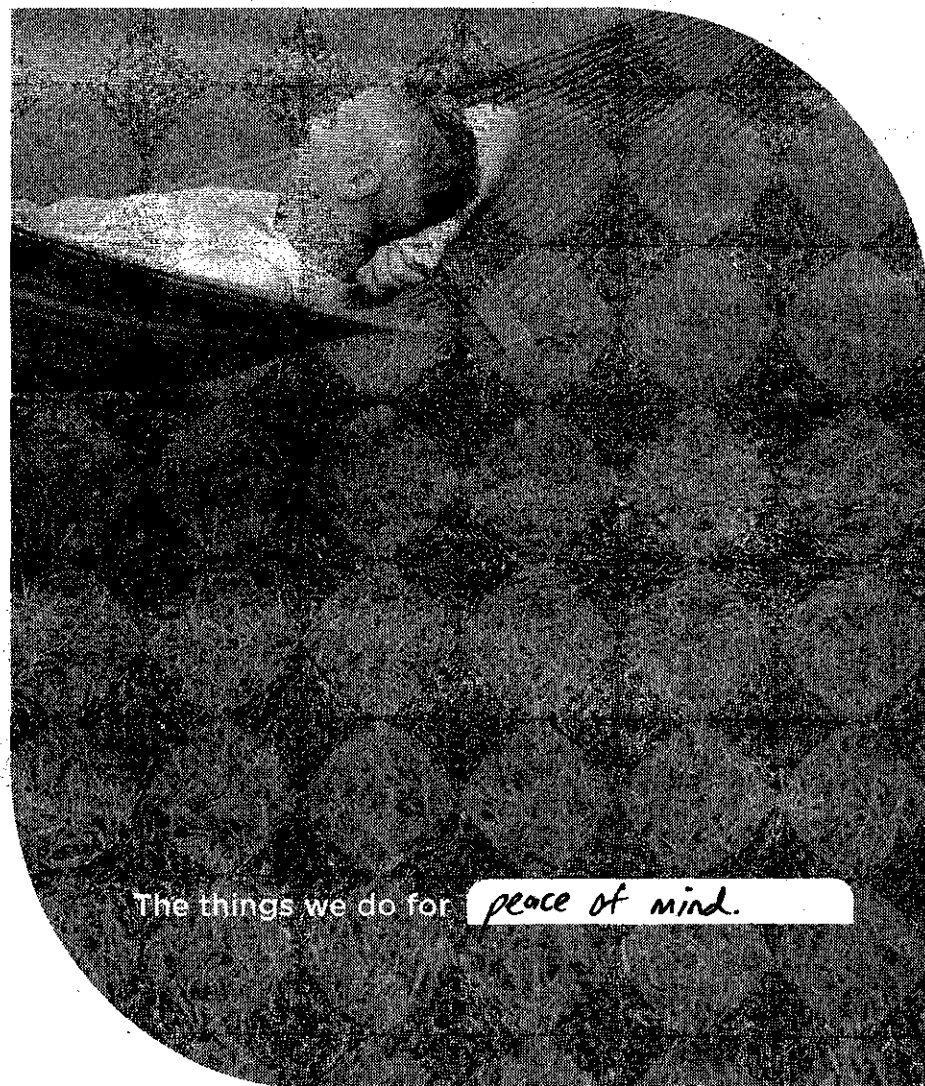
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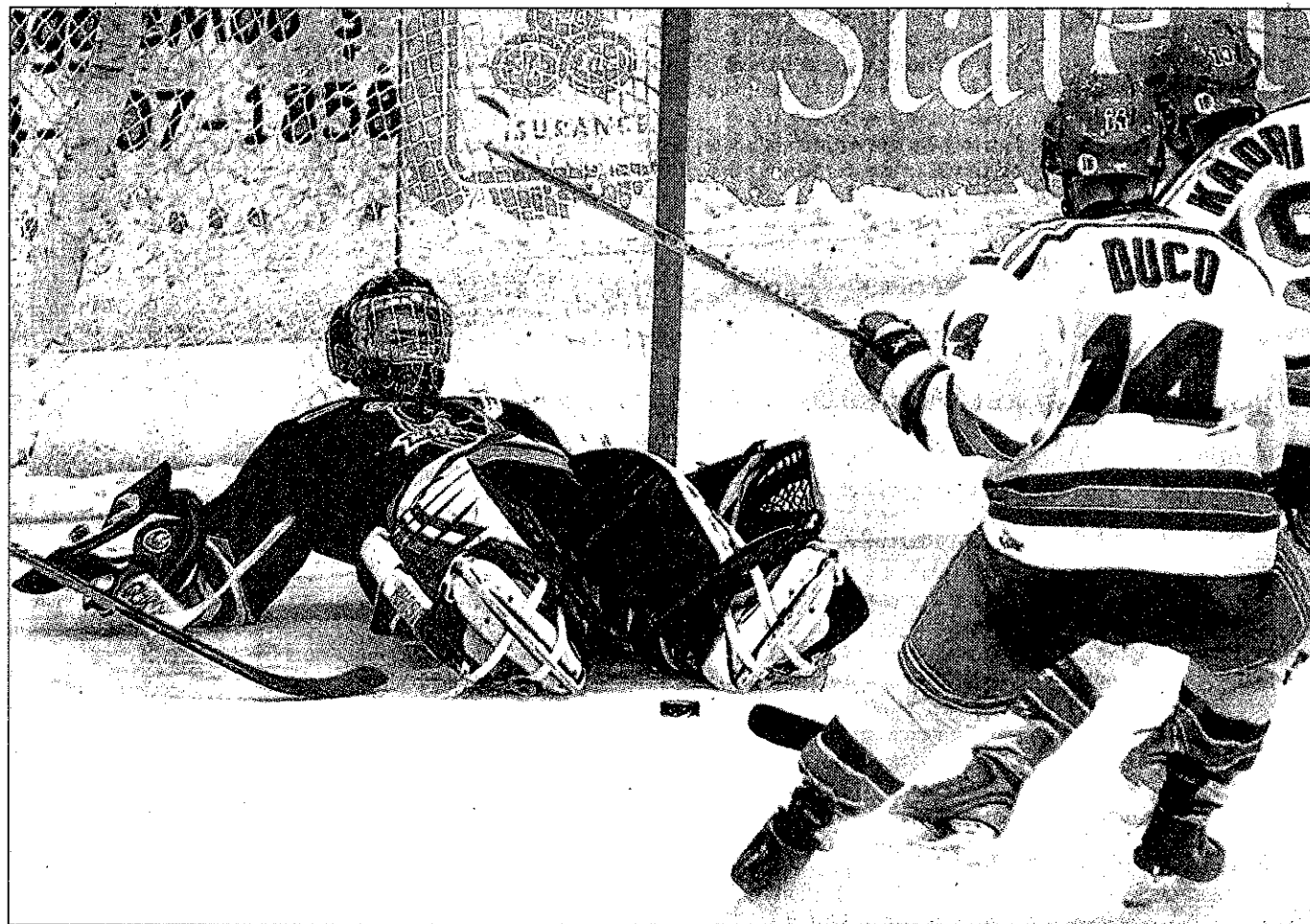
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WALT DMOCH

Plymouth goalie Jeremy Smith hit the ice to make a save during Game 2 of the Whalers' first-round series against Kitchener. The Whalers' bowed out in four games against the No. 1-seeded Rangers following Wednesday's 7-4 loss.

Four-gone conclusion

Kitchener sweeps Whalers out of OHL playoffs, 7-4

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 2008 Ontario Hockey League playoffs proved to be short and "sweep" for the defending champion Plymouth Whalers.

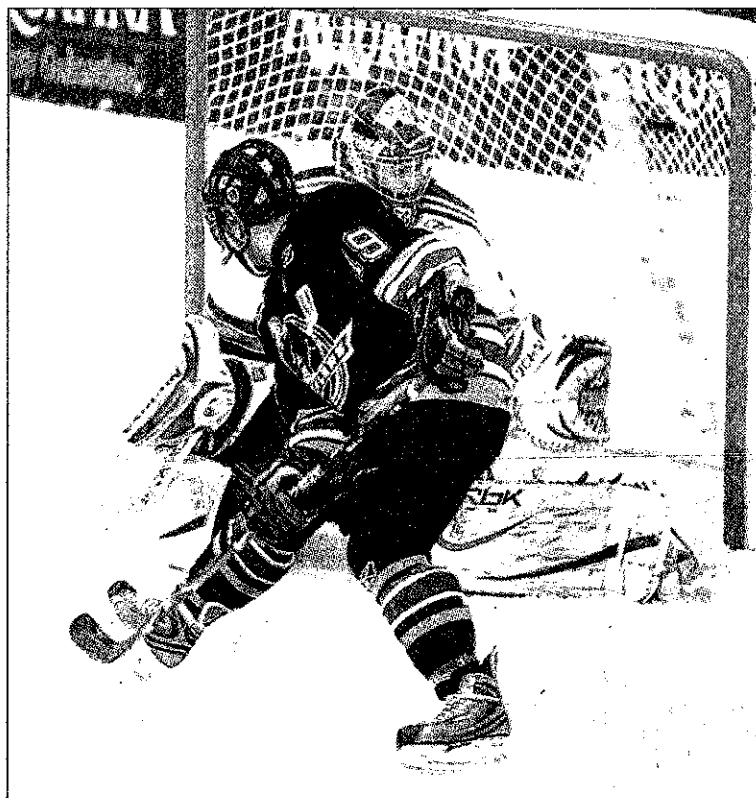
The Kitchener Rangers, who play eerily similar to last season's Plymouth titleists, capped a four-game, first-round sweep, 7-4, Wednesday night before a Spring Break-decimated crowd at the Compuware Arena.

Plymouth played shift-to-shift with the slick-skating Rangers for most of the night and trailed just 5-4 when captain Andrew Fournier tipped in a goal with 11:15 left in the third period.

But Kitchener punched its ticket to the Western Conference semifinals by scoring bang-bang goals with less than five minutes to play.

Kitchener earned the OHL Western Conference's No. 1 seed by cruising to 53 regular-season wins and just 11 losses.

The precursor to the Whalers' early playoff exit came during the final week of the regular season when a three-game losing streak dropped them from a No. 5 seed to No. 8 — and a date with the Rangers.

Please see **WHALERS, B2**

WALT DMOCH

Plymouth's Patrick Lee re-directs Chris Terry's shot past Kitchener goalie Josh Unice during Game 4 of the OHL Playoffs Wednesday at Compuware Arena. Despite the goal, the Whalers fell, 7-4.

Plymouth hitters look strong again

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth High School softball program's tradition of excellence shouldn't miss a beat in 2008 as several key performers return from last year's 26-4 squad.

Last season's campaign for the Wildcats was a couple heart-breaking late-season losses from being remarkable as a loss to Walled Lake Central cost them a Western Lakes Activities

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Association outright title, although they eventually

tied for the top spot with Northville; and they were upended in the first round of the Division 1 District by Salem.

At one point, the Wildcats were ranked No. 7 in the Division 1 rankings.

"This is a very good team with the potential to be a great team," said Val Canfield, the only varsity coach the Wildcats have known since the school opened in 2002. "We lost some good players to graduation — including our All-Conference shortstop Kim Klonowski — but I like the core of players we have returning this year."

"Our outfield has a lot of quickness and they're very consistent players. Our infield is experienced and talented; our pitchers have been tested in the past and performed well under pressure; and catcher is one of the best around."

There will still be a Klonowski roaming the shortstop position and batting clean-up for the Wildcats. Stacey Klonowski — Kim's younger sister — will take over both roles with the potential to be just as good as her sister, who is currently playing Division 1 collegiate softball at Youngstown State University.

"Stacey is very fundamentally sound and her arm is as strong as Kim's," noted Canfield. "She hit four home runs last year, which is a school record — and she was only a freshman."

The Wildcats' pitching duties will be shared by a pair of more-than-capable seniors: Meaghan Patterson, who handled the bulk of the mound work last year, and Ally Ciotti, who started a few games and was a reli-

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'Y' soccer

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for Spring Soccer for children between the ages of 4 and 11.

Practices begin the week of April 7 and games start Saturday, April 19.

There will be eight practices and seven games. The fee is \$70 for program members or \$102 for community members.

All participants will need to purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15. The registration deadline is March 31.

If you are interested in participating or coaching your child's team, call (734) 453-2904 for more details or visit out www.ymcadetroit.org.

Cezat All-American

Hillsdale College junior Katie Cezat was named First-Team All-American by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

In addition, Cezat netted Daktronics First-Team All-American honors. That award is voted upon by Division II sports information directors around the country.

Only four other players earned Daktronics First-Team honors in addition to Cezat.

Only 10 players nationwide were honored as First-Team All-Americans by the WBCA. The voting was conducted by Division II coaches around the country.

Cezat led the Chargers to their best record in school history (23-5) in 2007-08. In the process, she put together an incredible season that saw her break 10 school records, spanning both single-game and single-season marks.

Cezat was named the GLIAC Player of the Year and the Daktronics Great Lakes Regional Player of the Year. In earning those honors, Cezat finished the season averaging 24.0 points and 12.7 rebounds per game.

Both of those averages are new school records, and Cezat finished the season as Division II's leading scorer, putting up 673 points this season.

Cezat broke four single-game school records this season, setting all four marks within a seven-day span in the middle of the season. On Jan. 26 vs. Gannon, Cezat grabbed 25 rebounds, breaking a 19-year-old school record.

Beasley honored

Detroit Ignition forward Jamar Beasley was named the Major Indoor Soccer League's Offensive Player of the Week last week, after scoring five goals for 11 points in the team's 29-12 victory over the California Cougars on March 22.

The traditionally strong Canton T&F team set for breakout year

See girls track and field preview, B3.

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The always-competitive Canton boys track-and-field team will have a familiar look to its this season as 45 members return from the 2007 contingent that racked up a 6-2 dual-meet record and fourth-place showings in both the Western Lakes Activities Association and Division 1 Regional meets.

"There's a lot of interest in the program as we had 80 to 90 kids try out," said veteran Canton coach Bob Richardson. "Our largest class is our freshman class with 35 kids, so we have a lot of youth."

The Chiefs could get a tremendous boost if senior speed-burner Eric Piwowar is able to return from a leg injury that sidelined him for all of the 2007 campaign.

Piwowar, a talented soccer player as well, was one of the area's fastest 100-meter runners in the 100-meter dash as a sophomore.

"Eric has been one of our fastest runners so far, so we're optimistic," said Richardson. "Our hurdlers, mid-distance and distance crew all look strong, too. A bunch of our distance



Zech



Spitz

guys ran really well during the cross-country season, so we're looking for that to carry over to the spring."

The Chiefs have a strong nucleus of senior captains, all of whom were voted on by their teammates at last season's post-season banquet.

They are: Tim Belcher, a school-record holding hurdler; Josh Etim, who excels in the middle distances, sprints and field events; long-distance runner Derek Hoerman, who can run anything from the 800 to the 3,200; and Chris McGinnis, one of the area's most-accomplished pole vaulters.

Other key seniors include sprinter/long jumper Ocie Lewis and Piwowar, who will run some relays and possibly long jump.

Canton's core of contributing juniors is strong and deep: Kyle Clinton (distance); Sherif Hassanien (hurdles and relays); Rob Moores (thrower); Josh Hurst (middle-distances); Ryan

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Randall (100, 200 and 400); Greg Reed (distance); Duncan Spitz (distance); and the versatile Scott Zech, who can run well in anything from the 200 to the 1,600.

The sophomore class is headed by Keith Zech (Scott's younger brother), who high jumps and runs the 400 and 800; and Zack Spreitzer, who excels in distance events as well as the 800.

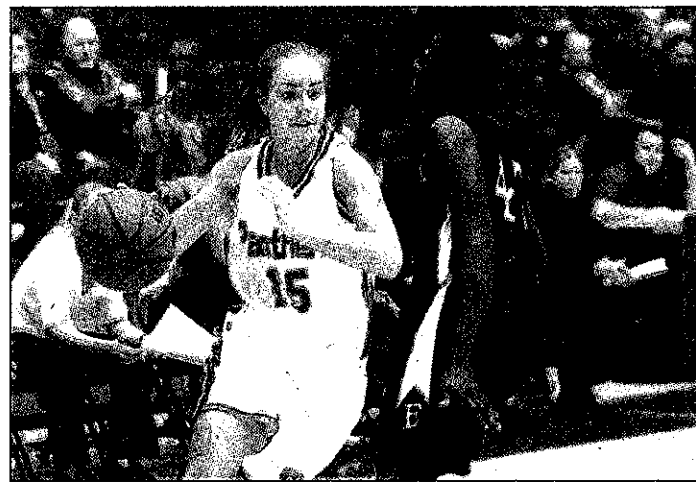
Two freshmen have already made a strong impression on Richardson: Austin Mach, a thrower; and Ben Spreitzer, a high jumper and hurdler.

"Last year we were a little down from where we are used to being," said Richardson, "especially at Observerland where we finished eighth after placing in the top two five of the previous six years."

Richardson's star-studded roster of coaches includes Paul Bedford, Matti Kilpelainen, Brian Soash and Juan Moon.

The Chiefs opened the 2008 season at Saturday's Eastern Michigan Relays. Results of the meet will be available Tuesday morning at www.hometownlife.com.

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Former Salem basketball standout Ellen Canale (with ball) is pictured driving past a defender during an Ohio Valley Conference game earlier this season. Canale helped lead the Panthers to a 19-13 record and within one win of a trip to the NCAA Division 1 women's tournament.

Canale helps raise Eastern Illinois to lofty new heights

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Instead of shying away from a daunting challenge like many people tend to do, former Salem basketball standout Ellen Canale chose to embrace one when she signed on to play for a struggling Eastern Illinois University program in 2004.

And for that, Brady Sallee is forever grateful.

Sallee, a former assis-

tant coach at East Carolina University, inherited the head coaching reins of an EIU program in 2004 that was in shambles and ranked 318th of 324 Division 1 teams.

When he was looking for the building blocks to revive the program from the ashes, he caught a glimpse of Canale's multi-tiered skills at a summer tournament — and the rest is history.

Please see **CANALE, B3**



Canton senior shortstop Ryan Neu (left) provides solid defense for the Chiefs.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plenty of zip

Canton baseball team to rely heavily on strong arms

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If someone decides to produce a TV show about the Canton baseball team's pitching staff this season, they may want to name it "That 80s Show."

No less than eight Chief hurlers have registered 80-plus miles-per-hour readings on the JUGS gun in the past, a fact that brings a smile to first-year coach Mark Blomshield, a former standout hurler at Western Michigan University.

"Our strength will definitely be our pitching this year," said Blomshield, the program's long-time junior-varsity coach who was promoted in the fall after previous coach Scott Dickey resigned last summer. "We have 10 kids who can pitch, so we have a lot of depth in that department."

The staff ace figures to be senior right-hander Ben Vaughn, who has touched 90 mph on the gun already this spring. The 6-foot-2 flame-thrower is being recruited by several Division 1 and 2 colleges.

"Ben has really looked good during the off-season and I anticipate he'll have a good season for us. He's a very important part of our team."

Other members of the Chiefs' rotation include senior lefty Erik Wright, who has com-



Wright

pleted a 10-4 record and 1.89 earned-run average in two varsity seasons to date; Will Tidwell, who earned a pair of mound victories last year

and has already signed to pitch for Adrian College never year; junior Dan Stoney, a hard-throwing righty; and sophomore southpaw Kevin Delapaz, who earned a letter as a freshman in 2007.

Contributing to the team's pitching depth will be junior Zane Birchler, who has developed a unique and effective side-arm delivery; junior Dane Staples, who throws in the low- to mid-80s; junior Tim Hemmelgarn; junior Joel Schwiebert; and sophomore southpaw Alex Dixon.

Providing the target for the Canton pitchers will be freshman catcher Seth Schnettler, who Blomshield praised for his skills and work ethic.

Key infielders include first baseman Tidwell and senior shortstop Ryan Neu, who both started at those respective positions last year; Vaughn, who will play third when he's not pitching; junior Nick Tomilenko, who will play third when Vaughn is pitching; and senior Mike

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Madias, who is battling for the starting second-base job with Tomilenko.

The starting outfield will consist of Stoney, Delapaz and Dixon.

Key reserves include senior outfielder Matt Barylski, junior Nick Sweda and senior Mike Flis, who has been swinging a hot back in pre-season workouts, Blomshield noted.

Blomshield didn't hesitate when asked the team's primary goal.

"Canton hasn't won a District title in 19 years, so that would have to be No. 1," he said. "It won't be easy as there are several good teams in our District, but that's what we're shooting for."

"Ultimately, like all teams, we'd like to win a state championship, but you have to take things one step at a time."

Blomshield said Northville and Plymouth will be the teams to beat in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

Weather permitting, the Chiefs will open the 2008 campaign at Ann Arbor Huron in a double-header. Game 1 is set to start at 4 p.m.

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Whalers' Fournier signs pro deal

The American Hockey League's Norfolk Admirals have announced the signing of Plymouth Whalers captain Andrew Fournier to a standard Amateur Tryout Contract.

Fournier — who played from 2003-04 through this past season for the Whalers — was expected to make his AHL debut Friday night in Norfolk as the Admirals hosted the Manchester Monarchs.

Fournier was never selected in the National Hockey League Entry Draft and was a free agent, available to sign

with any professional team.

"We're very happy for Andrew," said Plymouth head coach Greg Stefan. "He worked very hard while in Plymouth and deserves a chance to move on to a higher level of the game."

Fournier scored 35 goals and 40 assists in 64 games this season for Plymouth. He completed his Plymouth career 19th on the team's all-time scoring list with 85 goals and 83 assists over 226 games.

Fournier's 85 career goals ranks him 12th on the

Whalers all-time list (tied with David Legwand) and his 226 games played is 14th on Plymouth's all-time list (tied with Cole Jarrett).

Fournier was an integral part of the Whalers' championship team in 2007.

In addition, Plymouth center/left wing Chris Terry — a draft choice of the Carolina Hurricanes — is expected to spend some time with the Hurricanes' American Hockey League affiliate, the Albany River Rats. Terry is eligible to return next season to Plymouth.

WHALERS

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The winners whistled 55 shots at Whalers goalie Jeremy Smith, who had one of the best seven-goals-allowed nights a net-minder can have.

The Rangers' balance was on display the entire night as seven different players scored goals. Amazingly, none of the net-finders were scored by OHL leading scorer Justin Azevedo.

Kitchener set the tone early when Mikkel Boedker and Scott Timmins staked the Rangers to a 2-0 lead in the game's opening three minutes. Boedker was assisted by Nazem Kadri and Azevedo while Timmins received helpers from T.J. Battani and Yannick Weber.

The Rangers nearly took a 3-0 advantage, however, a

Weber goal at the 15:32 mark was reviewed and waved off when the replay official ruled the net had been knocked off its moorings before the puck crossed the goal line.

Plymouth pulled to within 2-1 with 7:05 to go in the first when Jordon O'Neill secured a pass from Joe Gaynor in front and ripped the puck past Kitchener goalie Josh Unice.

The first period ended with the Rangers holding a 17-7 edge in shots.

Kitchener expanded its lead to 3-1 8:29 into the second period on a played drenched in controversy. Matt Halischuk was awarded — and subsequently converted — a penalty shot after the referee ruled he was slowed down from behind by a Whaler during a break-away.

However, replays revealed there was little if any contact

on the play.

Plymouth's Patrick Lee redirected a Chris Terry shot beyond Unice's reach five minutes later to bring his team to within 3-2. However, the Rangers answered just over two minutes later when Nick Spaling made it 4-2 with a goal from the door-step.

Undeterred, the Whalers narrowed the gap to 4-3 12 seconds into the third period when Westland's Tyler J. Brown lased a shot top shelf. He was assisted by Terry.

Forty-six seconds later, Ben Shutron padded Kitchener's lead to 5-3, but Fournier countered at the 11:15 mark to make it 5-4.

Mike Duco and Scott Tregunna tacked on insurance goals for Kitchener at 4:51 and 4:13, respectively.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 1
Lake Orion Baptist at Agape, at Griffin Park, 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2
Canton at A.A. Huron (DH), 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3
Agape at Southfield Christian, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4
PCA at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5
Plymouth at Vpsilanti (DH), 11 a.m.
Agape at Urban Lutheran, 1 p.m.

PREP SOFTBALL

THURSDAY, APRIL 3
Agape at Southfield Christian, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4
PCA at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Riverview Gabriel Richard at Agape, 4 p.m.

BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

THURSDAY, APRIL 3
Livonia Stevenson at Canton, 3:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Plymouth at Plymouth JV Stadium, 3:30 p.m.
Salem at Livonia Franklin, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

SATURDAY, APRIL 5
Canton and Plymouth at A.A. Pioneer Invite, at Eastern Michigan University, 10 a.m.
PCA at Lakeview Invite, 9 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

MONDAY, MARCH 31
Summit Home School at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

PCA at Wayne Memorial, 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Livonia Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
Novi at Canton, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

PCA at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Livonia Stevenson at Canton, 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Southfield Christian at Canton, 11 a.m.

PREP LACROSSE

THURSDAY, APRIL 3
Canton at Grosse Ile, 7 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

Salem at Troy Invite, 8 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

SUNDAY, MARCH 30
Siena Heights at Madonna (2), 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Aquinas at Madonna (2), 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Rochester at Madonna, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Madonna at St. Xavier, III, (2), 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Madonna at St. Xavier (2), 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

(at Campbellsville, Ky.)
Madonna vs. Midway (Ky.), 11:30 a.m.
Madonna vs. Campbellsville (2), 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

(at Columbia, Ky.)
Madonna vs. Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), 10:30 a.m.
Madonna vs. Campbellsville, 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Madonna at Michigan Dearborn (2), 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Madonna at Siena Heights (2), 4 p.m.

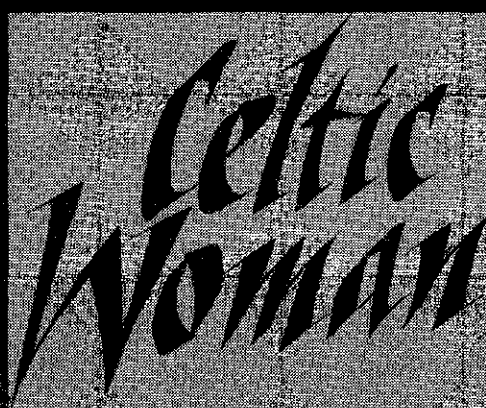
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Sunday, April 27, 8:05

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CANALE

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"Wow, where do I begin," Sallee said, when asked what Canale has meant to his team's dramatic turnaround. "Her contributions have been numerous, not just on the court but with her leadership. Ellen's a winner, and it's rubbed off on everyone else in the program."

Eye-catcher

Like many successful recruiting stories, Sallee was evaluating someone else when he first noticed Canale.



Canale

"I was actually scouting a North Carolina team that was playing a team from Michigan that Ellen played on, and she caught my eye right away with her defense and hustle," he remembered.

"Once I got an opportunity to talk to her, it turned out we both had similar visions."

After a pair of 10-19 seasons during Canale's freshman and sophomore seasons, the Panthers surged to a 19-13 record and a berth in the Ohio Valley Conference championship game earlier this month.

Monumental turnaround

The Panthers lost a hard-fought battle with Murray State, but it didn't diminish the program's incredible revival that was spearheaded by the 5-foot-9 former Rock.

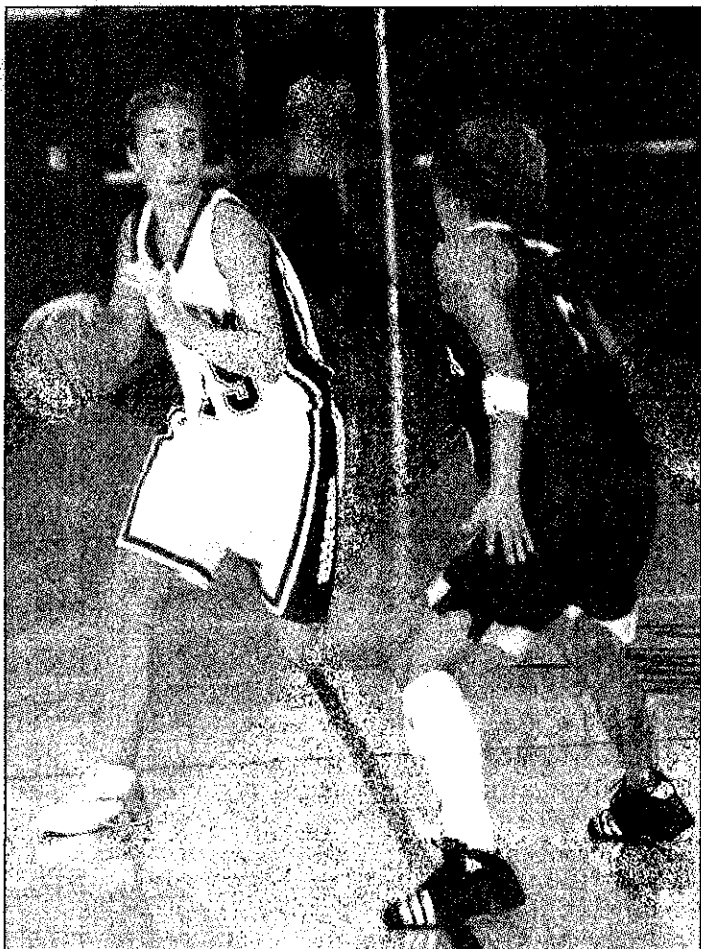
"It's definitely been an interesting ride," said Canale. "I came to a school that didn't have much of a tradition in women's basketball after playing four years for a high school (Salem) that had an awesome tradition."

"The first two years were tough because we were rebuilding a program that had been pretty bad before coach Sallee arrived. But we've all worked very hard to turn things around and the hard work has paid off."

Dominating debut

Most freshmen Division I college basketball players' careers begin with a thud as they struggle through the adjustment period that comes with facing bigger, faster and strong players.

Canale's, on the other hand, started with a bang when she scored 19 points and ripped six steals against a



OBSERVER FILE PHOTO

Ellen Canale (with ball), pictured playing for Salem during her junior year, was a three-year starter for the Rocks before moving on to Eastern Illinois University.

nationally ranked University of Southern California in a tournament in Hawaii.

"It's funny, but my best game was probably my first one," she said, smiling.

Canale's been solid ever since, although it hasn't all been smooth sailing, she admitted.

"I was a 5-foot-9 small forward my first year playing against girls who, most of the time, were at least 6-foot or 6-1," she said. "Since I was undersized, I had to learn to play smarter and to get better position against the bigger girls."

"I credit a lot of my success in doing that to my high school coach at Salem, Fred Thomann. He was a tough coach, but I'm glad for it because he helped me get ready for basketball at the college level."

Hard to contain

Canale was a multiple threat during her recently completed junior season as she averaged 7.3 points per game along with hauling in close to four rebounds a contest.

She was one of the OVC's top three-point and free-throw shooters throughout the course of the Panthers' most successful season ever.

"Before Ellen ever came here, she sent me an e-mail that I've kept to this day,"

said Sallee. "It was the spring of 2005 and the Michigan State University women's team had made it all the way to the championship game and she wrote in the e-mail how MSU's coach McCallie had a vision that the team shared, and how she thought we could turn things around just like they did."

"Well, before our conference championship game a few weeks ago, I pulled out the e-mail she had wrote three years ago and read it to the team. Ellen got a little misty-eyed because a lot of what she had written in that e-mail had come true."

Difference maker

An outstanding student, Canale is majoring in communications studies with a business minor.

"I'd really like to get into public relations and work for an organization that I can fall in love with," Canale said, when asked about her career ambitions. "I'd like to work for a non-profit with a good cause so that I could help make a difference."

Ask anyone affiliated with the Eastern Illinois University women's basketball program and they'll tell you that she's already been a difference maker since the day she first set foot on campus.

High-quality runners pace Rocks' track-and-field unit

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

GIRLS PREP TRACK PREVIEW

The Salem girls track team won't blow anybody away with its number of runners this season, but the numbers the Rocks register on stopwatch may be a different story.

First-year coach Dale Maskill said his team should be able to make up for its lack of quantity with an abundance of quality.

"We only have 30 girls on the team, but we have a lot of talented individual performers," said Maskill, who was promoted from assistant coach in February. "We've had some really good workouts so far. For the most part, the girls did a good job of coming into the first practices in good shape. Even though the weather's been cold, our workout times have been fast."

Maskill, who ran track and cross country at Michigan Tech, didn't hesitate when asked about his squad's primary strength.

"Our 400 runners are strong," he emphasized. "Since we have a small team, I have our sprinters run everything from 100's to 400's so that they have a range of events they can compete in during the season. We should have a really strong 4-by-400 relay team."

A trio of seniors will serve as captains for Salem: Caitlin Heaney, who excels in everything from the 400 and 800; Sabrina Burcroff, a talented

distance runner; and Ashley Benton, the team's top thrower.

"As a captain, Caitlin has done a great job of unifying the team; she's a good leader," said Maskill. "She has the ability and willingness to run any race we put her in. She was turning in low-60s in the 400 last year and those times will come down this year."

"Both Sabrina and Ashley have a good rapport with their teammates and they're both hard-working athletes, as well."

The Rocks' brightest star this spring may be sophomore sprinter Deja Wright, who is slotted to anchor the team's 1,600-yard relay contingent.

"Deja had a good year last year plus she's more focused this year," said Maskill. "She trained with the Accelerators program during the off-season, so I'm anxious to see what she'll do this year."

Junior Kelly Determan should sparkle in the 800 and mile, in Maskill's destination.

"I think she has the ability to break the school record in the mile (5:18) before she graduates," he said.

Two Rocks are pulling double-duty with the track and soccer team this spring: freshman Victoria Tripp, who is a promising long-distance runner; and Madeline Vala, who excels in the 400 and hurdles.

Maskill also had high praise for junior Jessica Rocheleau,

who "can run anything from the 100 to the two-mile."

CANTON

Good things are on the horizon for the Chiefs this season, in the estimation of second-year coach Pani Schaufele, following a rebuilding-type season in 2007.

"Everything is improved across the board this season -- from the girls' attitude to their work ethic -- compared to last year," said Schaufele. "I couldn't be happier with the way things are going. We had twice as many girls try out for the team as we did last year and we're in our third week and the numbers are still high."

A trio of senior captains will serve as key motivators for the Chiefs: Jordyn Ward, a sprinter; Brooke Van Esley, a distance runner; and Casey Cheves, a distance runner.

Among the team's top point-earners will be sophomore Beth Swanberg, whose specialty is the 400; Paula Schubatis, a one- and two-miler; and sophomore Ashley Banks, the team's top sprinter.

"The bulk of our talent this year is in the sophomore and junior classes, although we also have some talented freshmen and seniors as well," said Schaufele, who also noted sophomore Hailee Azizi, freshman Chelsea Smith and junior twins Lauren and Megan Howard as performers to keep an eye on.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Vigorous exercise reduces the risk of heart attacks

Bob from Novi e-mails that he has just entered middle age. He is looking for some tips on how to avoid a heart attack.

Bob, sudden death is the first symptom in one-third of people with heart disease. You could be jogging, relaxing, even driving when a fatal attack hits! New information shows vigorous exercise once a week dramatically reduces your



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

chances of having an attack. A study of more than 21,000 men shows those who did not exercise were seven times more likely to die from sudden cardiac arrest. To get the maximum effect, you should work out regularly. Those who exercise irregularly have more adrenalin and that can trigger fatal heart rhythms. Training intensely once a week can prepare your heart for sudden stress and that can help prevent sudden death.

Jim from Royal Oak e-mails that he has been hearing about circuit training and wants more information.

Jim, circuit training involves a series of exercises performed with little or no rest in between. You can set up a circuit routine using a combination of free weights, machines and calisthenic exercises. You perform each exercise with a pre-set amount of reps, and then move on. Circuit workouts can be complex and get harder as you progress.

Another popular type of workout is priority training. Priority training is similar to circuit training except you do several sets of the same exercise before moving on to the next station. Fitness experts are split as to which system works best. A good way to proceed is to check with a personal trainer so you can get your priorities straight in choosing the workout that is right for you!

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

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

MARCH

Obstructive sleep apnea

11 a.m. to noon Monday, March 31, presented by St. Mary Mercy Hospital at the Northville Community Senior Center. Speaker is Gayle Young, R PSGT, St. Mary Mercy Hospital Sleep Disorders Center. Registration required. Call (248) 349-4140.

Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help community based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or send e-mail to marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

The self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Monday St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. For information, call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

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/board. For information/application, visit www.epilepsymichigan.org, call (800) 377-6226, option 1, Ext. 231, or send e-mail to sdarroch@epilepsymichigan.org.

Discover Your Life's Purpose

10-week class began March 13, runs 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays at Sanctuary Chiropractic & Wellness Spa, 35275 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Presented by Carol Spennachio, ND(c), MA, Call (734) 422-8444 to register. Cost \$150.

UPCOMING

Balancing hormonal system

Healthcare seminar to learn how to restore balance to your hormonal system 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, with Dr. William H. Karl, D.C., who has over 27 years of experience helping people get well through holistic methods, at the Civic Center Library in Livonia, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Rd. No charge. Call (734) 425-8588 to reserve a seat.

Bocce for Bucks

A fund-raiser for Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at the Palazzo di Bocce in Orion Township. Featuring indoor bocce tournament play, Italian dinner fare, folks songs by the Italian American Cultural Society's Coro Italiano, silent auction and more. Prizes will be awarded to top teams. Tickets are Guest \$100; Patron \$150; and Benefactor \$200. Call (248) 967-9600 or visit www.vna.org.

Reconnect with food



Beverly Price

Program uses yoga and self-reflection to resolve food issues

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Stacie Larabell was a compulsive overeater until she sought help from a therapist who recommended seeing Beverly Price, a registered dietitian and yoga teacher. Larabell especially credits Price's workshops for making her stop and think before reaching for food.

Price developed the program after noticing patients were having more success dealing with eating disorders after taking the workshops which combine yoga with self-reflection in a group setting.

Larabell started overeating as a teenager and later realized it was anxiety causing the behavior. Price's recently released DVD, *Reconnect with Food ... Unplugged*, makes it possible for Larabell to fit the program into a busy schedule. In addition to working full time as a technologist at a University of Michigan genetics lab, Larabell does spinning (indoor cycling) and takes weight training classes four to five days a week.

"Yoga can be physically challenging. The point is to move through the discomfort," said Larabell of Canton. "She has you hold the poses longer than normal. It teaches you to relax through the discomfort. Over time you realize you can deal with this. I can overcome this. It helps you with food issues. The second part is a group discussion with all different types of issues — anorexia, bulimia, overeaters. You realize it's a common thread. It's all how you cope. She creates an awareness of what you're thinking, an ability to stop yourself in the moment, ask how am I feeling, what am I going to do about it? I'm not going to grab food."

INNER-REFLECTION

Price doesn't give advice or interpret emotions during the workshops which consist of an hour of yoga, an hour of talk. She merely starts the group sessions, by asking a question.

"It's primarily for people who have struggled with food issues, body image and weight issues, tried this diet, that diet," said Price, who has been counseling individuals with eating disorders

RECONNECT WITH FOOD

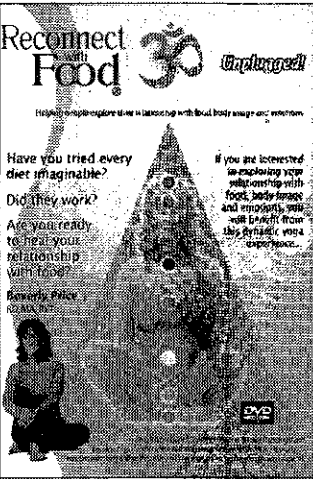
What: Yoga and group support workshop series

When: Begins 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2, and runs

seven weeks in Royal Oak

Information: Visit www.reconnectwithfood.com or call (248) 390-4150 for details about workshops or DVD.



Reconnect with Food is an eating disorder recovery program which combines yoga with self-reflection in a group setting.

since 1984. "It's self-reflection that you don't get in a group therapy session. It's a way to listen to others. Sometimes listening to others brings those ah-ha moments. Negative behavior talk is not aloud. We do talk about messages you've learned growing up, but don't dwell on them. It's more to understand what you do, not to blame. Blaming keeps you in your victim story."

The moving meditation of yoga helps deepen the reflection. "Yoga opens up your heart. You hear things on a deep level. Studies have shown that meditation can act on the area of the brain making rational decisions. It curbs impulsive behavior changing your brain and whole body chemistry," said Price. "The first step to going is awareness, what is changing on besides just my food behavior, how this extends to all areas of my life. It really isn't about food. What are you hungry for — self-esteem, self-acceptance, love? Food is just filling a void. My biggest challenge is forcing them to look at their issues. Often times you

have to change your relationships with others, or with money or overworking before changing your relationship with food."

MINDLESS EATING

Alice Subia had been chubby since childhood. She's always been aware, "she eats a little too much." After taking the workshops Subia changed her eating patterns and is "very aware when she eats." She appears in Price's new DVD.

"It's been helpful. I did get some insight. I kept a food journal of how much and when I ate, was I standing, sitting, rushed. On the other side of the page I would write down what I was experiencing at the time, was I bored or angry to try to put the why and what together, why I'm eating and what I'm eating," said Subia, who grew up in The Netherlands and now lives in Huntington Woods.

Subia continues to do yoga three to five days a week, but she's still working on changing her eating patterns. For breakfast, she had cereal with yogurt and fruit, but skipped lunch and instead ate a few cookies.

"When I go shopping I definitely look at ingredients. I buy very little that is packaged or processed," said Subia. "I watch fat intake, whether it's high in fiber. We eat a lot of fish, ethnic dishes like Middle Eastern or Oriental. I cook with legumes and some grains, brown rice, couscous."

Price covers nutrition in the workshops. Larabell learned to eat several small meals throughout the day. A typical breakfast is whole grain cereal with soy milk. Larabell's main meal is lunch. She eats whole foods, no white sugar.

"We do know what we eat affects our brain chemistry," said Price. "A lot of the food contributes to depression which many of these women suffer from. They should avoid foods with artificial sweeteners, ingredients you can't pronounce, low fat junk foods. 100 calorie things in a bag have a lot of chemicals and no nutritional value. They're not eating enough foods like fruit, vegetables, whole grains and legumes."

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Optometrists warn users of computer vision syndrome

In commemoration of National Save Your Vision Month, Michigan Optometric Association doctors are alerting Michigan residents about computer vision syndrome, a condition which occurs after extended use with a computer or other video displays such as smartphones or PDAs.

Computer vision syndrome can be diagnosed through a comprehensive eye examination by an optometrist. Symptoms of computer vision syndrome include dry eye, eyestrain, neck and/or backache, light sensitivity and fatigue. These symptoms can result from individual visual problems, poor workstation configuration and improper work habits.

More than 82 percent of Americans frequently work with a computer or a PDA, according to the American Optometric Association's 2007 American Eye-Q survey, which identified Americans' attitudes and behaviors regarding eye care and related issues. Supporting this, a recent Omnibus survey commissioned by the AOA showed 42 percent of respondents spend three or more hours a day in front of a computer or handheld device.

Pre-existing, uncorrected vision problems like farsightedness and astigmatism, inadequate eye focusing or eye coordination abilities, and age-related eye issues also contribute to computer vision syndrome.

"Working at a computer requires a great deal of eye movement and eye focusing," said Dr. Amy Crissman, MOA Primary Care Committee chairwoman. "This constant refocusing effort stresses the eye muscle leading to computer-related vision problems. Additionally the AOA Omnibus survey reports that 78 percent of Americans do not have their computer monitor positioned at the correct height which is below eye level. Since computer vision syndrome impacts so many people, we are passionate about educating Michigan residents during National Save Your Vision month."

According to MOA doctors, Michigan residents should follow these guidelines to prevent or reduce eye and vision problems associated with computer vision syndrome:

Have your vision checked regularly. Prior to age 61, adults should have a comprehensive eye exam every one to two years or as recommended by an eye doctor, and annually after that age. Vision and eye health can change rapidly and frequently, particularly as one ages. Having one's vision examined on a regular, timely basis is important to maintaining overall health and for preventive reasons.

Limit the amount of time you continuously use the computer. Practicing the 20/20 rule (look away from the computer every 20 minutes for 20 seconds) will minimize the development of eye-focusing problems and eye irritation caused by infrequent blinking.

Check the height and arrangement of the computer. MOA optometrists suggest more comfortable computer viewing can be achieved when the eyes are looking slightly downward. Optimally, the computer screen should be 15 to 20 degrees below eye level (about 4 or 5 inches) as measured from the center of the screen and 20 to 28 inches from the eyes.

Check for glare on the computer screen. Windows or other light sources should not be directly visible when sitting in front of the monitor. When this occurs, turn the desk or computer to prevent glare on the screen.

Reduce the amount of lighting in the room to match the computer screen. A smaller light can be substituted for a bright overhead light or a dimmer switch can be installed to give flexible control of room lighting. Turn three-way bulbs to the lowest setting.

Keep blinking to minimize the chances of developing dry eye when using a computer. Blinking keeps the front surface of the eye moist.

"Viewing a computer screen is different than reading a printed page," said Crissman. "Often the letters on the computer screen are not as precise or sharply defined, the level of contrast of the letters to the background is reduced and the presence of glare and reflections on the screen may make viewing difficult."

Testing for computer vision syndrome, with special emphasis on visual requirements at the computer working distance, may include taking a patient history to identify existing symptoms, any general health problems, medications taken, or environmental factors that may be contributing to computer vision syndrome.

Measuring visual acuity to assess the extent to which vision may be affected.

A refraction to determine the appropriate lens power needed to compensate for any refractive errors including nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism (vision conditions that cause blurred vision due to incorrect focusing power of the cornea, the clear front cover of the eye), or presbyopia (a vision condition in which the crystalline lens of your eye loses its flexibility making it difficult to focus on close objects).

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Using the information obtained from these tests, along with results of other tests, an optometrist can assess the presence of computer vision syndrome and provide specific treatment options. For more information, visit www.themoa.org and click the Vision Care tab.

Ignition earns 8th straight triumph

The Detroit Ignition used defense to spark its eighth-straight victory Friday night at Compuware Arena.

The Ignition edged the New Jersey Ironmen, 6-4, to improve to 20-7 and retain first place in the Major Indoor Soccer League standings. The Ironmen slipped to

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13-15. The triumph earned the Ignition a bye in the first round of the MISL playoffs. The Ironmen scored first as mid-fielder Tim O'Neill notched a two-point goal just 42 seconds into the match.

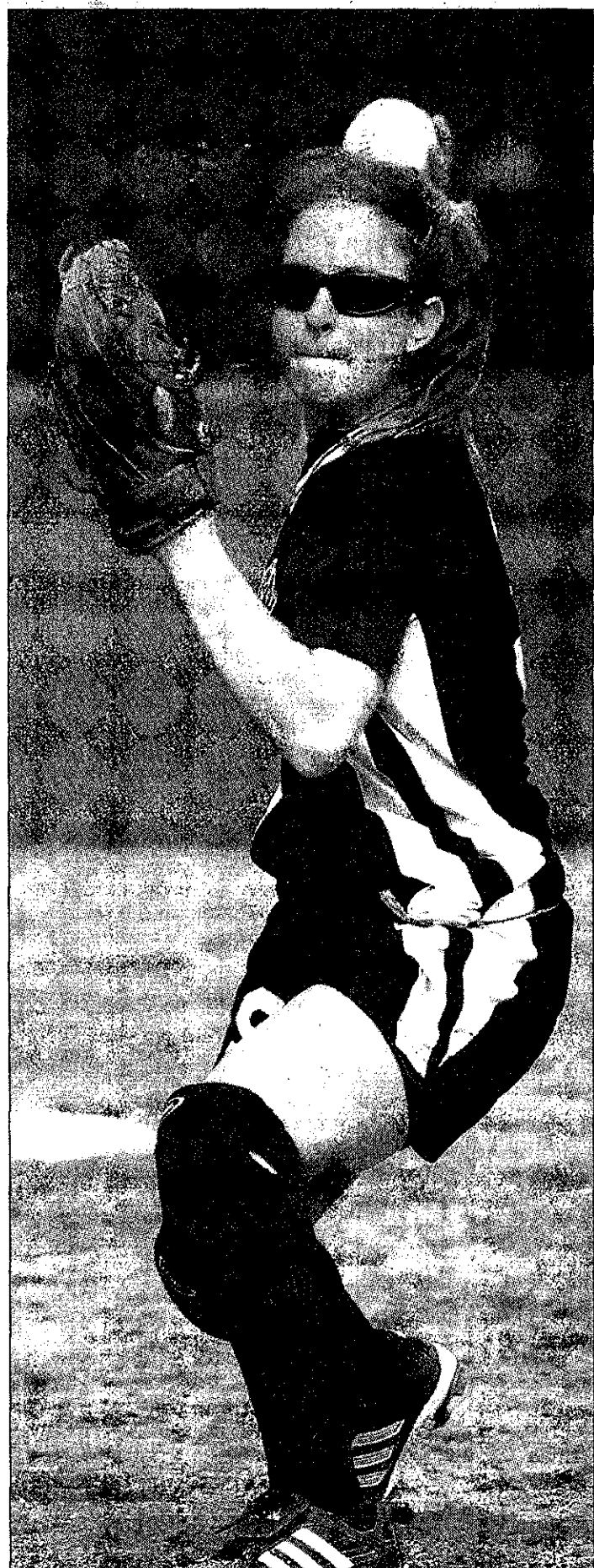
Exactly two minutes later, Jamar Beasley knotted the contest at 2-all with an unassisted net-finder.

With less than two minutes remaining in the first stanza, Detroit forward Worth Sampson ripped an unassisted two-pointer past New Jersey keeper Tony Meola to make it

4-2. Kyt Selaidopoulos added an insurance marker for the winners mid-way through the third period. He was assisted by net-minder Danny Waltman.

Detroit will visit Milwaukee this afternoon. The Wave will take a 19-7 mark into the clash.

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Plymouth junior Beth Heldmeyer is looking forward to her third year as a starter for the Wildcats' softball team.

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able reliever.

"I'm not sure who will be our go-to pitcher yet," Canfield admitted. "They're both looking real strong so far."

Canfield said freshman hurler Lauren Smith will start the season at the junior-varsity level, but could see some spot duty throughout the course of the season.

Joining Klonowski in the starting infield will be three-year starting second baseman Beth Heldmeyer, an All-Division honoree in 2007 and sophomore Amanda Burnard, a slick-fielding glove man and

powerful hitter, who clubbed three home runs last season.

"She's a vacuum on defense — nothing gets by her," Canfield said of Burnard.

Freshman Marissa Blassie has the early nod to start the season as the Wildcats' first-string first baseman.

Plymouth's outfield is solid as a rock with senior Amy Bondy, junior Jill Brennan and junior Gina Giordano manning the three spots.

Canfield is assisted by Fred Heldmeyer, Renee Priest, Bev McManus and former Wildcat standout player Melissa Butzow.

The Wildcats are set to open their season Friday, April 11, at home against Churchill.

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I know Grams is still here for the ride

I'm having a crisis of confidence because my biggest fan has stopped reading this column.

For the first time since Mom's the Word began four years ago with a story about Jackson wanting to dress as Dora the Explorer for Halloween, I'm finding it nearly impossible to share details about my kids and my efforts to parent them.

I keep stopping mid-sentence, fingers hovering above the keyboard, to ask myself, "Who cares?" Grams used to. Grams taught me to read, she helped publish my first book — with cardboard and Scotch tape at age 5 — and she's been applauding every word I've put to paper ever since. But three months ago she died — a mercifully quick death at the ripe old age of 94 — and my muse is gone.

When she was alive, Grams was never far from my thoughts as I brainstormed topics and crafted phrases. If I happened to type a passage I considered particularly inspired, I'd smile, imagining her reaction.

My husband is one of those people who lost all of his grandparents before he was out of middle school, so I know how fortunate I am to have known and been loved by my grandmother well into my adult life. I feel blessed many times over that Grams met and delighted in my children, her great-grandchildren. My younger brother, who is weeks away from his wedding, cannot say the same, and I suspect that it breaks his heart.

At midnight on deadline day for this column, it dawned on me in an Oprah "aha" moment why the preceding hours had been so painful. Each new paragraph was another tooth pulled, and once I'd done my spell-check and hit "save" for the last time, I wasn't at all happy with what the Herculean effort had yielded. For the first time, it felt self-indulgent to write about my mommy woes and exploitative to diss on the kids.

Since Grams died, I haven't had any trouble writing about the auto industry or education — the projects that help pay the bills and the type of ho-hum work I rarely shared with Grams. But writing this column lost its charm once I knew I wouldn't be clipping it out of the *Observer* and stuffing it into an envelope addressed to Great Lakes Christian Homes in Holt, where Grams would find it in her mailbox one day after lunch, toss it into her walker basket for the stroll down the hall to her tiny apartment, and settle into her well-worn armchair with a tall glass of cheap red wine before slicing the envelope with a wooden letter opener.

She'd read the column slowly, savoring each word — or so she told me.

I tried to time my weekly phone calls so we would talk shortly after she'd received a new mailing. I wanted her memory of my effort to be fresh so I could bask in her lavish praise, the same as I did when we'd play school in the '70s and she'd mark my "homework" with "A+++++", the plus marks trailing off the page.

I'm well aware that, if she were here, Grams would scold me for feeling this way. She might pull out a "pish" or "fiddlesticks," never missing an opportunity to incite giggles with those stereotypically old-lady expressions.

"Well, what did you expect?" she'd ask me, her watery brown eyes meeting my gaze and not letting go. "People don't live forever, Becky Dear."

When I was in kindergarten and my great-grandmother died, Grams was the one who explained the situation, telling me, "You're born, you live and you die — it's the natural course of events."

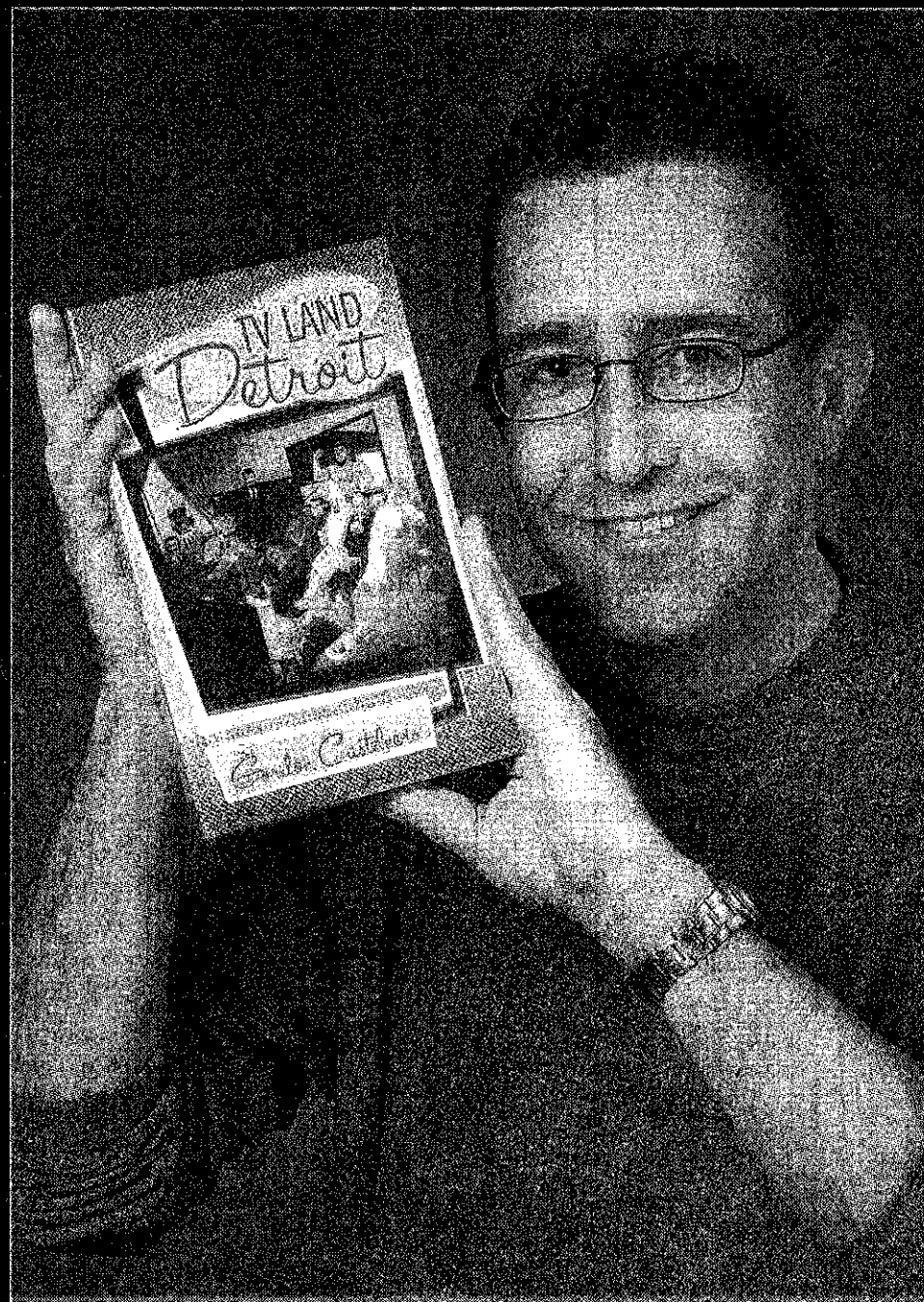
Years later, in recounting the conversation, Grams reported that Little Me then chimed in, with much-needed comic relief, "But in between there's Cedar Point!"

As I think about the future of Mom's the Word and how I can possibly continue when each key click rings so hollow, I realize that it's the Cedar Point part that I want to keep writing about.

So much of who I am as a mother — especially the Fun Mom part — comes directly from Grams and her influence on me over the past 37 years. I know I owe it to her to keep talking about this roller coaster ride, even when everything's upside down.

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Talk show pioneers



Author Gordon Castelnero with his book on Detroit television, which inspired a television project on local celebrities.



Marilyn Turner and John Kelly brought their off-screen married life to their daily talk show on WXYZ-TV.



Lou Gordon's hard hitting interview style was a forerunner to today's opinionated cable news shows.

Producer profiles TV celebrities Kelly, Turner and Gordon

MOTOR CITY CELEBRITIES

What: Two half-hour documentaries
Where: WTVS-TV (Channel 56)
When: Monday, April 7, John Kelly and Marilyn Turner at 9 p.m., Lou Gordon at 9:30 p.m.

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Forty years ago, George Romney — father of erstwhile presidential candidate Mitt Romney — was running his own high-profile bid for the presidency.

As the standard-bearer for the moderate wing of the Republican Party, Romney's chances looked pretty good. That was until he sat down to have a talk with Lou Gordon.

Romney told Gordon and his TV audience that the generals and diplomats in Vietnam had put him through the worst "brainwashing" he'd ever had. That unfortunate use of a word associated with the war in Korea helped put an end to that earlier Romney bid.

Ironically, Romney made his statement during a calm, thoughtful discussion of the war. Calm and thoughtful wasn't Lou Gordon's usual approach. The innovative Detroit television talk show host usually preferred lively jousts and going for the jugular.

Gordon and those formidable darlings of daytime Detroit television, John Kelly and Marilyn Turner, are the subjects of two half-hour documentaries on WTVS-TV (Channel 56) produced by Gordon Castelnero of Livonia.

The documentaries are the off-shoot of Castelnero's lively portraits of Detroit television personalities in his 2006 book *TV Land Detroit* (University of Michigan, \$22.95).

Castelnero, a television producer, got the idea to pitch a series to WTVS after positive response to the book. He originally thought of doing a longer documentary on all the personalities profiled in *TV Land Detroit*, but decided

instead to do several half-hour documentaries, beginning with Kelly and Turner.

"They were the super couple for a long, long time in town," Castelnero said. He said they epitomized the best in Detroit television.

He chose Gordon as a dark contrast to the lightweight Kelly and Turner show.

Gordon, who died in 1977, was a left-leaning Bill O'Reilly. He was opinionated, relentless, scolding and passionate. He loved nothing better than to rile a guest so much that he would storm off the set, as notorious Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo is shown doing on one show.

Gordon's story is told through the words of his daughter, Debbie; son, Scott; former Attorney General Frank Kelley; former state Supreme Court Justice Charles Levin; and others. Their recollections are fond, but they don't let Gordon off the hook for his bombastic style.

Another clip shows Gordon staring with agitated disgust and wagging his finger at a guest, "You are a demagogue and dangerous. I would break my vow about never running for office to oppose you if you ever ran for anything."

The camera pans to show a young, slightly shaggy-haired L. Brooks Patterson, almost at a loss for words.

"That clip amplifies what Debbie Gordon says at the beginning, he had an opinion about everything and he didn't care what people thought of him," Castelnero said.

Gordon could be a good friend and a rabid enemy. The late Detroit Mayor Jerome

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Scholarship auction to highlight students

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Doug Semivan and his students only have a couple of boxes of materials to create a sculpture for Madonna University's upcoming scholarship auction Friday, April 11, but the art department chairman isn't worried. He knows it's just a matter of time before the skeleton of Madonna's Science and Media Center is up and scraps become available.

"We have bits of insulation, ceramic tiles, carpet samples, pipes," Semivan said. "We'll

make something elegant but simple, a sculpture for a table top or possibly outdoors in the garden. We hope it will draw attention to itself and make some student's scholarship a little more possible."

Semivan is donating two of his etchings which were award winners in a national juried exhibition at the Springfield Art Museum two years ago. The works are from the ongoing series, Flores Negres, which means black flowers in Spanish. Semivan calls the art "elegant

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Madonna University art students check out the building materials they will be using to create a sculpture for the Scholarship Auction. They are clockwise from left Debbie Garrity (seated), Melissa Peppercorn, Jin Kwang Kim, Samantha Paul, Taylor Mulka, Mary McGinnis, Yun-ok Kim, Elisa Zachert, Minnelle Kouka, and Hannah Zachert.

Concert to raise funds for jazz festival

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Midge Ellis absolutely loves the old tunes like *Moonlight Serenade*, *Always* and *Street of Dreams* so she's especially looking forward to the April 13 concert to benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival.

Vocalist Barbara Ware joins jazz pianist Cliff Monear and his quartet for an afternoon of music that features selections from Monear's new CD, *At the End of the Day*. Nick Calandro, bass; Sean Dobin, drums and Chris Collins, reeds revisit standards from years gone by on the CD.

"It's a fund-raiser for the festival," said Ellis of Livonia. Ellis serves on the committee that puts on the Michigan Jazz Festival Sunday, July 20, at

MICHIGAN JAZZ FESTIVAL CONCERT

What: A benefit concert spotlighting The Cliff Monear Quartet with vocalist Barbara Ware
When: 3-5 p.m. Sunday, April 13
Where: DiPonio Room in the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia
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Schoolcraft College in Livonia. "We do three fund-raisers a year. We have musicians fees of over \$20,000."

The fund-raisers make it possible for the committee not to charge admission. The entire

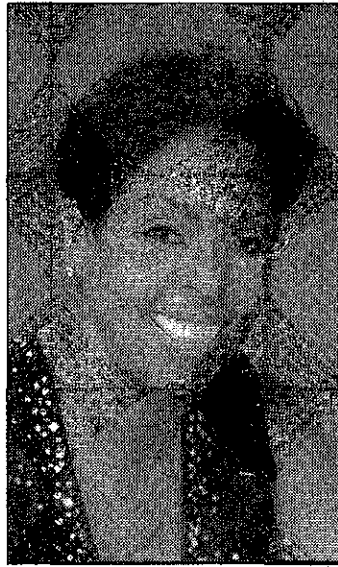
daylong series of performance on five stages is free.

Ware expects she'll sing songs from Monear's new CD not only at the benefit concert April 13, but the festival in July.

Ware, a Southfield resident performs *Always*, *I Wish I Knew*, and *I'm Confessin'* on the Monear CD that came out in January. Ware has six CDs of her own including her latest, *Time Was* which includes tunes like *Old Devil Moon* with the Cliff Monear Trio. She's been singing professionally for about 10-years.

"The festival is all the best of the local jazz artists, jazz lovers, people who know the music, people who've loved jazz for years," said Ware.

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Barbara Ware of Southfield joins The Cliff Monear Quartet for a concert to raise funds for the Michigan Jazz Festival.

Annual seminar recognizes administrative professionals

Five metro-Detroit chapters of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) join together for the fourth annual seminar on April 24, in celebration of the 2008 Administrative Professionals Week. The event is open to the public. Registration information can be found on the Web site at www.iaapmichigan.org. Click on Meetings & Events.

This year's seminar: Dorothy, You're Not in Kansas Any More ... Beyond the Yellow Brick Road to Success, opens with registration and a vendor showcase 7-45-9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 24, at Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington

Hills. Keynote Speaker is Chris Scharer, President of New Paradigm Solutions and Executive Director of Leadership Oakland.

The 8-9:30 a.m. breakfast buffet precedes Scharer's speech. For questions, contact Patricia Zachos at (734) 462-4548 or pzachos@schoolcraft.edu.

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Cavanagh went from friend to enemy in a rapid and highly publicized feud.

Gordon's abrasive style was off-set by his model-beautiful and calm wife, Jackie, who sometimes gently chided Gordon. She sat next to him on each show, occasionally raising a skeptical eyebrow at some-

thing he'd say.

"She was the power behind the throne," Castelniero said. "She could keep Lou in check. When Lou went on a tangent, she could always rein him in."

A TV LOVE STORY

Kelly and Turner were another couple who brought the ups and downs of their relationship to the television audience.

The story of Kelly, now 80,

and Turner, 76, is a love story broadcast daily across metro Detroit. Their story is told by themselves, still handsome and still playfully digging at each other from their home in Florida; their former colleagues at WJBK-TV (Channel 2) and WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) Jerry Hodak, Doris Biscoe and Ray Lane; and others.

"They were like normal folks," Castelniero said.

Kelly was brought to Detroit as a newsman at WJBK. Turner was one of five weather "girls" at the station. In a bid to become the No. 1 news station, WXYZ grabbed Kelly, Hodak and Jack LeGoff from WJBK. Soon Kelly was uneasily sharing news billing with Bill Bonds.

"Jack LeGoff and John Kelly worked together very, very well. They complemented each other," Castelniero said. "With Bill, it was very different. It was competitive."

Biscoe tells an amusing story of how Kelly and Bonds would stack pillows to look taller on camera.

"There was a lot of friction between them. As John says, 'Ooooh, ooooh those were the days,'" Castelniero said.

An opportunity came to start a morning talk show with movie hostess Rita Bell, called

Kelly and Company. That chemistry didn't work. Turner replaced Bell and off-screen chemistry became on-screen magic.

"Marilyn has this glamorous image, but you didn't get this sense that Marilyn was above everybody else. She was someone you could talk to," Castelniero said.

Kelly and Turner give an honest account of their failed first marriages and their romance. *Kelly and Company* became a model for such later national shows as *Regis and Kathie Lee* (now *Regis and Kelly*) and, even, *Oprah*. They combined serious talk, frivolous features and even a little song and dance.

"John was willing to dress up and come out and be the guinea pig for whatever it was," Castelniero said. "They could laugh at themselves and (showed) not a lot of seriousness. Some would look on it as fluff, but I looked on it as a lot of fun."

Castelniero said he would be interested in doing similar documentaries on other Detroit celebrities in TV, radio and sports, but first he wants to gauge the public reaction.

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The muscle aching I want to discuss is of a different magnitude. The aching that requires a physician's evaluation lasts for days, is present on both right and left sides of the body, and often is both above and below the waist. That is, the aching involves your shoulders and your legs.

Muscle aching that lasts for weeks may also bring on fatigue, depression and disrupted sleep.

When you bring the muscle problem to the attention of your doctor, do not expect him to respond with a ready answer and an immediate prescription. Prolonged muscle aching has many causes including fibromyalgia, an untoward reaction to medications, particularly those drugs used to treat high cholesterol, and a number of viruses. In addition, an autoimmune disease, polymyalgia rheumatica, is common in older adults, as is another autoimmune condition, polymyositis.

Sorting out the possibilities often takes time. Each medical cause for muscle aching has its own therapy, so your doctor must move logically before prescribing therapy.

The bright side is that once he has established your diagnosis, the therapy he recommends is reliable. Once diagnosed and under treatment, you can expect resolution of the aching, weakness and fatigue.

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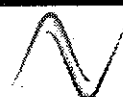
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Michele Phillips of Livonia is the newly elected president of the Detroit Panhellenic Alumni Association.



Sharon Rees of Redford (left); Susie Sherman-Hall, Pleasant Ridge, and Judith Stewart, Livonia recently attended a tea in honor of Michele Phillips, the new president of the Detroit Panhellenic Alumni Association.

Spring luncheon to raise money for scholarships

Members of the Detroit Panhellenic Alumni Association recently a tea to honor Michele Phillips, their new president. Phillips lives in Livonia.

The association meets seven months a year. A spring luncheon in April or May raises money for girls' scholarships.

In 2007 three \$750 scholarships were given away.

This year the spring luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 3, at St. Joseph Banquet Center, 26440 Ryan, Warren. Tickets cost \$30, call (734) 464-9297.

The mission of the association is to promote Greek life on

college campuses and alumni groups as well. Alumni as well as college groups give annually to their chosen charities.

Lifetime friendships are formed when one belongs to a sorority. When the girls graduate from college they give time and money to their communities.

Teen actors sought for 'Les Miserables'

Dream Players Productions of Project DayDream opens its 2008 theatrical season with auditions for the epic musical, *Les Miserables*.

It's now the last call as audition spaces are filling up fast with teenagers from all over the Detroit Metropolitan area eager to take part in a student production of the show.

Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg's score filled with popular works such as *On My Own* and *One Day More*, combined with Victor Hugo's classic novel of a student

uprising in pre-revolutionary France, provides a compelling story line that continues to thrill audiences all over the world.

Project DayDream founder and artistic director, Tiffany Victoria Sims, is looking for talented teen performers ages 12-19 to audition for this once-in-a-lifetime theatrical experience. *Les Miserables* is an ensemble show loaded with roles for male and female actors as well as plenty of stage-time for supporting roles and chorus.

Actors should come prepared with a headshot or 5-by-7 photograph; one Broadway style song to perform and sheet music in the correct key.

An accompanist will be provided.

Auditions are by appointment only and will be held at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School in Beverly Hills. Call (248) 219-7644.

Performances will take place the final weekend in June at Birmingham Groves High School. Tickets go on sale mid-May.

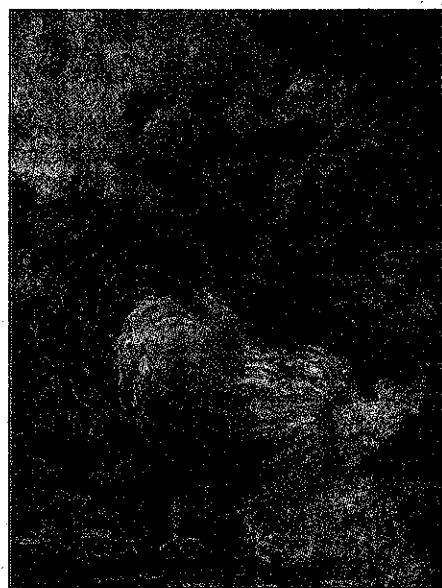
Livonia art club presents annual spring exhibition

The Livonia Artists Club holds its annual Spring Exhibit and Sale 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 5, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

There will be more than 100 watercolors, oils, acrylics, and photographs by more than 20 of the club's members. Artists will also be demonstrating.

This is the club's 47th Annual Art Exhibit. Admission and refreshments are free.

For more information, call Marge Masek at (734) 464-6772.



Martha Barnes of Northville painted this acrylic titled Rooster. The work is one of more than 100 showcased in the Livonia Artists Club Spring Exhibit Saturday-Sunday, April 5-6, at the Livonia Civic Center Library.



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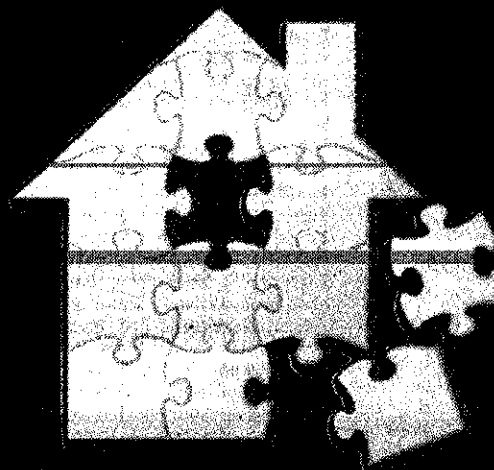
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VSA's southeast committee seeks area performers with disabilities

After a brief hiatus in 2007, the festival presented by the VSA arts of Michigan Southeast Regional Committee returns to showcase the talents of children and adults with disabilities.

Performers with mental or physical challenges are invited to participate.

The 17th festival will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 25, at Renaissance High School, Detroit, and 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Clawson High School. Performances could include, but are not limited to vocal and instrumental music, dance and drama.

Deadline for application is Wednesday, April 9. Call Festival Coordinator Connie Lott at

(248) 568-0816 or send e-mail to connie5929@aol.com.

Performers will be given VSA arts festival T-shirts.

In addition to sharing their talent on stage, they will be encouraged to participate in hands-on art, music and movement activities. The VSA arts of Michigan exhibit of works in a variety of mediums will also be showcased.

VSA arts of Michigan/Southeast, an educational affiliate of the national John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, provides opportunities for individuals with disabilities to develop through the arts.

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BARBARA C. HAMMER

Age 69, Southfield, MI, passed away March 25, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.



DONALD S. IMPELLIZZERI

Age 56, of Shamong NJ passed away at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia PA on Saturday, March 22, 2008 after battling cancer for eight years. He was born October 12, 1951 in Detroit MI, the son of Donald J. and Caroline Impellizzeri. In 1969 Don graduated from Our Lady of Sorrows, Farmington MI. He lived in Gaylord MI as a young adult and loved the outdoors. He worked for many years in the house truss/panel manufacturing business in both Waters MI and Hainesport NJ, working his way up from the manufacturing floor to the technical and sales departments. After his 24-year career with one company came to an end from the plant shut-down, he continued to work in the building industry with previous coworkers that went on with their own companies. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Bunni), of 27 years; his daughter, Cynthia (26); his son, Brian (23); his grandson, Timothy (3) and two granddaughters, Stephanie (4) and Jennifer (2), all residing in New Jersey. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald J. of Gaylord MI. He is also survived by his mother, Caroline of Elk River MI; his brothers: Thomas of Texas, Anthony and Chad of Michigan, and Steve of Florida; and his in-laws, Jack and Bev Irelan of Michigan. A memorial mass will be held on Monday, March 31, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. from St. Mary Cathedral, Gaylord MI. Father Stephen Reckler, a life-long friend, officiating. The family will receive friends at the church on Monday beginning at 10:00 a.m. Burial will take place at Otsego Lake Township Cemetery, Gaylord MI, laying him to rest forever near his favorite hunting area as a young adult.

MARTHA GRACE REETZ

March 27, 2008. Age 74. Beloved wife of the late Bravis Alfred and Robert Reetz. Loving mother of Patricia Pomathy, Paul Alfred, Phillip Alfred and Charlotte Potes. Dear grandma of Jennifer Kauffman, Amber Logan, and Hiram Early. Dearest great-grandma of Chelsea Early, Bailey Early, Ronny Simmons and Hiram Early. Grace's ashes will be taken home to Livingston, Tennessee to be with family. Arrangements by Neely-Turovski Funeral Home, Canton Chapel. www.neely-turovski.com

DONALD J. SPROGELL

Age 80, a long time resident of Plymouth died March 14, 2008 at Northview Manor in Grand Rapids, MI. He was born December 9, 1926, in Saginaw, MI. He was the son of Frank T. Sprogell and Helen (Donnelly) Sprogell. He was pre-deceased by his beloved wife Jeanette and his sister Dorothy Sprogell Rademaker. He leaves his brother Frank T. Sprogell and sister-in-law Janice of West Hartford, CT, his niece Mary Anne Rademaker McKeiver (Leonard) of Grand Rapids, MI, his nephew Joseph Rademaker (Cindy), nieces Katherine S. Elovich (Stephen) of West Hartford, CT, Sarah Sprogell of Freeport ME, and Mary Frances S. Kenslea (Timothy) of Needham MA. Don was a veteran of the U S Army of the Occupation in Germany following WW II. He graduated from Michigan State University. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held in May.



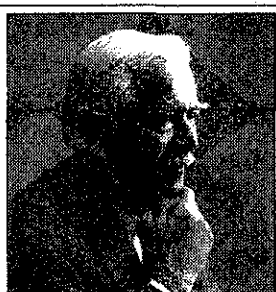
ELAINE E. KALBFLEISCH

Age 84, of Stuart, FL, died March 18th at her residence. Born in Detroit, Michigan she has resided in Stuart since 1984 moving here from Birmingham, MI. She was a homemaker & a member of Mariner Sands Chapel in Stuart. Her memberships included Mariner Sands Golf & Country Club, in Stuart Clinton Riverboat Club & The Old Club, both in Lake St. Claire, MI. She also attended Michigan State University. Surviving is her husband of 53 years, Harold M. of Stuart. Her two sons, Kirk Kalbfleisch of Whitefish, MT, Stephen Kalbfleisch of Stuart, her daughter: Marilyn Kaski of Marysville, MI, her two sisters, Audrey Ash of Tallahassee, FL, Donna Ward of Naples, FL, and is also survived by five grandchildren & 11 great-grandchildren. Memorial Contributions may be sent to Mariner Sands Chapel, 6500 SE Congressional Way, Stuart, FL 34997. Online guest book can be signed at www.heaven-called.com. A Memorial Celebration will be held on Saturday, March 22 at 2 PM at Mariner Sands Chapel, Stuart, with Dr. Bill Weimer, officiating. Inurnment will be in Acacia Park Cemetery, Southfield, MI. Arrangements have been entrusted to Martin Funeral Home & Crematory, 961 S. Kanner Hwy. Stuart, FL.



JOHN A. STOOPS

Age 86 born in Benzie Co., Michigan - resident of Plymouth, passed away March 25, 2008. Loving husband of Beverly. Dearest father of Martin (Char), Gwendolyn (William) and Brent (Debbie). Also survived by five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, two sisters and several nieces and nephews. A Funeral Mass was offered on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church - Entombment at Glen Eden Cemetery followed. Memorials may be made to Marywood Nursing Care Center, 36975 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154. To share a memory with the family, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



FRANKLIN MCCOLL HURSLEY, JR.

Age 82, died March 27, 2008, surrounded by his family at his home in Birmingham. Mr. Hursley was born October 2, 1925, in Detroit, Michigan to Franklin and Madeleine Hursley. Frank was awarded the Bronze Star for Outstanding Bravery for his service in the U.S. Army during WWII. He married the catch of his life, Lois Theisen in 1947 in Detroit. While attending the University of Detroit, he began a 50+ year career in engineering. He always took pride in his English and Scottish heritage, which led to his many interests, including literature, fly-fishing, pipe smoking, golf and early American history. As a fly-fisherman, he was an active member of Trout Unlimited, a conservation organization. Throughout his life he thoroughly indulged his passions for books and authors. He reviewed theatre and books for the Birmingham Eccentric Newspaper, and authored his own column, "Letters From America" for the Journal of the exclusive Fly-Fisher's Club of London, England for twenty years as an honorary member. His favorite authors included Dickens, Shakespeare and C. S. Lewis, to name just a few. He belonged to book and poetry clubs, including The Oxfordian Society, Sherlock Holmes Society, Jane Austin Society, and in his later years served on the board of the Michigan Hemingway Society. His favorite novel was Dickens' Great Expectations. His greatest devotion was to his wife and family. God Save the Queen! Mr. Hursley is survived by his loving wife, Lois and his children, Paul, Gregory, James, Frank III "Mick", Timothy (Jeanie), Ann Wilson, Mary Hursley, Carole Hursley-Richards and Duncan. He is also survived by his grand-children, Sarah, Scott (Kim), Kathleen, Joe, Kelle Rose, Reilly, Patrick, Holly, Evan and Dylan Hursley; Ian, Dustin and Sean Wilson; Kelle Ann and Jefferson Richards and great-grandchildren, Elodie and Liam. Funeral at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon, Birmingham, Monday 10am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (Between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Saturday 4-8pm and Sunday 2-8pm with Reflection, Sunday at 6pm. Memorials appreciated to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48207-3496 or Holy Name Catholic School 680 Harmon St., Birmingham, Michigan 48009.

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Start-Vermeulen

Jennifer Lynn Start of Chicago and Derek James Vermeulen of Chicago are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Rick and Deb Start of Grand Rapids. She is a 2002 graduate of Grand Rapids Christian High School. She graduated in 2006 from Calvin College with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She works at Christ Medical Center in Oak Park, Ill. in the intensive care unit.

The future groom is the son of Jim and Nancy Vermeulen of Plymouth. He is a 2001 graduate of Canton High School. He graduated in 2005 from Calvin College with a bachelor's degree in business. He is a derivatives trader for



Andrie Trading Co. in Chicago and works on the floor of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange trading S&P 500 options. A June wedding is planned for Grand Rapids.

VAAL offers spring art classes, workshops

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia is offering spring classes ranging from figure drawing to painting at the Dickinson Center, 18000 Newburgh, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

Classes run from four to seven weeks in length and range in cost from \$60 to \$110 depending on whether or not the student is a member of the association which meets six times a year. The annual fee is \$25.

Spring classes include painting with Audrey DiMarco Terry (April 3 to May 22), figure drawing from a model with Lin Baum (May 12 to June 23), drawing (all levels) with Baum (May 13 to June 17), and creative painting in watercolor or oil with Marj Chellstorp (May 7-28).

Back by popular demand is a three-day painting workshop on flowers that bloom in spring with Edee Joppich Wednesday-Friday, April 16-18. Chellstorp offers more flower and garden painting practice in a 2-day workshop Thursday-Friday, May 29-30.

For more information, visit www.vaalart.org, send e-mail to vaalart@yahoo.com, or call Laraine Walowich at (734) 838-1204.



Holoweski-Choate

Andrea Holoweski and James Choate, Jr., both of Lake Orion, plan to wed in November 2008.

The bride-to-be, formerly of Redford, is the daughter of Kimberly and John Burling of Fowlerville and William and Liz Holoweski of Milford. She earned a BAA in photography from Central Michigan University and a bachelor of fine arts degree in graphic design from Wayne State University.

Her fiancé, formerly of Troy, is the son of James and Mary Choate of Troy. He earned

a BBA in integrated supply matrix management from Western Michigan University and currently is employed as a sales representative/consultant at a Detroit Construction company.

The wedding ceremony will be in Troy.

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abstraction."

"I wanted to place them in the hands of someone who would admire them and for students to get a break," Semivan said. "Many times it's the only way a student can come here."

The art department isn't the only area of the university contributing to the April 11 auction at Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center in Livonia. Student ambassadors will be serving as greeters. Later, music education major Nancy Zhao sings *Chosen by the Lord* while sign language major Brittany Harper signs the lyrics. Zhao has performed with the Chamber Singers of the Michigan Youth Ensemble and taken part in rehearsals with the Ann Arbor Opera Theater. Harper has experience interpreting religious songs and has performed at Lions Club events and the American Sign Language Studies talent showcase.

Ann Cleary believes Madonna's mission to instill Christian values, respect for diversity and commitment to others is a good reason to support scholarships to the Catholic and Franciscan institution in Livonia.

"We're raising funds for scholarships for deserving students. We're helping students prepare for careers in services like nursing, teaching, criminal justice, social work, geron-

tology, hospice, business. It's a nice feeling that someday these students that you're supporting may help your family out," said Cleary, director of special events. "They are our future. We're investing in our future by supporting scholarships."

"This year I'm excited because the event has a spring theme, Spring into the Future, and we're highlighting our students and highlighting our Franciscan values. We're having a simple meal, putting words out — peace, justice and reverence — on the tables. It's very uniquely Madonna University. It's what we're all about."

The evening features hors d'oeuvres, dinner and entertainment in addition to live and silent auctions of items ranging from a 10-day stay in a house in St. Lucie West, Fla., to a three-night condo getaway in Myrtle Beach, S.C. "We have Detroit Tigers tickets with a jersey signed by Carlos Guillen, a (Felician Sisters) Mother House tour and dinner for six on campus, a day with Sen. Glenn Anderson in Lansing for up to six persons, a Livonia police car ride along and lunch with chief Robert Stevenson, who's a Madonna grad, a very special one-of-a-kind dinner with five of your closest friends and (university president) Sister Rose Marie Kujawa at Bacco Ristorante in Southfield donated by Norm Nickin and Judge Kathleen McCann," Cleary said.

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All-you-can eat-pizza event to benefit Capuchin Soup Kitchen

Livonia, Farmington Hills, Bloomfield Hills, and Royal Oak are just four of nine Buddy's Pizza locations hosting the annual Slice for Life Event from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, April 7, with proceeds benefiting the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. With the purchase of an event ticket patrons may dine-in and enjoy all-you-can-eat two-topping pizzas and salad or carry-out a 4-square two-topping pizza or an individual sized Antipasto, Greek or House salad.

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Additionally, its Earth Works organic garden produces 6,000 pounds of vegetables for Detroit's hungry, and educates the community in regards to sustainable relationships between human beings and the earth.

In addition to dining on Buddy's award-winning pizza and salad, families will be assisting the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in feeding the hungry, while the kids are being entertained by the team from 2clowns.com, who will be visiting Buddy's dine-in locations throughout the day.

Tickets may be purchased from the Capuchins in advance by calling (313) 579-2100, ext. 201, or at the door of any Buddy's Pizza on April 7. All participants can also register to win one eight-square Buddy's pizza every month for a year.

Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 seniors, \$6 children (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and \$15 adults, \$15 seniors, \$6 children (4-10 p.m.). For a list of locations, visit www.buddyspizza.com.

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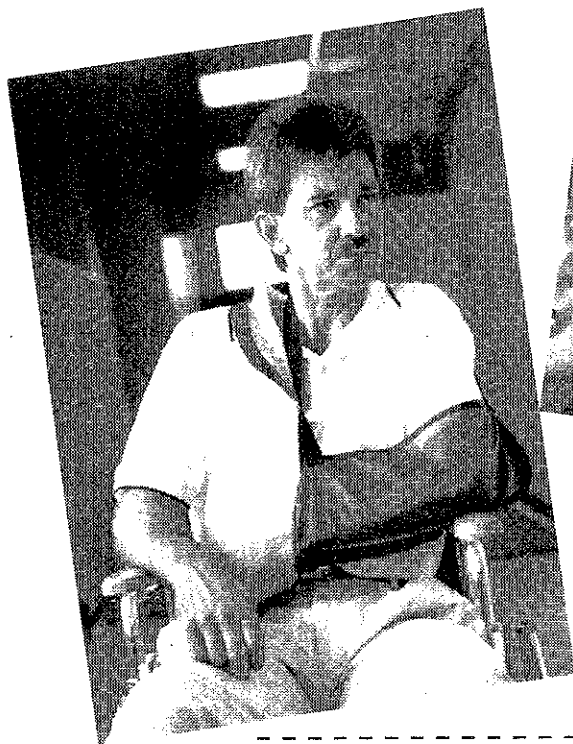
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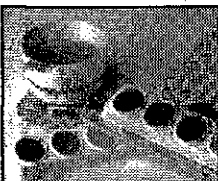
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A 40-year reunion Aug. 2, 2008, at Patrick O'Kelly Knights of Columbus in Dearborn. For more information, contact Janet Wszola Robbins at (313) 277-1418 or Susan Taylor Szalony at (248) 348-6692.

Dearborn Fordson**Class of 1969**Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayniniilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klvingston@nu-core.com.**Detroit Cass Tech****Class of 1958**A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313)882-4626 and at casstech58.com.**Detroit Christ the King Elementary**
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Detroit Western High School**Class of 1978**A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or email reunion-30western@woway.com.**Garden City High School****Class of 1960**

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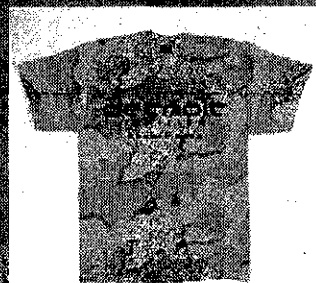
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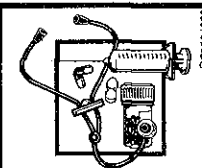
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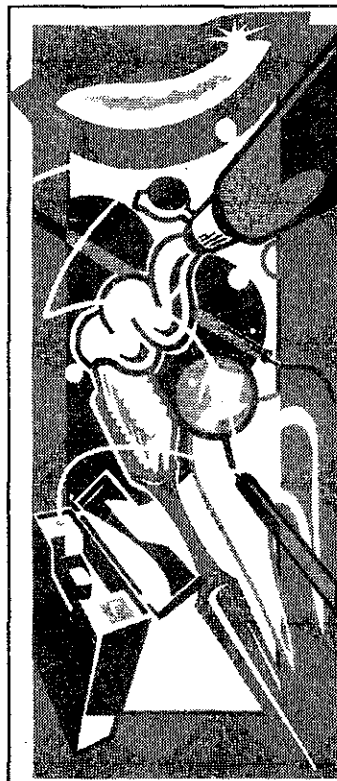
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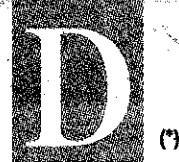
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New Homes



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Young families, empty nesters will find Weith a winner

The Weith (405-52) is ideal for the young couple just married and looking for the starter home or for the empty nesters who wish to size down from the large family home to a smaller, more economical home. The Weith is 1,475 square feet, and is designed for a narrow lot.

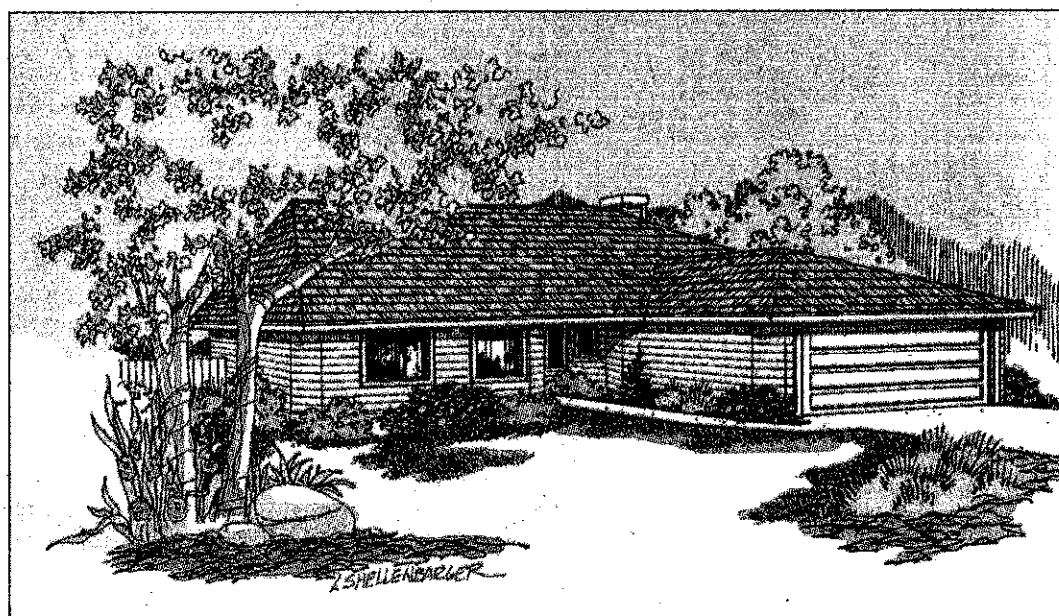
The Weith has a front two-car garage. All corners of this home have the "rounded" look, making it slightly different from than the traditional home. The entry is set back on the face of the home. Once you enter, there is a spacious appearance with all the open rooms available to the family.

A basement stairwell is located near the entry, for those who need the extra space.

The kitchen is to the right of the entry. The cabinets curve around the wall with a window over the sink that looks out past the porch to the front yard. The eating bar extends into the great room from the utility room, located in the front corner of the home. The utility room has a folding area, along with space for a freezer. It also has access to the garage.

This great room is very open and immense with a fireplace and numerous skylights. There are also four windows spaced along the back wall, allowing an abundance of sunlight to cheer this large room. Between the great room and the master suite is a garden room. It has been designed to house plants, grow herbs or plant starts, or house an enclosed spa, with direct access to the guest bath.

The master suite also has two windows and two skylights. The bath is divided in such a manner that the sink is located in the main suite area



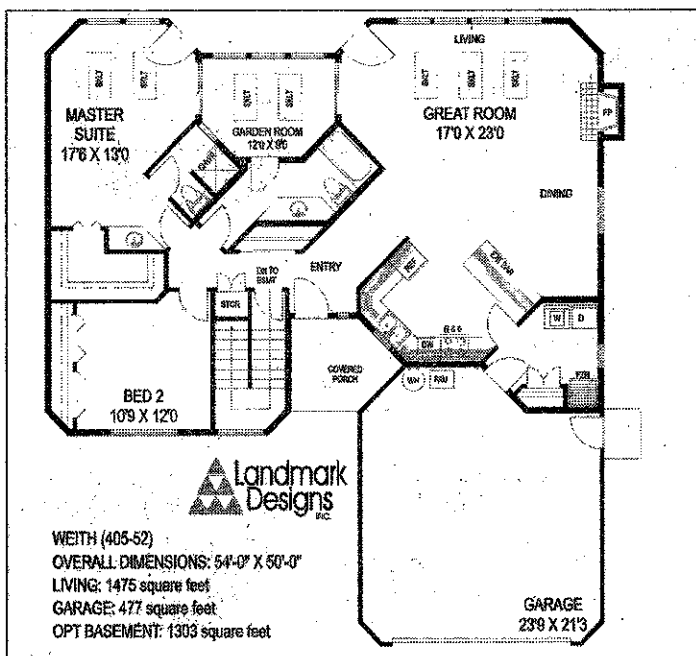
while the shower and toilet are in the bathroom area. The walk-in closet is very large and open.

The second bedroom has a long wall closet that has two sets of folding doors. The room is a good size with a large window facing the front of the home. The extra bath is across the hall with doors from the

garden room and the hall. There is a large storage closet in the hall for linen.

For a study plan of the WEITH (405-52), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with search

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its NAHBR Professional Remodelers will present the ABCs of Remodeling for all interested homeowners. The event will take place at Doyle Center, 7275 Wing Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills on Tuesday, April 1, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and is free to everyone. The Center is located just west of Telegraph and north

off 14 Mile.

Homeowners will have an opportunity to speak directly with remodelers and to providers of related services. A panel of experts will discuss what homeowners need to know about major and minor remodeling for improvement projects such as kitchens and baths, home additions and insurance repairs. Also included will be information on energy efficiency, cost and financing and how to hire a

professional contractor.

The panel of experts includes Mark Renn of H.J. Oldenkamp, John Maloney of BOA Construction, Don Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction, Patty Shea of Shea Company Construction, Tim Smith of Countrywide Bank, FSB, Mike Gordon, A.I.A., of Moiseev/Gordon Architects and Don Bourdeau of Al Bourdeau Insurance. Each expert is a member of BIA and its NAHBR Professional

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Exhibitors will be on hand to show their remodeling products and services, including Advance Plumbing & Heating Supply, Affordable Spaces/Four Seasons, Andersen Windows, Carnovale Associates, Closets Plus, Inc., Hinkson Construction Co., Michigan Shelf Distributors, Newmyer Remodeling and Shea Company Construction. The event is free to every-

one. For further information, call the Association, (248) 862-1008.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and Construction Association of Michigan (CAM) present The Southeast Michigan Residential & Commercial Construction Safety Training Workshop on Thursday, April 3, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Total Sports Complex, 30990 Wixom Road in Wixom.

The seminar will include how to deal with fall protection, trenching, rigging, masonry, aerial lift, fire protection, scaffolding, asbestos awareness and more.

After March 25, registration is payable at the door only and is \$90 per person. To register, call Joe Forgue at (248) 972-1141 or Sheila Denstaedt at (248) 862-1033. To register online, visit www.cam-online.com or www.builders.org.

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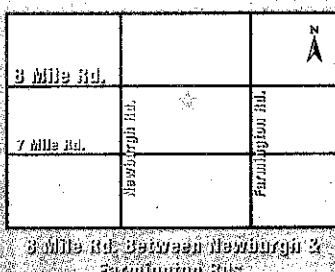
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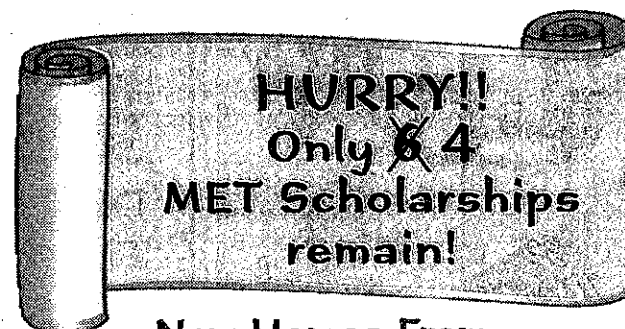
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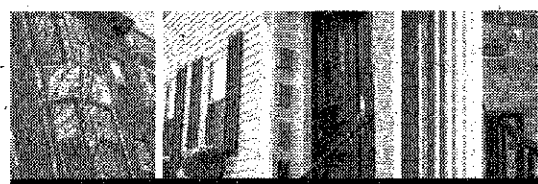
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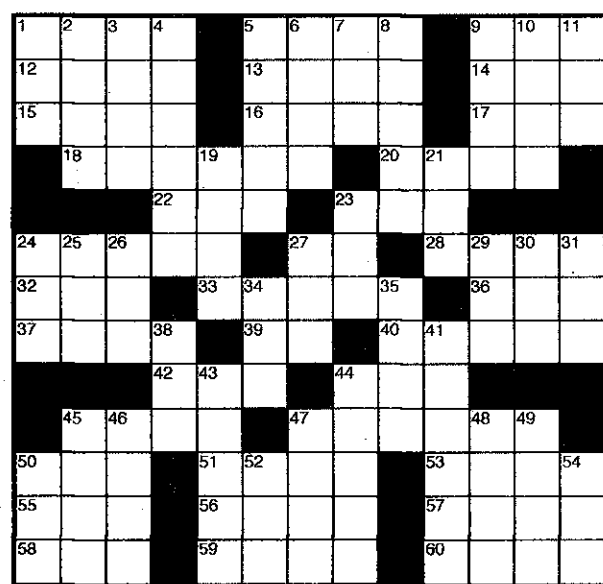
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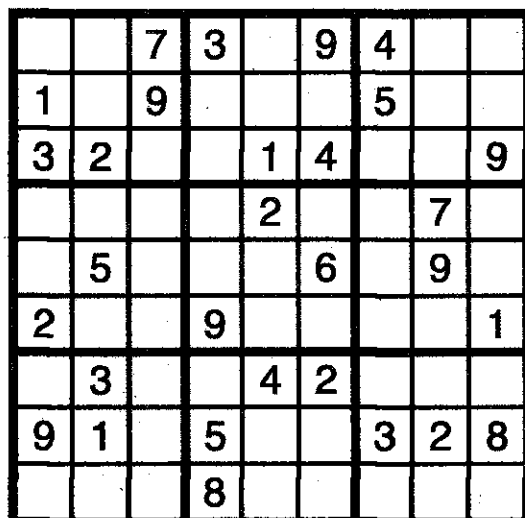
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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Beginner

Here's How it Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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8 2 3 7 9 5 1 6
1 9 8 2 4 1 8 5
1 7 8 9 6 9 1 2
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9 7 9 1 2 7 6 8
6 8 7 1 9 9 2 3
9 8 5 8 7 2 6 1
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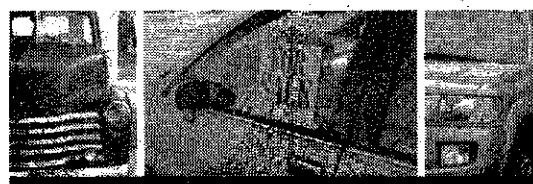
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