

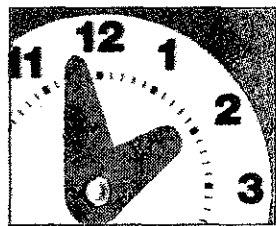
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Detroit cop accused of torturing ex-girlfriend



Steele

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Gary Allen Steele, the Detroit police officer arrested Tuesday for allegedly assaulting his ex-girlfriend, was arraigned on seven charges Thursday and given a \$5 million bond.

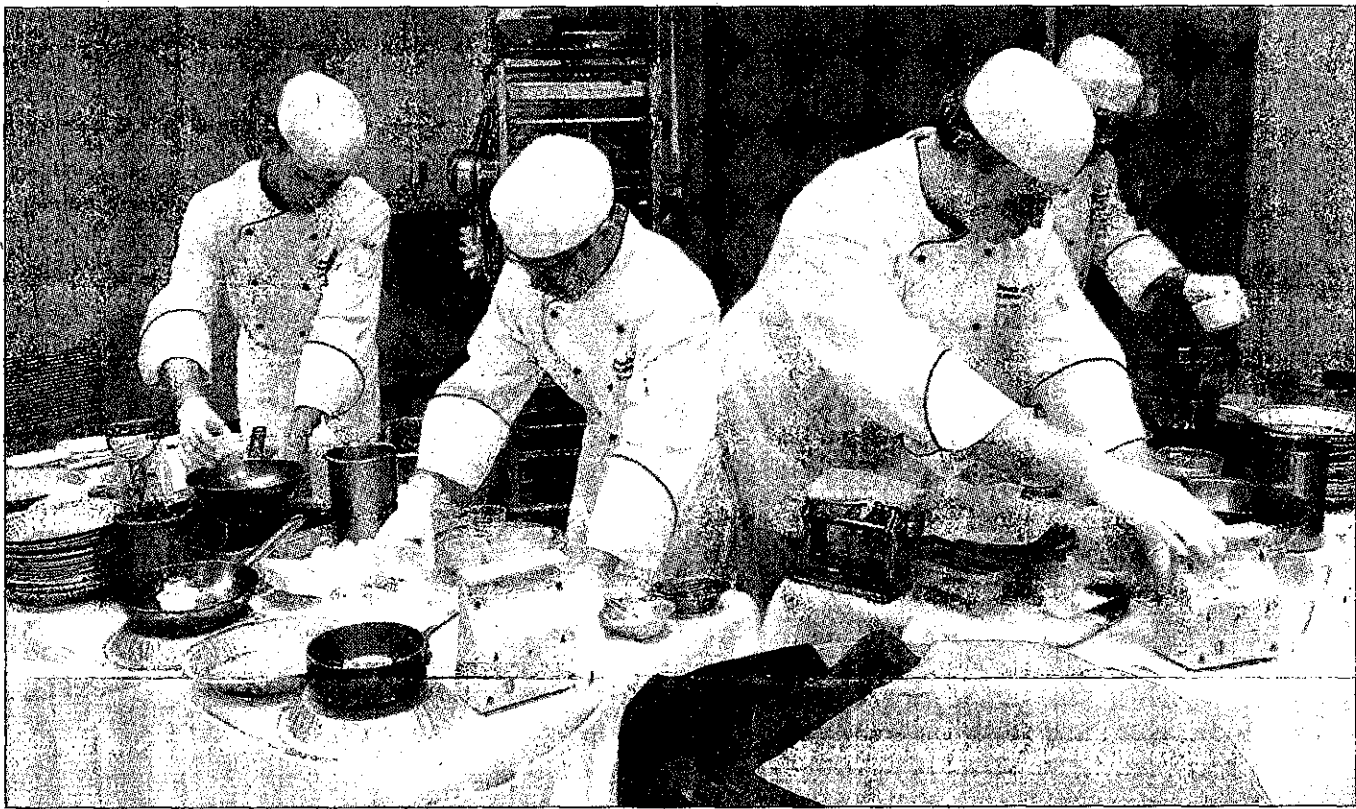
Steele, 42, was arraigned via video from the Canton police station. He is accused of firing three shots from his revolver near ex-girlfriend Kimberly Ann Golematis at her Canton home. His attorney, John Goldpaugh, entered a not guilty plea. When 35th District Court Judge

Michael Gerou handed down the bond, which comes with a 10-percent provision, Steele muttered and shook his head in disbelief. Assistant Prosecutor Scott Ehlfeldt argued for the high cash bond saying Golematis, who appeared in court, is terrified of Steele.

Goldpaugh countered that his client has been a model Detroit police officer for eight years and doesn't pose a flight risk. Gerou disagreed, saying Steele could be a threat to public safety. "The presumption is great these offenses occurred," he said. Golematis, who often turned

her head away from the television screen that showed Steele, told Gerou she is in fear of her life. "I'm scared," she said. "I'm literally scared to death. It's only by the grace of God that I'm here today."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The practice competition begins. Tyler Berquist, Kiyo Miller, Andrew Greeneisen, and Kevin Frader race against the clock to prepare the meal.

Culinary kids ready to start cookin'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Since he was 9 years old, Kevin Frader has always liked developing his culinary skills in the kitchen.

"I liked to be in the kitchen and cook with my mom," remembers Frader, now 16, of Plymouth Township. "When I was 11, the first thing I made on my own was an apple pie."

"I like to cook for my family, and my best is spaghetti and meatballs," he said. "I use a recipe from my great-grand-

mother. It's not as simple as you think to make it really good. You have to cook it all day."

Frader, along with nearly a dozen culinary arts and hospitality students from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, will be among those in the field of 18 schools from across Michigan that will meet in Lansing Sunday and Monday for the annual Michigan ProStart Student Invitational.

The competition, presented by the Michigan Restaurant Association Educational Support Foundation, will be

held at the Sheraton Hotel and includes culinary, management and marketing competitions.

P-CEP students have finished no worse than third in the annual competition, and in 2005 were the national high school champions.

"Students will have to prepare a three-course meal with no running water, no refrigeration and no electricity," said Diana Woodward, culinary arts instructor at Salem High School. "They will

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Double vision

With addition of Meijer, Michigan Ave. is looking a lot like Ford

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If all goes according to plan, Michigan Avenue may soon resemble a "take two" of Ford Road.

A handful of some of the larger retailers lining Canton's busiest corridor have plans to open a second location along the township's blooming southern thoroughfare.

With one location at Ford and Canton Center roads, Meijer is in the preliminary phase in its efforts to open a new store on Michigan Avenue near Morton Taylor Road.

"We have a contract to purchase property on Michigan Avenue," said Meijer spokesman Frank Guglielmi, who stressed that the deal has not been finalized.

"We are still in the early stages of considering whether it can be done or whether (this) is something we want to do."

Township Planner Angela Wolosiewicz said the township has reviewed Meijer's preliminary plans for the site and passed along its comments to the Grand Rapids-based chain.

"We are waiting to hear back from them," she said.

The 24-hour, one-stop shopping retailer has nearly 200

stores in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky.

In opening a new location, Guglielmi said the company hires anywhere from 300-400 employees.

Meijer isn't alone. Target will open the doors to its second Canton location at 47330 Michigan Ave. today. The Minneapolis-based retailer already has a store on Ford Road.

The new location, which has been dubbed Canton South, is among 26 grand openings for the international discount retailer today.

The store, located just east of Beck Road, is housed in a new development that will also feature new PetSmart and Kohl's stores, both of which already have locations on Ford Road.

Kohl's, which is hiring about 150 people for its new store, is scheduled to open April 6. PetSmart, which will bring in about 30 jobs, is slated for a June 21 opening.

Retail titan Wal-Mart, which has plans to morph its Ford Road store into a Supercenter, is expected to start construction on a Michigan Avenue store at Belleville Road.

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Defense appeals judge's decision on murder charge

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Defense attorneys for the two teenagers accused of killing a River Rouge man are appealing a Wayne County Circuit Court judge's decision to reinstate a felony murder charge originally dismissed by a district court judge.

While neither attorney would comment, the *Observer* has learned both lawyers filed appeals of Judge Annette Berry's decision to the Michigan Court of Appeals Feb. 28. According to information on the Michigan Court of Appeals Web site, prosecutors



Orlewicz

In a motion hearing last month, Berry reinstated the felony murder charge against 18-year-old Alexander Letkemann of Westland and 17-year-old Plymouth Township resident Jean Pierre Orlewicz. The pair faces an April 7 trial date in the slay-

ing of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen.

They were originally charged with first-degree murder, felony murder and mutilation of a corpse.

At the preliminary hearing in 35th District Court in November, Judge Michael Gerou refused to bind them over on the felony murder charge, brought because Orlewicz allegedly stole a gun from Sorensen after police say he killed him.

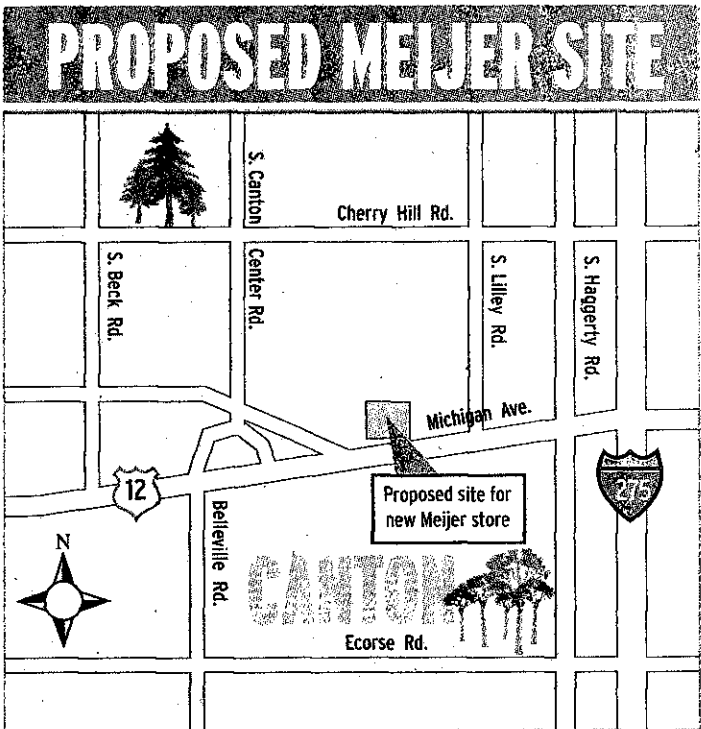
Gerou ruled because the alleged theft occurred after the homicide, it didn't meet Michigan's statutory requirement. In reinstating the

charge, Berry, the Circuit Court judge, called it "a matter for the jury to decide."

Neither Raymond Cassar, the lawyer for Letkemann, nor Joseph Niskar, Orlewicz's attorney, would comment due to a gag order imposed in the case.

Orlewicz and Letkemann are charged with luring Sorensen to the Canton garage of Orlewicz's grandfather, killing him, beheading him and then burning and disposing of his body in a Northville Township field.

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Coming Thursday in filter

Check out our listing of all things green in celebration of St. Patrick's Day

Easter activities

The Easter Bunny Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, March 15 from 9-11 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. The brunch buffet will be open 9-10 a.m. and will include a complete pancake bar, breakfast pastries, juices, milk, and coffee. Each child will receive a photo with the Easter Bunny at no additional charge. Doors will open and seating will begin at 8:45 a.m. Advance registration is required. Tickets for those 13 and above are \$12 each; children 4-12 are \$8 each; 3 and under with a high chair are \$5 each; 3 and under (no chair) are \$3 each. Space is limited, so register today by calling (734) 394-5460.

The Easter Eggtravaganza returns to its original home inside Heritage Park on Saturday, March 15 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., weather permitting. This free event will give

children 11 and under a chance to hunt for eggs in Canton's Special Easter Egg Area. In addition to the egg hunt, the Easter Bunny will stop by for a special visit and some festive activities. You'll also be able to build your own Easter Buddy for a small fee of \$10-\$12. Please remember, this event is for Canton residents only.

And for those over 21 years of age, Canton Leisure Services is offering a unique twist with an Easter egg hunt just for adults. This exciting and eventful evening will take place on Thursday, March 20 from 7-11 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Summit on the Park. The evening will include a wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, a delectable chocolate fountain and a chance to win some great prizes after you enjoy a glow-in-the-dark egg hunt in the park! For a complete list of prizes and sponsors, visit leisure.canton-mi.org. Registration is \$18 for residents and \$24 for non-residents. For more information on all of these activities, visit leisure.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Preschool site nite

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Early Childhood Department will host a Preschool Site Night 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 11. All preschool classrooms at our various sites will be open for visitation.

For more information, please contact the Early Childhood Office at (734) 416-6190 or visit the Web site at web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood.

Civitan's meeting

Canton Township Trustee Karl Zarbo will speak on the Canton quality of life and upcoming happenings at the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club's dinner meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 20, at the Atlantis Restaurant.

The Civitans are looking for new members and invite the public to attend this meeting. The Atlantis is located at 39500 Ann Arbor Road just east of I-275 in Plymouth Township. Cost of dinner is \$17 per person (choice from three entrees) and the cost is \$17 per person. Trustee Zarbo will speak at 7:30.

Please RSVP to (734) 459-1896 or kturnq01@comcast.net

The Civitans are committed to community service, gaining knowledge through personal and professional development, and fellowship. Some of their service projects include Special Olympics, Paws with a Cause, Camp Civitan for the developmentally disabled, Adopt-a-Highway, and many more. For a complete list and more information about the club, visit <http://www.civitan.net/plymouthmich>.

Good Friday breakfast

The 33rd annual Men's Good Friday Breakfast will be held at 8 a.m., March 21 at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road in Canton. Guest speaker at this community outreach program will be Chris McCaskin of Alcoholics for Christ. An all-you-can-eat breakfast is included. Tickets are \$5 and \$2 for boys 10 and under, and are available at the church office. For more information, call (734) 459-3333.



Expo inspection

Canton's building inspection staff (from left) of Alex Mamo, Pat Falzon, Bill Moy, Laura Milewski, Renee Devos, John Weyer, Michelle Montessor, Lori Poma, Ann Guerra, and Steve Munson take a break during Canton's annual Home Improvement Expo and Parade of Homes last weekend at Summit on the Park. The staff is largely responsible for putting on the show, which it has hosted for seven years. The show, also sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, featured many local home improvement companies, from landscaping to interior decorating, as well as how-to-do workshops. There was also a hands-on children's project center to construct projects made from wood donated by Home Depot. Murray Gula, host of Murray Gula's Home Improvement Team on WXYZ-TV Detroit, and Joe Gagnon 'The Appliance Doctor' broadcasted live on 1600 WAAM during the Expo.

Historical Society meeting

The Canton Historical Society will host its first general meeting at 7 p.m., March 12 at the Cherry Hill School on the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. The guest speaker will be Society Trustee Marty Hershock, who will discuss "Railsplitters to Robber Barons." The presentation will explore the history of the Republican Party in the state of Michigan and its connection to the story of railroad development.

Family cruise preview

The Canton Chamber of

Commerce will host a Family Cruise Preview at 6 p.m., March 18 at Summit on the Park - Grand Ballroom (46000 Summit Parkway). Bring the whole family. A fun, fact filled introduction to cruising. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by AAA and Royal Caribbean. There is no cost for the event. RSVP by March 14 by calling (734) 844-5030.

Marching band seeking members

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, named

Bands of America Regional Champions for 2007 and a BOA Finalist at Grand Nationals in Indianapolis, is hosting a series of informational meetings for students and parents who are interested in joining the 2008 Marching Band program.

The meeting is designed for incoming 9th graders, but is open to any high school student.

Interested students will spend time with the existing marchers, while parents listen to a presentation by the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters on how current 8th graders can become a member of the award-winning marching band for the 2008 summer/fall season. Musicians and future color guard members welcome.

Parents and students are asked to attend the Open House meeting at 7 p.m., March 11 in the Plymouth High School band room.

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

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Evening showcases student performances

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Education Excellence Foundation is hosting the annual An Evening of Excellence on Friday, March 14, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton Township.

The event showcases performances by more than 200 district students in all age groups.

An Evening of Excellence is a benefit to support the

programs of the Educational Excellence Foundation (EEF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving P-CCS. EEF has made a commitment to support the Performing Arts and will be donating \$500 to each group that performs. Comcast Newsmakers anchor Laurel Hess will be this year's Mistress of Ceremonies.

Tickets are \$100 per person for the 6:15 p.m. strolling din-

ner, wine, performance, dessert and champagne. The EEF is also selling \$50 adult tickets, \$25 for students, which include 7:30 p.m. performance, dessert and champagne). Cocktail attire is required. A portion of the ticket price is tax-deductible.

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We also offer book discussions for 1st and 2nd graders, 3rd and 4th graders, tweens, teens and adults. Visit www.cantonpl.org for specific dates and times.

Take part in Everyone's Reading 2008. *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* by Laurie R. King, a classic mystery novel, is the selection this year. It tells the story of an unlikely partnership between the very Victorian Sherlock Holmes and a girl at the dawn of a modern age. Get a copy of the book at the library and join in the programs and discussion. For more information visit www.everyonesreading.info.

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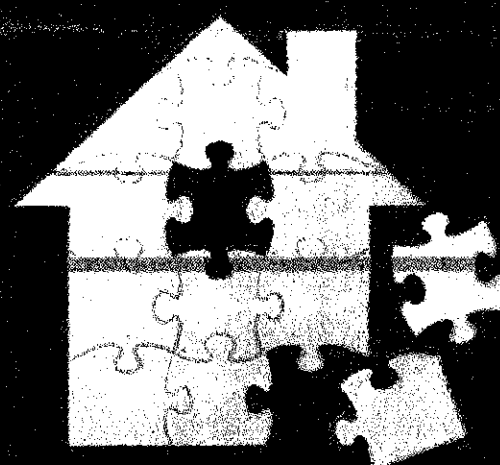
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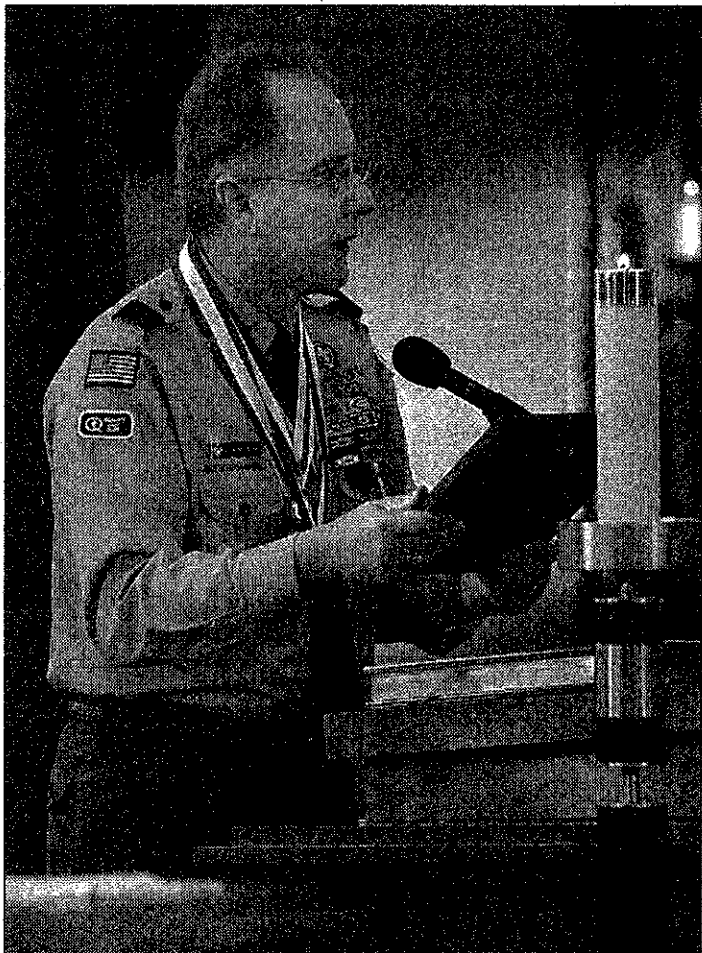
In this age of technology with computers, video games and cable television giving kids plenty of options for their time, it's even more amazing that one old stand-by organization continues to help lead the pack when it comes to old-fashioned learning and fun.

Cub Scout Pack 781, chartered by Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth Township, is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The occasion was made even more special at the pack's recent awards banquet as five Webelos received the Arrow of Light award, given to Scouts who completed at least 20 achievements a year from first through fifth grades, moving through the ranks as a Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear and two years in Webelos.

"I think it's an honor to be with a unit that has been in existence for 50 years," said Steve Monaghan of Plymouth Township, Pack 781 cub master. "It's a great testimony to the charter organization (OLGC) and the parents who have been involved and kept it going. You don't see too many organizations that have been around that long."

Monaghan says the popularity of Pack 781 is in the numbers, with the pack growing from about 40 to 60 Scouts — the largest ever — from the Plymouths, Canton and Northville.

"Scouting is a very consistent and well-rounded opportunity for boys to be involved in," Monaghan said. "More than just athletic field team work and sportsmanship ... outdoorsmanship, appreciation and respect for the environment, patriotism and faith. Scouting has a centralized focus in the importance of a strong faith



Steve Monaghan has been involved with Scouting for 44 years.

formation ... you don't see that much anymore."

Den Mother Jennifer Lipinski of Canton Township, whose son Alex, 11, was one of the recipients of the Arrow of Light award, said it's been rewarding watching as the five fifth-graders prepare to move on to the Boy Scouts.

"They've been together since the first grade, developing friendships and just having good times," Lipinski said. "I've seen them grow in their respect for being a citizen and as an American, which can sometimes get lost in day-to-day life. It's an opportunity for them to learn skills they might not otherwise learn."

For Alex, it's been a chance to meet other boys his age

and continue his education outside the classroom.

"It's really fun because there's a lot of nice kids, and you can make really good friends," Alex said. "We work on stuff you wouldn't do in everyday life, like camping, learning how to fix a tire, folding flags and learn great leadership."

"I think it helps you become a more mature person because you're forming all these skills that really help you become a better person," he added. "Like teamwork and working as a community and building a lot of friendships."

Christine McCarthy of Plymouth Township said her son, 10-year-old Alec — also an Arrow of Light award recipient — has always



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Cub Scouts and adult leaders from Our Lady of Good Counsel celebrate the 50th anniversary of Pack 781 in a Saturday afternoon Mass at the church, which was followed by their annual Blue and Gold banquet.

been a "helper" and the Cub Scouts have helped to reinforce that.

"He's always enjoyed helping with doughnuts after Mass, raking leaves around the community and helping with the canned food drive every year," McCarthy said. "Those are some of the greatest things he's gotten out of it."

Alec said he's looking forward to joining Boy Scout Troop 781 at OLGC.

"Being in the Cub Scouts has taught us about respect and just treating people fairly, not being mean to other people," Alec said. "It keeps a balance in your daily life. I've met a lot of new friends, and they will probably be for a long time."

The other recipients of the Arrow of Light award were Sean Kelly of Plymouth Township, Matthew Westemeier of Canton Township and John Harrison of Northville.

OLGC has to re-charter Pack 781 each year, and there to help with the process is Bernie Papay, 71, of Canton Township, the self-proclaimed "oldest kid in the pack." Papay has 40 years in the Cub Scouts, starting as a cub master in Ohio in 1968 and then with Pack 781 when his family moved to Michigan in 1973. The

retired General Motors engineer has stayed on long past his son's days in Cub Scouts, and is a committee member for the pack's religious awards.

"They keep me young," said Papay, who also conducts uniform inspections and a cake baking contest for the boys and their dads. "I've had an awful lot of fun."

"The whole program is set up for the parent-child relationship, and for many of the events — like camping and Whalers games — we bring the siblings along. I think that's why it's successful, it's because the boys get more out of it when the parents participate."

Monaghan said while the number of boys in the program is up, so is the number of adult leaders, which is now at 27.

"We don't make scouting a full-time job, which has helped get parents involved," Monaghan said. "We recognize kids are pulled in a lot of different directions and have a lot of choices. That's why most of our dens meet once a month in a formal meeting and then some other kind of outdoor activity on the weekend once a month, and one pack meeting a month to give out awards."

"Because we don't have as many meetings, it becomes

more incumbent upon the parents to help in the many achievements to get an advance in rank and get the next badge," he added. "If the parent is active, they and the boys are more likely to keep involved in the program."

Nationally, the Boy Scouts showed a modest 1-percent loss in membership, while the western Wayne County area had a 4.4-percent increase.

"Our (Pack 781) retention level is 80 percent," Monaghan said. "When kids join our pack in the beginning, it's a good, safe bet that four out of five boys will stay with the program and graduate. That's not very typical."

Rick Williamson, chief executive officer of the Boy Scouts' Detroit Area Council, said it's very unique for an organization that started in 1930 to have a pack that is 50 years old.

"They have an outstanding chartered organization in Our Lady of Good Counsel, have had outstanding leadership over that time period and great parental involvement," Williamson said. "It's a great base for a program that continues to grow."

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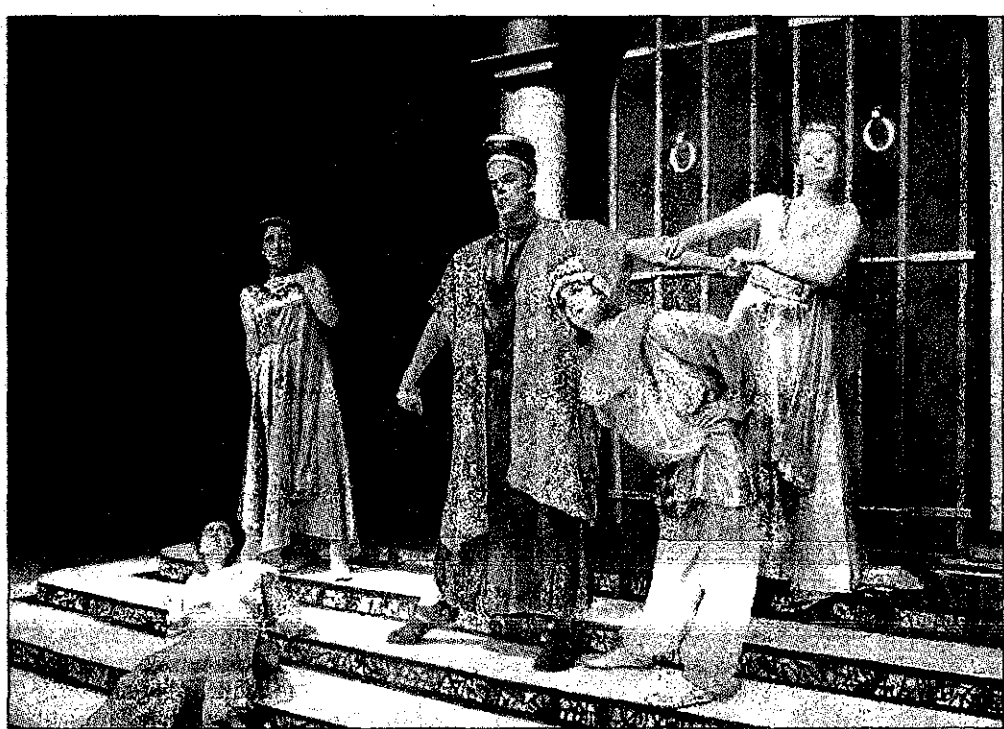
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District has plenty of snow days left

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite Wednesday being the third snow day this winter in the Plymouth-Canton school district, K-12 students appear to be in no danger of having to extend their school year.

Interim Superintendent Ken Jacobs said state law requires schools to plan for 1,098 hours of instruction, of which 30 hours can be used for snow days. Each snow day is the equivalent of six hours, which means P-CCS has two snow days left.

"If we go beyond the 30 hours, we have to make them up," said Jacobs. "If we don't, we won't get out any earlier (in June)."

Jacobs said it wasn't a tough call in deciding to cancel classes Wednesday.

"By 3:15 a.m. I had seven inches of snow in my driveway," said Jacobs, who resides in Plymouth Township. "I immediately had my transportation supervisor on the back roads and it was bad."

Jacobs said despite the road salt shortage plaguing many county and community

road commissions, P-CCS has been able to have enough on hand, sometimes barely.

"We're not getting our full allotments when we order, but we're getting it on delayed deliveries," Jacobs said. "We have come close, on more than one occasion, to running out."

"We've used over 1,700 tons, which is 30 percent more than we used all of last year," he said. "Our cost has gone up 40 percent over last year."

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Ehlfeldt said Steele "terrorized" Golematis by striking her with a baseball bat and firing at least one of the gunshots near her head. The couple, who had been dating for about six months, lived together briefly but were separating.

The charges against Steele include torture and assault with intent to murder, both felonies punishable up to life in prison; assault with intent

to do great bodily harm less than murder, a 10-year felony; two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, four-year felonies; weapon/firearm discharge in or at a building, a four-year felony and weapons-felony firearm, punishable up to two years.

Steele was supported in court by his brother, sister and ex-wife. They declined to comment.

Golematis said she has no opinion on whether Steele should lose his job, but said he should be held accountable for

this incident.

"I don't know what he was thinking or why he did what he did," she said. "No story could really ever describe the absolute terror. I never anticipated this would be my life."

A representative from the Detroit Police Department's public information office said Steele has been suspended. His preliminary exam is scheduled for 9 a.m. March 17 at 35th District Court.

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It's nature's way: Lessons learned from a corn bin mouse

"That land is a community is the basic concept of ecology, but that land is loved and respected is an extension of ethics. That land yields a cultural harvest is a fact long known, but latterly often forgotten."

- Aldo Leopold, March, 1948.

On the first Saturday of this waning month of winter, I took time to reflect on land, ethics, nature's way and wisdom gleaned from a mouse in a corn bin.

Fact: I love my land perhaps more than ever because my limited acreage is surrounded by other limited acreages, but all interconnected into a relatively functional landscape in spite of humans.

A name does not make a landscape whole. In some cases nature exists in name only. Pheasant Run and Quail Hollow in Bloomfield Township no longer host their feathered namesakes. Meadowbrook has not much in the way of a natural meadow or a wild brook. The West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve and Dinosaur Hill are certainly no longer parts of functional interconnected wild landscape.

They do remain vital islands, with diminishing biodiversity and increased human pressures. And Shain Park is little more than a fragment of



On Nature
Jonathan Schechter

away, our children's phobias, creature fears and misconceptions grow.

We sometimes play elaborate word games to satisfy egos or remove guilt when it comes to nature. I'm guilty too. And then there is that infantile, meaningless statement that some still toss around in land use and park meetings. "Let's think out of the box." Others believe if they drive biodiesel to the mega mall or plant a tree in their chemically bathed parking lot green spot they have turned the tide against a changing climate.

And some with naivety or arrogance cite this winters snow as proof global warming is myth, instead of understanding the evidence of warmer waters and climatic upheaval. Isolating oneself from nature ethics is not new.

green, a place for clandestine nocturnal dog walking, hand holding and summer concerts. Am I glad places like these exist? You bet. We need them. But as nature-based education in "wild nature" slips away, our children's phobias, creature fears and misconceptions grow.



A white-footed mouse finds plenty to eat in a corn bin.

In 1930 Aldo Leopold penned, "The problem is how to bring about a striving for harmony with land and people, many of whom have forgotten there is such a thing as land, among whom education and culture have almost become synonymous with landlessness. This is the problem of conversation education."

Back to my love of the land and corn bin mouse: I shuffled out to the bin to fill a bucket for squirrels, doves, deer and whoever else makes a showing. I do it full well knowing I am messing with nature's way of

survival of the fittest by providing an easy food source. For the fifth time bulging eyes of a white footed mouse stared up at me from the sea of corn. I think it's the same crooked tail mouse. I help him escape. Again. But I wonder if he knows I bring food

AND bin-tilting freedom, or if he is just so pea-brained that he forgets he will get stuck during corn bingeing. Is the lure of food greater than fears? I suspect so, but I try to not to philosophize in a manner that forces a conclusion. Trying to draw a conclusion on every nature observation is not needed. Sometimes we just appreciate.

Appreciation is not the wisdom of conservation education, the protection of wildlife travel corridors, the understanding of the spread of bovine tuberculosis in wild deer and related lofty and emerging issues. Today I simply look forward to a month that brings herons and vultures home. A month of emergence of groundhogs, first blooms of woodland wildflowers on southern slopes, tom turkeys practicing their gobbles and pussy willow catkins forming down by my swamp during ice-out. March is a good month of transition, for well off man and corn rich mice, a time when spring thoughts outweigh the truth of realities.

Perhaps that's spring fever or a quiet acceptance of the altered reality of our natural world.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. E-mail: oaknature@aol.com.

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Tax records should be kept seven years and then shredded

Dear Rick: I just got done with my 2007 tax return. How long do I need to save my tax information for over 20 years and I am running out of room. What should I keep and what can I throw out?

My general rule is you should never throw out the return. However, the backup documentation you're saving can be disposed of sooner.

Generally, the Internal Revenue Service can audit a return up to three years after



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

save tax returns and backup documentation for three years.

the original return is filed. For example, if you filed your 2004 tax return by April 15, 2005, the IRS would have to April 15, 2008, to initiate an audit. At a minimum,

If the IRS believes you have a 25 percent error in your return or greater, it can audit up to six years. Although rare, it does happen. Because of this, I recommend retaining backup tax records for seven years. After that, shred all backup documentation.

It is amazing to me how much paper the typical American saves. I know individuals who have cancelled checks for their phone bill from 10 years ago. There is no reason to do this. For most

recurring bills, I hold them for one month. When I receive the next month's bill, I shred the last month's bill along with the cancelled check.

It is imperative for everyone to have a family record-keeping system, including a permanent file which should contain an up-to-date list of assets and where they are located. In addition, the permanent file should contain a listing of liabilities and a contact list of professionals that you deal with such as

financial adviser, accountant and attorney. A permanent file should contain where you keep legal documents such as medical power of attorney and durable power of attorney.

It is not sufficient just to have a good record-keeping system and a permanent file. In addition, someone other than yourself needs to have access to your permanent file. In an emergency, someone will need to access your information.

The key to any record-keeping system is to use one that works for you. Tax time is a good time to organize records and establish a record-keeping system that works for you.

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

Families need plan to deal with home fires

Most people place as much importance on family fire safety as they do on rearranging their sock drawers. But when you consider that over 80 percent of all fire deaths in the United States occur in residences, it just makes good sense to take a few minutes to devise your home fire escape plan.

Map out an overhead plan of your home on a piece of paper and draw in the walls that let you see a "birds eye" view of each room. If you have more than one floor, put each floor on a separate piece of paper. Mark in the primary escape path for each room in the house, usually consisting of following the door out of a room and out the main door of the house.

Then, make a secondary escape path, in case the primary path is blocked by heat, smoke and/or fire. This is usually a window out of each room. Make sure they open freely, and the person who normally sleeps in bedrooms can easily open their windows. An outside meeting place is a necessity.

Smoke alarms are an inexpensive way to get an early warning in case there is smoke in your home. There is a lot of talk about types of sensing technology, and we suggest you spend a bit more on smoke alarms that have "dual sensing technology", that includes both ionization and photoelectric sensing chambers. Have a minimum of one smoke alarm per floor, with units outside of any sleeping area. Having more only increases your warning time, so just avoid a few places prone to nuisance alarms, like bathrooms, kitchens and by fireplaces.



Tom Kiurski

For those of you who have family members who sleep upstairs, and slipping out a window onto the ground is not an option, purchase safety ladders. They are compact and fit nicely under a bed or in a closet until needed. They simply hook onto the window sill and you can descend from there. They are available in two- and three-story

models, so measure how far from window to ground you need and purchase the appropriate ladder.

Fire extinguishers make good sense to have in any home, to extinguish small fires that may break out while you are close by. Most home fires start in the kitchen, so that makes great sense to keep one there. If you want to get a few more, the garage and basement are good places to keep those. Purchase extinguishers rated for "A, B and C" type fires, as that covers any fire you may have in your home. Teach those in your family how to use them, but never delay calling the fire department to use a portable fire extinguisher.

The most important part of any family safety plan is practicing the plan with all members of the family present. The hardest part is the few minutes needed to develop the plan (which can be a fun family assignment), and the easy part is practicing it at least twice a year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at any Livonia fire station or call (734) 466-2444. Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.

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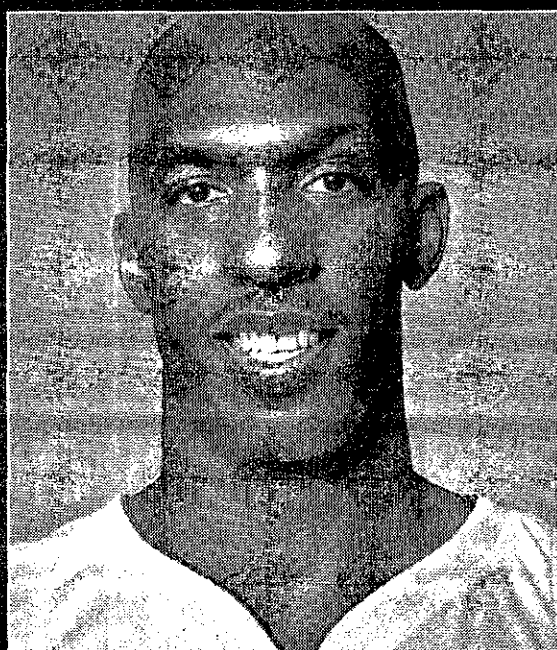
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Removal of Commissioner Johnson on board agenda

Canton Township Board of Trustees

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AGENDAS

Planning Commission member Catherine Johnson, who made controversial comments concerning a proposal to rebuild the Hindu Temple on Cherry Hill Road back in December.

Other agenda items include:

- Consider site plan for St.

Joseph Mercy Health Building expansion

- Consider special land use for medical office in the Kirko Business Park
- Consider approval to purchase 40 Pakflatt Voting Booths 4-in-1 for election
- Authorize contract for carnival attractions at Liberty

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Plymouth-Canton School Board

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will meet 7 p.m., Tuesday at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey in downtown Plymouth.

The board will consider a resolution to appoint Dr. Craig Fiegel as superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Schools. The board will also consider additional resolutions to award bid packages for upgrades to several district school build-

ings. The Superintendent's Report will be an update on Special Education Redesign and Inclusion.

Wayne-Westland School Board

The Wane-Westland Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m., March 10 at 36745 Marquette Road, Westland.

Agenda items include:

- Recognition of spelling bee winners, Earle Chorbajian and Matthew Karpiuk
- Recommendation to purchase Dell Computers
- Investment report
- Review and approval of the security system, security light-

ing upgrades

Van Buren School Board

The Van Buren School Board will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m., March 10 at the Belleville High School Food Service Center to discuss VBBA and VBASA contract negotiations. The regular board meeting will then begin at 7:30. Agenda items include:

- School Unity Day update
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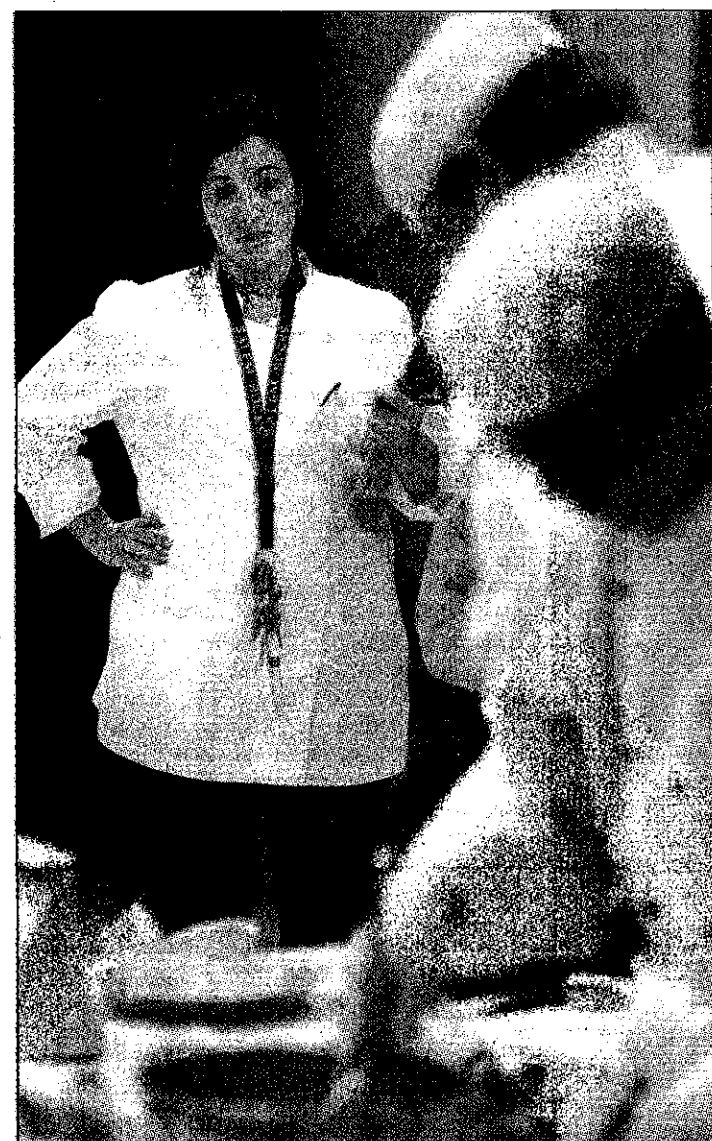
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only have two camp stoves to prepare the meals."

The menu begins with a Mediterranean vegetable soup with crab ravioli, followed by a goat cheese and pine nut rusted lamb loin entree; and, for dessert, chocolate and banana mousse dome with caramelized bananas.

"We're excited, a little bit nervous, but we'll be ready," said Tyler Bergquist, 16, of Canton Township, who cuts the vegetables for the soup, prepares the artichoke for the entree and cooks the lamb in the hourlong competition. "All we have are iced down coolers to keep foods at a proper temperature. The butane burners are actually like cooking on a stove."

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Rick Goren
General Manager

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Making the move wasn't easy, but I'm glad I did. Come and join us! - *Carter E. Porter, resident since 2003*



OUR VIEWS

Look to small business for state job growth

Michigan's economic equivalent of a long, hard winter, which saw the loss of 58,000 jobs in 2007, could be melting with initiatives now under way.

Workers shouldn't expect a flood of employment opportunities immediately, but the drip-drip-drip of job prospects may have already begun.

Programs such as Michigan's No Worker Left Behind, which recently awarded \$296,000 for training in Macomb and St. Clair counties, offer economic opportunity to displaced workers. Meanwhile, a bipartisan plan to offer a 40 percent tax break to companies in the film industry is the kind of aggressive economic welcome needed to bring new business to Michigan.

A look at job opportunities in the last year shows that job prospects aren't necessarily coming from the large companies, but from individual start-ups and smaller companies that are brushing the frost off of economic forecasts.

For instance, a young company called Fathead, which creates life-size sports and entertainment figures for household use, has brought 55 jobs to its Livonia headquarters.

In Canton, there is a bit of a different story going on. The development along Michigan Avenue is providing a flood of retail job opportunities. Target, which was supposed to open this weekend, has created 160 jobs; Kohl's, due to open in April, will have 150 employees; and PetSmart another 30 jobs. Meijer, which is looking to open a new store on Michigan at Morton Taylor, will bring an additional 200-300 jobs once it opens. And that is not even taking into account the Wal-Mart that is planned for Michigan and Belleville Road.

So, while doom and gloom has been so pervasive in our state, the likelihood is that Michigan's frozen economy will be warmed, job by job.

Greene must go too

In reading Planning Commissioner Greg Greene's letter ("Forgive Johnson and move on," Feb. 28), I was amazed how fast Mr. Greene has forgotten his actions of last year when he wrote a letter to the paper about how the people attending the township board meetings should "sit down and shut up" and how one does not have the "decency to remove his hat" while speaking to the panel and "maybe he thinks he is in a sports bar." Those were just some of his comments.

Although no names of the people were mentioned, I knew that I was the person in the hat that he was referring to and I felt very offended by his comments. I proceeded to the planning commission meeting and demanded to the board that he be removed from his duties and Mr. Greene just sat there and listened while no action by the commission was taken. I then appeared before the township board demanding the same actions be taken against Mr. Greene, that he be removed for his insults and comments to the citizens he wrote of in the letter. In response, Supervisor Tom Yack said that Mr. Greene was exercising his "free speech rights" as he did not name me or the other citizens personally in the letter so no action was taken. My response to Yack was that this type of behavior must stop as it rises to a level of "hate" if a community government allows this to happen.

Now, here is Greg Greene writing his analogy, as if he were also a judge. He comes to the conclusion that we "all have a certain level of individual prejudices" and that can be set aside "in favor of fairness, legitimacy and objectivity of government." I cannot believe that he can make these statements after his letter attacking the citizens and myself in his letter to the paper. I find the situation with Greene and Catherine Johnson to be exactly the same. When something that is written

or said is offensive it may not be to all, but to the people that it applies the most to, it can be very troubling as we have seen with the Catherine Johnson situation.

I feel the commissions and boards of Canton Township have gone out of control under the current leadership. The rules, if any, are applied in a selective manner as I see happening here. I believe both Greene and Johnson should be removed, as you cannot allow one to be removed and the other to receive a free pass. I have never received an apology from Greg Greene for his statements. I say they both go and time to move on to hopefully a new chapter in this community with fair leadership. I will continue to wear my hat as I like it.

Daniel McCausland
Canton

Thanks for helping troops

Thank you to those who helped support my care package collection last week to benefit our Michigan and Ohio Marines in Iraq. We raised almost \$800 and collected over 365 pounds of supplies. These health and comfort items will be truly useful to our fighting men and women overseas. This outpouring of support is critical not only for the successful completion of the mission, but is essential in supporting the mental health of our troops in harm's way and helps to make for a successful transition home.

I must take this space to recognize some folks whose "extra support" made this event as successful as it was: *Canton Observer*, state Sen. Bruce Patterson, state Rep. Phil LaJoy, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, Canton Clerk Terry Bennett, Canton trustees Melissa McLaughlin and Todd LaJoy, Canton Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin, Canton Public Safety Director John

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Santomauro, Canton ZBA Member Steve Johnson, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, Glenn Shaw and family, fellow employees at General Electric and SABIC Innovative Plastics, Gary Kohn and the Yellow Mustang Registry, township trustee candidate Pat Williams and, of course, a huge special thanks to Canton Computers' Dave Wisniewski and Jason Lewkut for their unwavering support of the troops!

Todd Caccamo
Canton Township trustee

Something wrong with case

I read, with great interest, the recent article regarding Alex Letkemann, and the fact that he took (and passed) a polygraph test that refutes the ACO manager's testimony. She has said that she saw Alex in her store two days before the murder, looking at hatchets and blow torches.

I cannot understand why the prosecutor is not interested in this polygraph. If the goal is to seek the truth and ultimately find justice, why would they not want to consider a polygraph? Is it because it does not fit their original theory on this crime? I understand that Alex even offered to take a police polygraph on the issue.

I have to believe that the detectives involved would want to know everything related to this case, especially if a key witness is mistaken. Does anyone remember the Duke lacrosse player that was on TV screaming that he took a polygraph showing his innocence, but the prosecutor was too arrogant to care?

It seems to me that the Wayne County Prosecutor's office should want to look at all aspects of this case and not ignore things that may tell a different story.

Something is wrong here and I don't know how anyone could

read that story and not feel the same way.

Donna Bowman
Garden City

Get moving on Cobo

The expansion of Cobo Arena and retention of the North American International Auto Show are essential to southeast Michigan and Oakland County's economic health. The auto show alone pumps \$590 million into the local economy. Our region cannot compete for other major conventions because we lack adequate conference space.

This project has been studied and debated long enough. The latest plans have been considered and modified, considered and modified for two years. Gov. Granholm met with the elected executives of Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties and Detroit last week without reaching a consensus. Brooks Patterson was going to boycott the meeting, but instead showed up late, bowing to public pressure. This was inappropriate grandstanding. Oakland County cannot be appropriately represented if it is not represented at the table.

Robert Ficano's proposal is an appropriate starting point, once the unnecessary frills are eliminated — \$35 million for a moving sidewalk on Jefferson Avenue is not a justifiable expenditure of public money. The governor and the elected heads of the three counties and Detroit need to set a self-imposed deadline when a plan will be approved and implemented, not just set another meeting.

Failure to adopt and act on such a plan not only jeopardizes the retention of the auto show, but signals to the business community that Michigan is incapable of cooperation in order to solve its problems. We cannot afford to let that happen.

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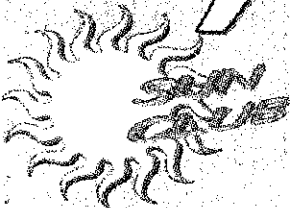
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Penguin skaters surge in post-season

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Following a luke-warm regular season, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team turned on the after-burners during the post-season.

The defending state champion Penguins advanced all the way to the semi-final round of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League playoffs this week before eventually falling to unbeaten powerhouse Grosse Pointe South, 9-1, Thursday night at City Sports Arena in Detroit.

The loss left PCS with a season-ending 5-14 record, but with plenty of positive

vibes about how it capped the campaign. "Before the playoffs started, I told the girls to believe in themselves because I knew they could do it," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. "They really started believing in themselves this week and they stepped up and played great hockey."

On Saturday, March 1, the Penguins upended Walled Lake Unified, 6-3, behind Brooke Caccavelli's hat-trick. Annie McTurner, Lauren Smith and Kelsey Nikkila netted single goals for the winners. Nikkila, Jennifer Fedon and Jenny Grodus registered assists.

Michelle Shaffer was solid in net for the Penguins, stopping six shots. PCS out-shot Walled Lake, 39-9.

In Tuesday's quarterfinal encounter with Farmington Hills Mercy, the Penguins prevailed, 3-2, on Nikkila's game-winner with 3:46 to play.

"There was a scrum in front of the net and Kelsey did a good job of putting in a rebound," said.

Caccavelli was credit with an assist on Nikkila's dramatic lamp-lighter.

Caccavelli and Grodus also scored for the winners. Smith assisted on Grodus's goal.

The Penguins played their hearts out in the opening period against Grosse Pointe South and went into the first intermission deadlocked at 0-0.

However, the Blue Devils scored three

goals in the opening four minutes of the second period to seize control.

Caccavelli scored from Amy Coleman at 9:05 of the second to make it 3-1, but PCS couldn't dent South's defense the rest of the way.

"I'm very pleased with how the girls finished the season," said Callahan.

"They worked very hard throughout the entire season. Our won-loss record wasn't great, but they really stepped up and showed what they're all about in the playoffs."

Grosse Pointe South was set to play Ann Arbor in Saturday's final.

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Sidelines

Fellows Creek fund-raiser

The Friends of Fellows Creek and Canton Leisure Services are offering a unique opportunity to create a lasting tribute to friends or family members by purchasing a commemorative bench or brick paver at Fellows Creek Golf Club.

Personalized benches and brick pavers will be placed in a pathway around Fellows Creek Golf Club, which is located at 2936 S. Lotz Road in Canton.

Each paver is 4-by-8 inches in size and can include up to three lines of inscription with 14 characters per line, including spaces.

Brick pavers can be purchased for \$100 and are 100 percent tax deductible.

The program was initiated by the Friends of Fellows Creek, a group of residents dedicated to the preservation and improvement of Fellows Creek Golf Club.

Proceeds from the program will go toward improvements at Fellows Creek.

For more information, call (734) 728-1300.

MU signs Turner

Madonna University women's softball coach Al White announced the signing of his second recruit Thursday with the addition of Milan's Tori Turner.

She is joined by Garden City pitcher Hallie Minch, who signed last month.

Three-year varsity letter winner Turner hit .528 last season en route to All-Huron League, All-District and All-Region honors.

"We are extremely excited to add a student-athlete of Tori's caliber to join our program," White said. "She has been on our radar for quite some time and it is nice to see the process come to fruition. Coach (Jennifer) Jackson has done a great job getting Tori ready for the next level and we know we are getting a very talented player and an even better character person off the field."

Softball Showcase

The Paramount Scouting Bureau and National Scouting Report will host the Motor City Showcase Friday, July 4, as part of the Paramount Softball Showcase Series.

The showcase, which begins at 10 a.m., will be held at Victory Park in Canton.

Professional scouts will rate all players with the top players receiving invitations to play in a national showcase.

A college recruiting session will follow the showcase.

Contact Steve LaMay at (248) 249-0129 or slamay@nsr-inc.com.

Four local grapplers moving on

Four P-CEP grapplers still harbored hopes of All-State finishes following Friday night's action at the Division 1 Individual Wrestling Tournament at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Three Canton matmen — Donnie Watkins (125 pounds), Steve Cox (135) and Brent Winekoff (140) — along with Salem 160-pounder Jeremy Epley were still alive heading into Saturday's final rounds.

After dropping his opener, 5-4, to Rochester Adams' Tyler Bunting, Watkins battled back by defeating Rockford's Ian Martin, 4-0, and Holly's Bryan Sears, 8-3.

Cox opened with a 9-2 triumph over Kalamazoo

Please see **WRESTLING, B3**



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Steve Cox gets a leg up on Rochester Stoney Creek's Charlie Cordero during a 135-pound match at Friday's Division 1 state individual wrestling finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Stan Chen has established himself into one of the state's top breast-strokers. The senior is a four-time state-qualifier for the Rocks.

Lofty 'Stan'dards

Chen has flourished since Day 1 for Salem swim team

Locals fare well at state swim meet. See Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you would have seen Stan Chen during the "dog paddle" stage of his swimming career, you never would have predicted the great things that were on the horizon for the Salem senior.

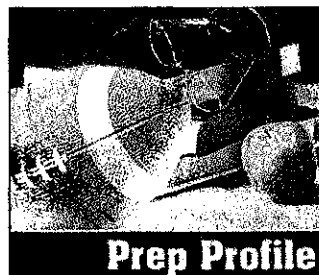
"I wasn't very good when I first started," revealed Chen, who competed in his fourth Division 1 state meet this weekend. "When I was young, I just kind of splashed around and did the dog paddle — and I didn't even do that very well."

How times — both figuratively and with a stop watch — have changed for Chen, who has worked his way into becoming one of the best breast-strokers in the state.

Chen's ability to master the breaststroke speaks volumes about his work ethic and coordination skills because the stroke is widely considered the most difficult to execute.

Tough angle

The breaststroke is performed with the swimmer leaning



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on his or her chest, with their arms breaking the surface of the water slightly and the legs always under water.

In other words, it's not easy.

"The most important thing with the breaststroke is that you have to keep your momentum going at all

times; it's easy to stop," said Chen.

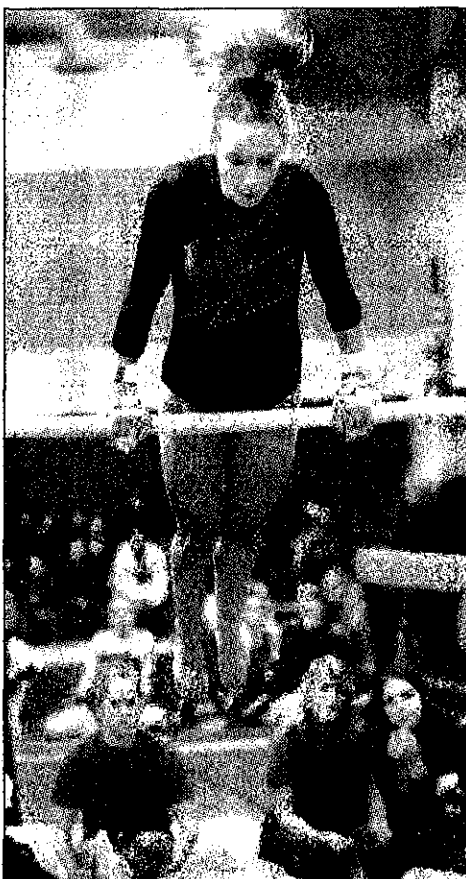
Chen finished 15th in the 100-yard breaststroke at last year's state meet — a showing he's a good bet to improve upon this weekend.

Real close to a record

One of his goals this weekend was to break the Salem school record of 59.96, which was set nearly two decades ago. With a pre-state meet personal-best of 1:01.96, Chen was on the brink of kicking his way into the records books.

Please see **CHEN, B2**

Robyn Piwowar, pictured above in a meet earlier this year, was Canton's all-around performer at Friday's Division 1 gymnastics state meet held at Plymouth High School.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton gymnasts 10th at state meet

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Barring some sort of catastrophe, Grand Ledge was going to win its first-ever MHSAA girls gymnastics title Friday night at Plymouth High School.

And the state's No. 1-ranked team all season didn't falter, scoring a team-high 148.65 points. And to nobody's surprise, No. 2-ranked Farmington took runner-up honors with 146.75.

The surprises, however, came afterwards as Livonia Blue placed third with 144.725 followed by Northville (144.45) and Troy Athens (144.375) in a hotly contested battle for the next three spots.

Also coming through with a credible performance was Livonia Red, which finished ninth in the 13-school field with a total of 141.025. Regional runner-up Canton was 10th with a 139.05.

Leading the way for regional champion Livonia Blue squad was the trio of Emily Quint, who scored a 37.050 in the all-around; Meghan Powers, 36.125; and Laura Nomura, 35.675.

Livonia Blue's best events were the vault (37.05) and uneven bars (35.9), which put them second and third overall.

"On the whole, it was a good meet," Livonia Blue coach Lisa Fierk said. "It was pretty high (score) for a meet like this. Laura Nomura's 9.55 on vault was an excellent score for her and the same goes for Emily Quint with a 9.55 on floor."

Livonia Blue finished seventh on floor (36.825) and eighth on the balance beam (36.825).

"I thought we were mostly relaxed, but some nerves came into play because we started on beam, which we haven't done all season," Fierk said. "But we took the beam and increased our scores from

there. It was an excellent meet overall. They exceeded my expectations. I'm so proud of them."

Livonia Red, the only team to make the field as an at-large (fourth at the regional), got another sterling performance from Paula Guzik, who had the fourth-best all-around score on the night (37.35).

"I'm very pleased because we were almost right where we were at the regional," Livonia Red coach Kelly Grodzicki said. "I think some nerves came into play. But we were so happy to be here because our goal was to make it to 'states.'"

Paula Guzik's balance beam (9.375) — where she did consecutive back-tucks for the first time — was outstanding. And her floor (9.65) was amazing. Margarita Lazarevska was also very solid on the beam (9.125).

Canton, runner-up to Livonia Blue in last week's regional,

Please see **GYMNASTICS, B2**

P-CEP swimmers shine at state meet

A trio of P-CEP swimmers advanced to the second day of the Division 1 state finals at Oakland University on Friday afternoon.

Salem's Adam Seroka and Plymouth's Mike Conger had especially productive days. Seroka placed 10th in the 200-yard IM with a time of 2:00.28. Later in the day, the senior touched ninth in the 500 freestyle, missing a berth in the championship heat by just over two seconds.

Conger placed ninth in the 200 IM preliminaries with a time of 2:00.20. He followed that up with a 13th-place showing in the 100 backstroke (55.84).

Salem's Stan Chen advanced to Saturday's round with a 13th-place showing in the 100

breaststroke. The senior captain was clocked in 1:02.08.

Individuals and relay teams needed to place in the top 16 of their respective events to move on to Saturday's competition.

Among the local state qualifiers who didn't advance were Plymouth's 200 medley relay team of Conger, Dan Stoscup, Paul Snyder and Chris Wilson, who placed 25th; Salem's 200 medley relay contingent of Seroka, Chen, Cameron Dunn and Nathan Spala, who placed 27th; Canton's 400 freestyle relay quartet of Richard Zhang, Kevin Karlinski, Brandon Tolinski and Chris McGinnis, who placed 19th; and Salem's 400 freestyle relay foursome of Spala, Matt Collingwood, Chen and Seroka, who touched 27th.

CHEN

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"Stan is a good, all-around swimmer who happens to be a very good breast-stroker," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "Obviously, it's nice to have a good breast-stroker like Stan because there aren't a lot of good ones out there. You have to have a strong kick, flexibility and great timing — all things that Stan has worked hard to get."

"A lot of times, good breast-strokers will have a hard time with the other strokes, but Stan is very adaptable. He's a very good freestyler and one of the reasons why our 400 freestyle relay team qualified for the state meet."

Of Chen's numerous accomplishments, he lists a non-swimming honor as his No. 1 highlight.

"Being chosen captain this year has meant the most to me," he said, without hesitation. "My job as captain is to make sure everyone is making good decisions and to make sure everyone is motivated before and during the meets."

Chen said he's had great role models when it comes to his captaincy.

"One of the captains my freshman year, Nick Dixon, really left a positive impression on me," said Chen. "He'd work so hard at practice and

then a lot of nights he'd have another practice after our practice. That's something I've never forgotten."

Words of advice

When asked what advice he'd give a first-time state meet qualifier, the four-time state qualifier offered a gold medal-caliber answer.

"I'd tell them to acknowledge the fact that they're competing in a big, important meet, but at the same time they should have fun and not let the pressure get to them," he said.

Chen is an outstanding student who has sculpted a sparkling 3.8 grade-point average.

"The toughest thing about swimming season is doing my homework after practice," Chen said. "I'm usually dead tired when I get home, but I have three AP (advanced placement) classes, so I usually have about an hour and a half or two hours of homework."

Chen will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall to pursue a pre-med degree.

"Looking way into the future, I'd like to become a neuro-surgeon," he said. "There's still a lot to be learned about the brain and I think it would be an interesting field to work in."

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Signed, sealed, delivered

Canton senior basketball player Baylee Hollowell recently signed to play collegiate basketball for Siena Heights. The All-WLAA Western Division forward averaged 14.2 points and 12.4 rebounds this past season for the Chiefs. Pictured (seated from left) are Canton coach Brian Samulski, Hollowell, Roni Radowick (Hollowell's mom) and (standing) Siena Heights coach Susan Syljebek.

Ignition bites Sharks, clinches playoff berth

The Detroit Ignition defeated the expansion Orlando Sharks, 13-6, at Amway Arena Friday night to secure a berth in the Major Indoor Soccer League's post-season playoffs.

The win also gave the 16-7 Ignition a share of first place in the MISL.

The setback dropped the Sharks to 3-22.

The Ignition got off to a red-hot start, scoring nine unanswered points.

Defender Jonathan Greenfield got things started for the winners with a two-point tally with just over a minute to play in the first quarter.

Midfielder Vahid Assadpour put an unassisted two-point shot past Orlando keeper Antonio Iriarte at 3:11 of the second quarter to give Detroit a 4-0 lead at the half.

Birmingham native Ryan Mack continued the club's assault in the third quarter, adding two more points for the Ignition at 2:06. At 6:59, midfielder Kyt Selaïdopoulos buried a three-pointer to give Detroit a 9-0 lead.

With just over a minute left in the third quarter, Orlando forward Felipe Lawall gave the Sharks their first points of the night with an unassisted two-point goal.

At 3:06 of the fourth quarter, Ignition rookie Leo Gibson scored his first MISL goal — a two-point tally off an assist from Dreo Callahan. Forward Jorge Valle notched two points for Orlando with an unassisted goal at 5:44.

Less than two minutes later, midfielder Ze Roberto netted a two-point shot for Detroit with an assist from Selaïdopoulos.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Detroit Ignition mid-fielder Kyt Selaïdopoulos, pictured above in a game earlier this season, played a key role in his team's 13-6 victory over Orlando Friday night.

The Ignition will host the Chicago Storm (13-10) this afternoon at Compuware Arena. The opening kick is set for 4:35 p.m.

Plymouth Whalers goalie Jeremy Smith, pictured above at a team practice last year, signed a contract with the Nashville Predators of the National Hockey League.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Whalers' Smith signs with Nashville

Nashville Predators President of Hockey Operations/General Manager David Poile announced earlier this week that the club had signed Plymouth Whalers goaltender Jeremy Smith to an entry-level contract.

Smith, a native of Brownstown, was selected by the Predators in the second round (54th overall) of the 2007 National Hockey League Entry Draft. Smith was originally selected by Plymouth in the 4th round (64th overall) of the 2005 Ontario Hockey League Draft.

"We're excited for Jeremy," said Plymouth President and General Manager Mike Vellucci. "He's worked very hard to develop into one of the best goaltenders in the Ontario Hockey League."

Smith is in his second full season with the Whalers and currently has a 2.86 goals against average, .921 save percentage and three shut-outs in 40 games.

Last season, Smith shared Plymouth goaltending duties with Michal Neuvirth as the Whalers won the Dave Pinkney Trophy in recording the lowest team goals against average en route to winning the OHL Championship.

Smith also won USA Hockey's Dave Peterson Award as the Top Junior Goaltender in the

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United States and made the OHL's All-Academic Team. Smith finished the season as the No. 1-rated North American goaltender by Central Scouting Services.

This season, Smith played for the United States at the World Junior Championships in the Czech Republic over the Christmas Holidays and represented the OHL Western Conference in the OHL All-Star Classic in Sault Ste. Marie.

Plymouth (33-24-2-3, fifth seed in the Western Conference) is on the road this weekend. Plymouth's next home game is Saturday, March 15 against Sarnia.

Tickets can be purchased for all Plymouth games by calling the Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

GYMNASTICS RESULTS

MHSAA TEAM GIRLS GYMNASTICS FINALS
March 7 at Plymouth H.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Grand Ledge, 148.65; 2. Farmington, 146.75; 3. Livonia Blue, 144.725; 4. Northville, 144.45; 5. Troy Athens, 144.375; 6. Sturgis, 143.375; 7. Grand Rapids Forest Hills, 141.425; 8. Portage, 141.175; 9. Livonia Red, 141.025; 10. Canton, 139.05; 11. Holt, 138.55; 12. Freeland, 130.125.

AREA INDIVIDUAL SCORES
FARMINGTON
Vault: Kristin Nagle, 9.35; Jill Haapaniemi, 9.2; Lena Schneewind, 9.1; Samantha Kohl, 9.0; Amy Ancona, 8.75.
Uneven bars: Nagle, 9.55; Elana Coker, 9.025; Haapaniemi, 8.8; Kohl, 8.7; Ancona, 8.4.
Balance beam: Haapaniemi, 9.4; Ancona, 9.275; Coker, 8.9; Nagle, 8.725; Danielle Bresso, 8.525.
Floor exercise: Coker, 9.675; Haapaniemi and Ancona, 9.4 each; Nagle, 9.25; Kohl, 9.025.

LIVONIA BLUE
Vault: Laura Nomura, 9.55; Emily Quint, 9.4; Meghan Powers, 9.1; Kelly Charniga, 9.0; Kelly Tapella, 8.95.
Uneven bars: Brittany Janis, 9.175; Quint, 9.1; Powers, 8.9; Tapella, 8.725; Nomura, 8.475.
Balance beam: Quint, 9.25; Powers, 8.9; Nomura, 8.9; Carley Lukas, 8.125; Charniga, 8.0.
Floor exercise: Quint, 9.525; Powers, 9.225; Charniga, 9.075; Tapella, 9.0; Nomura, 8.75.

TROY ATHENS
Vault: Naomi Cherup, 9.4; Michelle Mather, 9.2; Brooke Madzia, 8.85; Karen Guo, 8.65; Kelly Madzia, 8.5.
Uneven bars: B. Madzia, 8.9; Mather, 8.85; Jackie Stewart, 8.75; Cherup, 8.7; Guo, 8.15.
Balance beam: Mather, 9.1; B. Madzia, 8.95; K. Madzia, 8.975; Cherup, 8.875; Guo, 8.6.
Floor exercise: B. Madzia, 9.525; Paige Pennycook, 9.3; Mather, 9.2; K. Madzia, 9.15; Cherup, 8.925.

NORTHVILLE
Vault: Allison Kemp, 9.2; Cassidy Winter, 9.05; Makenna Pohl, 8.9; Amy Reynolds, 8.8; Amy O'Brien, 8.5.
Uneven bars: Winter, 9.025; Pohl, 8.9; Kemp, 8.775; Reynolds, 8.75; Julie Davison, 7.925.
Balance beam: Reynolds, 9.325; Kemp, 9.2; Winter, 9.175; Pohl, 9.1; Kemp, 9.05; Davison, 8.5.
Floor exercise: Winter, 9.175; Pohl, 9.1; Kemp, 9.05; Cailleigh Deacon, 8.975; O'Brien, 8.8.

LIVONIA RED
Vault: Paula Guzik, 9.45; Alicia DiMauro, 9.2; Margarita Lazarevska, 8.95; Brittany Swazey, 8.6; Jamie Marhugh, 8.5.
Uneven bars: Guzik, 8.875; DiMauro, 8.5; Katina St. Pierre, 8.25; Marhugh, 7.875; Lauren Patla, 7.575.
Balance beam: Guzik, 9.375; Lazarevska, 9.125; DiMauro, 8.675; Swazey, 7.85; St. Pierre, 7.6.
Floor exercise: Guzik, 9.65; DiMauro, 9.2; Lazarevska, 8.8; Swazey, 8.65; Patla, 8.625.

CANTON
Vault: Robyn Piwowar, 9.425; Jessie Murray, 9.1; Cathy Huang, 9.1; Kali Pierce, 8.25; Mallory Hudak, 8.15.
Uneven bars: Murray, 8.725; Piwowar, 8.65; Hudak, 7.8; Huang, 7.5; Pierce, 7.05.
Balance beam: Murray, 9.025; Piwowar, 8.825; Pierce, 8.0; Huang, 7.65; Hudak, 6.6.
Floor exercise: Piwowar, 9.325; Murray, 9.25; Huang, 9.25; Hudak, 9.025; Pierce, 8.65.

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN
Vault: Kiley Tobel, 8.6; Hannah Saaranen, 8.55; Shannon Slayton, 8.35; Elizabeth Sommer, 8.275; Jenna Thomas, 7.9.
Uneven bars: Sommer, 9.025; Saaranen, 8.975; Tobel and Slayton, 7.7 each; Amanda Robertson, 6.15.
Balance beam: Saaranen, 8.85; Sommer, 8.5; Tobel, 8.25; Slayton, 8.0; Cooper Balestrino, 6.75.
Floor exercise: Sommer, 9.1; Saaranen, 8.95; Tobel and Slayton, 8.775 each; Thomas, 7.95.

GYMNASTICS

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slipped to 10th overall with a 139.05.

"We had two good events — the floor (37.0) and the vault (35.875), where we were sixth and seventh, and two bad events (beam and bars)," Canton coach John Cunningham said. "We were way ahead of 10th (place) in the floor and vault, but 12th in the other two."

"We went out first on beam and we got nervous. We had two good routines, then we had a couple of falls. On bars, my girls should have performed better, but they also deserved a better fate (scoring wise). But when you get two 'sevens' you can expect to be 10th."

The previous week Canton finished with a score of 143.70.

"Three of my five are freshmen, along with a sophomore and one senior. Maybe experience was a problem instead of nerves."

Canton's best event was the floor as Robyn Piwowar scored 9.4; Jessie Murray, 9.325; and Cathy Huang, 9.25. On vault, Piwowar scored a 9.425, while Murray and Huang each marked 9.1s.

"We were borderline exceptional in those two events," Cunningham said.

On Saturday, Division I and II gymnasts competed for individual honors at Plymouth.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Diesels tryouts

The Detroit Diesels, a minor league football team, will be holding tryouts March 8 and March 15 — both Saturdays — from 2-5 p.m. at High Velocity Sports, which is located at 46245 Michigan Ave.

Tryouts are for men 18 years old and older. The fee is \$35, which includes a T-shirt.

For more information, call (313) 299-1277 or visit www.dieselsfootball.homestead.com.

Coaches needed

The Christian Football League of Michigan is looking for high school and middle school coaches for a new team in the Plymouth/Canton/Livonia area. Interested coaches should download the coaching application and background check available at www.cfl-mi.com.

The Christian Football League of Michigan is set to begin play this fall.

2007-08 ALL-WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS BASKETBALL TEAMS

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ALL-WESTERN DIVISION: John Hill, 6-2 Sr. F. Wayne; Robert Woodson, 5-11 Jr. G. Wayne; Greg Hasse, 6-3 Sr. F. Northville; Dranell Hogan, 6-2 Sr. F. Walled Lake Western; Brandon Roberts, 6-0 Sr. G. Plymouth; Navraj Sandhu, 6-4 Sr. G. Plymouth; Ryan Matthey, 6-0 Sr. G. Livonia Franklin; Neil Sharma, 6-4 Sr. F. Canton.
ALL-LAKES DIVISION: Stefan Marken, 6-4 Sr. F. John Glenn; Keshawn Martin, 6-1 Sr. G. John Glenn; Andrew Vagnetti, 6-2 Sr. G. Churchill; Ross Davis, 6-4 Sr. F. Salem; Derek Mitchell, 6-2 Sr. F. W.L. Central; Mark Grisa, 6-1 Jr. F. Livonia Stevenson.

COACH OF THE YEAR
Dan Young, John Glenn
HONORABLE MENTION
Wayne: Jeremy Lovelady, 6-10 Sr. C. Martez Abney, 5-10 Sr. G. Daniel Hill, 6-3 Soph. F. Matt Lewis, 6-1 Sr. F. John

WLAA BOYS BASKETBALL

Glenn: Austin Anderson, 6-1 Jr. G. Jordan Manier, 6-8 Sr. C. Daris Smith, 5-8 Sr. G. Churchill; Ryan Woods, 5-11 Jr. G. Daran Carey, 5-8 Sr. G. Ryan Whittum, 6-2 Sr. G. Nick Seger, 6-5 Sr. F. Northville; Martin Trautmanis, 6-2 Sr. F. Steve Anderson, 6-1 Sr. G. Mike Rogers, 6-8 Sr. C. David Burke, 6-7 Sr. F. Salem; Tyler Jeleniewski, 5-10 Sr. G. Jesse Pointer, 6-4 Sr. C. Joe Posler, 6-4 Jr. F. W.L. Lake Western; Sean Armstrong, 6-2 Sr. F. Edison Vushaj, 6-5 Jr. F. Quinton Cooper, 6-2 Jr. F. Michell Vercellino, 6-1 Sr. F. Ricky Arlen, 5-10 Sr. G. Plymouth; David Harvey, 6-1 Sr. F. Mike Hanchett, 6-4 Sr. F. Garrett Rebain, 6-1 Sr. F. Chris Daniels, 6-0 Sr. G. W.L. Central; Jordan Anderson, 6-0 Jr. G. Brian Indianer, 6-0 Sr. G. Ian Sherman, 6-0 Sr. G. Jared Pietras, 6-2 Sr. G. Franklin; Jeff Poole, 6-2 Jr. F. Kevin Percin, 5-10 Sr. G. Connor Leidal, 6-3 Jr. F. Stevenson; Gary Cobb, 6-2 Jr. F. Bobby Naubert, 5-9 Soph. G. Brian Rowe, 6-1 Jr. G. Jordan El-Sabeh, 6-3 Soph. F. Canton; Chris Bailey, 5-11 Sr. F. Brody Coplai, 6-0 Sr. G. Walled Lake Northern; Tim Ferenc, 5-9 Sr. G. Leroy Jackson, 5-9 Soph. C.

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Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest: Mat Schrupp, Sr. C. Hamtramck: DeWayne Stevens, Sr. G. Clawson: Rob Feeman, Soph. G.

AT-LARGE

Cranbrook: Xander Strek, Sr. G.

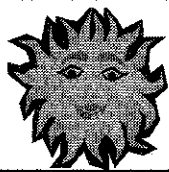
SECOND-TEAM

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Harper Woods: Quentin Lewis, Sr. F. Cranbrook: Matt Broder, Sr. F. Northwest: Danny Brown, Jr. G. Hamtramck: Chris Taylor, Jr. G. Lutheran High Westland: Josh Kruger, Jr. G.

AT-LARGE

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COACH OF THE YEAR
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Striking Shamrocks

Several Observerland-area residents excelled for the Novi Catholic Central bowling team this past season. Livonia's Kerry Kirsch (second from left) bowled a 300 game on Jan. 28 against Dearborn Divine Child. The Shamrocks combined to roll a Baker 300 on Feb. 11 at the Woodland Lanes against Birmingham Brother Rice. Those participating in the perfect Baker game were Kirsch, Scott Kujawa (far left), Westland's Mike Erlingis (middle), Brian Graham (second from right) and Plymouth's Mike Clemente (far right). The Shamrocks' varsity and JV teams placed first in the Catholic Tri-County League this season. Other varsity bowlers included Zak Belisle (Canton), Tom Langan (Walled Lake), Eric Sarlitto (Canton) and Ryan Thomas (Plymouth).

Zuzo earns \$500 pom scholarship

Gabrielle Zuzo, a Plymouth senior, is one of six state-wide recipients of the \$500 Mid-American Pompon scholarship.

Zuzo is a member of the award-winning Plymouth pompon team.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students had to have a 3.2 or higher grade-point average; attended two or more Mid-American Pompon events as a participant; composed an essay that described how pompon or dance had enriched their life; and submitted a letter of recommendation from a coach.

A scholarship committee comprised of Mid-American Pompon Coach Advisory Board members selected the finalists. The awards were pre-



Zuzo

sented at the 29th Annual Mid-American Pompon State Championship at Eastern Michigan University on Feb. 10.

NORTHVILLE RECREATION

Following are leagues offered this spring and summer by the Northville Parks & Recreation Department:

■ Adult women's and co-ed softball leagues are set to begin Tuesday, May 6. The entry fee is \$445 per team for an 11-game schedule.

■ An adult open morning softball league will commence the week of June 16. The proposed game times are 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (game day has yet to be determined). The entry fee is \$445 per team for an 11-game schedule (based on an eight-team league).

■ A men's spring basketball league is set to tip off April 21 (approximate).

Games will be played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The per-team entry fee is \$375 for eight games.

For more information on all of the leagues, call (248) 449-9947.

WRESTLING

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Central's Alex Ermatinger before falling to Rochester Hills Stoney Creek's Charlie Cordero, 9-7. Cox kept his hopes alive by out-dueling Jason Van Wasshenova, 4-1.

Winekoff pinned Richard Newbill to start the tournament before dropping a heart-breaking 5-4 decision to Flint Carmen-Ainsworth's Ronnie Latimer. He then blanked Holt's Koort Leyrer, 4-0.

Epley trounced Macomb Dakota's Mike Wranosky, 13-1, in Round 1 before getting pinned by East Kentwood's Jake Bohn in Round 2.

Epley got back on the winning track with a 4-3 victory over Flint Southwestern's Quentin LeFear.

Four local state-qualifiers saw their season come to an end on Friday.

Canton sophomore Waleed Faraj was pinned by Lanse Creuse North's Gary Cicotte Round 1 before suffering a hard-fought 5-3 setback to Chase Snider.

Salem's Kevin Hayter went 1-2 at 130. After getting pinned in his opener by Holly's Josh Houldsworth, the senior bounced back by pinning Lansing Eastern's Chris Beal in Round 2. He then fell to John Glenn's Jared Stephens, 9-5.

Canton's Rodger Kropp lost to Kyle Summerfield of Hartland, 7-5, in his first match before slipping by Troy Athens' James West, 10-8, in an epic overtime struggle.

Kropp was ousted, 9-2, in Round 3 by Livonia Franklin's Dan Woodall.

Chief senior Dan Wanshon lost both his matches via pins.

WLAA BOYS HOCKEY

2007-08 ALL-WESTERN LAKES BOYS HOCKEY TEAMS

ALL-CONFERENCE: Pat McHugh, Sr. G, Livonia Stevenson; Jordan Duff, Sr. Def., Northville; Mark Bekkala, Sr. Def., Stevenson; Nathan Milam, Sr. F, Livonia Churchill; Mike Voran, Sr. F, Stevenson; T.J. Hohl, Sr. F, Northville; Kory Sosnowski, Sr. F, Canton.

ALL-LAKES DIVISION: Brett Malbin, Sr. G, Walled Lake Central; Thomas Ropek, Sr. Def., Walled Lake Northern; Nick Harakas, Sr. Def., Churchill; Garrett Miencier, Sr. F, Churchill; Ryan Baraton, Sr. F, Stevenson; R.J. Kierdorf, Jr. F, Stevenson; Joe Cheesman, Sr. F, Salem.

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION: Austin Mesler, Sr. G, Livonia Franklin; Wesley Gates, Jr. Def., Northville; Don Barlow, Jr. Def., Canton; Colin Rolfe, Sr. F, Plymouth; Alex Brewin, Jr. F, Northville; Jordan Chisholm, Jr. F, Franklin; Ryan Logan, Jr. F, Walled Lake Western.

COACH OF THE YEAR

David Mitchell, Stevenson

HONORABLE MENTION

Northville: Matt Kreager, Jr. Def.; Alex Arthur, Jr. F; Ted Keranen, Jr. G; Churchill: Keith Yackley, Sr. F; Tyler Cotter, Sr. Def.; Kyle Burke, Sr. F; Mitch Carpenter, Sr. Def.; Stevenson: John Vella, Jr. F; Sean Lerg, Sr. F; Jacob Harbowy, Sr. Def.; W.L. Northern: Bobby Bell, Sr. F; Greg Smith, Jr. F; Conner Hellebuyck, Fr. G; Plymouth: Ryan Schultz, Soph. G; Jerry Pitts, Sr. F; Connor Dresser, Soph. F; Jake Jossey, Sr. F; Canton: Nick Tomilenko, Jr. F; Clark Albers, Sr. F; Bryan Davison, Jr. Def.; Franklin: Alex Wypych, Sr. F; Tyler Miller, Soph. F; Robbie Beattie, Sr. Def.; Salem: Ian Barnaby, Sr. Def.; Mike Haburne, Sr. Def.; W.L. Western: Ben Shahan, Sr. G; Jeff Cartwright, Jr. F; Dave Learner, Sr. Def.; W.L. Central: Cody Farber, Sr. Def.; Jack Kennedy, Sr. Def.



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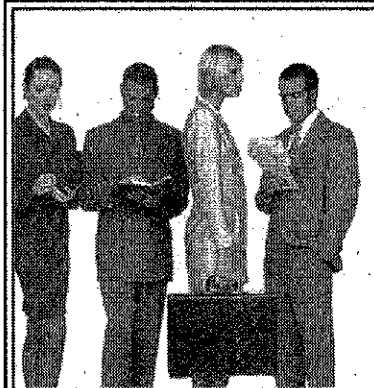
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HEALTH

Toxic homes

What's lurking in your home's cupboards

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Toys weren't the only items Dennis Marzec brought in for testing Feb. 25 at the Plymouth Community Church of Christ in Plymouth Township. As the father of a 10-month-old daughter he's concerned about teething rings, sippy cups and products around the home. He reads the labels in search of toxic ingredients in everything from diaper rash cream to baby shampoo, powder and wipes.

More and more parents and consumers are concerned about the items they use for household cleaning and personal care. Marzec's already switched to natural products.

"It's up to the parents to get them tested. We're concerned about a lot of things she chews on. We're concerned about toxicity. The diaper rash cream has a cancer causing ingredient. She plays with rubber ducks when she takes a bath and I'm fearing it could con-

tain lead. We're starting to look into buying glass baby bottles because of phthalates (a probable human carcinogen)."

Laura Russello cleaned out her cupboards more than a year ago. She is the environmental health organizer for Clean Water Action which is sponsoring a presentation on toxic household and personal care products with the Rochester area Sierra Club as part of their Green Lunch Series noon to 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 14, at Whole Foods Market, 1404 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills. To register, call (248) 652-2100. For information, visit www.sierraclub.org/community/oakland/events.asp. The series continues through May on the second Friday of the month and covers the topics of composting, landscaping with native plants, and protecting Michigan's groundwater.

For those who can't attend the March 14 luncheon, Russello recommends visit-

ing www.safer-products.org and www.safecosmetics.org as the first step to becoming an educated consumer. Clean Water Action offers Home Safe Home parties that include the showing of a documentary on how chemicals may affect children's health and development. For information, send e-mail to lrussello@cleanwater.org or visit www.cleanwater-action.org/mi/saferhomeparty.html.

"When you wash anything down the drain it goes into our water. Now I buy beeswax not scented candles, changed makeup, and started using pine litter that's totally biodegradable," said Russello, who was one of the speakers at the Toxic Toy Town Hall and testing event sponsored by the environmental groups Clean Water Action, Michigan Network for Children's Environmental Health, Ecology Center, and Blue Green Alliance.

The Ecology Center in Ann Arbor offers product testing services with a hand-held XRF analyzer for \$150 an hour (www.ecocenter.org). People waited in line on Monday night to have their items screened for heavy metals and chemical elements for free.

"It only takes 30 seconds to detect lead, arsenic, chromium, mercury, cadmium," said Mike Shriberg, the center's policy director as he tested the XRF analyzer to make sure the device was working. Two pieces of china contained higher than recommended levels of lead. Shriberg said the ramifications of eating off the dishes is unclear as it pertains to health but "a microscopic chip is dangerous."



When Italia Milan and her husband decided they wanted to use "more earth- and animal-friendly products" more than three years ago, they did their research. One of the lectures she attended was by the Local Motion environmental group. Milan is chairwoman of the Rochester Hills/Rochester/Auburn Hills Sierra Club. She and her husband were most concerned about what they were using to clean floors because of their two dogs and four cats.

"These products have a diverse group of ingredients

that might or might not have been tested," said Milan. "They usually come in small quantities that do not affect our health, but sometimes we use several that might contain the same ingredient. Instead of using that small amount we may be using more or using products with ingredients that there's no research on how they act together. At the lecture people learn how to read labels and replace dangerous products with safer alternatives, the top five personal care ingredients to avoid. We try to use more

natural things, many are cruelty free also."

"There's a lot of really good products out there," said Lynna Kauchek, community organizer with Clean Water Action. "You can find them just about anywhere. The thing I use the most is baking soda and vinegar, a natural disinfectant. Tea tree oil is a natural disinfectant and mixed with baking soda is good for cleaning grout, counter tops."

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

MARCH

Breastfeeding classes

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

Low vision support group

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For more information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions on a first come, first served basis, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Fibromyalgia support

The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS Support Group features speaker Esther Morton on Pain Relief at Your Fingertips, Serenity ear acupuncture program 1-3 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at Beaumont Hospital Cancer Center, Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers education and support programs for breast cancer survivors. For reservations, call (248) 551-8585.

Sharing & Caring

Intervention for chemo-induced peripheral neuropathy with Charlotte Versagi 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at Beaumont Hospital Cancer Center, Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers education and support programs for breast cancer survivors. For reservations, call (248) 551-8585.

Vegetarian seminar

Nutrition and cooking seminar 2:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church fellowship room, 4295 Napier, between Ann Arbor and Warren roads. Lectures by a physician and nutritionist will be followed by cooking demonstrations with recipes and menu plans. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. To register, call (248) 349-5683 or (313) 531-2179.

Art of aging

9th annual Art of Aging Successfully 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at Greater Grace Temple, 23500 W. 7 Mile. Detroit icon Sonny Eliot talks about his decades of working in radio and TV and his personal triumphs and tragedies. Cost \$18 for age 55 and older, includes sit-down lunch. To register, call Donna at (313) 577-2297. Hosted by the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University.

Divorce support group

Learning to love after divorce, Lisa Pasbjerg discuss the new science of happiness, what researchers have learned that can make us happy and how it applies to your life, she will also present strategies to help you build assertiveness skills and self esteem need to love yourself and your new life 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Sharing & Caring

Bone health and breast cancer treatment with Michael Stender, M.D., 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at Beaumont Hospital Cancer Center, Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers education and support programs for breast cancer survivors. For reservations, call (248) 551-8585.

PLAY Project Level 1 Workshop

With Rick Solomon, M.D. 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 29, for family members of children with autism and education and health care professionals, at The Futures HealthCore Therapy Center, 3231 South Gully, Dearborn. Visit www.futurestherapycenter.com or call Dawn Ham-Kucharski at (734) 407-2500, Ext. 459.

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 sdar-roch@epilepsymichigan.org.

UPCOMING

Self-defense class

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

Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions on a first come, first served basis, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Cure gala

The 16th Annual Commitment for a Cure Gala presented by the Join the American Diabetes Association 6-10 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at the The Ritz-Carlton Dearborn. Gala tickets \$200 per person. For more information, contact Kelli Dobner at (888) DIABETES, Ext. 6688 or kdobner@diabetes.org.

Cuisine for a Cause

Benefits Josephine Ford Cancer Center at Henry Ford Health System, Detroit's historic Opus One fund-raising for 10 metro Detroit charities, which includes JFCC continues to April 17, patrons who dine at Opus One, Monday through Thursday, to April 17, will have the opportunity to designate that one of the 10 chosen charities receive 25 percent of their bill. In addition, any private function that is held at Opus One through Sept. 30 can be designated as a Cuisine for a Cause event and 25 percent of the bill will be donated to JFCC. To qualify, you must mention that this is a Cuisine for a Cause event upon booking. A celebratory wine-tasting reception will be held 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, April 25, at the Ford Conference and Event Center in Dearborn with a live auction, more than 60 premium wines and a strolling supper specially prepared by Opus One. Tickets \$100, \$80 is tax deductible. To purchase tickets for wine-tasting or more information, call (313) 876-9237.

Divorce support group

Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle and/or her partner Wade Jackman of Jackman & Kasody present an overview of the divorce process,

the firm specializes in domestic/family law, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. (734) 462-4443.

Tour de Cure event

Tour de Cure, the American Diabetes Association's annual cycling event is June 8 at Island Lake Recreation Area in Brighton. Sign up by calling (800) TOUR-888 or visit www.diabetes.org/tour.

ONGOING

Arthritis Foundation programs

Winter classes begin for warm-water and land-based exercise programs, Tai Chi, and a six-week series that offers keys to successful arthritis self-management, in Canton, Redford and Westland. For a schedule and fees, call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

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 service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.net. The self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Monday St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman; 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, west of Middlebelt, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago. For information, call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. There is no charge, contributions are collected.

Health enhancement classes

Classes began Feb. 4 for exercise (including yoga), CPR and childbirth, and support groups for cardiac, cancer, stroke and diabetes patients; eating disorder;

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Free mask fitting clinic

For CPAP and BiPAP users, most insurances cover new supplies every year, try a new style of mask and learn how to get one 5-6 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Garden City Hospital Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. No appointment needed. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

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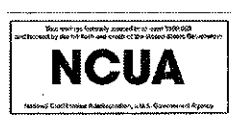
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Secret etiquette to teenage communication

BY KIRBI FAGAN
STUDENT JOURNALIST

These days, technology is at its highest.

New gadgets are released one after another, so it's no wonder that some parents are cocking their heads and asking, "How do we keep track of it all?"

There is unspoken etiquette of communication with teens and their gadgets.

With exception to the telephone, some communication tools are a way of keeping a controlled distance and preventing potential awkward conversations.

Clearly, the telephone, cell phones in particular, is the most personal means of teen communication.

Engaging in cell phone chatter is reserved for significant relationships including family, best friends, boy-friends and girlfriends. Cell phone conversation is often more personal than talk on a land line phone.

On the cell, there are different types of appropriate banter.

First is the personal conversation, which includes stories, gossip, news and drama. Next up are salutations calls. These range from wake up calls, reminders or good night calls. These calls are usually the most routine.

Finally, there are S.O.S. calls. This category of correspondence is the most desperate and include the broadest categories. It includes needing a ride to school, a cue to be saved from a boring or uncomfortable situation, urgent I-can't-wait-one-more-second-to-tell-you-about-this drama, times for a party or an informal invitation.

When ready to start communicating with a new friend, the first step is to connect over a Web site, such as MySpace or FaceBook. While both are personal enough to communicate, they provide just enough distance for those new to your circle.

Friendships can be created or rekindled electronically.

"FaceBook is a really easy way to keep up with people you haven't talked to in a while," Plymouth High School junior Emma Bardelli said.

If you do go this route, keep in mind that it can take days to get a response online, so it's not ideal for urgent requests.

PHS junior Jessica Ayoub said she enjoys text messaging and using AOL instant messenger.

"It's more convenient," she said.

It may not be appropriate to dial up a friend at midnight to ask about yesterday's math homework, but on AIM everyone is available.

Same goes for texting.

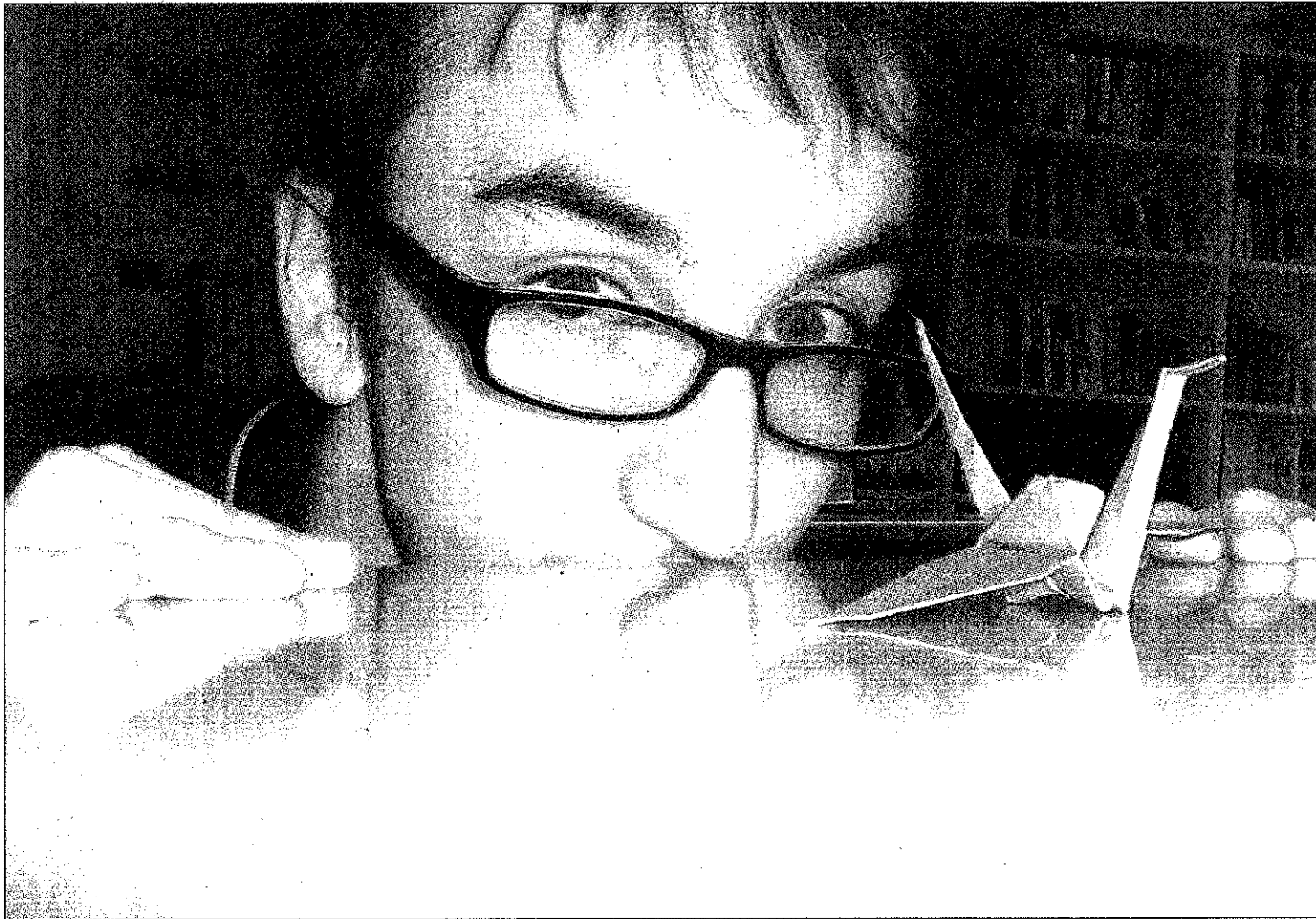
If you call a friend asking for a ride to school when you know she's at her grandfather's birthday party, this could be considered rude. A text is always the better option and takes half the time as a phone conversation.

For an adult, this system may seem bizarre, but to teenagers, there's no better way.

The secret to this communication is out. Different relationships call for different communication.

So the next time a parent questions their teenager about a phone bill, they might want to see it as, they were only following the rules.

Kirbi Fagan is a junior at Canton High School.



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Jack Gruszczyński and a paper crane.

The kid with the cranes

BY MOLLY FESSLER
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The word "hobby" is most often used to describe a sport or a type of collection.

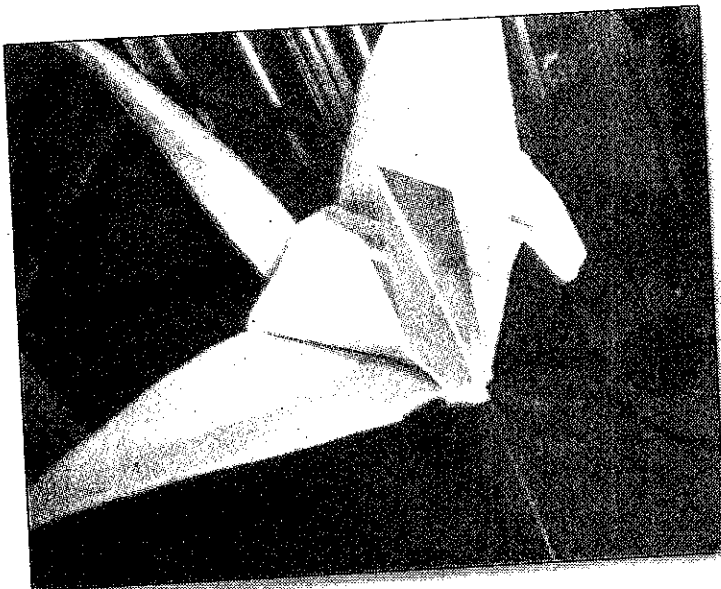
Upon hearing the word, your mind probably doesn't jump to a teenager folding paper cranes.

Still, this is how Jack Gruszczyński, 15, describes his obsession that had his parents and best friends wondering: what is up with those cranes?

"I always thought the whole crane thing would be kind of fun," said Jack, a Plymouth High School sophomore.

Since November, Jack, a member of the PHS varsity swim team and book club, has folded more than 200 origami cranes.

Please see **CRANES, C4**



A paper crane

Teens behind the wheel

BY RYAN BRIDGES
STUDENT JOURNALIST

Words cannot describe the excitement teenagers feel when they walk into the Secretary of State's office on their 16th birthday.

A driver's license is the first tangible sign of maturity. However, it also comes with a great deal of responsibility that must be taken seriously.

Unfortunately, some inexperienced drivers do not always make the wisest decisions on the road, which can frustrate other motorists. According to a 2005 national survey by the Allstate Team, 16-year-olds are three times as likely to get in a car accident than the average of any other age group.

Figures like this would explain why many young drivers get a negative label but not all teens believe it's fair.

"This is an unfair stereotype," said Leah Reinhold, 16. "I've met a lot of good drivers who haven't

had a lot of experience."

Colleen Patton, 17, said she knows of situations where the stereotypes are justified.

"I think cell phones are a distraction while driving," she said. "My friends call and text message simultaneous to driving and I've seen many close calls in the process."

An incident that many teens face in their first years of driving is a car accident.

"When I first got in my accident, I felt nerve-wracked and didn't feel as though I could ever drive again," said Lauren McIntosh, 16. "Now when I drive, I am much more cautious than before."

Accidents can serve as a life-changing event. While unfortunate, they can be a wake-up call that reminds teens that they are not indestructible.

The only way an inexperienced driver can become a better driver is through constant practice. And although some don't want to admit it, teen drivers have much to learn and they need to be given the time to do it.

Ryan Bridges is a junior at Father Gabriel Richard High School.

Little Fish, Big Pond

BY JILLIAN HATTIE
STUDENT JOURNALIST

The term "a little fish in a big pond" has no better example than when you're a student and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Most students in the district are used to larger school sizes.

The average Plymouth-Canton elementary school has more than 500 students, the middle schools hold almost 900 kids and each of the three high schools top it off housing at least 1,900 teens.

Given those numbers, imagine transferring to the Park from a school with less than 300 students. It sounds like the very definition of culture shock.

Salem High School junior Stephanie Gazdag transferred to P-CEP from Saint Matthew Lutheran in Westland her freshman year. Compared to the nearly 6,000 students at the Park, Saint Matthew had about 200 students.

While she wanted to transfer because "there was too much drama with a small school," Stephanie admitted she was intimidated by the

size of the high school campus and its large student population.

"The small learning communities as a freshman really helped me to adjust," she said.

The SLCs are given to all freshmen in an effort to have the same group of students rotating through all the core classes.

Canton High School sophomore Sarah Duxter transferred from Ladywood High School this school year.

"It was big, but not overwhelming," she said of her impression of the Park. "I didn't really like the small environment of (my) old school."

Sarah said there were about 400 people at her former school and called P-CEP a welcome change of pace.

"I've adjusted very well," she said. "I've raised my grade-point average from last year to this year and I have a whole new friend base."

No matter who you are, where you come from, or what you like to do, there's a place for everyone at P-CEP. Big pond or small pond, Stephanie said the most important thing is to jump in and swim.

"Be outgoing and be nice to everyone you meet," she said. "Especially don't be nervous."

Jillian Hattie is a sophomore at Salem High School.



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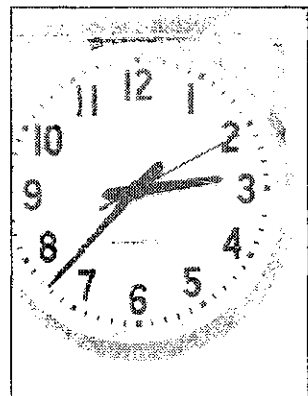
When class starts at 7:15 am, caffeine is required.

Lunchtime!



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Dixy Rajkumar and Courtney Bryant help each out with a geography assignment.

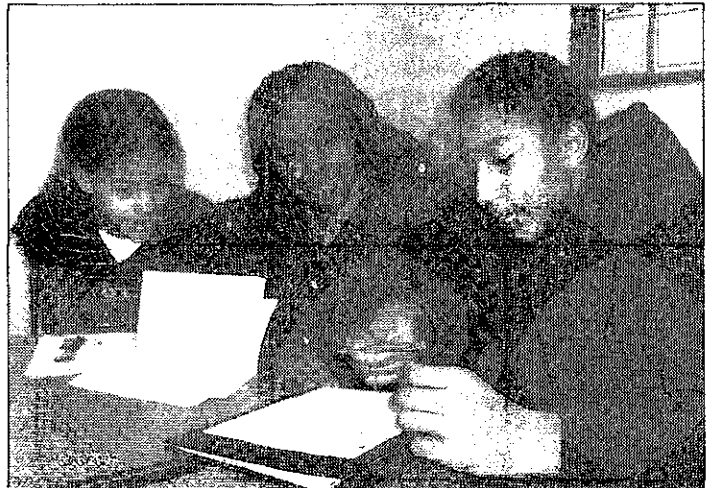


Waiting for the bell to ring...

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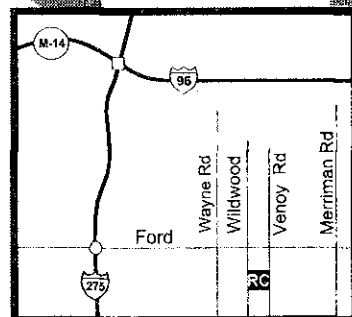
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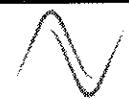
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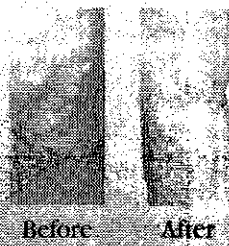
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Going, going, going green

BY KIRBI FAGAN
STUDENT JOURNALIST

Going green is putting all fads at a standstill.



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You don't have to wobble in platform shoes to go green — it's a lot easier than it sounds and it will benefit you and the environment.

Preethie Irdnab, a Canton High School junior, is president of The Enlightenment Project club and said to her members "there's a lot we can do."

She's right. Despite the debate about who or what is causing global warming, the effects of pollution are becoming more apparent every day.

After viewing the documentary *An Inconvenient Truth*, Dave Debear, a Plymouth High School ecology teacher, asked his students: "Is it easier to prevent disaster or clean up after it?"

Debear went on to explain the politics between the trade-off of the economy vs. the environment. He pointed out that although they are treated separately, they connect dramatically and should be treated as such.

There are a couple guidelines when it comes to going green.

As children, we are taught the three R's — reduce, reuse and recycle — but there is one more: refusing.

There are many ways to incorporate these actions into daily life and once they become habit, you'll wonder why you didn't always do it.

Ready to go green?

Changing your standard light bulb with a compact fluorescent light bulb is an easy start.

It may be hard to believe, but replacing a normal light bulb with a ICF is equivalent to taking 2 million cars off

the road!

If you're considering a new car, invest in a car that protects the environment. If a new vehicle isn't in the plan, give the minivan a day off and ride your bike. You can save gas, money and the environment all while getting great exercise in the outdoors.

Also, turn off the lights.

Unplug small electronics when not in use, many have small lights or digital readings which use energy. Have dinner by candlelight. Devote time each day that all lights are turned off, even if it is a small amount of time. Involve the whole family by making it a game. Whoever leaves a light on has to donate a quarter to a coin jar, that later can be put toward something special.

Now that you have all this extra money, why not put it toward something in the home?

Mechanical Energy Systems of Canton is devoted to energy-saving products. The company's Canton Center Road building is run from green energy. They carry a large range of items from water heaters to window shades.

"This is the best investment anyone can make," Donna Napolitano of MES said, adding that while the products don't come cheap, they pay for themselves over the years and improve the environment.

Molly Slavens, Plymouth High School junior, said she's concerned about global warming.

"It is shocking to see where our world is headed," she said.

With everyone's help, we can improve and perhaps reverse the trend. Fads like bell bottom jeans and poodle skirts may not have lasted, but going green doesn't show signs of stopping. So go ahead, go green.

Kirbi Fagan is a junior at Canton High School.

As teens grow older, their social lives continue to grow. Going out twice or even



ryan bridges

three times a week can get expensive, so most teenagers resort to finding a job. However, a job entails much responsibility, mostly with the money earned.

After taxes, a good amount of

underage workers are bringing in close to \$80 a week, which can aid in paying for numerous activities, such as car payments, gas, food and other entertainment costs.

The trick with all of this cash is to manage it well and save it.

One teen I spoke to said when he first got his job, he felt like there was no end to his stash.

But then came the inevitable.



"After living with (that) mind-set for a couple weeks, I soon ran out of money," he told me.

As soon as many teens begin

making money on a consistent basis, they sign up for a checking account, which comes with an ATM card. This card can be a teen's first step to indepen-

dence, but it can also lead to drastic spending and eventual debt.

After the ATM card can come credit cards.

The thing about credit cards is that they are not cash, so when they are used, it does not seem like anything is being spent at all and before you know it, you could end up in financial trouble.

In order to build a rainy day fund, try something as simple as putting \$15 from every paycheck into a separate savings account.

Having a part-time job may take up some free time, but who knew so much planning goes into making sure you don't overspend your earnings? Small measures like opening a bank account, tracking every withdrawal, setting a weekly allowance and putting some money aside for savings can really make a difference to your bottom line.

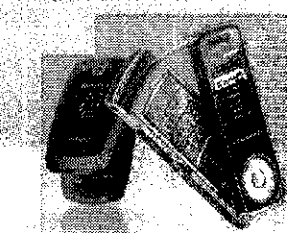
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In 1997 the nation spent \$52 billion on neck and back problems, while in 2005, the amount was \$85.9 billion. By comparison, in 2005 the nation spent \$89 billion for cancer, and \$98 billion for diabetes. In 1997, the cost of drugs to treat back and neck pain amounted to \$7.3 billion; in 2005 the cost reached nearly \$20 billion.

This medical study found that MRI and CT scanning added to the cost of care, but had little influence in improving physical functioning. In 1997, 20.7% of people with back pain reported the condition limited physical activity, and 16% stated the back or neck problem limited activity at work, school or in the home. In 2005, despite the large sums spent on medication, the introduction of epidural injection, and a number of new back operations, 24.7% of patients found themselves limited in physical activities. In addition, the number of individuals with limitations at work, school, or home was nearly 19%.

Large expense has not brought improvement in the outcome of low back and neck pain. It may be time for physicians to return to simple exercises, to advising accommodations in chairs and work areas, and to look to basic analgesia and aspirin in the treatment of back pain.

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Why?
In the name of peace.
Jack has joined the ranks of people throughout the nation that have been inspired by the story of Sadako Sasaki, a young girl from Japan.
Sasaki was diagnosed with cancer in 1955, as a result of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in 1945. Sasaki believed in the Japanese folk legend that if one folded 1,000 cranes, they could make a wish that would come true. Her wish was to be cured of her disease.
While she died before completing the project, her friends finished the cranes and today they are seen as a symbol of world peace and unity.
"I think this shows a lot of perseverance on Jack's

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part," said Judith Robin, one of his close friends. "I think any action to promote peace is a good one. By just making the cranes, he can inform people about non-violence."
Jack has certainly presented the opportunity to talk about Sasaki's legacy.
He can often be seen walking through PHS with his arms full of the delicate, carefully constructed birds that he makes anytime, anywhere.
When asked what he plans to do with his 1,000 cranes once he's finished, Jack believes he will follow in the steps of other crane makers and donate them to Sasaki's memorial in Japan.
"I really love the idea of all these colorful birds being poured all over her memorial," he said. "Although I think I'll probably keep one or two of them for myself."

Molly Fessler is a sophomore at Plymouth High School.

BY MOLLY FESSLER
STUDENT JOURNALIST

"I don't really follow politics. I mean, it's not like I can even vote, so why should I care?"
This sentiment is, quite tragically, very common, at least in my experience.
My peers seem to care little about the world around them, nationally and globally. Their oozing apathy frustrates, discourages, and just plain irritates me.



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It's our world too!
More apparent than ever, in this life-altering, history-changing upcoming presidential election, teenagers don't seem to care.
They view politics, matters of public policy and international diplomacy as separate from themselves. Grown up problems. They fail to see that the problems today will be inherited by our generation.
Recently, in my government class, my teacher asked us to name our senators.
I was one of three students that raised their hand.
Three.

In a class of 40.
I was demoralized and disgusted.
Michigan's senators are a huge part of our life because they make decisions that affect us everyday. Not only did I know who they were but I had worked on their campaigns.
It seems to me that many teens just don't get it.
Politics and current events link us to everything. Ignorance doesn't make life easier. It just makes you appear stupid.
I don't want to sound condescending and I don't claim to

know everything.
I can't tell you the coolest new video on YouTube or what happened on *American Idol* last week. While I recognize that pop culture should be an important part of a young adult's life, I also think the teen years should be a time to develop one's own opinions.
These years should be a time to question not only your assumptions about your life (and face it, your parents) but also a time to question assumptions about your country and your world.
I may be branded "un-cool" for spending my weekends

writing letters to superdelegates, but I like to think that I'm seeing a bigger picture. I know I don't have the power to vote, but I do have the power to make my voice heard.
I can bake cookies.
I can e-mail.
I can paint posters.
I can make telephone calls.
I can stand on freezing-cold street corners.
I can help change this world.
And so can you.
Molly Fessler is a sophomore at Plymouth High School.

Rock on, Jon!

Concert proves Bon Jovi can still thrill fans after 25 years

BY ASHLEY TROMBLEY
STUDENT JOURNALIST

Feb. 20. The Palace of Auburn Hills. This was the setting for one of the year's most unforgettable concerts. And it was to be headlined by rock legends, Bon Jovi.
7:30 p.m.
Warm-up band Daughtry takes the stage. Fronted by *American Idol* sensation Chris Daughtry, they performed a string of radio hits, including *It's Not Over, Feels Like Tonight, Over You, and Home*. During their final song, Chris, in spite of a small cold, complemented the Detroiters on the way we sounded.
"You sound beautiful," he quipped. After a 45-minute set, Daughtry took their bows, and the wait was on.
No matter what concert you attend, the atmosphere is always electric, but even more so when Jon Bon Jovi, Richie Sambora, Dave Bryan and

Tico Torres began to play. They opened with the title track from their latest record, *Lost Highway*, followed immediately by a high-octane rendition of the classic, *You Give Love a Bad Name*. During *Raise Your Hands*, sitting in the nosebleed seats, you could clearly see the legions of fans holding their arms high, as if waiting for their hero to pick them up and bring them up on stage.
Early into the set, Jon Bon Jovi directed the crowd's attention to a purple banner that hung in the rafters, proudly proclaiming that Bon Jovi had sold out the Palace 10 times, and that this concert was no exception. He then went on to entertain his audiences all with stories about coming to the Motor City for the first time in 1980.
Not wanting to put the music off for much longer, he announced, "I better stop talking. I got a lot of singing to do." And he was right.
Hit after hit wowed the crowd, including ones like *The Radio Saved My Life Tonight*. The band's newly-adopted country twang was evident in the fiddle solo during *Whole Lot of Leavin' Goin' On*.



Jon Bon Jovi acknowledges fans' applause during the concert.

Perhaps a turning point in the show was guitarist Richie Sambora's inspired lead vocals on Jovi staple, *I'll Be There For You*.
All through the night, the songs kept coming. The whole upper deck was like an oven, but nobody really seemed to care that much... they were all too busy having a good time.
"I can't be held responsible for what I'm about to do... so fasten your seat belts," Jon Bon Jovi warned before launching into *It's My Life*. Songs that followed included *Have a Nice Day, Bad Medicine, Born To Be My Baby* and *Keep the Faith*. *Who Says You Can't Go Home* also was guaranteed to please.
But by far, more than any other song, *Livin' on a Prayer* was the one that everyone was the most excited about hearing. It was complete and total audience participation from the opening notes of that song

to the final few chords.
Met with almost deafening screams of approval, the guys came back out for an encore. But not before sharing a little news. It was 21 years and two days prior to this show that *Prayer* went No. 1. When the applause died down a little bit, Bon Jovi dusted off an old fan-favorite and played *Wanted: Dead or Alive* as their first encore song, the second being *I Love This Town*. Make no mistake that this town loves them, too. Yes, this concert was one for the ages. It just proves that age has absolutely no effect on talent. In fact, sometimes it just makes it better. And so it can be said, From Runaway to *Lost Highway*, Bon Jovi still knows where they belong — on a stage, in front of thousands of screaming fans.
Ashley J. Trombley is a junior at Garden City High School.

Is This Thing On?

BY JILLIAN HATTIE
STUDENT JOURNALIST

Even though it's only March, the 2008 presidential election has already gotten a lot of coverage and November seems like such a l-o-n-g way away.
As a sophomore at P-CEP, I am required to take a political and economic systems class and we have followed the upcoming presidential election since the start of the primaries. Even though no one in my class will be able to vote for our nation's next president, we still need to pay attention so that we will be informed for the future.
Many of my classmates have already picked their favorite candidate and those ads playing across the TV aren't really helping to make the decision.
Now it's time for candidates to pay attention.
I don't want to see any negative ads, watch more finger-pointing or witness any of the blame game.
As a future voter, I would personally have a lot of respect for a candidate who chose a positive path, saying how they could be good for our country, offering their qualifications and relaying their attributes.
I feel that whomever is elected president should be the best woman (or man) for the job, not just someone that happens to be good at persuading people to see things either way.
Let's have an election based on quality, not the lesser of two evils.
Jillian Hattie is a sophomore at Salem High School.



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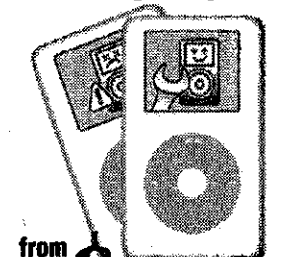
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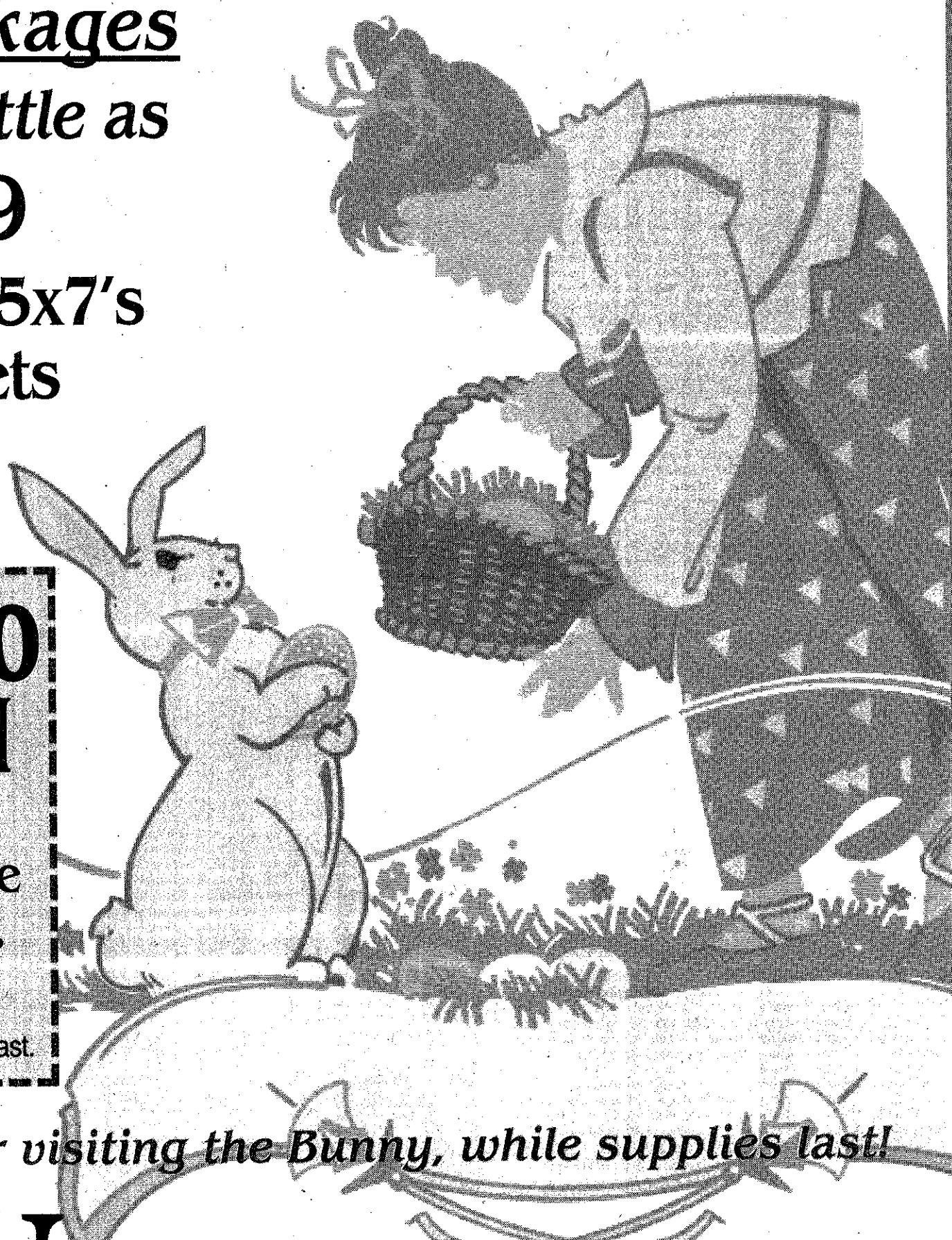
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Lundys are golden

Phil and Sharlene Lundy of Plymouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 15. The couple was married Feb. 15, 1958, in Chicago, where they'd met while working at American Optical. They lived in Chicago until their first child, Philip Jr., was born in July 1959, then moved to Coldwater, Mich. Daughter Laura Ann was born in November 1963, and the family moved to Plymouth in November 1970.

Phil Lundy came to Plymouth to work for American Motors Company in Detroit, then moved



to DeLorean Motor Car Company, Aetna and SKF. He worked for Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. and Auto Zone from which he retired after many years of hard work and dedication. Sharlene Lundy worked at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

in Plymouth 1971-2002. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in New Buffalo, Mich., at the Four Winds Casino and Hotel with their children Phil and Laura and their spouses, Roni and Mike, along with Sharlene's sister, Irene (Raymond) Kobus.



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ANTHONY CIAMPA, JR.

Age 82, Farmington, MI, passed March 4, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

JOHN J. (Jack) McCALL

Born in Detroit Dec. 27, 1922, passed away in Royal Oak March 6, 2008. L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton, MI

LOIS FOGLE (SUNDBERG)

Lois Fogle, 93 died peacefully on March 4 at Acorn Glen, Princeton, her retirement home since 2000. Born and raised in Detroit as Lois Clemens, in 1937 she married Carl Sundberg, co-founder of Sundberg-Ferrari, one of the most pre-eminent industrial design firms in the US. In addition to raising three elegant daughters and serving as a gracious hostess in the Sundberg's Birmingham area homes, she served on various boards for promoting the arts, as a volunteer at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak and as a member of various committees for Detroit mayors and other local officials. Upon Mr. Sundberg's retirement in 1976, the Sundbergs moved to Ocean Ridge, FL, where she continued her hospital activities. Upon Mr. Sundberg's death in 1982, Mrs. Sundberg opened Sunwenka, an upscale Delray Beach clothing boutique. Subsequently, Lois married Ed Fogle of Connecticut and spent 10 enjoyable years until his death in 1998. She subsequently moved to Princeton to be near her daughter, Susan (Riley). Other surviving daughters are Karen Miles of Tighe Island, MD and Wendy Merget of Sebastopol, CA. Also surviving are eleven grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren and some sons-in-law of whom one need not contemplate.

LLOYD HEUSSNER

Recently of Naples, Florida formerly of Marco Island, Florida and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Passed away suddenly as a result of a stroke on March 4, surrounded by his family. He was born in 1923 in Fraser, Michigan. He was the son of Alex and Beatrice Heussner who predeceased him. He was raised and lived on a farm in Michigan until he joined the Coast Guard in 1941 where he served through the end of World War II. He married Esther Sauder in 1942, and they settled in the Detroit area where he became the consummate city dweller. He was an active entrepreneur before the term was popular. He owned automobile dealerships, restaurants, a golf course, a potato chip factory, a plastic plant and had numerous other interests in diverse industries. He loved music of all types and had a vast music collection dating from the 1940's. He was a friend to everyone who met him, and generous to a fault. He loved to party and was a joy to be with. He adored the outdoors and had a passion for the Old West and golf. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, Michigan, the Island Country Club on Marco Island, Florida and a lifetime member of Oakland Hills Country Club. He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather who will be missed tremendously by everyone who knew him. A memorial service will be held later in the spring in Michigan. Donations in his memory should be sent to United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, Michigan 48009.

KATHLEEN MILLER

Age 53, Beloved mother of Erica (Ron) Smith, Michael (Amber), Katie (Paul) Jagielski & Bobby. Loving grandmother of Natalie, Miyah, Michael, Hannah & Maggie. Dear daughter of Glenn Sr. & Mary Ellen Taub. Dear sister of Michael & Glenn Taub. Loved by Joe & Marsha Bancho and many other friends. Visiting Sunday 3-9 pm with scripture services at 7 pm at the Charles Step Funeral Home 18425 Beech Daly (Btw 6-7 Mile). In State Monday 9:30 am until 10 am Mass at St. Priscilla Church 19120 Purlingbrook (W of Middlebelt, N of 7 Mile). Donations to St. Priscilla Church would be appreciated. Condolences to: www.charlesstepfuneralhome.com

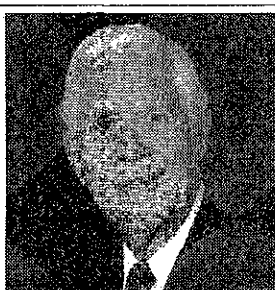
JOHN R. "BOB" (CYR) MIQUELON

MACON - John R. "Bob" Miquelon passed away Wednesday, March 5, 2008. Funeral services will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Monday at 11:00 a.m. A reception celebrating his life will be held immediately following the service at The Gables at Wolf Creek on Forsyth Road in Macon. Those who wish may make memorial contributions in lieu of flowers to Hospice of Central Georgia, P. O. Box 6533, Macon 31208 or to Holy Spirit Catholic Church Building Fund, 4074 Chambers Road, Macon 31206 or to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 4406, Macon 31208. Bob Miquelon was born June 26, 1921 in Regina, Saskatchewan and raised in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He immigrated to the United States upon his discharge from the Canadian Army. A graduate of General Motors Institute (now Kettering University), he retired as a Senior Engineer with Cadillac Motor Division of General Motors. He and his wife moved to Macon, GA in 1981 where he had a second career as an Intellectual Property Specialist with the University of Georgia. He was a Founder and former President of the Inventors Association of Georgia. He is preceded in death by his wife, Peggy and is survived by his children, Stephanie Cyr-Miquelon Eiler of Minneapolis, MN, Melanie Cyr-Miquelon Myron of Lakeside, MI, Michelle Cyr-Miquelon of Detroit, MI and CAPT. John Robert Cyr-Miquelon, Jr., USN of San Diego, CA and his five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Visit www.mem.com to express tributes. Snow's Memorial Chapel Funeral and Cremation Services, Cherry Street has charge of arrangements.

CHARLES P. MORRIS

March 5, 2008. WWII Veteran. Beloved husband of the late Marcella F. Loving father of James S., Timothy J., Sallyanne (James Foltz), Peggy Jo (Jerry) Cole, Terence J., Mary Jo (Victor) Candela, the late Colleen (John) Smith, Edmond R. (Denise), Ellen J. (Louis) Laurentius and Linda Morris. Dear brother of William A. Jr. Also survived by 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Resting at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Rd. (At Ann Arbor Tr.) Saturday, 3-9 p.m. and Sunday, 12-9 p.m. Rosary Saturday, 7 p.m. Funeral Monday, 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Michaels Catholic Church, 10 a.m. Memorial contributions to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.



JOSEPH F. PAULUS

March 5, 2008. Age 90. Formerly of Bloomfield Village. Longtime Detroit area bowling proprietor and banking executive. Beloved husband of the late Kathryn B. "Kitty" for 51 years. Dear father of Jacqueline Ong (David), Josephine Paddock (Bill) and Julie Weyand (Richard). Grandfather of Kelley Smith (Doug), Molly DeFrancesco (John), Patrick Ong (Tricia), Katie Ong, Steve Paddock, Brad Paddock (Melanie), Megan Weyand and Justin Weyand. Also survived by 15 great-grandchildren. Brother of Elizabeth Leon and the late Catherine Markell. Services have been held. Memorial tributes to Kitty Paulus Scholarship Fund, c/o St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 44405 Woodward, Pontiac, MI 48341 or U of M Center for Hearing Disorders, 1150 W. Medical Center Dr., Rm. 4605, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-5616. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



ERYNN ASHLEY SHENKOSKY

Age 22, suddenly, March 5, 2008. Beloved daughter of John and Felice. Sweet big sister to Caitlyn. Loving granddaughter of Frank and Mary Ann Farquharson, and Laura May Shenkosky. Precious niece of Lillian Peak, Irene Graas, Charles Peak, and Thomas (Kathy) Peak. Pre-deceased by her G-G Manna, Mary Peak. Dear niece of Susan (William) Vogel, Scott Farquharson, and Andrew Shenkosky. Cousin to Bill (Lorie) Vogel, Joseph Vogel, Elizabeth Vogel, Michael Vogel, Drew Shenkosky, Natalie Shenkosky, Jack Farquharson and Will Farquharson. Big cousin to Billy and Braden Vogel. Visitation Sunday 3:00-8:00pm at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe. Funeral Monday in state 11:30am until time of Mass 12:00pm at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms. Light a candle and share a memory at: www.verheyden.org

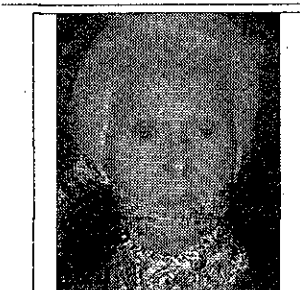


MARY V. SOLOY (nee Bobee)

Age 93, formerly of Livonia, died March 6, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Daniel and last matriarch of the Bobee & Soloy families. Survived by her daughter, Judi Tompkins; son Richard (Kathie) Soloy; grandchildren, Lisa, Janine, Justine, Michael; great-grandchildren, Michael, Daniel, Benjamin and Peter and many dear friends. A Funeral Mass was held at Church of The Holy Spirit, Highland, March 8, 2008. Fr. Leo Lukko officiated. Burial Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit. Memorials are encouraged to be made to the Alzheimer's Association. For more information contact: Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

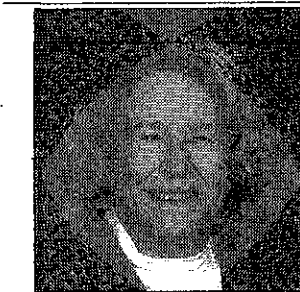
FRANK E. STONE

Age 65. Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away on March 2, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.



MARY LOU TOMLINSON

Age 87, March 6, 2008. Dear Aunt of Christine H. John and Fred Huebner (Mary). Great aunt of George Shaw (Kim), Emily Lindner (Rick), Annie Huebner, and Jimmy Huebner. Great-great aunt of Sydney Shaw and George Lindner. She is also survived by her former husbands, Merele Slack, Jack Charbeneau, and Jim Tomlinson, as well as former step-children: Phillip (Marsha) and Wesley Slack, Carol Kay (Bill), John Charbeneau, James (Lynn) Tomlinson, Robert Tomlinson, Joy Ann McLendon (Charles), John (Carol) and Daniel (Lucinda) Tomlinson. She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Bessie Huebner, a brother, Robert Huebner, and a stepson, Howard Charbeneau. Memorial service Monday 11:00am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile). Memorial visitation Sunday 12-3pm. Memorial tributes to Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County or St. Anne's Mead. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



MARIE LOUISE 'LOU' WEST

Age 82, a homemaker, died Tuesday, March 4, 2008. Lou was born in Detroit, MI. She came to Brevard County in 1954 from Birmingham, MI. She was a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and a graduate of Albion College Class of 1947 and she attended the University of Michigan Graduate School. She participated in many community activities including HRMC Development Council, Holmes Regional Hospice Board of Directors, Chairman of a Study Group of AAUW, was a former member of the Vestry of her church, Board of Directors of the South Brevard Chapter of the American Cancer Society, a Guardian Ad Litem volunteer, founding member of The Family Counseling Center, was a former member of the Founding Committee of the United Appeal in Brevard County and a member of Indianatic Garden Club By The Sea. Lou is survived by her daughter, Ms. Laura West of Arlington, VA; daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte (West) and David Pietenpol of Ft. Collins, CO and their children, Charles "Chase," Annelise Marie, Anika Lynn and Bryce; step-daughter, Ms. Natalie (West) Rob Sellin of Oakland, CA; stepson, Mr. Charles R. West of Orcas, WA and step-daughter, Anne Cowenhoven of York, ME; and a dear friend of Marian Hoag of Birmingham, MI. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles F. West. In order to allow family to arrive from out of town, the Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, March 17th, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Anyone planning expressions of sympathy is asked to consider donations to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Memorial Fund. Brownlie-Maxwell Funeral Home in Melbourne is serving the family, (321) 723-2345. www.brownliemaxwell.com

SHIRLEY E. WINTER

Age 86. Plymouth, MI. Passed away on March 3, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

Educators 'bound together by literacy' gather at conference

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As the winter semester drags along, educators as well as students often need a shot of adrenalin to get the creative juices flowing again.

The 52nd Annual Michigan Reading Association Conference March 14-17 at Cobo Center will draw 2,500-3,000 educators "Bound Together by Literacy."

"This is a wonderful opportunity for educators to have four days for development and learning," said Lynn Bigelman, principal of Jayno Adams Elementary School in Waterford and chair of this year's conference.

Each year, The Michigan Reading Association holds its conference in March, alternating between Detroit and Grand Rapids.

A pre-conference on Friday, March 14, will feature experts on reading research. These sessions will give teachers an opportunity to hear some of the latest ideas on reading and reading education.

The general session, March 15-17, will feature presentations by educators, researchers, authors, illustrators and young authors.

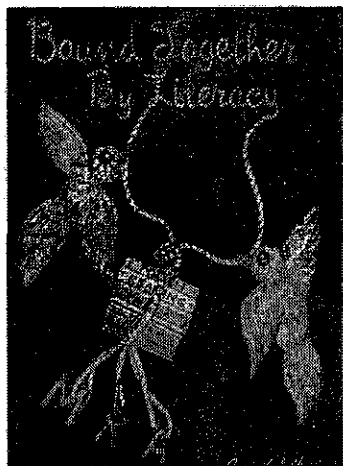
The keynote speaker for this year is Randy Bomer, an associate professor in the language and literacy program in the College of Education at the University of Texas at Austin. He will speak on writing and "how new times invite us to rethink composition." "All day long, we have wonderful, wonderful speakers from all over the country," Bigelman said. "Authors and illustrators will be signing their books."

On Sunday, the featured speaker will be Carmen Agra-Deedy, a storyteller and children's book author.

Agra-Deedy was born in Cuba and emigrated with her family during the Cuban Revolution. She often draws on Cuban folklore in her stories.

Ruby Payne will be the featured speaker Monday. She has done research on the achievement gap and working with children in poverty.

Young authors will be the spotlight on Sunday during a young authors' luncheon. The young writers will hear speaker John Archambault, author of *Chicka Boom Boom*, and illustra-



The poster for the Michigan Reading Association's annual conference. This year's theme is bound by reading.

READING CONFERENCE

What: 52nd Annual Reading Association Conference
Theme: Bound Together by Literacy
For: Michigan Educators
Where: Cobo Center and Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center
When: Pre-conference 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Friday, March 14; Conference, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 15-16, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 17.
For information: www.michigan-reading.org

Chicka Boom Boom, and illustrator, musician David Plummer.

The children's writing appears in the Michigan Reading Association's annual publication *Kaleidoscope*.

Bigelman chose the theme for this year's conference, bound by literacy.

"Because of the Michigan Reading Association there is a common thread, without reading and writing, we can't do math and science. We are bound together and never far from each other," she said.

Bigelman said the conference should help remotivate teachers.

"This renews you, motivates you, gets you back to the classroom and you share with your students," she said. "For teachers, this is an exciting time to engage yourself and take it back to the classroom."

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WEDDING

Brandon-Rababy

Danielle Rose Rababy and Matthew Jacques Brandon were married Feb. 28, 2008, at Our Lady of Victory Church with the Rev. Denis Theroux officiating.

The bride is the daughter of David and Catherine Rababy of Northville. She is a 2003 graduate of Mercy High School and a 2007 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in dietetics.

The groom is the son of Rod and Susan Brandon of Livonia. He is a 2004 graduate of Churchill High School. He is a lance corporal in the United States Marine Corps.

The bride was attended by Lyndee Killion, maid of honor; and bridesmaids, Rebecca Baum and Natalie Korynski. Flower girls were Rachel Maes, Mary Kate Grobosky and Jennifer Rababy. The groom was attended



by Colin Brennan, best man; groomsmen, Brandon Cook and Zachary Shaver; and ushers, Michael Brandon and Paul Rababy.

A reception was held at Glen Oaks Country Club. The couple will make their home in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Plymouth library kicks off new music series

The Plymouth District Library will welcome spring with a new Sunday afternoon music series, *Rhapsody: Music at the Library* 3 p.m. Sunday, March 9, with the Paul Vornhagen Trio as they present *An American Songbook of Jazz Standards*. The concerts are free and open to the public thanks to the sponsorship of the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.

Vornhagen will be performing on saxophone, flute and vocals, while Tad Weed is on keyboard and Kurt Krahnke on bass. These three have performed in venues around the world and will bring the works of Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, and Thelonius Monk to Plymouth in the coming month.

The series continues April 6, with musicians from the Celebration Youth Orchestra through the Plymouth-Canton Symphony Society's Youth Outreach Education Program. Students Kelly Kaiser, Jory King, Patrick O'Neil and Erik Partin will perform solos and duets on flute, viola and violin.

Wanda Degen and Pete Wittig bring contemporary and traditional acoustic music to include folk, Great Lakes Celtic, original songs and instrumentals to the library on May 4. They will perform these varied works on dulcimer, auto-harp, guitar and harmonica.

Registration is requested, call (734) 453-0750, ext. 4 or visit www.plymouthlibrary.org.

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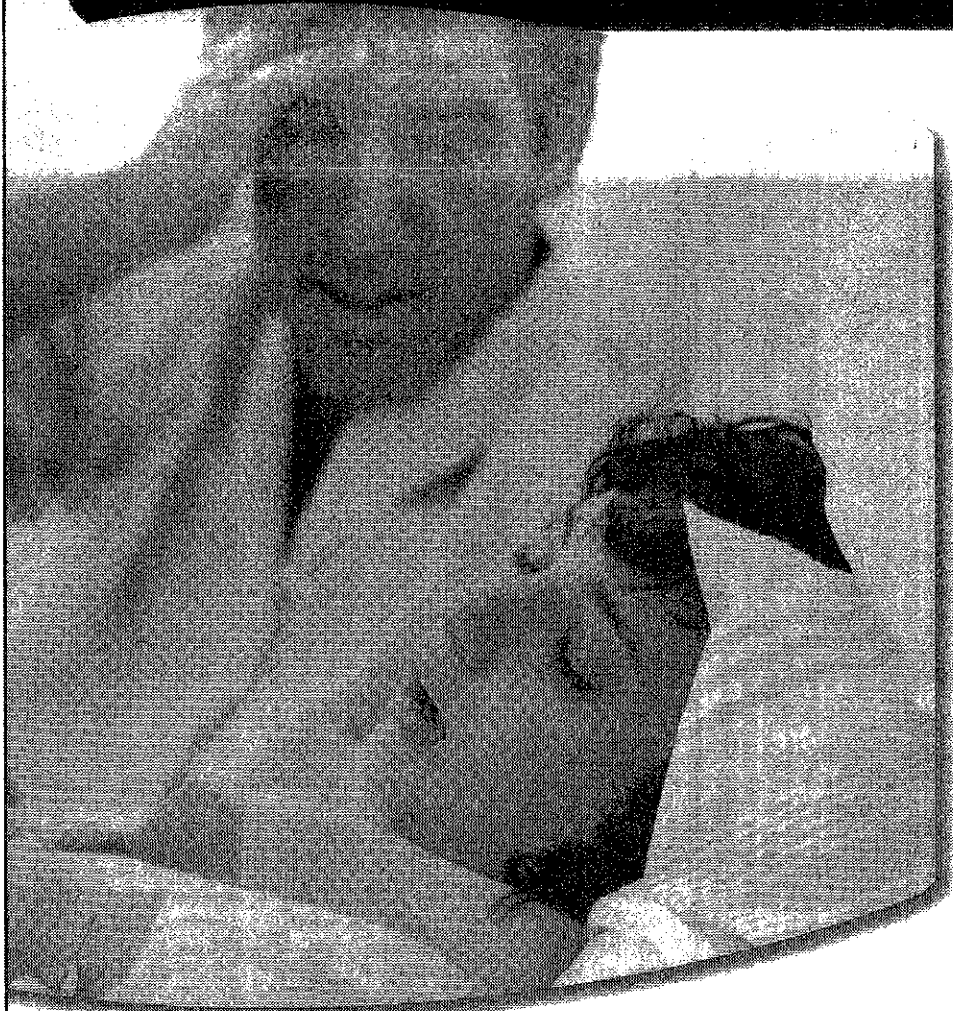
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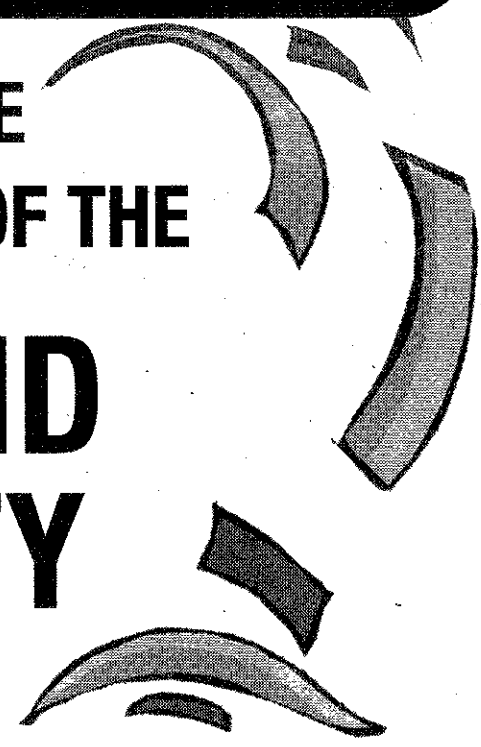


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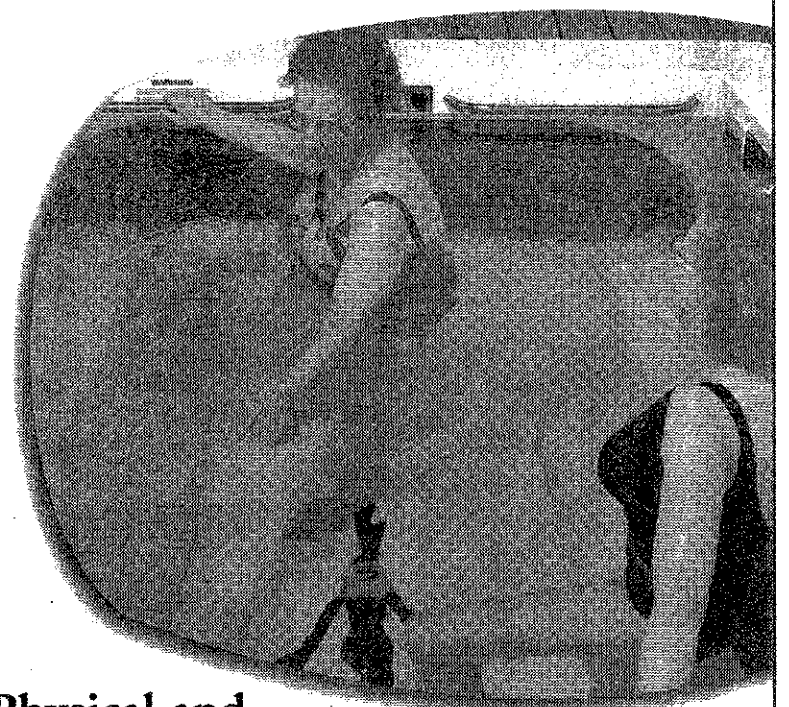
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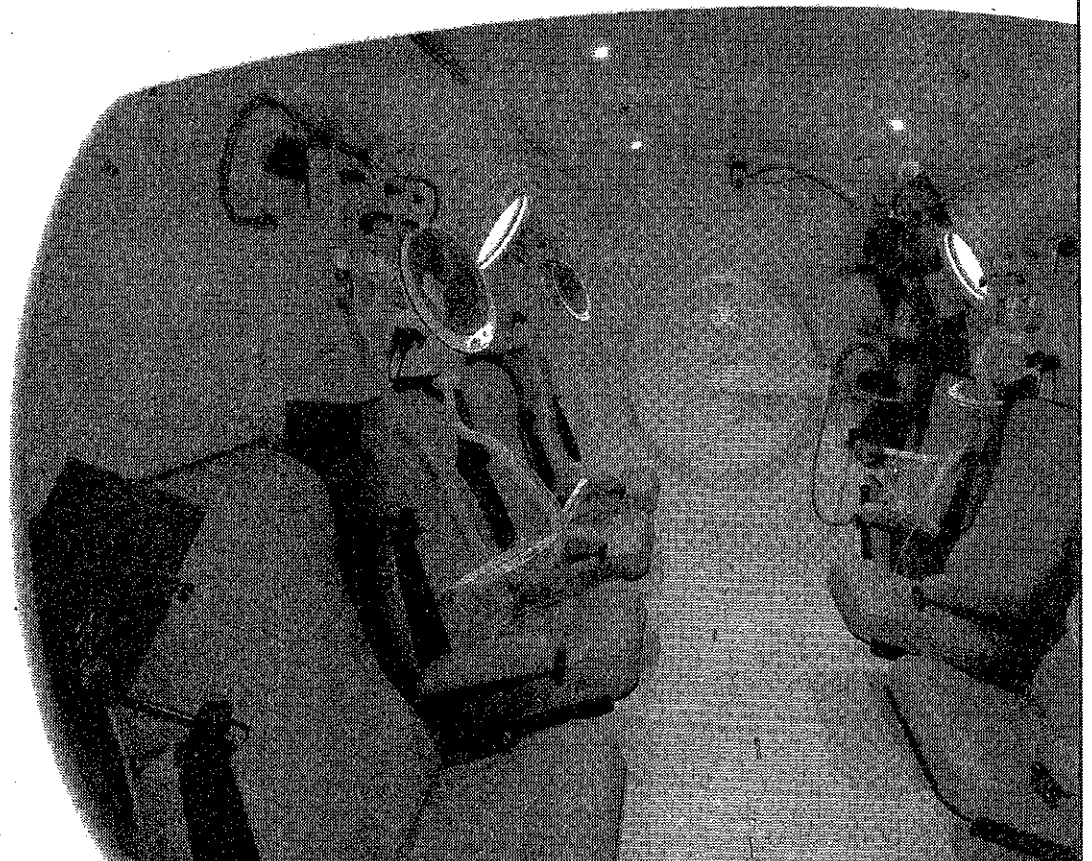
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'No Country' leads a bleak Oscar turnout

BY BRANDON KIRBY
STUDENT JOURNALIST

With a soul-dead oil tycoon, a serial killer, and corrupted lawyers representing the best of this past year's movies, viewers didn't find much to relate with

as the 80th annual Academy Awards, which aired on Feb. 24, was one of the lowest watched telecasts in years.

As predicted, the Coen brothers came out on top with four wins (for Best Adapted Screenplay, Supporting Actor, Director, and Picture) for their highly acclaimed *No Country for Old Men*. Even though the critics loved it, most people have never seen the movie and therefore lose interest completely. Of the Best Picture nominees, only *Juno*, the witty comedy about a pregnant 16-year-old, surpassed the \$100 million mark at the box office.

"The Oscars were really dark this year," said Stevenson High School senior Danielle Nelson who watched part of the ceremony.

Second-time host Jon Stewart even exclaimed, "Thank God for teen pregnancy!" feeling like America needed a hug due to the movie selections.

Craig Barker of Northville, who won in an Oscar pool, agrees saying, "When you're thanking teen pregnancy, something's up."

Critics, however, remind audiences that today's dark times breed dark films.

"Americans want to lighten the mood," Barker said.

Also turning off viewers could be that, aside from Javier Bardem's outburst of Spanish addressed to his mother during his speech, this year's ceremony contained no truly memorable moments. Instead, the night

included many montages of moments from past ceremonies rather than finding anything to truly energize this year.

Many viewers are also digitally recording the three-hour long ceremony to skip over the awards they have no interest in, such as editing or art direction. This year, however, some viewers were not even able to appreciate their favorite part of the night; that is, the acting awards, which all went to foreign actors whose names many did not recognize.

Critics, however, are reminding audiences that all of these Oscar winners, aside from the French actress Marion Cotillard from *La Vie En Rose*, played distinctly American characters in distinctly American movies, proving that Hollywood is a global industry.

While viewers expect the

ceremony to follow a certain routine, they also desire some unpredictability. The winners for the biggest awards this year, though, were already set in stone, sapping the night of any drama. Even so, minor upsets still excited viewers such as Stevenson senior Olivia Bailey who recorded the ceremony.

"I was thrilled Tilda Swinton won," she said, commenting on Swinton's unexpected Supporting Actress win.

No matter what level of interest the Academy Awards sustain, there are still those who are going to be entertained by the whole sport of it.

"Everybody else," Bailey said, "is only going to skip to the good parts."

Brandon Kirby attends Stevenson High School.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR March meeting Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

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Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

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

By Elena Lombardi

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

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

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

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

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

Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes help make reading a little easier. Telescopic glasses primarily focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery. Telescopes can also be adapted to closer tasks like playing cards or computers. "Telescopes can even help people meet the driver vision requirement" Dr. Smith explained.

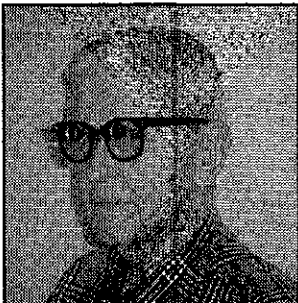
Michigan is one of 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Leo Hakola, age 85 of Livonia, Michigan saw Dr. Smith last May.

Macular degeneration, cataract, stroke and double vision were causing reading and driving problems. Dr. Smith prescribed a complete low vision system which included telescopic glasses for driving and special prismatic glasses for reading. The entire cost was \$2789. Leo said "the telescopic driving glasses really help me see traffic lights and street signs down the block. And reading is much easier and single now with these special reading glasses. I am glad I found you, Dr. Smith."

In addition to the spectacle vision aids, Dr. Smith offers training to help people accomplish their daily activities. Visual aids help patients use their remaining vision to its fullest capacity while rehabilitative training improves the patient's

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Leo Hakola wearing telescopic driving glasses

ability to carry out necessary independent activities. And of course safeguarding present vision levels is crucial. Sun filters and nutritional supplements can improve vision and prevent further loss.

"Each patient has a unique amount of vision and their own goals," says Dr. Smith. "I am committed to helping patients do what matters most to them and improving their quality of life."

Special reading glasses start at \$600 and custom telescopes can cost from \$1800 to \$2,500.

If you or someone you know is struggling with their vision, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it.

You can reach Dr. Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at

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Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, Warren, Shelby Township and the Lansing area.

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WORKWISE

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career blew up in front of you. In any of these cases, the resolution might have shocked and angered you. But as you're reading this, you're still coping -- or not -- with disappointment. How can you be certain that you need to detox?

You may be aware of detoxing from an alcohol or drug experience, or from other people, but not from the disappointment. Certified Kundalini yoga instructor Gurujas Kaur of Santa Monica advises you to watch for "emotional and psychological toxins." If you descend emotionally without realizing it, a friend may clue you in.

"You simply absolutely need an outlet," she continues. "It's as if you fill a vase of water and pour and pour to overflowing. Sometimes the effects are irreversible, but most of the time, not just that you're struggling. Emotional detox is a way for you to rid

yourself of the toxins that have polluted your psyche."

Psychologist Tian Dayton, director of Program Development and Staff Training at Caron of New York, a treatment center in New York City, specializes in addiction- and trauma-related issues. She says to watch for a "continuum... the stress apparatus, which is fear-driven and fight-flight, at its base. When we're afraid, our bodies are flooded with stress, and that's an emotional response. This can be anything from being criticized in the workplace or growing up in a chaotic home to being part of 9/11."

Kaur suggests that you observe personal changes, including:

- increased tenseness, anxiety, nervousness, stress and broken sleep;
- decreased energy; and
- aggressive behavior toward family members.

She isn't referring to clinical depression but a general state.

PASSAGE

The paths to solid emotional health are many; the methods, so different, that you may choose which feels more comfortable to you. Motivational speaker Paul Davis of Dream-Makers Inc., in Orlando, Fla., recommends "considering closed doors as bridges en route to bigger open doors, new friends and a more

fulfilling life." He adds, "Don't stay where you are tolerated. Go where you are celebrated!"

If remaining where you are is a better alternative -- Dayton points out that moving on doesn't guarantee an emotional break -- consider distancing yourself:

- "don't identify with the stressor or take everything personally,
- "do recognize what you're bringing to the situation is making it more stressful than it needs to be," and
- understand that "most problems work themselves out."

She suggests stepping back to remove some of the urgency while you give yourself the time to develop workable solutions.

Kaur takes the middle road, indicating that you need to be strategic: "look for the end result that's best for you." Although she advises you to "follow your instincts," watch out, because they might be a little off-kilter now. She's correct about the need to evaluate carefully and to avoid making the situation worse.

Can co-workers help you? Dayton doesn't advise telling all but wants you to keep from isolating yourself. "If you share your feelings openly," she explains, "that releases serotonin into the body, a natural



Photo: Gurujas Kaur helps people break through the normal pattern of negative thoughts causing blame, anger and low self-esteem when they're susceptible to disappointment. With almost 400 hours of training, she is a Certified Kundalini yoga instructor in Santa Monica.

antidepressant." Kaur takes a more conservative stand, stating, "Trusted co-workers will be an ear and a friend, but for the most part, you don't really want to go there. This is more about you and your personal experience. You don't want to involve them too much, because they have an investment in the company. Whatever you say, their loyalties will lie with the company if they plan to stay."

(Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2008 Passage Media.)



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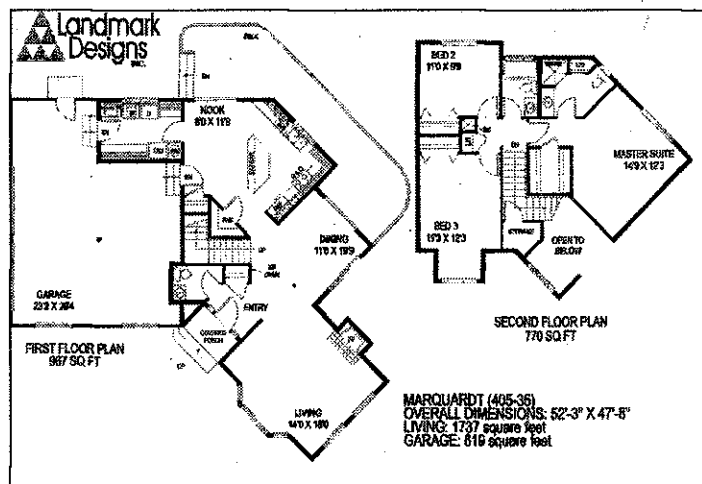
Marquardt design makes its mark with young families

The Marquardt (405-35), with all three bedrooms on the second floor, is perfect for the young family. The well-proportioned 1,737 square feet of living space offers many angles as well as a unique openness. The home has ideal dimensions for a smaller lot, where space is essential.

This two-story home has many amenities such as a large rear deck and an enormous two-car garage with a shop area. As part of the garage area, the utility room is situated to provide a large area that does not take away from the actual living space.

The L-shaped kitchen of the Marquardt is open with a centrally located eating bar. A breakfast nook faces the deck and has sliding doors to the outside. A corner pantry is incorporated within the area of the stairs to the upper floor. The dining room also has sliding doors to the deck, along with a huge window.

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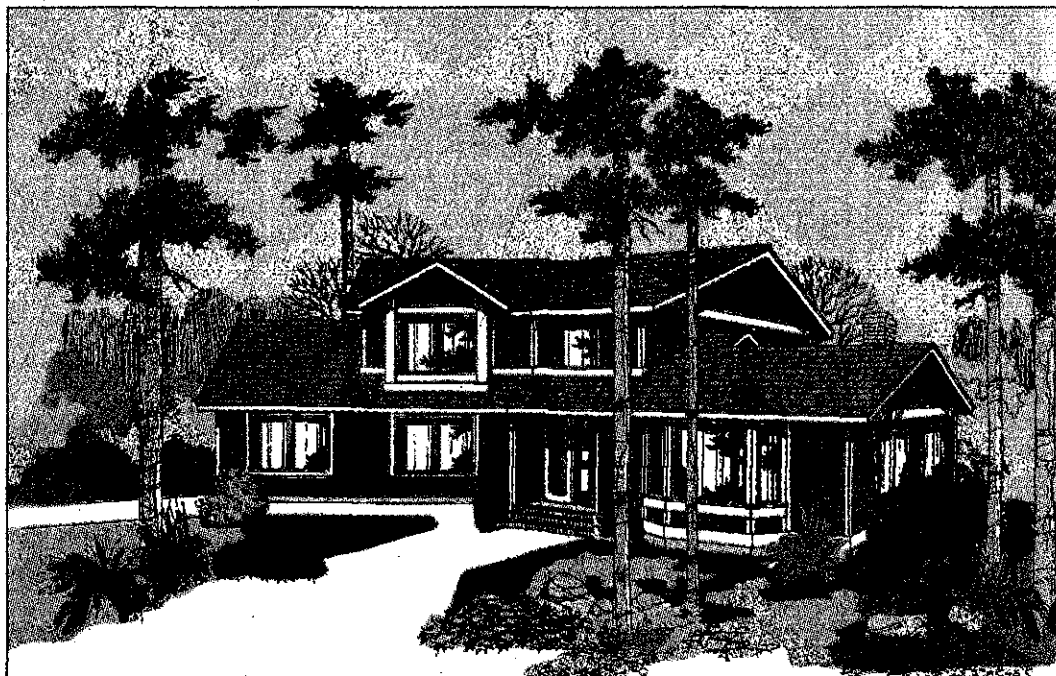


a fireplace on the rear wall, surrounded by many windows along with a bay window. The entry is area has a closet and a half bath.

As you ascend the stairs, there is a storage closet half way up. Once you have reached the second floor, there are two bedrooms to the left with walk-in closets. The larger of the two rooms has a dormer window that would be perfect for a desk (computer area).

The full bath is located adjacent to the master suite at the head of the stairs. A large window lights the master suite. The placement of the large walk-in closet and the full master bath provides a sound barrier from the rest of the home. The main portion of the suite extends above the dining/kitchen area, and outside next to the storage area is open to the entry below.

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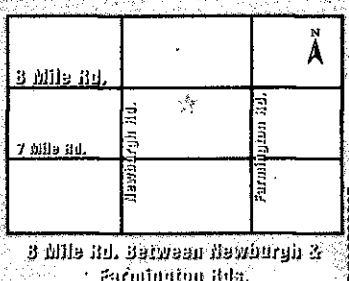
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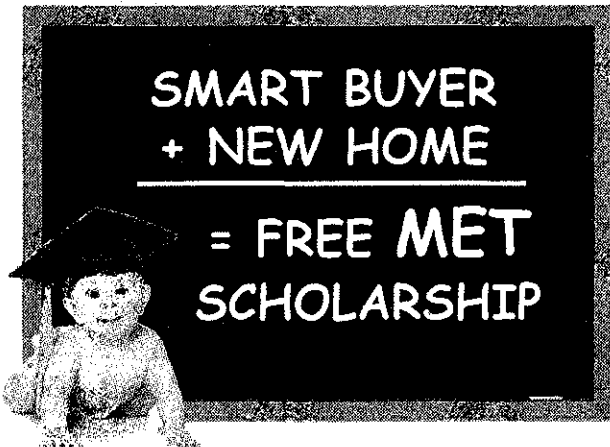
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2008 Yukon: A well-behaved middle child

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Back for 2008, the GMC Yukon assumes its role as General Motors' middle child in its full-size SUV family between the Chevrolet Tahoe and the luxurious Cadillac Escalade. Although the Yukon plays second fiddle to the Escalade, its ride is superior. As a matter of fact, there aren't many better cruisers than the Yukon when it comes to large SUVs.

The Yukon Denali's ride is noticeably quiet, with a suspension that eats up bumps and stays composed going around corners.

The 2008 Yukon is available in three well-equipped trim levels: base SLE, SLT and the top of the line Denali. The SLE, which retails for \$35,690, comes standard with 17-inch alloy wheels, a cloth interior, power windows and mirrors, keyless entry, a power driver seat, dual-zone climate control, a trip computer and an audio system with eight speakers and a CD player.

The SLT adds leather seating, a six-disc CD changer, power-adjustable pedals, head curtain airbags, remote vehicle starting and rear parking assist.

The Denali features a unique grille, 18-inch alloy wheels, XM Satellite Radio, heated seats, including the second row and a premium Bose sound system with a six-disc CD changer.

Options for the SLE and SLT include heated seats, a power liftgate, rear park assist and triple-zone climate control. Options for all trims include a navigation system, power-folding second-row seats, a rear-seat DVD entertainment system, a rearview camera and a power liftgate. Exclusive options for the Denali include a heated steering wheel and 20-inch wheels.

Three different V8s are available for the Yukon. Two-wheel-drive Yukon SLE models get a 4.8-liter V8 that is good for 290 horsepower while four-wheel-drive SLEs and all SLTs come with a 5.3-liter V8 that pushes out 320 horsepower.

A four-speed automatic transmission with a tow-haul mode is the only transmission for those V8s. The GMC Yukon Denali comes with a 6.2-liter V8 that is good for 380 horsepower and is mated to a six-speed automatic transmission with a manual-shift mode.

The Yukon can tow up to 7,700 pounds. So if you need to haul a camper or other heavy loads, the Yukon has got you covered.



With a slew of luxury SUVs on the market, the GMC Yukon Denali remains a leader. It offers a nice combination of style, performance and refinement.

The Yukon's fuel mileage ratings are 14 miles per gallon in the city and 19 mpg on the 2WD SLE. These aren't bad numbers for an SUV of this size.

The Yukon was redesigned last year and is 3 inches longer than the 2006 model with nearly all of the extra length going to the front seat legroom and cargo area.

Despite a growth in outside dimensions, some of the interior space has shrunk.

Compared with the 2006 model, headroom is down in the first- and third-row of seats, by about a half-inch and just under an inch, respectively. The third-row loses almost 2 inches in legroom.

Cargo space benefits from the new design. Cargo capacity gains more than 4 cubic feet behind the front seat and half a cubic foot behind the third row, but 3 cubic feet behind the second row is lost.

Although the Yukon's second row is available with a power-folding feature, the third-row seat must still be removed manually to optimize cargo space. These seats are heavy and hard to remove.

But the work is worth it. Maximum cargo capacity stands at 108.9 cubic feet, which is around 12 cubic feet more than competitor Nissan Armada.

As for getting in and out of the Yukon, the new Yukon is a little cramped, where the clearance between the base of the second row seat and the frame of the door is so tight, you have to turn your feet sideways to get into and out of the truck.

On the plus side, climbing in and out of the third-row seat is surprisingly easy in the Yukon. The second-row seat folds up out of the way with the release of a lever on the out, or at the press of a button with the optional power-fold feature.

To add to interior space, the instrument panel has been lowered by about a half-foot. Switches, buttons and knobs are now smaller and re-organized for easier operation.

For small storage needs the Yukon has a compact glove box; fixed map pockets with molded-in bottle holders on the front doors; and pouches on the backs of the front seatbacks. A large bin with removable double cup holder is provided between the front seats. In the Yukon Denali, this feature is separated into a storage bin and twin cup holders.

Safety is provided by stability control, anti-lock brakes, a tire-pressure monitoring system, OnStar telematics system and head curtain airbags for all three rows — standard on all Yukons, multi-information display within the speedometer.

If you want a safe, refined SUV that is capable of seating at least seven, but you can't afford an Escalade, you can get the next best thing in a GMC Yukon.

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 Power: V8.
 Mileage: 14 city / 19 highway.
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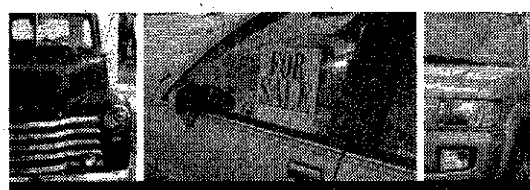
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