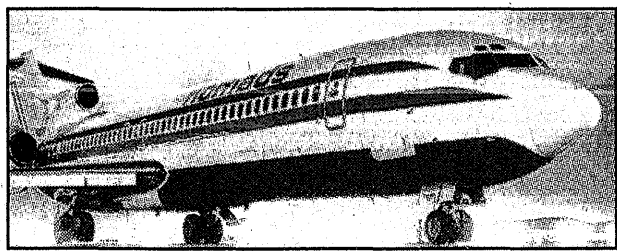


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County eyes ways to help underpass businesses

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County officials will look into providing more detailed detour signage around the Sheldon Road underpass project to help business owners along Five Mile and Sheldon roads who are watching their profits fall from 10-40 percent.

At a meeting Tuesday of Wayne County project leaders, business representatives and elected officials from Plymouth and Plymouth Township, county officials promised to explore ways to develop better freeway signage along I-275 and M-14 that will indicate shoppers can still reach the approximately three dozen businesses along the Five Mile-Sheldon intersection.

As part of the plan to draw shoppers to the area, Wayne County will begin an e-mail blast to 5,000 county employees urging them

to shop in the area. Some of the merchants may even develop coupons to stave off a 10-40 percent decrease in sales since the project closed Sheldon Road in January 2007.

"It's a good first step," said Randy Lorey of Lorey Cleaners. "I'm willing to accept any help. Most people don't even go to the intersection anymore because their perception is that it's closed."

Alan Helmkamp, assistant Wayne County executive, said county officials understand the plight of business owners in the area.

"We are trying to do whatever we can to alleviate some of the down side of the people who are making the biggest sacrifice in this whole project, people who have had adverse business conditions," Helmkamp said.

In an e-mail blast sent to 1,300 people Friday, Supervisor Richard Reaume urged residents to shop both the affected area as

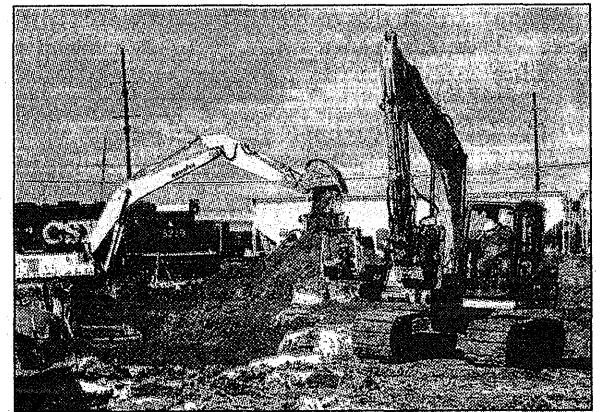
well as the Ann Arbor Road corridor.

"Sheldon Road at Five Mile includes banks, a grocery store, gas station, car dealership, dry cleaners and several options for dining," wrote Reaume. "While this area is not as easily accessible during the Sheldon Road underpass construction, please consider supporting these Plymouth Township businesses."

Sherrie Pryor, director of operations for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, said the DDA's Web site includes directions to downtown Plymouth and a detour map.

As for progress on the underpass project, Helmkamp is confident the acceleration schedule will complete the project by the end of this year.

"We've got the utilities out of there so we can do what we've got to do," Helmkamp said. "We've got big digging going on and we've got renewed urgency by all the stakeholders."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

With work resuming on Sheldon Road at the railroad tracks, county officials are confident an accelerated schedule will get the underpass project back on track.

Getting some ice time

Ice fest temps don't deter carvers, fans

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As the actual temperature reached the mid-20s — though the wind chill remained in single digits — on a sunny Friday afternoon, the most popular phrase heard by those wandering through the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular was "Well, I guess they won't melt."

But, don't be fooled by what most would consider frigid temperatures.

"This is a little warm," said Sean Smolski, 29, a member of the Macomb County Community College ice carving team who was carving a block of with a chain saw. "The sun will melt the ice a lot quicker than the weather. Fifteen to 20 degrees is perfect."

However, even as temperatures rise to a forecasted 30 degrees during the three-day event which concludes today, Smolski wasn't concerned.

"They will melt a bit faster, but most of the sculptures will survive," Smolski said. "It's a little more difficult to get the blocks of ice to stick



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World champion ice carver Tajana Raukar works on a large sculpture of horses at the northwest corner of Kellogg Park. Her company, Ice Dreams, is located in Plymouth.

together when making the big sculptures."

Twelve-year-old Michael Flory of Canton was awed by the man-made ice formations.

"I like seeing all the cool sculptures they can make," said Flory. "I like the texture and how they were made."

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The ice sculptures were already drawing a crowd by mid-afternoon on Friday, the first day of the annual ice festival.

Board set to grill hopefuls

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Despite the fact the Detroit Lions finished the season 7-9 after winning six of their first eight games, Paul Kadri remains a die-hard fan.

"No matter how they did, I felt they exceeded my expectations for this year," said Kadri. "Unlike other years, they gave me many more months of happiness than I've experienced in the recent past."

With optimism like that, Kadri — one of three candidates who will interview next week for the Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent's position — could be the guy to deal with disappointments that come in the form of an insufficient state foundation grant and district budget cuts.

Kadri, a Skillman, N.J., resident who lived in Grosse Pointe until age 11, said he's also a die-hard Red Wings and Detroit Tigers fan.

"And, although I have no ties to the University of Michigan, I was bred to be a Michigan fan," said Kadri, 42, a Johns Hopkins graduate. "I was bred to dislike Ohio State with a passion. I lived there enough years to have a sense of bond with the community."

Kadri continues to vacation in the Boyne Mountain area with his wife and 4-year-old daughter, and has done his homework before his interview Tuesday.

"I know people who have worked in Plymouth-Canton and raved about it," Kadri said. "And I know people in Ann

Arbor who are familiar with the district. Plymouth-Canton has a wonderful reputation."

Dale Martin, of Downers Grove, Ill., said becoming the superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Schools would be like a homecoming.

"It would give me an opportunity to get closer to my children and grandchildren, nine of whom live in Michigan," said Martin, 64, who was born and raised in Saginaw. "I love to fish, and I miss the Saginaw Bay and perch fishing. I miss Michigan, it will always be my home."

Martin spent 27 years in the Bay City school district, working his way from custodian to superintendent.

"Several teachers talked me into getting a teaching degree, and I worked my way up through administration to superintendent," Martin said. "Bay City is a General Motors town, and they had plenty of tough times in the late '70s and early '80s. The district went through a lot of tough times, too. I had to close 10 schools, including a high school."

Martin, who was also superintendent of the Waterford school district from 1991-94, said he still vacations in Michigan at Coldwater Lake, keeping an eye on what's happening with the state's schools and economy.

"Plymouth-Canton isn't just any old job," Martin said. "Anybody who knows anything

Please see **BOARD, A4**

Common school calendar awaits county approval

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Students in Wayne County's 34 school districts and 82 public school academies will have a lot more than reading, writing and arithmetic in common under a school calendar being considered by the Wayne RESA Board of Education.

The five-member board will vote next month on a five-year countywide com-

mon calendar that would take effect with the 2008-09 school year to comply with a new state law.

The Wayne County proposal, drafted by a subcommittee made up of superintendents from seven school districts, spells out which weeks school districts and public school academies can schedule Christmas, midwinter and spring breaks as well as two professional development days.

"I think there was a fair number of

compromises among the districts, I think it's a good calendar for everyone," said Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy, who helped draft the proposal.

According to Wayne County Superintendent Christopher Wigent, the state believes that a common school calendar within a county will consolidate services and save districts money.

Please see **CALENDAR, A8**

WHEN THEY'LL SPEAK

Here are the dates and times the school board will talk to its superintendent candidates:

Name	District	Interview
Dale Martin	Downers Grove (Ill.)	Monday, 5 p.m.
Craig Fiegel	Evergreen Park (Ill.)	Monday, 7 p.m.
Paul Kadri	Neshaminy (Pa.)	Tuesday, 6 p.m.

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Wedding workshop

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The workshop begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, in the Meeting House Grand Ballroom, just south of Ann Arbor Trail on the east side of the street at 499 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. The workshop is free to those who make reservations in advance by calling (734) 453-8872.

Tickets at the door will be \$10. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided. For more information visit www.MeetingHouseGrandBallroom.com

New Morning open house

New Morning School, a pre-K through grade eight parent cooperative on Haggerty just north of Schoolcraft in Plymouth Township, hosts its

February Open House and Student Museum Saturday, Feb. 2.

The open house takes place 1-2 p.m., with the Student Museum and Auction Preview from 2-3:30 p.m. To register, call (734) 420-3331.

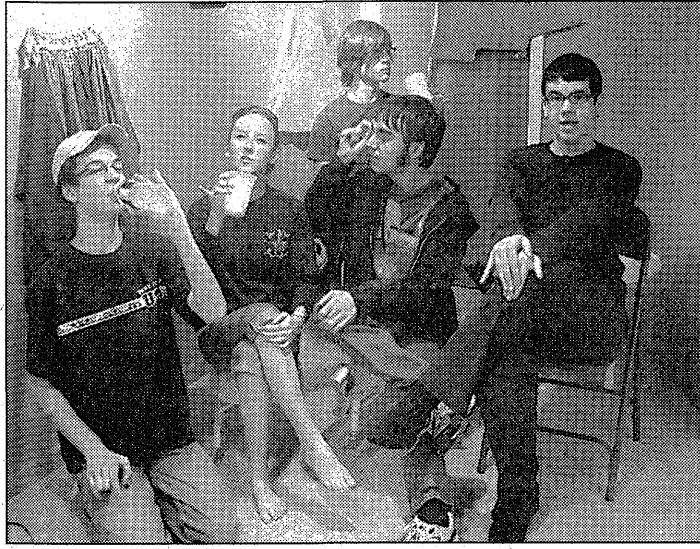
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Grief workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an eight week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," beginning Feb. 4.

This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough of Plymouth, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses.

The workshop will meet 7-8:45 p.m. for eight consecutive Monday nights at Ward Church, located at 6 Mile and Haggerty in Northville. For registration information call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5943. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115.



Les Miserables - school edition

Ever After Productions, featuring actors (from left) Brandon Waldenmayer, 13, of Canton, Molly Wallace, 16, of Plymouth, Lachlan MacQuarrie, 17, of Belleville, Patrick Lutz, 17, of Canton, and Cory Thomas, 15, of Canton, will present the School Edition of the Broadway hit musical 'Les Miserables' Feb. 1-5 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. The Ever After Productions cast includes kids aged 10-18 and will feature a 16-piece orchestra conducted by James Blough, director of the Canton Concert Band. Performances are Friday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 4 at 9:30 a.m.; and Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15, and can be purchased by phone at (734) 394-5460 or online at www.everafterproductions.org/Current.html.

School of music

The Plymouth Salvation Army's School of Music begins its spring session Feb. 26.

The sessions are one-hour group lessons, ages 7-adult, piano and guitar and run 6:30-7:30 p.m. Session costs, including materials, are \$75 for piano students, \$50 for guitar students (students must provide the guitar). Group sizes are small, keyboards are provided, headphones allow time for practice, the piano session will be for 14 weeks, with a piano recital June 3. The guitar session runs nine weeks ending April 30.

For more information and to register, call (734) 453-5464.

PCAC dinner auction

You'll want to be there when the '60's descend on the Plymouth Community Arts Council for its 18th-annual dinner auction, "An Artful Affair: Mod."

Attendees will be able to bid in live and silent auctions with proceeds going to benefit programs and classes at the Council. Unique artwork, vacation packages, autographed sports memorabilia, dinner packages and tickets to museums, sports events and zoos are just some examples of items that will be up for bid.

The event is set for Friday, March 7, at Laurel Manor in Livonia (39000 Schoolcraft).

Tickets are \$85 each, \$45 of which is tax-deductible. For more information and tickets, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278.

Volunteers and auction donations are needed for the event. Anyone interested in volunteering, making a tax-deductible donation or have any questions, contact Sheila Paton at stpaton@hotmail.com

McCotter staff hours

The staff of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter (Michigan District 11) will hold office hours in several locations. This time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member one on one regarding any federal issue that they might have.

McCotter's staff will be available Tuesday, Feb. 5, 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Summit Senior Center, 11 a.m.-noon at the Northville Senior Center and 1-2 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library.

On Thursday, Feb. 7, McCotter's staff will be at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center (9-10 a.m.), the Redford Community Center (10:30-11:30 a.m.) and the Garden City Maplewood Center (1-2 p.m.).

Former convict's story

John Borbi, a one-time, highly successful, financial investor, made some poor choices, which ultimately took him down a dark path. Those choices eventually changed his world. Following his conviction, Borbi spent 30 months in prison for a 'white collar crime' that will haunt him for the rest of his life.

He shares his story, in hopes others will not make those same unethical decisions. at a free seminar 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley, in Canton.

The seminar is open to the public and is sponsored by the Canton Communicators Toastmaster Club. Toastmasters is a non-profit, educational program designed to promote communication and leadership skills in individuals.

For more information about this seminar or about Toastmasters, contact Bonnie at (734) 994-0569.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution Northville/Plymouth/Livonia meet 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 18, at the Plymouth District Library in downtown Plymouth.

The meeting is the chapter's Good Citizen Reception. Guest speaker will be 20th District Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville.

For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

Franklin scholarship

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

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

Council on aging

■ AARP Tax Assistance For Seniors - Free income tax assistance will be available to Plymouth area seniors starting Wednesday, Feb. 6 and every Wednesday thereafter until April 9. For appointments please call the Council on Aging at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236. Appointment times are 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Bring your last year's tax information.

■ The Council on Aging will hold a "Digital Television Transition Informative Meeting" 10-11 a.m. Feb. 8 at the Plymouth Library. Please call to RSVP, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236. If you currently receive analog television over the air or via an antenna, you'll need to take action to continue watching your favorite stations.

Fife & Drum alumni

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps is in the process of compiling alumni information to reach out to our alumni members regarding future events and performances.

If you are a Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps alumni, please forward your contact information (name, phone number, e-mail address) to our Alumni Director, Robin Leclerc (rlleclerc@wideopenwest.com)

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Poole's fate now in hands of the jury

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

The future of Carol Poole's life is now in the hands of 10 women and two men.

Testimony has ended in the felony murder trial of the 42-year-old Canton woman and jurors deliberated for more than four hours Thursday before they were dismissed and instructed to report back to Wayne County Circuit Court Monday morning.

Poole, a management recruiter, has been accused of killing her 2-year-old foster daughter, Allison Newman, in September 2006. In addition to felony murder, she has been charged with first-degree child abuse and involuntary manslaughter.

Poole, who admitted giving police multiple explanations for the child's injuries, has maintained that the toddler died as the result of an accidental 12-foot fall from a second-story balcony during a game of "whirlybird."

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Jerry Dorsey IV has argued that Poole intentionally killed Allison, who had trauma to the back of her head and bruises on her forehead, lip and back.

During their deliberations Thursday, the jury requested the attention of the court five times.

The first time, more than an hour into their deliberations, the judge handed over a small stack of materials that had a photograph of Poole's wooden bannister on top.

The jury's third note, which came after their return from lunch, was titled "Child Abuse First Degree" and questioned whether they were supposed to consider the charge based on the cause of the child's injuries or the fact that Poole didn't seek immediate medical attention for Allison.

Judge Ulysses Boykin instructed the jury to consider the child abuse charge on the basis of the state's allegation that "Poole knowingly and intentionally caused serious injury" to Allison.

About 40 minutes later at 3:12 p.m., the jury requested that the court clarify "knowingly" and "intentionally."

As they were brought back into the court room, one juror appeared agitated and sat with her arms folded across her chest.

Boykin told the jurors to decide whether Poole "intended to cause serious physical harm or knew serious physical harm would be caused by her actions."

Within 35 minutes, the jurors were back in the courtroom requesting an additional statement on the term "knowingly." They were dismissed about 25 minutes later.

As the trial neared its end, defense attorney Mark Satawa called emergency medical doctor Robert Rothfeder to the stand. Rothfeder, who practices in Utah, said he believes it's impossible to determine whether the child was injured on purpose.

"I believe it is not possible for a medical person to make a diagnosis one way or the other," he said. "It takes a certain amount of energy or force to fracture a skull. (One) can't determine the intent behind the force."

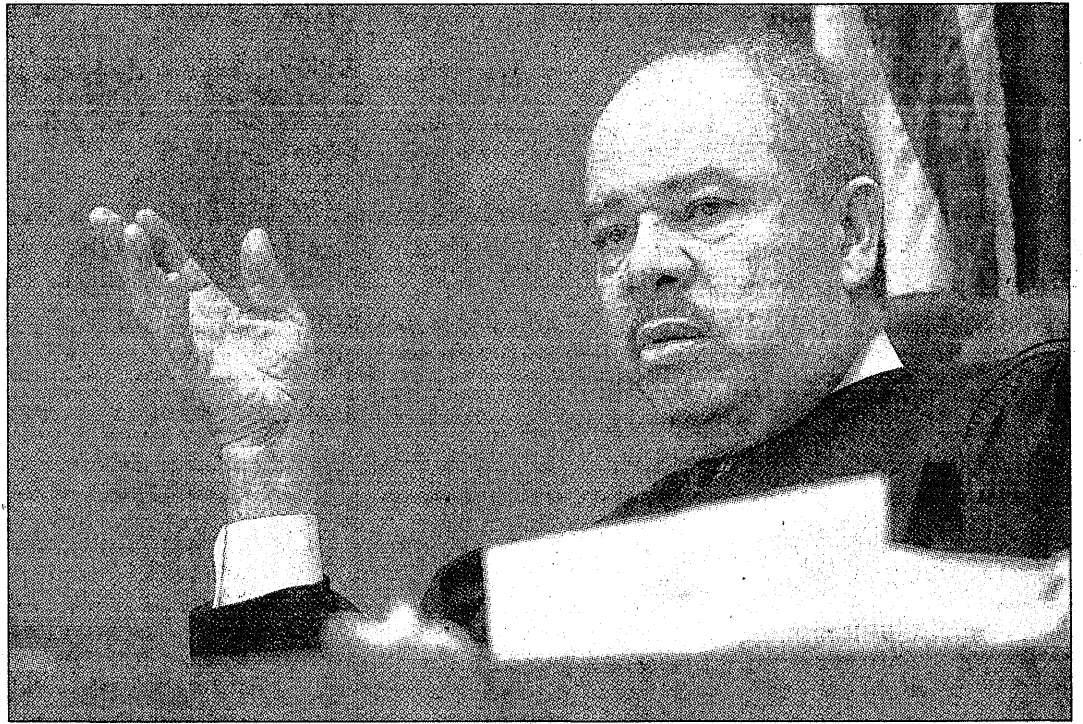


Carol Poole listens to court proceedings. The jury is continue deliberating the case on Monday.

Satawa also called forensic psychologist Steven Miller. Miller diagnosed Poole as having acute stress disorder immediately after Allison's death and said she was suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder when he interviewed her in February and April.

Miller testified that Poole told him she felt "horrified and numb at the same time."

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OLGC students tackle science of EarthWorks

Young students from Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth visited EarthWorks earlier this week, following six weeks of preparation using hands-on lessons in their classroom.

OLGC officials said the EarthWorks program gave every student an opportunity to become a specific type of scientist. Students explored four different habitats were able to do experiments related to their scientific career. All lunch waste from the day was recycled and composted and the students compared their landfill waste with their compost waste.

Exchange City and EarthWorks are innovative hands-on learning experiences for elementary and middle school students that combines a nationally recognized 30-hour



Our Lady of Good Counsel teacher Kaelah Gould amuses students (from left) Baily Zmuda, Jacob Herman, and John Jansen by holding a hissing cockroach in the Cave habitat at EarthWorks.



Our Lady of Good Counsel students Alexandra Barry, Lauren Keyes, Olivia Georgeson, Haley Moores and Alyssa Schiller meet Lucy the Bearded Dragon in the Grassland habitat at EarthWorks.

classroom curriculum culminating with an all-day visit to Exchange City or EarthWorks.

At EarthWorks, students take on the roles of scientists and learn about the challenges inherent in creating sustainable environments and game plan solutions to save the ecosys-

tem in Cave, Forest, Grassland and Lake habitats. They work together to do exciting experiments, investigate live plants and animals, and use state-of-the-art technologies.

At Exchange City, students take on the roles of business owners, employees, public

officials, consumers and citizens while running a variety of businesses and government offices. Students create job résumés, have job interviews, develop business plans and produce, price and market real products and services. They also calculate payroll expens-

es, plan advertising, make material purchases and experience personal and business banking. Students have to make payroll, pay rent, taxes and utilities, and take out and repay business loans.

Exchange City and EarthWorks is supported locally by Michigan Credit Unions, Auto Alliance, Great Lakes Works, State Farm Insurance, and many generous businesses and individuals. Customized sponsorship packages as well as opportunities to subsidize classroom participation are available to any business wishing to

financially support Exchange City and EarthWorks. Call (734) 287-8696 for more details.

Exchange City and EarthWorks also run week-long summer camps and one-day camps every summer. The week long camps run from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The one day camps run 4-5 hours, with a 24-hour notice needed. Call (734) 287-8696 for more details.

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about the Midwest will tell you Plymouth-Canton is an excellent school job."

Craig Fiegel, who lives in Homer Glen, Ill., doesn't have any ties to Michigan, but does have an interesting perspective about becoming Plymouth-Canton's next superintendent.

"If I do a good job, they won't have to worry about naming a school after me ... they already have one," said Fiegel, 52, tongue-in-cheek, referring to Fiegel Elementary.

Fiegel said his interest in the Plymouth-Canton job is mainly because of the district's more than 18,000 students.

"It's my personal goal to be the superintendent of a larger district, but I want to do it at the right place and the right time," Fiegel said. "It appears to be that way."

Currently the superintendent of an elementary school district, Fiegel said he's excited about an opportunity to get back to leading a K-12 district.

"Elementary, middle and high schools bring a certain vision to the table that help each other, and forms that larger picture," he said. "You can really concentrate on instruction and curriculum."

After this week's interviews, which take place at the E.J. McClendon Center on Harvey, trustees will decide who they want back for a second look and give them a daylong tour of the district, which will occur Feb. 4-6.

Supt. Jim Ryan will retire Feb. 28. There is a retirement celebration for Ryan scheduled for Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. at Discovery Middle School. A formal program begins at 7 p.m.

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Selling life insurance policy could be risky proposition

Q: Dear Rick: I saw an ad in the paper that said that someone who is a senior could sell their life insurance policy and make a lot of money. I am very skeptical about this and I was curious if you know anything about this and whether it is a scam?

A: I congratulate you on being skeptical. Investors need to keep their guard up to protect themselves in today's world. Generally, when something sounds too good to be true, it generally is. Viatical contracts became popular a number of years ago. The investment strategy proposed was that people who were terminally ill and who had life insurance could cash out their insurance policies prior



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Rick Bloom

to their death and use the money. Upon the terminally ill person's death, the investor who bought the contract would collect the life insurance proceeds. In theory, the strategy made sense, however, too often there was fraud involved. Taken advantage of were investors and the people who were terminally ill. I have seen the recent ads directed at seniors. The ads generally deal with seniors over 70 and who either have a life insurance policy currently or who are in good health and

would be able to purchase a new life insurance policy.

There appears to be a new market of investors who will purchase the existing life insurance policy of a senior. The way the transaction works is the senior receives a discounted cash settlement from the investors in exchange for ownership of the life insurance policy. The senior receives the cash settlement and in return assigns all interest in the life insurance policy to a group of investors. The group of investors continues to pay the premiums on the policy and, upon death of the senior, the proceeds of the life insurance policy go to the investors.

In theory, this transaction could be beneficial to the senior and at the same time

investors could receive a fair rate of return. From the standpoint of the senior, they need to look carefully at how much money they would receive in exchange for their insurance policy. Particularly, for a senior who does not need the life insurance, receiving a cash settlement that they can use during their lifetime could be a great way of going. However, it seems to me that in this type of transaction, just like in the past with viatical, there is a risk that seniors will be taken advantage of and, therefore, seniors should be cautious before they sell their policies.

For seniors who have existing life insurance policies they do not need, there are other options. One option is to sell the policy. Another is cancel

the policy and receive the cash surrender value. This money is subject to tax. Your basis is the total of all the premiums paid throughout the years. So if you receive \$25,000 of cash from the cancelled policy and you paid \$30,000 in premiums there is no tax on the transaction.

For those who would have substantial tax consequences by canceling a life insurance policy, another option is to directly transfer the cash surrender value into an annuity. By directly transferring the money, there is no tax and the money will grow tax deferred until withdrawn.

For seniors who don't need life insurance policies, there is no reason to continue paying premiums. Explore the options available.

One piece of advice I give seniors is if anyone attempts to pressure you into a transaction or tries to get you to do something you feel uncomfortable with, walk away.

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).

Unemployment benefits must be reported on tax return

Tax season has arrived and the state of Michigan has begun mailing year-end statements to anyone who received unemployment benefits in 2007.

"Unemployment benefits are taxable, and those who received benefits will need these statements to prepare their 2007 state and federal tax returns," Liza Estlund Olson, acting director of Michigan's Unemployment

Insurance Agency (UIA), said.

The statements, called 1099-G or "Statement for Recipients of Unemployment Compensation Payments," are prepared by UIA and report how much individuals received in unemployment benefits last year. Mailing will be completed by Jan. 25.

Starting Friday, Feb. 1, those with questions about their 1099-G or those who do

not receive the statement can telephone the UIA or visit an agency Problem Resolution Office (PRO) for help.

The toll-free UIA telephone numbers unemployed workers can call about their 1099 statements are:

Telephone filed claims: (866) 500-0017, select the "inquiry" option - staffed from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

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UIA Problem Resolution Offices are located in Gaylord, 400 W. Main St.; Grand Rapids, 3391A Plainfield Ave., NE; Lansing, 5015 S. Cedar St.; Livonia, 33523 West 8 Mile Rd.; Marquette, 2833 US 41 West; and Saginaw, 614 Johnson St. The offices are open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Ballot issue would make health care a priority

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

The ballot drive was launched Jan. 8 at a press conference in Royal Oak. A

PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE

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

coalition of groups is supporting the drive including AARP, MOSES, Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good, the Michigan Osteopathic Association, MichUHCAN and others.

The goal of the petition is to force legislators to pass legislation that would establish a more cost-effective health care system and make sure that everyone in the state had access to health care. More than 1 million Michigan residents are without health insurance.

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

Freeman, a Democrat who served in the state House 1993-98 representing Royal Oak, Hazel Park and Madison Heights, said the group decided on the non-specific language based on the success of a similar proposal in Massachusetts and the failure of more specific proposals in California.

"When you get down to the details of a proposition, that's where there is a lot of pull-

ing and shoving over what the final product should be," Freeman said. "So in the case in California where they put specific health care proposals on the ballot, it failed because people didn't buy into it."

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

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

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

"By putting it into the constitution, it establishes

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

Though Freeman insists the issue is not partisan, Oakland County Republican Party Chair Dennis Cowan is skeptical, even though his organization hasn't yet taken an official stance on the initiative.

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

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

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

"We're moving this strategy

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

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

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

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

Staff writer Megan Pennefather contributed to this report.

Town hall meeting will address home foreclosures

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, whose district includes Plymouth, Northville, Wayne and part of Canton,

hosts a town hall meeting Monday to give residents information on how to avoid losing their homes to foreclosure and becoming a victim of predatory lending.

The meeting takes place 6:30 p.m. Monday at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty (just north of Ann Arbor Road) in Plymouth Township.

Corriveau will be joined by a mortgage foreclosure specialist and an attorney from the advocacy group ACORN. All

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residents are invited to attend this free event to learn more about this important topic.

For more information, call (877) 20TH-REP.

Youth advocate

The Michigan Credit Union League has awarded its prestigious Credit Union Youth Advocate of the Year Award to Natalie McLaughlin, senior education partnership coordinator for Community Financial.

The award recognizes an active credit union person for outstanding individual contributions to the credit union youth movement through demonstrated leadership in peer education, legislative efforts, cooperative resources



McLaughlin

and community involvement.

"We are delighted that Natalie was selected for this honor and are very fortunate to

have her as a member of our credit union team, advocating for the financial literacy of youth," said Bill Lawton, CEO of Community Financial. "In addition to her outstanding leadership and organizational skills, Natalie has developed excellent relationships with school administrators, teachers, parents and students."

In her current position, McLaughlin supervises two additional education partnership coordinators and oversees all of Community

Financial's education initiatives including 26 student-run credit unions. She is personally involved in the operation of eight of the student-run credit unions. During the past year, she gave more than 70 presentations on career and economics topics to nearly 1,000 students.

"Natalie is also the person who motivates staff to readily volunteer to give tours to student groups, assist with youth activity fairs, as well as interview and train youth for the student-run credit unions," said Sarah Cousineau, marketing manager of Community Financial, which is headquartered in Plymouth.

Charitable giving

Personalized Nursing LIGHT House, Inc., a non-

profit corporation with offices in Ann Arbor, Plymouth and Detroit, has received a \$1,000 donation from Xerographic Solutions, Inc.

"I was pleasantly surprised," said Joseph Paliwoda, the CEO of Personalized Nursing. "The donation came into our office without notice. It was an inspiring gesture, especially during these fiscally challenging times."

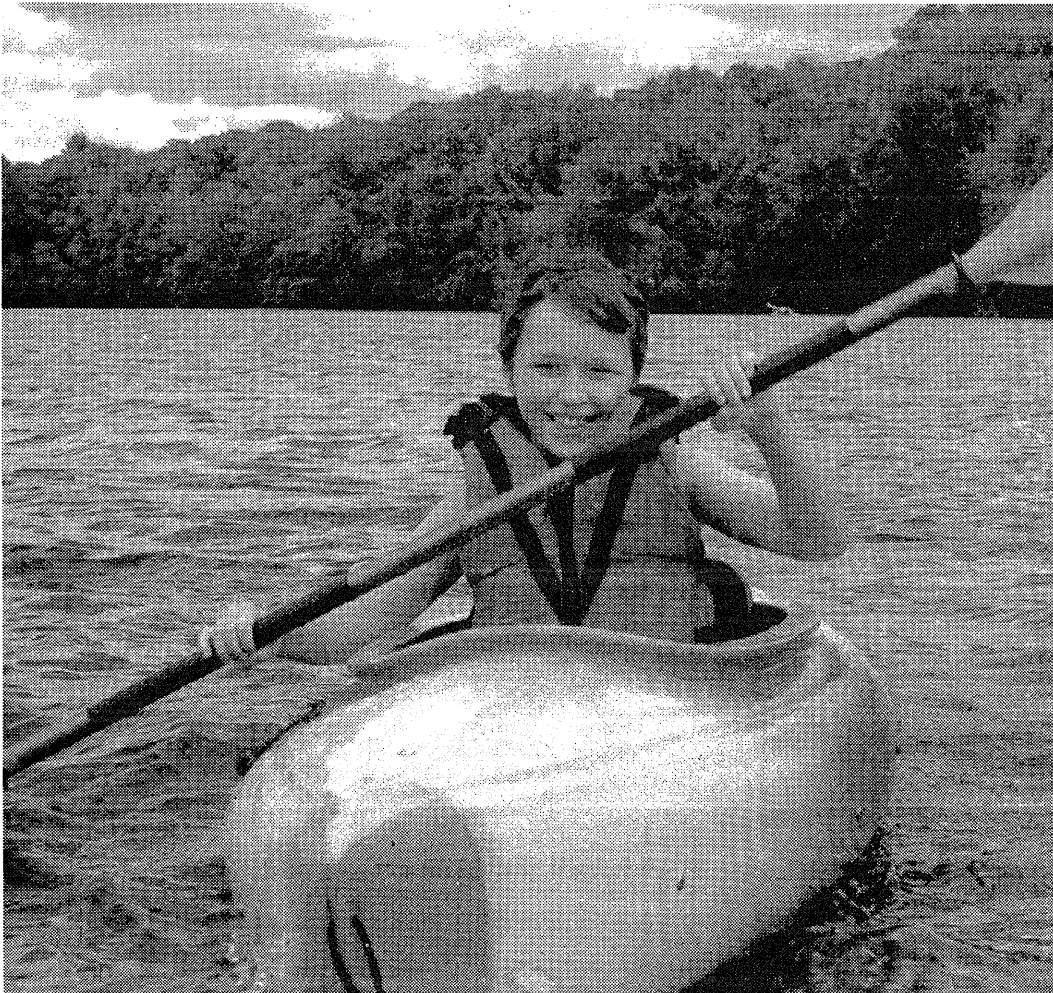
"Klayton Dillon and Bill Mickey, co-owners of Xerographic Solutions, are very generous community leaders," Paliwoda added. "Even though demand for its services continues to rise, financially, PNLH has been struggling. Their check will not only help house homeless men and women, but it will ease the financial pressure we've been experiencing. It

is always good news for the substance abuse treatment community when other businesses take up the challenge of assisting those in need in our community."

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Personalized Nursing LIGHT House, Inc. is a non-profit organization, founded in 1990, offering day treatment, case management, Recovery Coaches, intensive outpatient (with domicile), and outpatient programs for adults seeking substance abuse treatment.

For additional information or to make a donation, contact Paliwoda at (734) 451-7800 or by e-mail at joe@pnlh.org.



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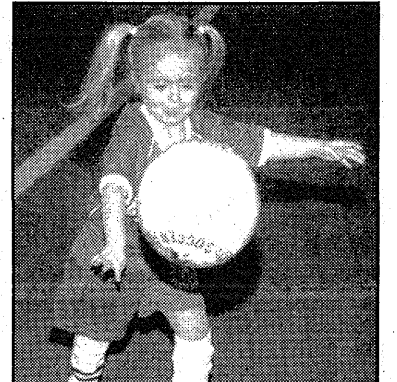
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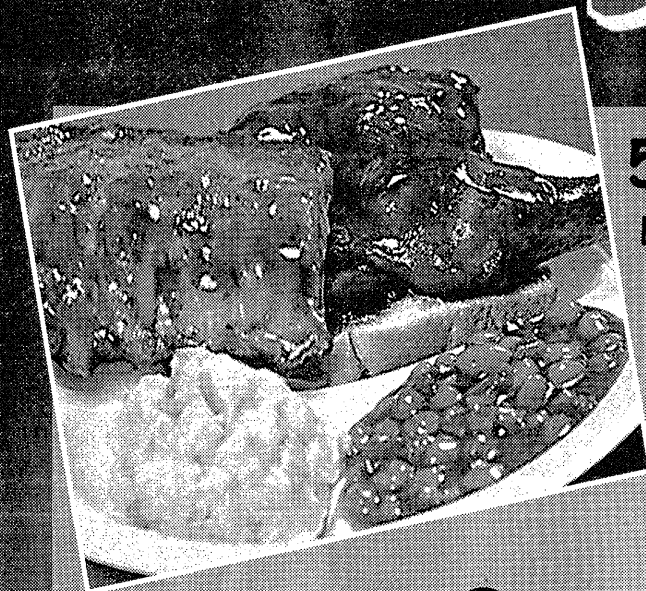
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CALENDAR

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It would also clear up scheduling conflicts among districts for county programs like the Burger Center for Students with Autism in Garden City. "If that center closes for break, it throws off the scheduling for districts that are still in school," Wigent told the board.

The proposed common school calendar requires:

- The winter, or Christmas, recess be taken between Dec. 20, 2008, and Jan. 4, 2009.

- The midwinter break be President's Day, Feb. 16, 2009. Districts would be allowed to add additional days for the midwinter break, but they would have to be taken during the week of Feb. 16.

- Spring recess be Good Friday and the week after Easter, except for 2010-11. Because of a late Easter, the traditional break would have students returning to class on May 2. Instead, the break would be moved to the week before and include the Monday after Easter.

- Two professional development days — one full day the week before Labor Day and a

second on the national election day.

James Ryan, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Schools, said he would welcome a common calendar, particularly since there are so many shared services.

"Anything that can be done to get to a more common calendar would be beneficial to the Wayne RESA school districts," Ryan said. "There are so many shared programs, especially surrounding special education. For instance, we're off for a full week at midwinter break, and (special education programs) are off for a Friday-Monday weekend only. So even

though we're off school, we're still bringing in (bus) drivers."

Wigent was unsuccessful in getting districts to shorten the winter break, dismissing students as close to Dec. 25 as possible and getting them back to school by Jan. 2 and move the spring break to the first week in April to coincide with breaks in neighboring intermediate school districts. "The superintendents overwhelmingly were not for the first week in April, we heard loud and clear that that's not negotiable," Wigent said. "It's their way to maintain local control."

Admitting that one size

doesn't fit all, Wigent said the law allows for waivers for schools where the calendar would create issues, such as those with a year-round program or those that observe other religious holidays.

"We stand ready to support them in any way possible," he said. "We know that this common calendar doesn't meet everyone's needs. It remains to be seen how the state superintendent will view the waivers."

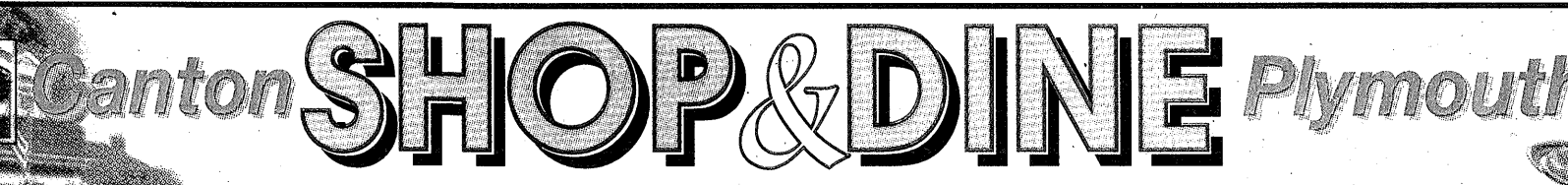
While the calendar would take effect with the 2008-09 school year, districts with existing bargaining agreements would not implement

the calendar until they expire.

Because of contractual obligations, Ryan said the earliest Plymouth-Canton could adopt such a calendar would be the 2009-10 school year.

"Because we'll be getting a new superintendent (Ryan retires Feb. 28) we wanted to make sure our contracts were settled," Ryan said. "I think it would take some discussion up front. If you're going to become more common, it's going to take a lot of planning and an understanding of how breaks benefit staff, parents and students."

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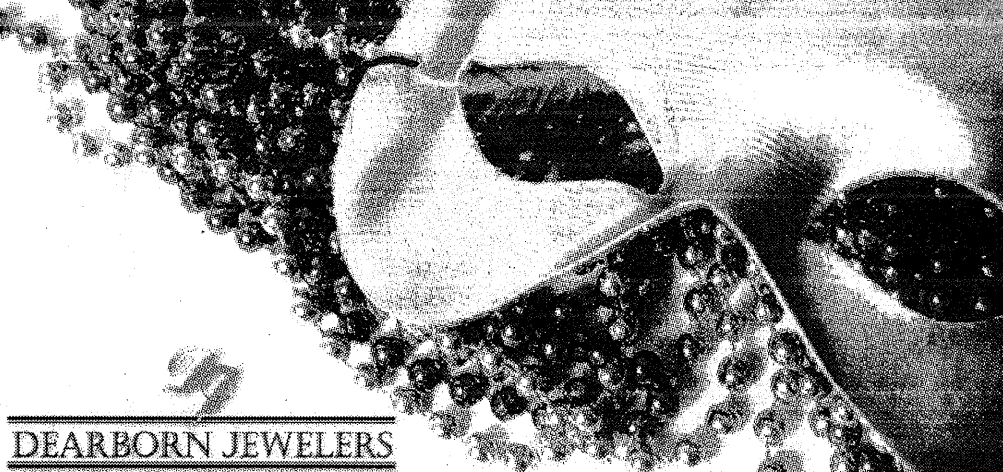
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JOINT EFFORT

The temporomandibular joints (TMJ) connect the lower jaw to the skull (temporal bone) under each ear. These joints are among the most complex in the body. As the mouth opens, the knob-like ends (condyles) of the mandible first rotate, then slide forward along the curving lower edges of the temporal bone. The motion of the joints is controlled by the chewing muscles. The joints are also greatly affected by the teeth, which largely determine the relationship of the jaws when the mouth is closed. TMJ disorder produces symptoms ranging from headaches to clicking sounds when the jaw is opened and closed. Because malocclusion (bad bite) may be a contributing factor to TMJ syndrome, the dentist may help remedy it.

Realizing the relationship between oral health and a patient's overall health, your dentist will use many techniques to diagnose, treat, restore, and promote total patient well-being. We offer this column in the hopes of educating the general public about the benefits of oral health. If we can help, either by answering questions about TMJ or by providing comprehensive dental care, please call us at **734-453-9413**. State of the art dentistry and a dedicated professional dental team make **496 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Ste. 201, Plymouth**, (1 blk. E. of Kellogg Park), the ideal place to achieve optimum oral health.

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Dealers hope for post-auto show rush

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
STAFF WRITER

Jim Tuohy is ready to dance. "The last week of January is usually a very good week in Detroit because of the auto show," said Tuohy, general manager of the Serra Toyota dealership in Farmington Hills. "It's like the grand ball — everyone puts their best foot forward and it's great to see."

As the North American International Auto Show winds down Sunday, Tuohy and other car veterans around southeast Michigan are looking forward to an increase in foot traffic over the next several weeks.

Roy Williams, general sales manager at Avis Ford in Southfield, expects to see a jump in sales with the Ford Fusion, the Explorer and the Escape.

"All three are pretty hot items right now," he said Friday. "Usually the trend is to go out to the auto show and look at the new products in a non-pressured environment ... then make a decision, go to the dealership and buy your car."

"So we're really expecting next week to have a good response — we're already starting to see it."

Smart USA communications director Ken Kettenbeil already has a full plate with the opening of Michigan's first Smart dealership, on Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township.

"We certainly had a huge buzz at our showroom which opened last week," Kettenbeil said. "I don't know if we can necessarily tie it into the auto show because we had a lot of initiatives going on before the show even started."

At the same time, Kettenbeil noted it's the first-year representatives at the NAIAS could direct people to a Smart dealership. Already popular in Europe, Smart's lineup of ForTwo vehicles are just making their way into the U.S. market.

"Last year it was just a concept," he said. "To have a store open and have the customers touch, feel and drive the vehicle — it's been a good experience."



Ken Skicki of Canton shares his impressions of the 2008 North American International Auto Show.

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Auto show declared success from start to finish

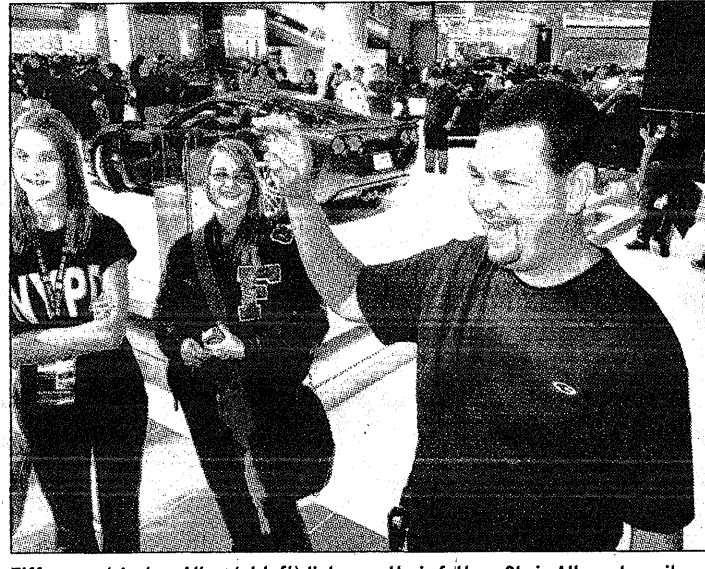
BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
STAFF WRITER

The North American International Auto Show is breaking some speed records this year.

Attendance is up, the show is generating tons of publicity and the media in general awarded high marks to many of the new car models.

"The show's going extremely favorable," NAIAS co-chair Joe Serra said Friday. "We've had a tremendous response to press days — the international media is up 10 percent over last year — so that was a nice way to start the show."

"We had a record attendance for the industry preview days and our charity preview reached its \$6 million mark ... attendance is exceeding last year's number and everybody has a good buzz over the look of the



Tiffany and Amber Allen (at left) listen as their father, Chris Allen, describes his favorite cars at the auto show. The family is from Westland.

good press, now we're hoping it translates into sales in the next quarter.

"On top of that, a number of the manufacturers are launching additional incentives such as 'auto show bonus cash ...' so we've got people talking about it — now you got the manufacturers piggy backing with additional incentives — and all of this should help make January a very positive month for our industry."

Looking ahead to the 2009 show, Serra said he plans to continue Ultra-Luxury Night in which a select group of 200 guests had a chance to check out and purchase super sleek rides like the Maybach and Ferrari.

He also wants to bring back a live rock concert for the charity preview. This year, the Barenaked Ladies performed.

"That's something that went better than hoped," Serra said. "We got a lot of good responses and next year I'm sure we'll continue with another group."

show and the look of the products. Everybody is smiling and excited."

As of Thursday, attendance count for the NAIAS reached 443,551 visitors. That's a substantial increase over 2007, according to Sandra Herp of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association.

"We're excited to see we're up by over 3,000 visitors," Herp said. "I really couldn't

tell you the reason, but I'm certainly glad the numbers are up."

As the show wraps up Sunday, the entire auto industry across Michigan hopes the large attendance numbers will result in more foot traffic at the various showrooms.

"Definitely true," Serra said. "Since we got this momentum going and all the

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AROUND TOWN

Financial Peace University
Kirk of Our Savior in Westland hosts a free preview 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, (babysitting will be available) to allow families to review the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University Program. Dave Ramsey is a personal money management expert and a popular radio personality, author of the New York Times best-sellers *The Total Money Makeover*, *Financial Peace* and *More Than Enough*. Ramsey knows first-hand what financial peace means in his own life after having had a multi-million dollar business and then losing it all. Those interested in following the dynamic program will have an opportunity to sign up and purchase a 13-week seminar the night of Feb. 10. For those who purchase the program, it will begin 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, and run for 13 weeks. For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 994-0569 or

see the Dave Ramsey Web site at www.daveramsey.com

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Still time to catch ice fest

Anyone who hasn't seen the 2008 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, especially those who've never been to the festival before, should take advantage of today's final opportunity to do so.

Sure, the carvings will still be there, lining Kellogg Park, for some time. But the real beauty of the festival is watching the carvers — professionals and amateurs alike — doing what they do best: carving ice.

And on Sunday's final day, spectators get perhaps the festival's most special treat: Exhibitions featuring a pair of world champions, Tajana Raukar of Plymouth and Ted Wakar of Canton. These local carvers are staples of the festival and a can't-miss attraction.

But the festival offers other activities on its final day. College and high school team competitions start at 10:30 a.m. Recreational Equipment, Inc., conducts an interactive snowshoe demonstration from noon to 4 p.m. Carousel Acres of South Lyon will have live reindeer on hand 1-5 p.m. for petting and picture purposes.

The ice festival annually draws huge crowds to Plymouth, putting the downtown area in the spotlight. Scared of huge crowds? The traffic generally moves efficiently through Kellogg Park and The Gathering, where most of the ice is displayed.

If you've seen the festival before, give it another shot. The reindeer and the horseshoe demonstration should be worthwhile new attractions. If you've never been, make a point to get out.

The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular has helped put downtown Plymouth on the map, becoming one of the state's top events in the process. If you haven't seen it, you owe it to yourself to find out why.

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Short-handed

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees must live in a different world than its residents.

During a time of a tough economy they (the majority of the board) voted to give raises as high as 7.5 percent to non-contractual employees, or in other words to management, at the Jan. 19 board meeting.

They just got done approving raises for the supervisor, clerk and treasurer in December. One may ask, with (treasurer) Ron Edwards saying we are in tough shape every time the budget is talked about, how can they afford to give everyone raises?

At Tuesday's board meeting it came to light that for the last two years we have gone from 27 firemen down to 21 right now. The money they have been saving over the last two years by not hiring eight employees for this department must be significant, along with the tax increases they got over two years ago.

They say they have been left hanging by the city of Plymouth with not signing on for the fire coverage, but one would have to think it would be better to hire the employees and lay off if they back out then to go without and have less coverage. Being an election year I'm sure they will be doing whatever it takes to get re-elected.

Don Schnettler
Plymouth Township

Say no to right to work

My wife gets mad at me every time I read the editorials because I usually end up getting mad myself over the stupidity of some of your letter writers. This one in particular was a classic. It was written by someone in Royal Oak. It talked about Michigan becoming a right-to-work state and union lackeys trying to talk you out of signing petitions — blah, blah, blah.

Let's set the record straight. Without the unions, you basically eliminate the middle class. Without the unions, we'd all live in what I call a Wal-Mart state (low wages and no insurance). You would have the lower class and you'd have the upper class. The

LETTERS

lower class wouldn't have any health insurance and no money to buy health insurance. Without the unions, I couldn't afford the taxes on my house. The unions stand for middle class, they are middle class.

Now this guy will probably start yelling for socialized medicine, so I wouldn't have to buy insurance, but let me tell you the last thing we need is the government telling us what we can be treated for. Look at our neighbors in Canada. Ask one of those people how long the wait is to see a doctor. No same day appointments there unless you're dying.

This is probably the same guy that wants another four years of Clintonomics. Yeah, that will solve the problem. He'll probably vote for the same guy that shoved NAFTA down all our throats that eventually caused all our jobs to go bye-bye. Yeah, I know it's his wife running this time, but do you really believe there's a difference there (not hardly).

So go ahead, vote for the right to work stuff, vote in more Clintonomics. You think we're in a recession now, wait until no one has any money at all to spend. I just hope you all like working at Wal-Mart.

Don Pechin
Westland

Amendment needed

We need to send a message to the politicians in Lansing that they were elected to serve their constituents. For the last two years, I have tried to have the Michigan Vehicle Code amended. The Michigan State Police traffic division feels the amendment has merit, but is unwilling to introduce it. Westland legislators are unwilling to introduce it. Even if it was introduced, it probably would not get out of committee.

So what can voters do? Petition the Legislature to act seems the only alternative.

Please organize a petition drive to put the issue on the ballot and let voters decide. Hopefully, the amendment would allow traffic engineers to decide traffic issues and not the police or the courts. In regard to speeding violations, the gist of the amend-

ment is already in the code — see section 5 — but conveniently ignored.

This campaign could help the paper's circulation and establish a new community role.

Walter Stroyan
Westland

Down on digital

Appreciating that it's inevitable, I applaud any lawful measure that delays the arrival of digital-format TV. At age 63, I remember when a TV set was a piece of furniture, its little screen mounted in an elegant wooden cabinet. I remember the NBC peacock's feathers fanning out to herald the advent of color. And color was welcome because it not only enriched the picture by an order of magnitude, but did not impair viewing on a black-and-white set.

But digital format, even supporting high-definition, does not promise the qualitative leap of color. Thus on local cable, I don't foresee comprehending a city commission meeting any better because I can count the threads in the mayor's tie. And while watching a network drama or sitcom, I might prefer not to appreciate the pores on an actor's face.

Yet someone somewhere has decided that I need this dubious improvement so badly that I must buy new equipment or adapter boxes, extend cable elsewhere in the house and accept that a couple of smaller TVs, perfectly serviceable up to now, are destined for the Dumpster. Multiplying these consequences by millions of households reveals the extent of the waste.

My main concern, though, is not economic, but cultural. The fixation on digital format suggests that the viewing experience has surpassed content quality in the expectations of the audience — at least as manipulated by the industry and its marketers. The technology may point forward, but its impact is distinctly retrograde, paralleling the film industry's computer-enabled abandonment of dialogue in favor of morphing monsters.

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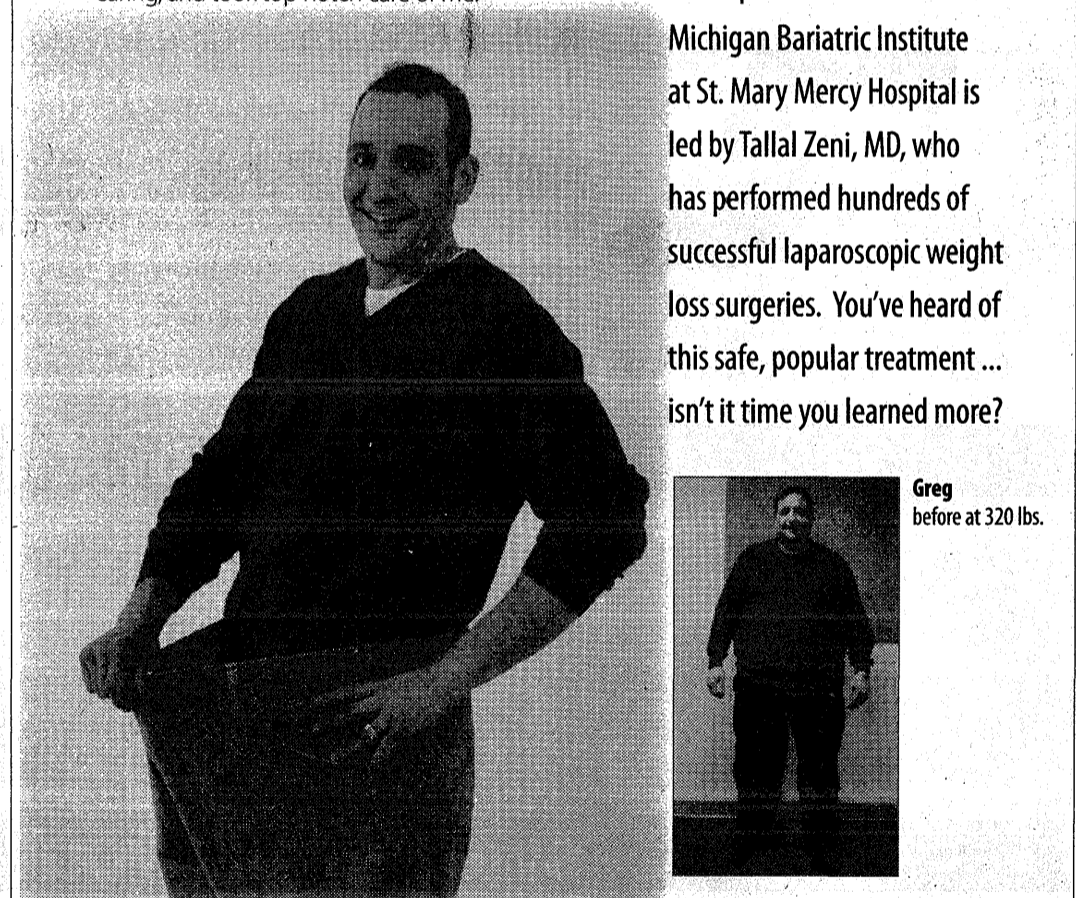
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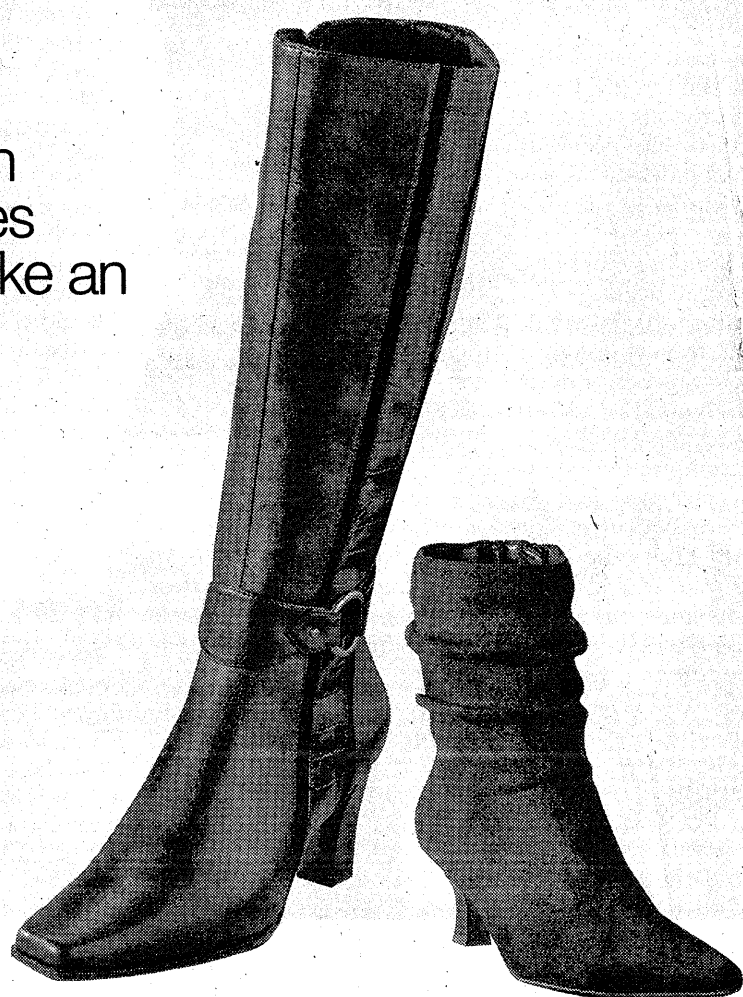
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Canton set to host 'Super Bowl' of women's bowling

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The unmistakable sounds of crashing pins and cha-chinging cash registers will make sweet harmony together beginning April 10 when Canton's Super Bowl Lanes hosts the United States Bowling Congress's 2008 Women's Championships.

Promoters estimate the 88-day tournament, which is expected to draw close to 40,000 bowlers from all 50 states as well as some foreign countries, should pump at least \$45 million into the ailing metropolitan Detroit economy.

"On the roster of major sporting events the Detroit area has

hosted since 2003 — including the 2005 All-Star Game and the 2006 Super Bowl — this tournament is arguably right up there as far as making an economic impact on the area," said Kurt Kosmowski, a spokesperson for the Detroit Metro Sports Commission. "The fact that it runs 88 consecutive days versus, let's say, a three-day convention is huge."

The event will draw an estimated 600 to 800 bowlers and their companions each day to Canton, which was awarded hosting rights in 2004.

"There are a huge number of factors that go into which city is selected to host the



championships," said USBC spokesperson Jerry Schneider. "Among those are the facilities, the bowling center, the area, the local group and how active they are."

"In Canton's case, the Super Bowl is certainly a nice facility to hold this event, plus they

have the infrastructure, the staffing and the people to put on an event of this size. Plus, Detroit has a great history of bowling, which is the overlying thing."

The past two Women's Championships have been hosted by Charlotte, N.C., and Reno, Nev.

The last time southeastern Michigan hosted the USBC Women's Championships was 1953.

The nearly three-month-long event — which includes, team, singles, doubles and a professional competition that will be televised by ESPN2 — will run seven days a week until July 6.

Lady bowlers will take over the Super Bowl's lanes beginning at 8 a.m. each morning and shoot for the pocket until close to midnight.

The ability levels of the participants will range from novice bowlers to world-class athletes like Shannon O'Keefe, a four-time Team USA member who won the singles gold medal at the 2007 Women's World Championships in Monterrey, Mexico.

All three competitions — singles, doubles and team — are divided into five divisions based on each bowler's average.

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Sidelines

Coaches vs. Cancer

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park boys basketball coaches Dan Colligan (Canton) and Tom Van Wagoner (Plymouth) will be participating in the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's "Coaches vs. Cancer" fund-raiser Tuesday when the two teams meet in Canton's Phase III gym. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

Both coaches will join others around the country by wearing tennis shoes to show support for Coaches vs. Cancer, which is a nationwide effort between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches that empowers basketball coaches, their teams and communities to join the fight against cancer.

A hat will be passed during the game to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

For more information on the program, visit www.cancer.org.

Coaching jobs

■ Canton's baseball program needs assistant coaches for the 2008 season. For more information, contact varsity head coach Mark Blomshield at (734) 652-9772.

■ Plymouth High School currently has coaching positions available for the spring 2008 season: girls varsity tennis, girls junior varsity soccer and girls freshmen soccer.

Interested candidates can obtain a coaching application from the Plymouth athletic office or download the form from the school district Web site at www.pccs.k12.mi.us. Applications can be faxed to (734) 582-5650 or delivered to the PHS athletic department. For more information, contact Diane Daves at (734) 582-5702.

Salem tennis

A mandatory meeting for members of this spring's Salem's girls tennis team and their parents will be held Monday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. in room 1316 of Salem High School.

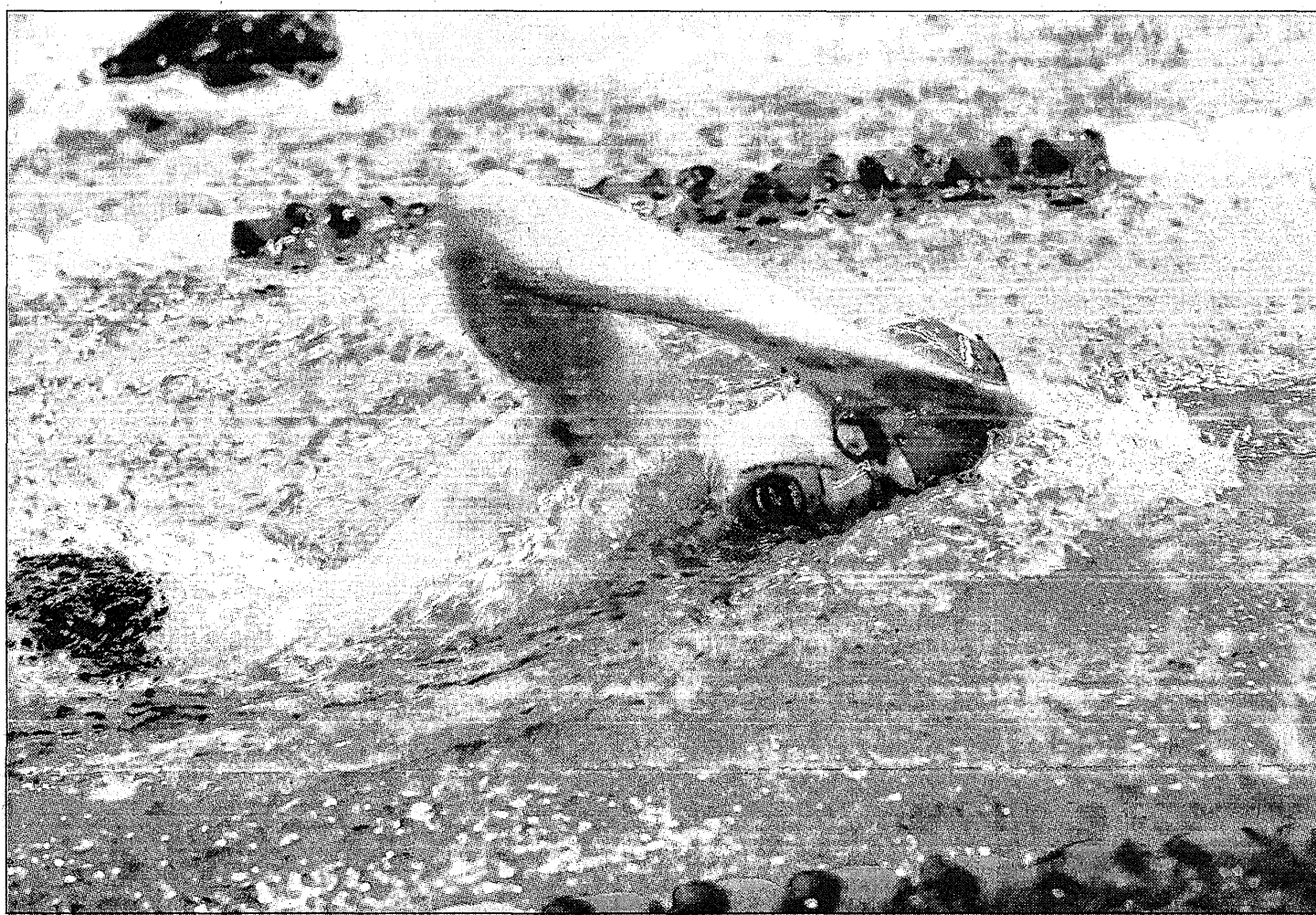
Necessary forms and schedules for the upcoming season will be handed out at the meeting. Uniforms will also be ordered at this time.

Players are encouraged to bring medical information and a check to cover the cost of their uniform.

Hoop tryout

The Lady Sun Devils' 10U AAU girls basketball team will be holding tryouts on Feb. 9 and 10 from noon to 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel School, which is located at 1151 William St. in Plymouth.

Local prep swimmers making waves



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Cross-campus splash-down

Canton's Chris McGinnis (above) churns through the water in the 100-yard freestyle event during Thursday night's meet between the Chiefs and P-CEP neighbor Plymouth. At right is the Wildcats' Michael Conger, who has led Plymouth to a 4-2 overall record and 2-0 mark in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Unfortunately, results of Thursday's meet were not made available to the Observer as of Friday night's deadline. For details on other meets, please see page B6.



Salem dunks John Glenn

For complete results of Thursday's meet, please see page B6.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If they were passing out gold medals for first-place finishes during Thursday night's boys swimming meet between Salem and visiting Westland John Glenn, the Rocks would have needed a Brink's truck to get home.

Salem touched first in all 11 swimming events and also earned the top spot in the diving competition on the way to dunking the Rockets, 143-36.

Nine different Rocks placed first in the individual events while Stan Chen and Adam Seroka were members of all three first-place relay races.

Individual race winners were: Matt Collingwood (200-yard freestyle), Chen (50 freestyle), Kevin Smith (1-meter diving), Cameron Dunn (100 butterfly), Seroka (100 freestyle), Max Mills (500 freestyle), Alex Suriano (100 backstroke) and Eric Schendel (100 breaststroke).

The victory improved Salem's dual-meet record to 2-3 heading into Tuesday's home meet against cross-campus rival Plymouth. The Wildcats are 4-2 following Thursday's win over Canton.

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Balanced Whalers overwhelm Attack

The Plymouth Whalers received goals from seven different players and excellent work from goaltender Jeremy Smith in a 7-1 victory over the Owen Sound Attack in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before 2,501 at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers broke a three-game losing streak to improve to 25-17-2-2, good for 54 points and third place in the OHL's West Division and fifth overall in the Western Conference.

Owen Sound is now 19-26-6-6, good for 42 points and fourth place in the OHL's Midwest Division and ninth overall in the Western Conference.

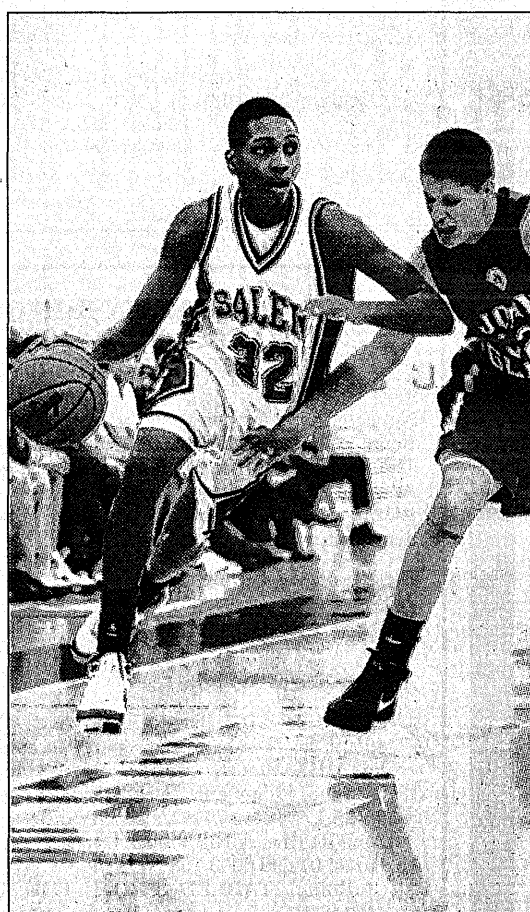
Andrew Fournier (26th), Michal Jordan (third), Ryan Hayes (third), Joe McCann (ninth), Chris Terry (33rd), Kaine Geldart (ninth) and Joe Gaynor (fifth) lit the lamp for Plymouth. Jordan also added two assists. David Kolomatis scored the lone Owen Sound goal in the second period.

Plymouth led 3-0 after one period and 7-1 after 40 minutes.

Smith was at his best in goal for the Whalers in the second period with Plymouth leading 4-1, making several big stops when Plymouth was penalized three straight times in the period.

The Whalers then scored twice in the second period to increase their lead to 6-1 when Terry tipped Jordon O'Neill's point shot at 14:55 and Geldart tapped home A.J. Jenks' feed out in front of the Owen Sound goal at 15:36.

In all, Smith stopped 41-of-42 shots as the game's first star.



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Salem's Ross Davis netted eight points and 14 rebounds in the Rocks' 59-55 victory over Livonia Churchill Friday night.

Rocks edge Chargers thanks to Stone's 22

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for a darkhorse in the fast-approaching Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball tournament, look no further than Salem.

The Rocks, who are one shaky quarter against division-leading Westland John Glenn from owning a five-game winning streak, notched a key 59-55 road victory over Livonia Churchill Friday night.

Salem improved to 6-7 overall and 4-4 in the WLAA's Lakes Division while the Chargers dropped to 5-3 in the division.

"We did a better job defensively tonight than we've done in the past," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, whose team closes out its division slate next week against Walled Lake Northern and Livonia Stevenson. "We did a nice job of keeping our composure late in the game against their pressure defense."

Senior Grant Stone paced the Rocks' win with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Jesse Pointer added 11 points while Ross Davis added eight points and 14 rebounds.

Junior Heath Parling, who finished with a season-high six points, nailed a free throw to up the winners' lead to four in the waning moments. Churchill mis-

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BOWLING

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O'Keefe, who visited Canton earlier this week to help promote the 2008 championships, has carried an average as high as 236.

She will be among the close to 300 bowlers competing for a top prize of \$30,000 in the USBC Queens tournament, which will conclude with a step-ladder finals event April 30.

"Along with the top women bowlers from across the country, this event will bring in some of the best international bowlers as well," she said. "We sent out invitations to bowlers in 10 different countries and have already received confirmations from eight ladies in Malaysia."

"Bowling is a huge sport in a lot of countries, even more so than it is in the United States. For instance, the most well-known woman bowler in Malaysia is pictured at the top of her backswing on several billboards throughout the country."

Another prominent competitor will be former Dearborn resident Mini Tvaska.

Now 90, Tvaska is looking forward to her record 62nd consecutive appearance in the USBC's Women's Championship.

There is good news for ladies who would like to compete in the championships but have yet to register: The USBC has extended the entry deadline to March 21.

All USBC adult members can register electronically by visiting www.bowl.com or by downloading a Women's Championship registration form. Entry information can also be obtained by calling (800) 514-2695 or by e-mailing usbcwomenschampionships@bowl.com. The entry fee is \$30 per event per bowler.

In addition to competing in one of the world's most prestigious bowling events, participants will have a chance to cash in on a prize fund expected to reach \$2 million.

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Beaten at the buzzer

Chiefs, Wildcats fall in final seconds to Western foes

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

BOYS PREP HOOP

When the going got tough during Friday night's Canton-Livonia Franklin boys basketball game, the Patriots' Ryan Matthey got going.

Matthey scored the game's final five points — including a buzzer-beating 17-foot jumper — to lift Franklin to a 54-52 victory over the visiting Chiefs.

The triumph improved Franklin's mark to 5-8 overall and 3-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The Chiefs fell to 4-9 and 1-7, respectively.

"My hat is off to Franklin — they played extremely hard," said Canton coach Dan Colligan. "Ryan Matthey had a great game and he hit the big shot when they needed it. I thought we defended it well. He just made a nice move and got open."

Eight of Matthey's 20 points came in the fourth quarter. Jeff Poole and Israel Woolfork both twined 11 points each for the winners.

Senior forward Chris Bailey led Canton with 20 points thanks to 8-of-16 shooting from the floor.

"Chris really stepped up and played well tonight," said Colligan. Neil Sharma added 18 points on 9-for-14 shooting for the Chiefs.

Colligan also praised the play of Kiere Daniels, a 5-foot-9 junior forward who added seven points.

The Patriots led 24-18 at the half before Canton stormed back to seize a 38-36 advantage after three quarters.

The Chiefs led 52-49 until Matthey pulled off his late-game heroics.

Canton fell into an early 9-0 hole before battling all the way back.

Other than Matthey, the Chiefs' biggest nemesis Friday night was their free throw shooting. Canton connected on just 5-of-15 attempts from the stripe while Franklin was a red-hot 12-of-15.

W.L. WESTERN 45, PLYMOUTH 44: On Friday at Plymouth, the Warriors won a thriller when Mitchell Varsellino drained 1-of-2

free throws with 5.2 seconds left to break a 44-all deadlock.

Plymouth senior guard Brandon Roberts missed a long, off-balance jumper at the buzzer.

The Wildcats had erased a 42-36 deficit in the final 58 seconds before dropping the heart-breaker.

Plymouth slipped to 3-10 overall and 2-6 in the WLA's Western Division while Western improved to 7-6 and 4-4, respectively.

Roberts and Navraj Sandhu both buried triples for the Wildcats during their last-minute comeback effort.

Sandhu finished with a team-high 16 points while Roberts added 12. David Harvey contributed eight points along with playing outstanding defense, Van Wagoner added.

Dramell Hogan and Quinton Cooper shared scoring honors for the winners with 12 points a piece.

"We led most of the game and made some great plays down the stretch, but we couldn't quite pull it out," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner.

Western led 10-6 after one quarter before Plymouth turned the tables and took an 18-13 lead into the break. The Wildcats extended their edge to 31-25 after three stanzas.

Plymouth canned 7-of-11 free throws; Western was 10-of-11 from the stripe.

CANTON AGAPE 61, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 42: On Friday at Macomb Christian, the Wolverines prevailed thanks to senior Jared Miller's double-double (18 points and 12 rebounds).

Mark Mullett (12 points, nine boards), Joel Ruffin (five points and 13 rebounds) and Terrell Pierce (seven points and five assists) also excelled for Agape, which improved to 8-5 overall and 4-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. Macomb, which was led by Christian Darnell's 15 points, slipped to 3-7 and 1-4, respectively.

The Wolverines won despite hitting just 17-of-39 free throws.

Agape led 13-8 after one quarter, 32-19 at the half and 40-27 with eight minutes left.

PCA 84, SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 81: Anyone who enjoyed watching the runnin'-and-gunnin' style of the UNLV and Loyola Marymount college basketball teams of the 1990s would have been in their element at Tuesday night's Plymouth Christian Academy-Southfield Christian shootout.

The PCA Eagles outraced the SC Eagles in an entertaining, defense-challenged game played in the PCA gymnasium.

SC chopped what once was a semi-comfortable nine-point fourth-quarter PCA lead down to 75-74 with three minutes to play before senior guard Ross Gerulis came to the rescue for the hosts.

The 5-foot-9 guard buried a pair of NBA-range triples and swished 5-of-6 crunch time free throws to help preserve the victory.

"Ross had made only four threes prior to tonight's game, but he came up big tonight," said PCA coach Mike Doyle. "He was probably five feet beyond the three-point line for both the shots."

The victory improved PCA's record to 3-8 overall and 1-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division. Southfield dropped to 4-6 and 0-4, respectively.

Brothers Trevor and Brent Zinn were filling the net when Gerulis wasn't as they shared PCA's scoring honors with 21 points each.

Brent Zinn, a junior guard, sparked PCA to an early 25-14 cushion with 10 first-quarter points.

The host Eagles expanded their advantage to 46-36 at the half before taking a 63-54 edge into the final eight minutes.

Southfield got back into the game by burying six consecutive triples in the fourth quarter.

Steve Jonna and Mike Solt both scored 22 points for Southfield.

CANTON AGAPE 52, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 36: On Tuesday night on the Warriors' court, the Wolverines prevailed thanks to a combination of air-tight defense and pin-point perimeter shooting.

The victory improved coach Keith Anleitner's squad to 7-5 overall and 3-1 in the MIAC's Red

Division.

Point guard Mark Mullett proved to be the catalyst for the winners, scoring 21 points. Ty Majeski chipped in with 11 points while Jared Miller contributed eight points and a game-high 16 rebounds.

Mullett and Majeski both drained a trio of triples.

Agape overcame a 25-22 half-time deficit by outscoring the Warriors 15-1 in the decisive third quarter.

"We played incredible defense in the third," said Anleitner. "We boxed out and, for the most part, held them to one shot. We took charge of the game from that point on."

Joel Ruffin added nine points and four rebounds to the winners' cause.

BAPTIST PARK 69, AGAPE 58 (OT): On Saturday at Taylor Baptist Park, the hosts outscored the Wolverines 19-8 in overtime to secure a key Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division victory.

The win improved the Chargers' record to 4-5 overall and 2-2 in the Red Division. Agape slipped to 6-5 and 3-1, respectively.

"We have to win out now if we want to win the division," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "Ty Majeski had an exceptional shooting night for us, making seven of 12 shots, but the rest of the team shot just 38 percent. Mark Mullett played great at point guard, too."

The Wolverines had a chance to win the game in regulation, but Jared Miller's 12-foot jumper just rimmed out.

Agape led 23-17 at the half before Baptist Park rebounded to slice its deficit to 35-34 with eight minutes to play.

Mullett led the Wolverines with 19 points. Majeski added 18 while Joel Ruffin contributed nine points and 16 rebounds before having to leave the game in the fourth quarter after suffering a cut above his eye.

"That was definitely a turning point in the game when Joel had to leave," said Anleitner. "He was doing a great job on the boards."

Brothers Caleb (18) and Adam Thompson (14) paced the winners' scoring.

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Plymouth falls short against WL Western

Plymouth's girls basketball team gave league-leading Walled Lake Western all it could handle Friday night before falling 45-44 in a down-to-the-wire thriller played on the Warriors' court.

Wildcat freshman guard Alex Roberts hit what appeared to be a game-tying three-pointer in the waning seconds, however, the referee ruled her foot was on the three-point line.

The setback dropped Plymouth's record to 6-9 overall and 3-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The Warriors improved to 13-2 and 7-1, respectively.

Plymouth showcased a bal-

anced attack that

featured three

players in double-figure scoring: Kelsi Robinson led the way with 13 while Shaakira Haywood and Stacey Klonowski both netted 12. Robinson added four assists. Haywood chipped in with 13 rebounds and Klonowski pulled down eight boards. Melanie Wilkerson led Western with 19 points. The Wildcats struggled from beyond the arc, hitting just one triple, and from the free throw line, where they were 9-for-20.

Western, on the other hand, drained five long-range shots and went 6-of-10 from the charity stripe. Plymouth bolted to a 10-4 lead before the Warriors surged back to knot the game at 20-all at the half. Plymouth led 29-28 with eight minutes to play before the hosts outscored the Wildcats 17-15 in the fourth quarter.

SALEM 52, CHURCHILL 28: On Friday at Salem, the Rocks improved to 13-2 overall and 8-0 in the WLA's Lakes Division thanks to outstanding efforts from juniors Victoria Brotz and Chelsea Davis.

Brotz registered 14 points on 6-of-7 shooting from the field and Davis came within one point and four assists from recording a quadruple-double as she finished with nine points, 11 rebounds, 10 blocked shots and six assists.

Alaya Mitchell also played well for the winners, scoring 10 points, Altogether, Salem blocked 22 Charger shots.

"We played very well in the first half — the girls shared the ball well," said Salem coach Fred Thomann.

Salem exploded to a 15-6 first-quarter lead before sealing the Chargers' fate by outscoring the visitors 14-5 in the second stanza. Salem hit 4-of-6 free throws; Churchill was 9-of-16 from the charity stripe. Salem can clinch first-place in the Lakes Division on Tuesday when it travels to Walled Lake Northern for a 7 p.m. tip. The Knights take just one division setback into the contest.

FRANKLIN 51, CANTON 36: On Friday at Canton, the Patriots outscored the Chiefs a combined 29-12 in the second and fourth quarters to earn a key WLA Western Division triumph. Brianna Taylor led the winners with 17 points.

Baylee Hollowell (18 points and 10 rebounds) and Kaylie Martin (seven points) led the Chiefs, who slipped to 4-11 overall and 2-6 in the division. The Patriots (12-3 and 6-2, respectively) are just one game behind first-place Walled Lake Western. Franklin led 14-13 after one quarter before padding their cushion to 31-19 at the half. The Chiefs sliced their deficit to 39-30 with eight minutes left before the Patriots doubled them up, 12-6, down the stretch.

"The second quarter (when Franklin outscored Canton 17-6) was big," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "We played solid for eight- to 10-minute stretches, but then we'd commit a turnover and there'd be a snowball effect."

That was especially true for the Chiefs in the second period when they turned the ball over seven times.

Canton was 9-for-14 from the free throw line while Franklin converted 7-of-12 from the stripe.

HURON VALLEY 35, AGAPE 28: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division leader Westland Huron Valley (9-4, 5-0) came alive the second half Thursday to post the homecourt triumph over Canton Agape Christian.

Senior forward Lauren Adlof scored 13 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the victorious Hawks, who outscored Agape 24-17 in the second. Senior Katie Kipfmiller contributed eight points and 17 rebounds in the win.

Agape's Amber Martin led all scorers with 14 points.

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fired on a pair of last-second triples.

"Heath did a nice job of running our offense tonight," said Brodie.

Churchill led 14-9 after one quarter before defense-minded Salem outscored their hosts 11-3 in the second quarter to take a 20-17 lead into the half.

The Rocks led 37-34 eight minutes to play before holding on for the victory. Stone (10) and Pointer (seven) combined for 17 of the Rocks' 22 fourth-quarter points.

Ryan Rosenick led the Chargers with 18 points. Salem nailed 13-of-19 free throws while Churchill was successful on 12-of-22 freebies.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA FEBRUARY 14, 2008

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

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

Acceptance of Agenda

- Ed Bezilla, 2160 Byron Center Ave., SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49519, for commercial property located at 49650 Cherry Hill Rd. (IHA Health Center), north side of Cherry Hill Road between Ridge and Beck Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance 6A.25.1.c.1, 6A.25.1.c.2, sign variance.
Zone R1 Cherry Hill Village Overlay
Parcel 072 99 0003 708
(Building) **TABLED FROM THE OCTOBER 25, 2007 MEETING**

Approval of the January 10, 2007 Minutes

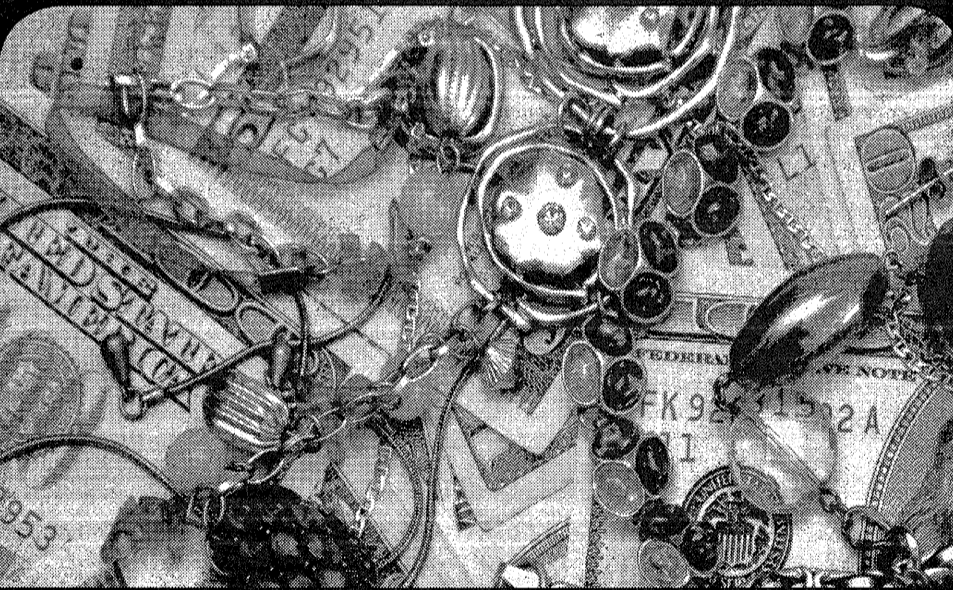
All written comments need to be submitted to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing.

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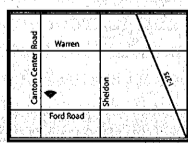
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Blazers blank Penguins

The team with Ls for initials hung a tough "L" on the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game played Tuesday night at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

Livonia Ladywood skated to a 4-0 victory over the Penguins to improve its record to 8-6-1. PCS dropped to 3-9.

"We played well for two periods then kind of fell apart in the third," said PCS coach Lori Callahan.

The highlight of the night for the defending state champion Penguins came mid-way through the second period when they not only killed a five-minute major penalty, they nearly scored during the elongated short-handed stretch.

"We actually controlled the puck for most of the five minutes and had the puck in their end, but we just couldn't finish," she said.

Heather Sartorius paced the

winners with a pair of net-finders. Ashley Ballarin and Abby Kienbaum both added single goals.

Michelle Shaffer turned in an admirable effort between the pipes for the Penguins.

"She faced quite a few shots and only let in four, so Michelle played well," Callahan said. "Their goalie (Michelle Wyniemo) played well, too."

CRANBROOK 5, PCS 2: On Saturday at Wallace Arena in Birmingham, the Cranes tallied three unanswered goals in the second period and went on to hold off the Penguins in an MMGSHL match-up.

Cranbrook improved to 4-6-1 with the win while the Penguins slipped to 3-6.

"We had 13 penalties called against us, so we were playing short-handed most of the night," said Callahan. "To the girls' credit, they went out and won the third period after not playing real well in the second." The Penguins grabbed a

1-0 lead 6:25 into the contest on a goal from Jenny Grodus. She was assisted by Annie McTurner.

Anna Brown, the daughter of former Detroit Red Wing Doug Brown, evened things up at 1-all with a goal just over two minutes later. Anna Callis then gave the Cranes the lead for good when she scored with 2:29 remaining in the first period.

The hosts broke the game open by outscoring the Penguins 3-0 in the second period on goals from Kelsey Michacho, Caley Chelios (the daughter of Red Wing Chris Chelios) and Callis.

PCS's Brooke Cacceveli scored an unassisted goal with 5:57 left to make it 5-2.

Shaffer played well in goal for the Penguins, according to Callahan.

"Cranbrook had quite a few shots on goal, so Michelle did a nice job," she said. "They passed the puck very well."

Mustangs clip 'Cat skaters, 3-2

Plymouth's hockey team battled Northville to the wire Saturday night before falling, 3-2.

The Wildcats led throughout most of the contest thanks to a spectacular effort from sophomore goalie Ryan Schultz, who stopped 41 of 44 Mustang shots.

Plymouth led 2-1 thanks to goals from Colin Rolfe and Connor Dresser. The Mustangs deadlocked the game at 2-all with 4:30 left before

winning it with a lamp-lighter two minutes later.

"It was a very exciting game; the kids played great," said Plymouth coach Paul Fassbender. "It proved that we can hang with the big boys in the conference."

The loss dropped Plymouth to 9-5. The Mustangs outshot Plymouth, 44-20. Fassbender had high praise for defensemen Dresser and Jerry Pitts.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Jan. 29
 W.L. Northern at Salem, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.
 PCA at Agape at Calvary Christian, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 31
 Agape at Light & Life, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 1
 Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
 Roper at PCA, 8:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, Jan. 28
 Agape at Macomb, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 29
 Salem at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
 Canton at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 31
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Friday, Feb. 1
 Livonia Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
 Roper at PCA, 7 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Jan. 29
 Salem at Dearborn at The Disc, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 30
 W.L. Western at Canton

at Arctic Edge, 6 p.m.
 Plymouth at Livonia Franklin at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 1
 Salem at Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
 Plymouth at Canton at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Jan. 31
 Wayne Memorial at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
 Plymouth at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m.
 Salem at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 2
 Canton at Dundee Invite, 10 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING
Tuesday, Jan. 29
 Plymouth at Salem, 7 p.m.
 Livonia Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 31
 W.L. Northern at Salem, 7 p.m.
 Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
GYMNASTICS
Monday, Jan. 28
 Plymouth at Saline, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 29
 Salem at Hartland, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 30
 Plymouth at Canton at Plymouth H.S., 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 2

Canton Invitational at Plymouth H.S., 10 a.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Jan. 30
 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.
 Alpena CC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 2
 Madonna at Aquinas College, 3 p.m.
 Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Jan. 30
 Alpena CC at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
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ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Sunday, Jan. 27
 Whalers at Brampton Battalion, 2 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 1
 Whalers vs. Ottawa Generals at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.
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 Whalers vs. S.S. Marie Greyhounds at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.
MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE
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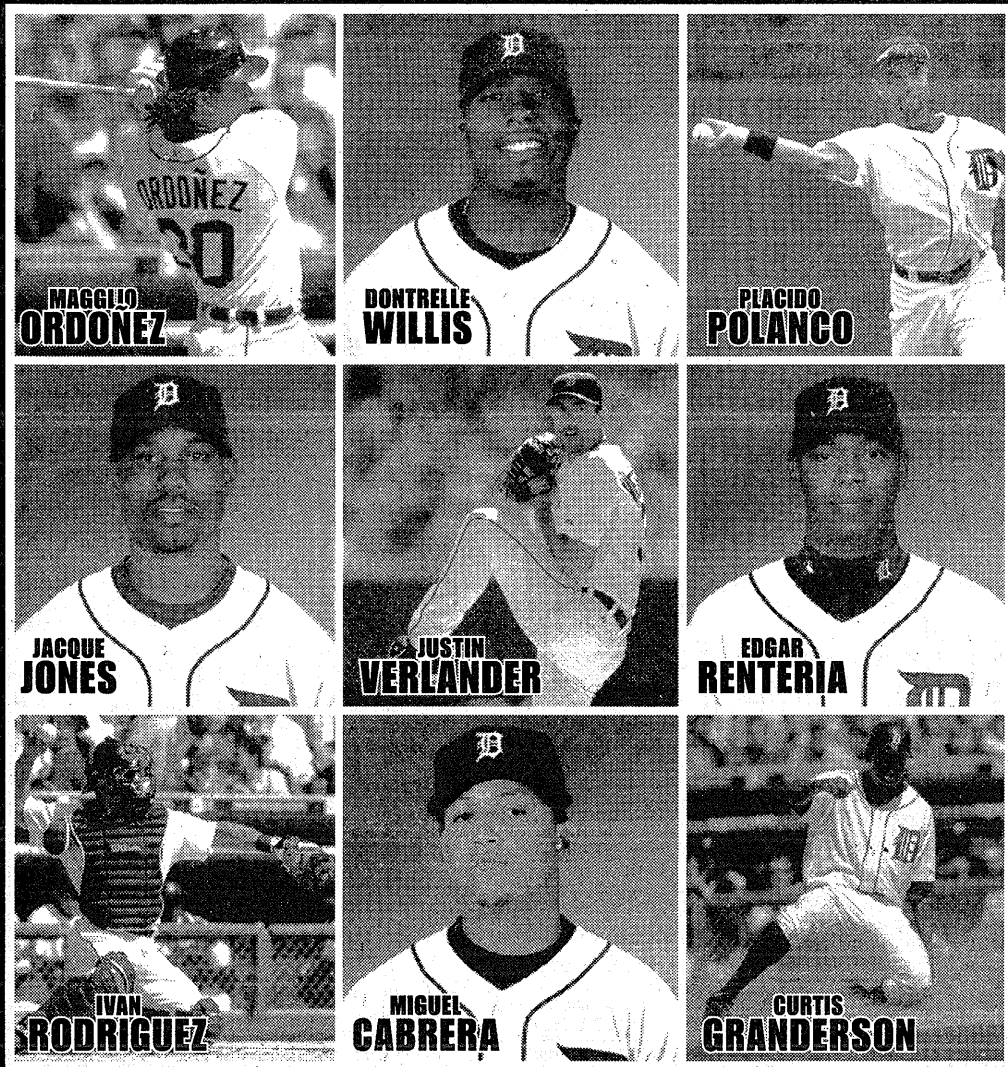
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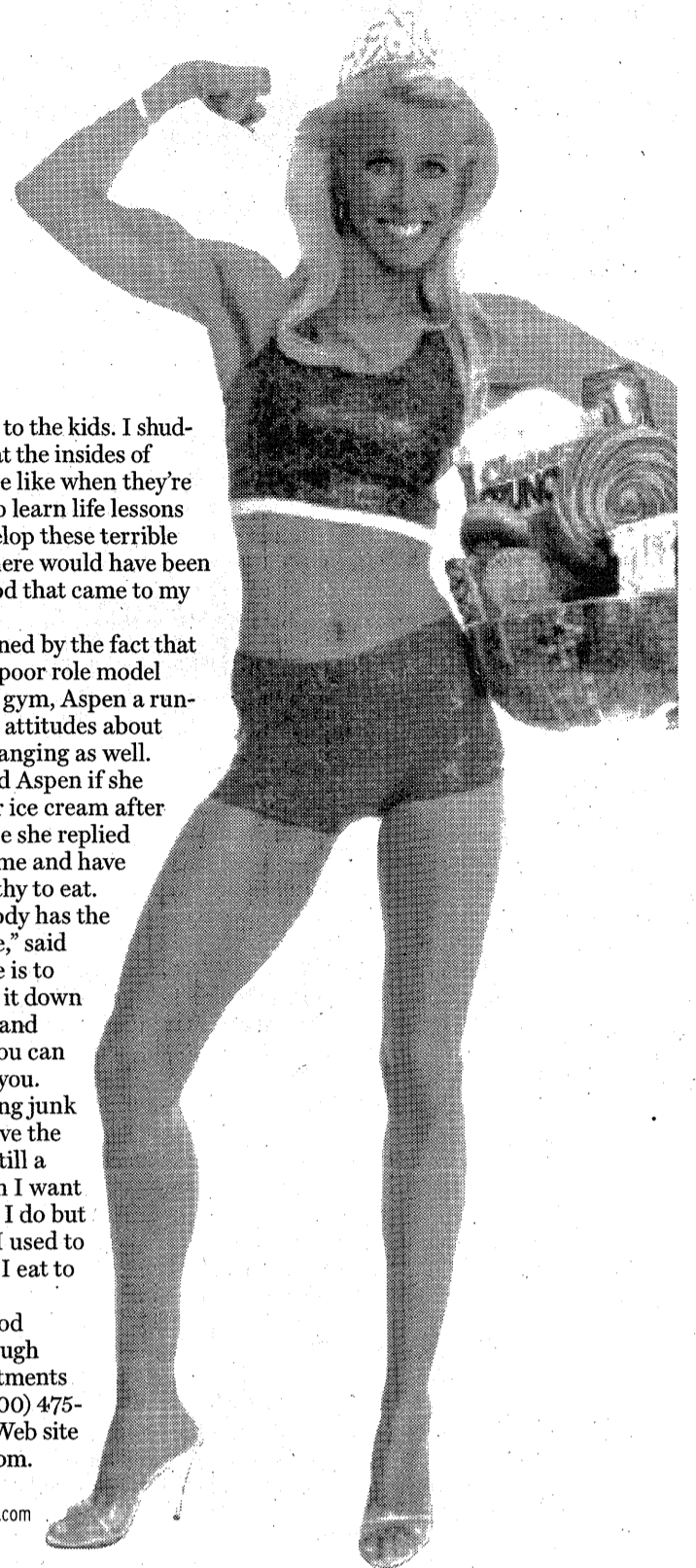
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Junk food junkie

Miss Junk Food fights her way back to health



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

When Angel (Reddy) Pyle looked in the mirror at her thin frame she "thought everything was all right." She couldn't see the damage done by the junk food she existed on for years.

Pyle doesn't blame her mother for instilling the unhealthy eating habits at an early age. The Reddys had six children and her time was limited like many mothers today. For breakfast, lunch and dinner it was not unusual to rely on sugary cereals or fast food as she chauffeured them to gymnastics and a variety of activities.

Eventually, Pyle graduated from John Glenn High School and went on to study for a nursing degree, but ignored the lessons on good nutrition. Her husband, Ken, a fireman, cooked separate meals for the family while she ate pizza and chips. Even when her then 4-year-old daughter Aubrey gave up eating carrots because mommy didn't she continued the self-destructive habits until a wake-up call from her physician at age 37. Frightened by the knowledge she might not see her daughters Aubrey and Aspen grow up she went on a mission to transform her eating and exercise habits over a period of three years. The result was not only a new book, *Miss Junk Food*, but a third-place win in a bodybuilding competition last summer.

'MAKING A CHANGE'

"If you looked at me you'd think I

was the epitome of health," said Angel Pyle, who grew up in Westland. "The book is about making a change from the inside out and getting my health back."

Written in a humorous, conversational style, Pyle shares the secrets of her junk food addiction and the 10 repetitions that transformed her body. Those include taking an honest look at yourself and admitting if you are overweight or lack muscle tone and strength then visualizing the person you want to become and setting a goal.

Pyle read every book she could find on nutrition before deciding on an eating and training plan. When obstacles surfaced she refined the program. She stayed committed during the setbacks, realizing it takes time to change unhealthy eating habits and tone the body.

"Within three months of being off junk food I had so much more energy. I wasn't on this sugar overload," said Pyle, "I was going through withdrawal. I started getting headaches but then I stopped having severe cravings. I still try to eat things without sugar. If I eat candy, it's sugar free."

Pyle says, don't cut calories drastically to 800 a day and expect to build a healthy body. And don't try to lift weights that are too heavy and end up straining or injuring yourself.

Pyle used a spiral notebook to



Angel Pyle shares her 10-rep plan in her new book.

record the progress of her fitness program and keep up her momentum. She started lifting two-pound weights for bicep curls but quickly graduated to five-pound dumbbells. One of her daily goals was to go to the gym regularly in the morning. Pyle doesn't give specifics of how to eat or exercise in the book. She leaves that up to the individual to develop a plan.

BROTHER'S HELP

She celebrated the smallest victories, but even more importantly found a source of inspiration — her brother Marty who'd gone from being overweight to buff. She learned to accept positive and negative feedback. And she never forgot that maintaining a healthy body is a lifelong effort. Her plan continues to include working out at the gym six days a week. On a recent morning breakfast consisted of an egg white omelet with veggie sausage. Pyle doesn't eat red meat just because she doesn't like it. Instead she looks forward to a dinner of tilapia and asparagus.

"I have one daughter, Aubrey, 19, who's away at college, and a younger daughter Aspen, 11. It has changed our whole family. Aubrey grew up in a junk food household. Aspen is growing up in a healthy household," said Pyle. "I'd like to get into the

schools and talk to the kids. I shudder to think what the insides of these kids will be like when they're 30. They need to learn life lessons before they develop these terrible habits. I wish there would have been a Miss Junk Food that came to my school."

Pyle is heartened by the fact that in spite of their poor role model Aubrey joined a gym, Aspen a running club. Their attitudes about nutrition are changing as well. When Ken asked Aspen if she wanted to go for ice cream after a three-mile race she replied "I'd rather go home and have something healthy to eat."

"I feel everybody has the power to change," said Pyle. "My advice is to set a goal, write it down and pick a plan and never give up. You can be a whole new you. Instead of craving junk foods, now I crave the good stuff. It's still a challenge. When I want to eat junk food I do but in moderation. I used to live to eat. Now I eat to live."

Miss Junk Food is available through Immortal Investments Publishing at (800) 475-2066 or on her Web site angeloffitness.com.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JANUARY

Free yoga classes

Astarte Yoga is offering free weekend class in honor of Yoga Awareness Day (Jan. 26) takes place 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27 at Astarte Yoga, 21894 Farmington Rd., Farmington. For details, call (248) 427-0550.

Blood drive

Red Cross blood drive takes place 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. For information, call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309.

Alzheimer's Association

The Facts about Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias will be discussed at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish social hall (downstairs) at North Territorial and Beck 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28. For information, call Doris at (734) 453-9730.

Bocce Palooza

Deadline for reservations for the fund-raiser presented by The Recovery Project is Jan. 28. The event supports the Mary and Charles A. Parkhill Foundation for Spinal Cord Rehabilitation which awards scholarships and grants to individuals with spinal cord injuries for ongoing rehabilitation and therapy services at The Recovery Project in Livonia. The event takes place 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at Palazzo di Bocce, 4291 S. Lapeer Road, Orion. Tickets \$120, includes bocce, buffet, open bar, and silent auction. Attire is casual. For details and tickets, call (734) 953-1745. Visit www.therecoveryproject.net for information on the Foundation. Sponsorship opportunities available.

SAD forum

Depression: Seasons and Reasons, a closer look at Seasonal Affective Disorder 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. No charge. To register, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or online at plymouthlibrary.org. The program

is a joint effort with the University of Michigan Comprehensive Depression Center and features an overview of the latest SAD research with Dr. Melvin McGinnis, a psychiatrist and professor of bipolar disorder and depression at the U-M center. His presentation will be followed by a panel discussion with Dr. J. Todd Arnedt, director of the U-M Behavioral Sleep Medicine Program, and Dr. Neera Ghaziuddin, assistant professor of psychiatry.

CARE House of Oakland County

Circle of Friends holds its annual fundraising luncheon noon Tuesday, Jan. 29, preceded by a jewelry show 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. by designer Sharon Meyer at The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham. A portion of proceeds go to CARE House. Speaker is Naomi Griffith, a consultant on child welfare issues. Circle of Friends patron tickets \$150, luncheon tickets \$75. Call (248) 332-7173.

Workshop

A New You in the New Year, presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, D.C., Holistic Physician, Clinical Nutritionist 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the Civic Center Library, 35000 Civic Center Dr., Livonia. Limited to 15 seats. No charge. For reservations, call (734) 756-6904. Learn why our bodies are so toxic and how toxins effect weight gain and weight loss. Tips on how to detox, eat properly and lose weight with an all natural approach.

Wellness seminars

With Rena Greenberg to quit smoking and lose weight (all seminars last two hours) 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29 (weight loss) at St. John Oakland Hospital, 28000 Dequindre at 11 Mile, Corporate Services Building; 3 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30 (weight loss) at Providence Medical Center Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile at Newburgh; 10 a.m. (stop smoking) and 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5305 Elliott Drive, Administration Services Bldg. auditorium, Ann Arbor; 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4 at St. John Macomb Hospital, 11800

E. 12 Mile at Hoover), Main Entrance, Auditorium, and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center, 18101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, Kalman Auditorium, Main Entrance. Programs combine hypnosis and behavior modification. The first 45 minutes is free. If the participant feels comfortable with the program, they pay \$79.99. Save \$10 by registering at easycwillpower.com. The fee includes hypnotic session plus Greenberg's book, *The Right Weight: Six Steps to Permanent Weight Loss*, behavior modification booklet, home reinforcement hypnosis CD, and unlimited free repetitions of hypnosis for one full year, if needed. No reservations required. Call (800) 848-2822.

Sharing & Caring

New surgical options for high-risk women with breast surgeon Nayana Dekhne, M.D. and Whitney Ducaine, genetic counselor 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 in the first floor classroom at the Beaumont Royal Oak Cancer Center. Sharing & Caring offers education and support programs for breast cancer survivors. All are welcome. For more information, call (248) 551-8586. For possible schedule changes, call (248) 551-8588 prior to meeting.

Free asthma care

As a way of celebrating its 24th anniversary in March, Hicks Chiropractic is offering a free six-week program of care for children under age 15 with asthma. For information or to enroll your child in the program, call (734) 525-7855. Hicks Chiropractic is at 27537 Warren, west of Inkster Road, Garden City.

UPCOMING

Heart workshop

Living a Heart Centered Life workshop 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at Unity Church of Ann Arbor; 4599 Carpenter Road. Tap into your heart's wisdom for health and healing. Find your life's purpose. Learn how to

overcome the negative emotions that can cause heart disease. Dr. Kirk Laman, board certified cardiologist, author, trainer, and assistant Professor of Medicine Michigan State University. For cost and to registration, call (734) 434-8545.

Self-defense class

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

Arthritis Foundation programs

Winter classes begin for programs featuring warm-water and land-based exercises, 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.

Hip and knee pain seminars

4 p.m. Feb. 4, at Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile. No charge. Information on what causes hip and knee pain with an emphasis on Osteoarthritis. Conservative and more aggressive treatment options discussed.

Participants are encouraged to ask questions and educational materials are provided. Call (888) 440-7325 to register or for information, or visit www.stjohn.org.

CHADD meeting

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit-Disorder meet Feb. 4, at Way Elementary School on West Long Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Registration begins at 7 p.m. for the presentations 7:30-9 p.m. The parent presentation will be on The ABC's of Special Education Advocacy for AD/HD and Comorbid Conditions with Marcie Lipsitt who is a Parent Advocate and Grassroots Organizer of Michigan

Alliance for Special Education. Terry Matlen, MSW will be assisting her. The Adult presenter will be Trudy Fink MSW on Dual Diagnosis of AD/HD and Substance Abuse: Recovery to Focus on Managing AD/HD. The Parent and Adult groups meet simultaneously in different rooms. Meetings are free to members and up to a \$5 donation per non member family or option to join. If school is closed due to inclement weather or power outage, the phone line at (248) 988-6716 will indicate if the meeting is canceled.

Health enhancement classes

Classes begin Feb. 4 for classes for exercise (including yoga), CPR and childbirth, and support groups for cardiac, cancer, stroke and diabetes patients; eating disorders; Alzheimer's caregivers, and the hard of hearing. The offerings are part of an array of offerings at Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center. For more information, call (734) 458-3242. Blood pressure (free) and cholesterol testing (\$5) are also available noon to 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Garden City Hospital lobby. No registration required. The hospital also offers free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 6 and every other Wednesday at the Maplewood Community Center. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

Thyroid workshop

Find out what you need to know to stay healthy with Dr. William Karl, D.C. 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. To reserve a seat, call (734) 425-8588.

Cuisine for a Cause

Benefits Josephine Ford Cancer Center at Henry Ford Health System, Detroit's historic Opus One donates 25 percent of all non-discounted guest checks Friday-Saturday, Feb. 1-2. The event kicks off a nearly three month fund-raising event for 10 metro Detroit charities, which includes JFCC. After the opening weekend, patrons who dine at Opus One, Monday through Thursday,

Feb. 4 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 between Feb. 3 and 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. At the conclusion of the campaign, 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. The event features a live auction and more than 60 premium wines with a strolling supper specially prepared by Opus One. Tickets are \$100 and \$80 is tax deductible. To purchase tickets for the wine-tasting reception or for more information, call (313) 876-9237.

Cardiovascular presentation

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting a presentation on cardiovascular health 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 6, at the Northville Community Senior Center. Speaker is St. Mary Mercy's Ginger Ramsay, RN. No charge, registration required. Call (248) 349-4140. This Let's Talk presentation is part of the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Senior Health Connection program which offers adults 55 and over programs and discounts, a free lecture series, AARP Safe Driving Program, free blood pressure screenings, Westland Mall and Laurel Park Place Walkers Clubs, discounts on health education classes, women's programs, more. Call to register, identify yourself as a senior.

Fit Tuesday

9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 5, group exercise classes, an ask the dietitian booth with nutrition handouts, recipes and healthy snacks, and use of the exercise equipment, pool and sauna for the day at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement. Everything is free and no reservations necessary. For information, call (248) 473-3100 or log on to www.botsford.org/bchi.

Classes offer New Year's solutions on weight loss and fitness

If you started January with a bang, but now find your New Year's resolutions waning or nowhere in sight, Madonna University has a class that focuses on healthy solutions. Lorraine Stefano, a social worker and college instructor, presents Think Trim - Be Trim - Stay Trim 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6.

"Most of us get off on the wrong foot. We step on the scale, look at our weight and resolve to go to the gym every day and eat nothing but broccoli and chicken breasts. It isn't real," said Lorraine Stefano of Troy. "Studies show Americans spend \$30

billion a year on exercise equipment but the population isn't getting slimmer."

Stefano suggests setting goals based on current behavior and lifestyle, and she should know. Chubby as a child, pudgy as an adult, she would set a goal of losing weight every January but never really get any trimmer. A new diet, a new piece of exercise equipment, a personal coach — they all worked for a while but not in the long run. Stefano had to look at her lifestyle, change her thinking and start gradually. She lost 50 pounds and has kept it off for 25

years. Here are some of her tips:

Focus on your behavior. It is the only thing you can measure. Setting a goal of losing five pounds a week is laudable, but close to impossible. Set an activity goal, such as walking for 30 minutes, three times a week or plan to cook a healthy, lower calorie dinner twice a week.

Moderation is the key. Studies show people who undertake liquid diets or cabbage diets gain their weight back when they eat regular food. Healthy eating plans should include your favorite foods in smaller portions.

Make exercise a priority. If you wait for a magic time to exercise, a magic space to appear on the calendar it won't happen. Instead start gradually with 15-minute walks around the block or exercising with a DVD before work. Just check with your doctor before starting. Remember any activity is better than no activity.

Set short term goals. Make a goal for a week, not a month or a year. Then set the same goal next week or revise it. You are much more likely to work toward a goal when you can see a target.

Resolve to live a healthy lifestyle. Add more fruits, vegetables and whole grains to your diet. Sign up for a new exercise class, create a home gym or start walking with a buddy.

To find out more about healthy New Year's solutions, call Madonna University at (734) 432-5732 or visit www.thinktrim.com. The fee for the workshop is \$27.

A class is also available at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 5. The fee is \$24. To register, call (248) 644-5832.

Canton grapplers pin down victory over Franklin

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When Canton's wrestling team hit some rough terrain during its Battle of the Bulge-caliber showdown Thursday night with Livonia Franklin, the Chiefs hitched a ride on the "Tank."

Junior Carl "Tank" Lucke's come-from-behind 9-5 decision over Justin Jacobson at 119 pounds proved to be the catalyst in the Chiefs' 36-29 triumph over the host Patriots. Lucke's win ignited a five-match Canton winning streak that turned a 19-16 deficit into a bulging 36-19 lead.

The win essentially clinched the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division title for Canton, which improved to 17-5 overall and 4-0 in the division.

Franklin, which had won three consecutive division crowns and seven straight dual matches against Canton, dropped to 18-3 and 3-1, respectively.

"Tank was definitely the ignition tonight," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "He was down 5-1, got the escape to get to within 5-2, then got the headlock. It was a huge win for us because the bench caught fire right after that and then we rattled off I don't know how many wins."

"This has turned into a great rivalry between us and Franklin. It's one they look forward to and we look forward to. Winning the division is just a small piece of the pie for us though as far as what we want to do. It's a nice win - we want to win everything we enter - but our goals are set for later in the season."

Lucke didn't panic in the face of a four-point, third-period deficit.

"I just tried to get a take-down, put him on his back and end it," said Lucke, reflecting on his mindset heading into the crucial third period. "I was able to throw a headlock, then I got three back points."

"This was a huge win for us. Every match counted. This is the first time I can remember beating Franklin, so it feels good."

Franklin coach Dave Chiola said the high-intensity encounter was no surprise to him.

"It's always close when we wrestle Canton - it always comes down to a couple match-

es that could go either way," he said. "They wrestled tough and we wrestled tough. They surprised us in a couple of spots and we probably surprised them in a couple."

"The 119 match was absolutely the pivotal match. They were favored to win it and we wrestled a good match. Lucke is a very good wrestler. I thought the 171-pound match (Canton's Rodger Kropp's 4-3 nail-biter over Garrett Hay) was pivotal, too."

Canton secured the lead for good, 22-19, when Donnie Watkins followed up Lucke's victory by pinning Grant Phillips in 1:41 at 125.

Jeremy Filippelli then kept the momentum on the Chiefs' side of the mat when he ended a scoreless classic with Ryan Haarala by pinning the Patriots' 130-pounder with nine seconds left in the second period.

Canton's brutally tough schedule pays off in pressure-packed matches like Thursday night's, Randolph emphasized.

"Some of our kids have quite a few losses, but in the grand scheme of things (the tough schedule) helps because they're used to wrestling ranked opponents from different divisions," he said. "We probably take a couple of losses as a team because of our demanding schedule, but that's OK because it prepares us for later in the season and for close dual matches like this one."

Canton's top-notch schedule is earning it respect: The Chiefs were ranked No. 8 in the latest "Michigan Grappler" Division I rankings.

CANTON 36 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 29

THURSDAY AT FRANKLIN
160 pounds: Don Stratz (LF) pinned Fawzi Zeidan in 3:50; 171: Rodger Kropp (C) decisioned Garrett Hay 4-3; 189: Dan Woodall (LF) pinned Adam Powers in 3:59; 215: Dan Washon (C) pinned Cody Hay in 1:44; 285: Mike Modes (LF) dec. Luke Konsitzke, 5-2; 103: Waleed Faraj (C) won by major decision over Steve Tuyo, 19-6; 112: Jared Plekniek (LF) won by major decision over Connor Johnson, 14-1; 119: Carl Lucke (C) dec. Justin Jacobson, 9-5; 125: Donnie Watkins (C) pinned Grant Phillips in 1:41; 130: Jeremy Filippelli (C) pinned Ryan Haarala in 3:50; 135: Steve Cox (C) won by technical fall over Matt Hintz, 18-3; 140: Brent Winekoff (C) dec. Brandon Smith, 6-4; 145: Brandon Billiau (LF) pinned Braden Price in 1:27; 152: Elvin Ferreira (LF) won by major decision over Keith Zech, 12-3.

CANTON'S RECORD: 17-5 overall, 4-0 WLA Western Division.
FRANKLIN'S RECORD: 18-3 overall, 3-1 WLA Western Division.

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SWIMMING RESULTS

SALEM 143 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 36

THURSDAY AT SALEM
200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Matt Collingwood, Stan Chen, Adam Seroka, Chad Newton), 1:52.91; 2. Salem (Alex Suriano, Kory Dondzilia, Cameron Dunn, Aaron Micek), 2:06.35.
200 freestyle: 1. Matt Collingwood (S), 2:04.48; 2. Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 2:06.77; 3. Tom Patterson (S), 2:12.56.
200 IM: 1. Nate Spala (S), 2:22.82; 2. Max Mills (S), 2:27.15; 3. Shawn Long (JG), 2:55.72.
50 freestyle: 1. Stan Chen (S), 23.96; 2. Joe Detassanyi (S), 26.86; 3. Paul Gutu (JG), 27.40.
1-meter diving: 1. Kevin Smith (S), 184.30; 2. Cody Roe (JG), 160.15; 3. Paul Kruddy (S), 141.80.
100 butterfly: 1. Cameron Dunn (S), 1:05.26; 2. Casey Olson (S), 1:08.46; 3. Paul Cherewick (S), 1:11.87.
100 freestyle: 1. Adam Seroka (S), 50.53; 2. Matt Collingwood (S), 55.63; 3. Shawn Long (JG), 59.67.
500 freestyle: 1. Max Mills (S), 5:45.33; 2. Chad Newton (S), 5:54.47; 3. Troy Kerchen (S), 6:31.89.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Adam Seroka, Joe Detassanyi, Nate Spala, Stan Chen), 1:38.20; 2. Salem (Nick Hoffmeyer, Paul Cherewick, Cameron Dunn, Tom Patterson), 1:46.37; 3. John Glenn, 1:55.41.
100 backstroke: 1. Alex Suriano (S), 1:06.97; 2. Aaron Micek, 1:16.51; 3. Shane Reich (S), 1:20.40.
100 breaststroke: 1. Eric Schendel (S), 1:13.88; 2. Dennis Knight (JG), 1:16.19; 3. Kory Dondzilia (S), 1:18.38.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Adam Seroka, Stan Chen, Matt Collingwood, Nate Spala), 3:31.47; 2. Salem (Joe Detassanyi, Chad Newton, Alex Suriano, Max Mills), 4:01.85.
SALEM'S DUAL MEET RECORD: 2-3.

PLYMOUTH 122 WAYNE MEMORIAL 53

JAN. 17 AT CANTON H.S.
200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Jack Distel, Joe Eudy, Kyle Dull, Mike Conger), 1:53.49; 2. Wayne (Jacob Barnes, Adam Karson, Steven Ogg, Jordan Holland), 1:54.17; 3. Plymouth (Adam Wing, Ben Ambrose, Ethan Weiner, Chris Wilson), 1:57.84.
200 freestyle: 1. Paul Snyder (P), 2:03.66; 2. Justin Scaparo (P), 2:08.88; 3. Ben Ambrose (P), 2:11.93.
200 IM: 1. Adam Wing (P), 2:21.62; 2. Joe Eudy (P), 2:22.87; 3. Tony McLaughlin (P), 2:35.36.

50 freestyle: 1. Jordan Holland (WM), 24.10; 2. Kyle Dull (P), 25.55; 3. Peter Nolan (P), 25.69.
100 butterfly: 1. Steven Ogg (WM), 1:02.58; 2. Paul Snyder (P), 1:02.86; 3. Jack Distel (P), 1:03.15.
100 freestyle: 1. Mike Conger (P), 51.33; 2. Chris Wilson (P), 52.94; 3. Jacob Barnes (WM), 55.88.
500 freestyle: 1. Jason Oldani (P), 5:49.07; 2. Justin Scaparo (P), 5:54.61; 3. Adam Karson (WM), 6:14.72.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (Jordan Holland, Kevin Erdmann, Jacob Barnes, Steven Ogg), 1:38.95; 2. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Peter Nolan, Paul Snyder, Kyle Dull), 1:39.10; 3. Plymouth (Chris Wilson, Joe Eudy, Jason Oldani, Jack Distel), 1:39.16.
100 backstroke: 1. Ethan Weiner (P), 1:09.31; 2. Jacob Schofield (WM), 1:15.42; 3. Peter Burns (P), 1:20.41.
100 breaststroke: 1. Ben Ambrose (P), 1:15.65; 2. Adam Karson (WM), 1:17.72; 3. Alex Junej (P), 1:18.29.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (Jordan Holland, Kevin Erdmann, Jacob Barnes, Steven Ogg), 3:40.86; 2. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Peter Nolan, Paul Snyder, Ethan Weiner), 3:40.97; 3. Plymouth (Chris Wilson, Dan Stocsup, Tony McLaughlin, Jack Distel), 3:46.62.
PLYMOUTH'S RECORD: 4-2 overall, 2-0 WLA.

TECUMSEH 109 PLYMOUTH 77

JAN. 12 AT TECUMSEH
200-yard medley relay: 1. Tecumseh (Neil Palmer, Scott Yarbrough, Jordan Little, Bip Cline), 1:42.76; 2. Plymouth (Ben Ambrose, Joe Eudy, Tony McLaughlin, Kyle Dull), 1:56.68; 3. Plymouth (Adam Wing, Dan Stocsup, Justin Scaparo, Jason Oldani), 1:56.73.
200 freestyle: 1. Mike Conger (P), 1:53.33; 2. Nick Dillon (T), 1:57.83; 3. Patrick McArar (T), 1:59.98.
200 IM: 1. Andrew Eubanks (T), 2:13.56; 2. Joe Eudy (P), 2:25.14; 3. Jonathan Collins (T), 2:26.91.
50 freestyle: 1. Jordan Little (T), 23.41; 2. Chris Wilson (P), 24.54; 3. Jason Oldani (P), 24.81.
1-meter diving: 1. David Gensch (T), 177.35; 2. Derek DeJone (T), 159.35; 3. Kyle Wilkenson (P), 149.80.
100 butterfly: 1. Scott Yarbrough (T), 56.65; 2. Andrew Eubanks (T), 59.52; 3. Bip Cline (T), 1:02.21.
100 freestyle: 1. Jordan Little (T), 51.75; 2. Neil Palmer (T), 52.88; 3. Chris Wilson (P), 53.30.
500 freestyle: 1. Mike Conger (P), 5:03.95; 2. Austin See (T), 5:33.54; 3. Ethan Weiner, 5:41.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Tecumseh (Neil Palmer, Scott Yarbrough, Andrew Eubanks, Bip Cline), 1:35.47; 2. Plymouth (Chris Wilson, Peter Nolan, Joe Eudy,

1:38.75; 3. Plymouth (Jack Distel, Ethan Weiner, Paul Snyder, Ben Ambrose), 1:41.76.
100 backstroke: 1. Nick Dillon (T), 1:00.03; 2. Ryan Sloan (T), 1:04.06; 3. Adam Wing (P), 1:06.32.
100 breaststroke: 1. Joe Eudy (P), 1:13.62; 2. Patrick McArar (T), 1:13.67; 3. Adam Heath (T), 1:15.35.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Tecumseh (Scott Yarbrough, Neil Palmer, Jordan Little, Bip Cline), 3:26.95; 2. Plymouth (Paul Snyder, Jack Distel, Chris Wilson, Mike Conger), 3:39.68; 3. Plymouth (Ethan Weiner, Dan Stocsup, Kyle Dull, Jason Oldani), 3:51.44.

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JAN. 10 AT PLYMOUTH
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200 freestyle: 1. Matt Zavislak (WLN), 1:47.90; 2. Jason Oldani (P), 1:59.07; 3. Alex Gaucher (WLN), 2:01.29.
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50 freestyle: 1. Ryan Gerber (WLN), 22.64; 2. Evan Cole (WLN), 23.36; 3. Joe Eudy (P), 25.17.
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100 butterfly: 1. Matt Zavislak (WLN), 55.39; 2. Mike Conger (P), 55.62; 3. Riley Cole (WLN), 55.91.
100 freestyle: 1. Adam Wing (P), 5:25.84; 2. Taylor Tannous (WLN), 52.60; 3. Joe Eudy (P), 56.80.
500 freestyle: 1. Adam Wing (P), 5:25.84; 2. Alex Gaucher (WLN), 5:31.05; 3. Chris Wilson (P), 5:31.59.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Northern (Brian Carter, Riley Cole, Ryan Gerber, Matt Zavislak), 1:33.57; 2. Plymouth (Dan Stocsup, Kyle Dull, Paul Snyder, Jason Oldani), 1:42.68; 3. Plymouth (Jack Gruszczynski, Justin Scaparo, Alex Ruedger, Adam Wing), 1:43.78.
100 backstroke: 1. Mike Conger (P), 57.08; 2. Taylor Tannous (WLN), 1:02.28; 3. Evan Cole (WLN), 1:03.98.
100 breaststroke: 1. Brian Carter (WLN), 1:05.07; 2. Morgen Hummel (WLN), 1:09.46; 3. Tony McLaughlin (P), 1:10.37.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Northern (Ryan Gerber, Riley Cole, Evan Cole, Matt Zavislak), 3:29.00; 2. Plymouth (Chris Wilson, Paul Snyder, Jason Oldani, Mike Conger), 3:38.66; 3. Northern (Regan Parmentier, Jake Barnard, Taylor Tannous, Alex Gaucher), 3:45.23.

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Dealing with an ambiguous loss

Things are still the same, aren't they? University of Minnesota researcher and clinician Dr. Pauline Boss has opened our eyes to a new way of seeing or coping with realities that heretofore we had no good way to talk about: ambiguous loss.



Paul Melrose

A couple of examples: my spouse and I divorced but we still have contact around our children. Dad is receding into Alzheimer's; he does not remember me each time we go to visit him. We had been married just two years when my spouse was called to active duty and was shipped overseas; she was reported missing two months ago and we have heard nothing definite since. His addiction has grabbed hold of him so much that he is not himself anymore. In each of these cases the person is "here but not here."

Dr. Boss breaks down ambiguous loss into two types: in one type the person is not here (MIA, abducted but is still here). In the other kind, sort of the opposite, the person is here but not here.

What makes these situations ambiguous is the unknown aspect in each case. In one situation, here but not here, the unknown is whether or not the person will return, or be returned. In the other the person is no longer psychologically able to participate and the unknown is whether that will change in any way, for better or worse. In each case stress is high.

In the cases of addicted persons, whether to drugs, alcohol, shopping, gambling, spending, internet, the experience of life is that those close to the addicted person often have to live "around" him or her so that while life goes on a part of it is either stuck or on hold; any of these situations contribute to a profound numbing effect of feelings and behavior on those in the immediate vicinity or friends/confidantes/family members of the person at the center of the "ambiguity."

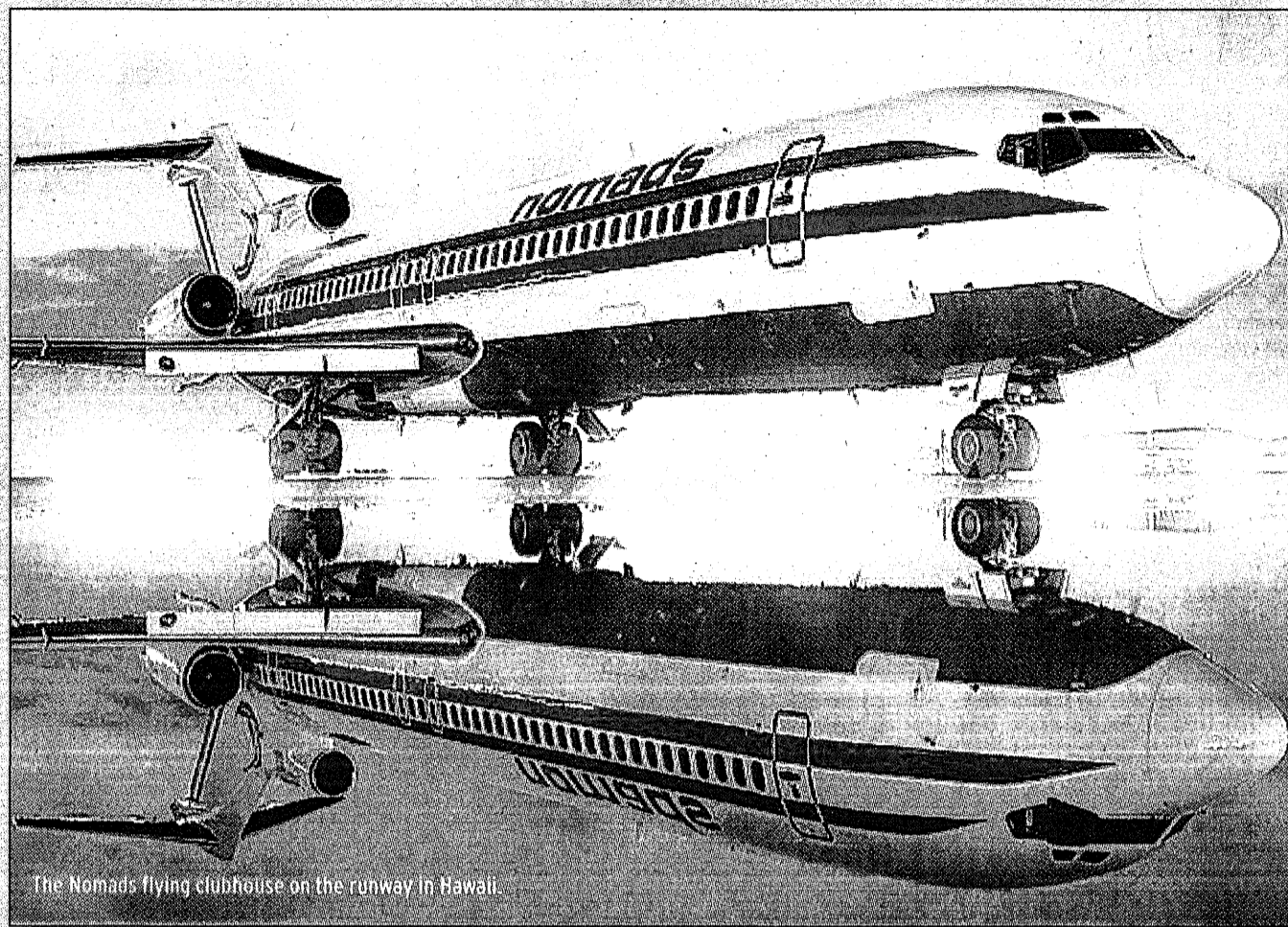
Oftentime's common wisdom in a situation like this suggests not dealing with this, walking around the "elephant in the living room," trying to be upbeat and happy when that becomes phony and artificial. Dr. Boss says the best way to address these situations of ambiguity is to face it, address it, make sure it is in the open, and find a way to deal with it.

"The goal for families is to find some way to change even though the ambiguity remains," Boss explains.

The goal is to balance grief, over what was lost, with participation in what is still possible. Her book, now available at bookstores, is a collection of real stories and experiences that provide insight into how families can remain resilient. Boss writes in an easy-to-read and understand style. She wants her insights, gained from University of Minnesota-sponsored research, to directly help the general public. Already she has heard from readers whose new understanding has helped reduce their stress.

One example which Dr. Boss gives is of a family member, a father, who always used to cook a major holiday meal. He came down with Parkinson's. Overtime he could no longer be in charge of the cooking, planning set up and invitations. The family regrouped to keep the event going and dad became the one to cook the popcorn, and thereafter pass out apples. The ambiguity was changed by the family into a concrete, specific and direct public way for the family to deal with the event. This change took into account the grief of the loss of Dad as the chef and architect of this event and changed it into an

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The Nomads flying clubhouse on the runway in Hawaii.

World travelers

Nomads roam the globe



Charles and Carol Calomeni of Livonia made ravioli and tortellini as part of their trip to Italy in 2007.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

There was no coaxing Charles Calomeni into the vat with his wife Carrie in spite of the fact his size 12 feet could have stomped a lot of grapes.

The Livonia couple laugh when they think of the trip they took to Italy with the Nomads. It was one of six destinations they reached in the travel club's private plane last year. The two began 2007 with a Panama Canal trip, followed by a riverboat tour down the Rhine River through Germany, before heading to Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia then to Yellowstone in Jackson Hole and finally to Tuscany and

Umbria, where they enjoyed the wines and cuisines of the regions.

"We also made tortellini and ravioli and ate what we made," Carrie Calomeni said. "It was so much fun. We get our magazine every month and can't wait to see what they have planned. We just booked a trip to France on the Rhone River."

Retirement has allowed the Calomenis to not only discover the world, but meet new friends through the Nomads. The club's 6,000 members range in age from 50 to 75 and live in Michigan cities, including Birmingham, but also the states of New York and Ohio.

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String quartet creates cutting edge sound

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The two violins, viola and double bass crowd into the small living room in Westland. The Eye of the Tiger never sounded like this. The Il Segreto String Quartet strives not to play like Survivor or anyone else.

Michael Rais, Melissa Roberts, Joseph McGraw, and Nady Benyamine thrive on blending classical, rock, punk, electronica, and world music into their style of music.

Improvisation is key when it comes to performance or the classroom for these four public school teachers. They even experiment with amplifiers, pick-ups and electronic processors at times.

This past weekend they were scheduled to present a program to inspire educators at the Michigan Music Conference just as

their orchestra conductor Kypros Markou kept alive their enthusiasm for classical music at Wayne State University where they met and formed the quartet in 2002.

Through their music they try to appeal to all ages, but, as teachers, are especially interested in exposing students to classical composers.

"We're doing a presentation incorporating rock and roll in a classical setting to try to make it more current to relate to it," said Michael Rais, 24, the orchestra, band and choir director at Frost Middle School in Livonia and double bass with the quartet.

"We take a rock song and play it with classical instruments," said Joseph McGraw, 31, a graduate of Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills. McGraw

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Nady Benyamine (left), Melissa Roberts, Michael Rais, and Joseph McGraw blend classical, rock, punk, electronica, and world music into their trademark sound as the Il Segreto String Quartet.



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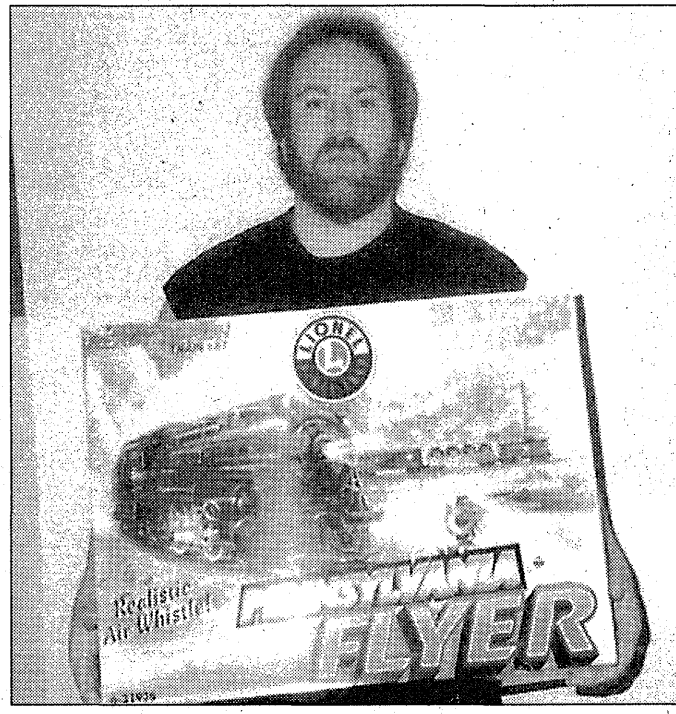
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Train show to raise funds for school's programs

St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club holds its 22nd annual Ole Toy and Train Show 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27 at the school on W. Chicago and Inkster roads, two miles west of Telegraph, Redford. For details, call the Rectory at (313) 937-1500, John Avey at (313) 937-1670, or Joe Carrier at (248) 344-4422.

Admission is \$3 per person, \$6 per family. Raffle tickets for a new, complete train set cost \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The kitchen will be selling food and beverages. Proceeds help fund St. Robert's school children sports and school programs.

Visitors will be able to have their trains tested by the Lincoln Park Train Club and see four trains in operation on the same layout. The show also features a second layout by Bob Pardington, an American Flyer. Visitors can also find out what dad's or grand-dad's trains are worth.



Earl Miller is shown holding the new Lionel Pennsylvania Flyer Train Set he won in the raffle at the 2005 Ole Toy and Train Show.

Talent wanted for Jan. 30 Albert's show

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QUARTET

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teaches at Prevail Academy in Mount Clemens.

"In school you see lots of kids desensitized from the arts," added Rais. "We mix it up on our classical instruments. Anyone can enjoy classical music. You don't have to get dressed up in a tux."

Rais and McGraw played with garage bands and want their students to know about the performing opportunities available.

The Il Segreto Quartet has played everywhere from elevators to rest stops. They simply walk into random places like Starbucks and McDonald's and pick up their instruments. Never once have they been asked to leave. The response has been so positive they plan a summer tour of music festivals and gas stations.

"A lot of string players think they can only play weddings. Teachers don't show kids how to gig," said 29-year old violinist Melissa Roberts who teaches at Premier Academy in Detroit. "We show them how to do it without getting into trouble over copyrights and use different effects with violins to create their own sounds. What we're doing (with the quartet) is very cutting edge."

To illustrate the point, Rais mentions the configuration of the Il Segreto. The basic string quartet usually calls for a cello instead of a double bass.

"We get a greater depth of sound," said Roberts.

Lightyears from Pachelbel's Canon in D becomes a punk rock version with so much energy. It is one of the tracks on When Kippie Attacks, the quartet's first CD which is dedicated to Markou and available on the Web site at www.ilsegretostringquartet.com. The CD as well as the quartet have been nominated for Detroit Music Awards. All of the tracks were written by the quartet except for On With the Show by The Lawrence Arms and Sonic Youth's Sugar Cane.

"It's a melting pot of contemporary music," said violinist Nady Benyamine, 24, a graduate of Troy High School. Benyamine just finished his student teaching in West Bloomfield and is substitute teaching while looking for a position. He began studying classical violin with professors of the Cairo Conservatory of music in Egypt where he was born.

"We just said this is what we're going to do. Some are focused and accurate, some not. We're very experimental."

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IHA is pleased to announce their newest physician, Dr. Peter Dews, who collaboratively with IHA, will open the IHA Plymouth Internal Medicine office in Plymouth, Michigan in late February. Completing both his medical and residency training at Wayne State University (WSU), Dr. Dews also served as a faculty member in the WSU Department of Medicine. He enjoys the continuity of long term care, collaborative relationships with patients, and has special interests in diabetes and hypertension.

Dr. Dews will be seeing patients temporarily at IHA's Associates in Internal Medicine – Cherry Hill office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (through 02/08). He will also see new patients on Monday and Friday at their location in Plymouth.

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Dr. Laurence Miller and artist Tracey Vitkay.

Molar art shines in show

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Tracey Vitkay seems a little surprised when dentist Laurence Miller announces his plan to take the entire office staff to the opening reception for her art exhibit 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at Starring "The Gallery", 118 W. Main, Northville.

Vitkay's been a patient of Miller's for nearly 30 years, but she wasn't expecting this show of support even though Miller recently purchased her painting of a large molar for his waiting room in Livonia.

The molar is just one of the works in her exhibit. The opening reception is part of Northville's First Friday Art Walk.

Vitkay just finished painting the molar over New Year's weekend so she made a reproduction for Miller who paid \$200 to \$400

less because it wasn't an original.

It allowed Vitkay to gather enough of her art for the upcoming show. She also has paintings at the Gallery Cafe in South Lyon where she now lives.

"They're like family and I enjoy sharing this stuff," said Vitkay, 33, who was born in Farmington Hills and grew up in Livonia.

"I've always done art. One of my favorite gifts was an easel at age 3 or 4. In elementary school at Kennedy I was in art clubs all the way through CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) program at Churchill High School. It was an intense program with Barbara Demgen."

At Western Michigan University Vitkay earned a business degree but studied art as well.

"I didn't return to art until 2005 when I painted the vertebrae," said Vitkay. "My chiroprac-

tor gave me the opportunity to show on his walls in Brighton."

It's obvious Miller cares for his patients as people. He's starting his 34th year as a dentist and has maintained an office in Livonia for the entire time.

"What I do is develop relationships with my patients. We know about each other's families but did I think at age 4 you would be an (artist)?," said Dr. Laurence Miller as he gets ready to hang the molar on the wall.

Miller is involved with the arts himself as a member of the Bloomfield Players. In 1988 he played the lead role in Music Man "and got hooked."

"Her peppers (painting) would be great for a kitchen," said Miller of Bloomfield Hills.

Vitkay's show continues through February.

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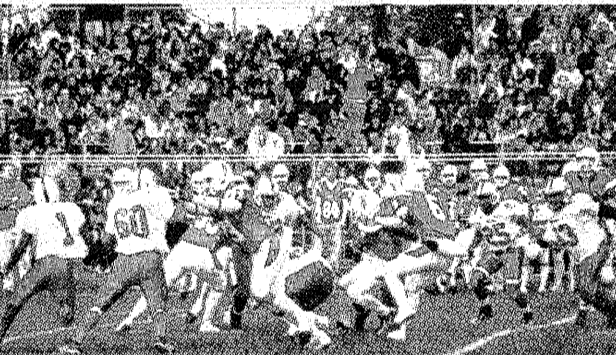
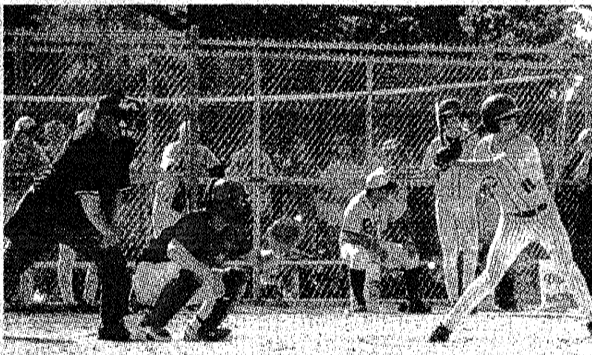
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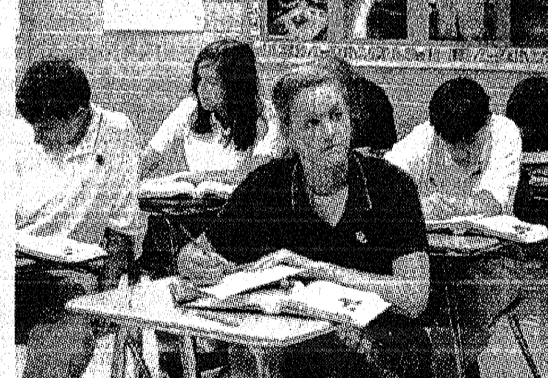
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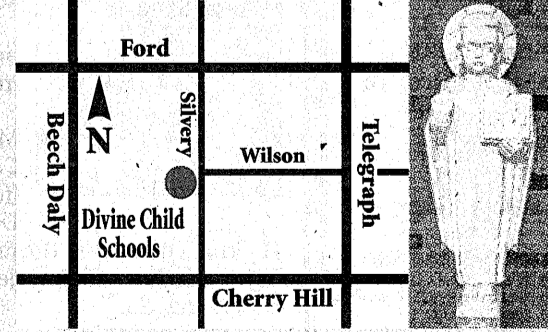
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The first will be held at the Canton Petco noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, at 43435 Ford

Road on the southwest corner of Ford and Morton-Taylor roads.

The rescue group will be at the Novi Petco 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at 43480 West Oak Drive, (248) 735-4356.



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JOSEPH E. CLOSSER

Age 49, January 20, 2008. Dear father of Joseph, David, Robert and Elizabeth. Grandfather of Joseph and Jadylyn. Son of William and Loretta. Brother of William, Barbara Jo, Charleen and Daniel. Also survived by his former wife Roberta and many, many friends. Memorial Luncheon Sunday 1pm at the Moose, Loyal Order #538, 29137 Ford Rd., Garden City (1 block east of Middlebelt). Arrangements by Santeiu & Son.



MARGARET EUGENIA GLOMMEN

92, of Monroe, MI passed peacefully at home on January 24, 2008 surrounded by her loving family. Margaret Eugenia Gough was born on August 6, 1915 in Deckerville, MI eldest daughter of John and Minnie (Munroe) Gough. Mom attended Palmer School, Brick School, and Bufton School, in the Deckerville area. Graduating from Deckerville High School at 16, she then entered Michigan State Normal College. She returned to teach rural school where she attended as a child, teaching grades K-8 until 1937. In 1939 Mom received her Bachelors Degree from Michigan State University and her Masters in 1957. Mom worked with the Farm Security Administration in Traverse City, MI from 1939-42, serving counties in northern Michigan. By December 1942 she entered the Women's Army Air Corps. As a 1st Lieutenant she served as an Army Exchange Officer at Scott Field, IL until her discharge in October 1945. Mom married Carl Louis Glommen of Suttons Bay, MI in Deckerville, MI on March 16, 1945. She went with him while he served in the South Pacific on Kwajalein and in Hawaii. The following years, mom taught school at Mount Clemens, Haslett, and Traverse City Public Schools. She retired in June 1979 from Birmingham Public Schools as system-wide Department Head of Home Economics. Mom enjoyed gardening, playing cards, and teaching others. With her vast life experiences, knowledge of many subjects, and numerous travels it was always a joy to be in her presence and talk with her. For anyone who knew Mom, it was not surprising to know how many lives she touched. Mom's greatest loves and joy were her husband and family. She is survived by her three children: They are Martin Elwin Glommen (and his wife Judy) of West Haven, UT; Carla Lawain McRae of Orick, CA; and Doris Mae Glommen of Monroe, MI. Mom is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. As per Mom's request a gathering and brief service will be held at the Allure Funeral Home in Monroe, MI on January 26, 2008 visitation at 2pm. and funeral services at 4pm. Pastor Dennis Bux of Christ Lutheran Church, Monroe MI, will conduct the service preceded by military honors. Interment will be with her husband, Carl Louis Glommen (deceased 1983) at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Battle Creek, MI. It will be conducted January 28th 2008.



CHARLES THORNE 'CHUCK' MURPHY II

Passed away suddenly January 22, 2008; age 49, of Royal Oak, MI. Born in Pontiac, MI at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Beloved and cherished son of Gayle French Murphy and the late Williams Vhay Murphy. Mr. Murphy is a lifelong resident of Michigan. Mr. Murphy leaves behind his devoted wife Paula Anderson Murphy, his cherished children, son, Corey Douglas Murphy, daughter Katelyn Ann Murphy and Fiona his faithful and loyal hunting dog. Dearest fun and loving brother of Debbie Murphy Hutchins, William Scott Murphy and Michael Vhay Murphy. Beloved grandson of the late Charles Thorne (Mike) and Elise Vhay Murphy, Deputy American Consulate General of Australia George W. and Ruth Strother French; survived by adoring nieces and nephews, Richard Mills Hutchins, Jr., Michelle French Hutchins, Ashley Kern Hutchins, Allie MacMillan Murphy, William Vhay Murphy II, Jack Strother Murphy and Maddie Vhay Murphy; special aunt Leigh French of Los Angeles and her daughters Seirra French-Myerson and Darcy French-Myerson, long time and special family friend Dennis Wholey of Washington, D.C. Mr. Murphy was known for his love of the great outdoors, his deep love for his entire family and for his big heart and great strengths. Mr. Murphy was proud of his heritage as part of the early ski industry in Michigan brought forth by his grandfather Mike Murphy and friends in developing Otsego Ski Club in Gaylord Michigan. Mr. Murphy owned C.T.M. Construction Company where he experienced many life long friendships. Visitation Monday 3-8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Service Tuesday 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Rd., Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Corey and Katelyn Murphy Fund to be established.



RICK SWOPE

Age 53, passed away December 7, 2007 in Wayne, Michigan. Born June 29, 1954, in Detroit, MI. Rick was a disabled veteran of the United States Air Force who spent much of his adult life working to help others through his support for nonprofit social service agencies and churches. He was a familiar sight collecting bottles and cans door-to-door in Wayne and Westland, donating many thousands of dollars to help people who were homeless or otherwise in need. His more than 30 years of support for SOS Community Services in Ypsilanti alone helped thousands of families and individuals with food and housing assistance. Rick was an authentic Good Samaritan and his generosity will be long remembered. Rick is survived by his sister Diana Carey, brother-in-law Allen Carey, and nephews Matthew and Ryan Carey. Rick's final interment will take place at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, Nevada. A public memorial service will be held 10:30am Wednesday, January 30 at the Wayne Public Library in Wayne, Michigan.

THOMAS HAW WEEBER

Age 66, of Ruskin, Florida, passed away Sunday, January 5, 2008. He was the son of Arthur G. and Allison E. Weeber. He graduated from Rochester High, attended Ferris State University and served in the Michigan National Guard. In his early years, Tom was part of the family restaurant, The Hathaway House, in Blissfield, MI, then he worked in hospital administration and most recently in retail sales. Tom lived a life close to God and found complete serenity in the natural beauty of this planet earth. Survivors include his brothers Arthur, Michael and Walter L. Weeber of Blissfield, MI and William D. of Kalamazoo, MI; his sisters Allison A. Arscott of Ann Arbor, MI and M. Toni Shick of Hot Springs Village, ARK; and his seven nieces and nephews and eight grandnieces and nephews. Tom remains in our hearts as a loving, caring and giving brother, uncle and friend. The memorial service and interment will be at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, MI on February 9 2008, 12:30 pm. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society



KENNETH JOHN SEYMOUR

Age 87 of Plymouth, born February 6, 1920, went to heaven January 23, 2008, at his home surrounded by his loving family. Loving husband of Betty Ann for 60 years. Children: Karen Ann (Drew) Cardinali of Monterey, CA; Deborah Lynn (Chris) Gunn of Oklahoma City, OK, Jan Kay Polnick of Holland, MI, Pamela Jo (Thomas) Killiany of Novi, MI, and Kenneth John (Renee) Seymour, Jr. of Dearborn Heights, MI. Grandchildren: Stephanie, Brooke, Lindsay Kay, Courtney Ryan, Katherine Ann, Kenneth John III and Benjamin Thomas. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister and brother. Kenneth proudly served as a military police in the 36th Texas Infantry Division during World War II. He received the Good Conduct Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with five Bronze Stars and one Bronze Arrowhead. He was the best husband and daddy in the world. He will be in the arms of Jesus, and in our hearts forever. Cremation services arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home-Plymouth. To view obituary and share memories, visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



MILDRED E. WILLISON

January 24, 2008 of Bloomfield Hills. Dear wife of David. Dearest mother of John (Carol), Ann (Reinhard) Lemke, Stephen (Amy) Roberta (Scott) Kisker and Theresa (Dennis) Kerley III. Grandmother of 21. Sister of Frederick White, Frances Ewbank, Nancy McConnell and the late Robert White. Family will receive friends at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak, Sunday 2-8 p.m. In state Monday 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W Maple Rd., until the time of service 11 a.m. Contributions appreciated to Heifer International, 800-689-2511, www.heifer.org. Share your memories at: www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.



IRENE L. REAUME

Died January 22, 2008 in Mt. Pleasant at 96 years old. Formerly of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Leo. Dear mother of Darvin (Patricia), Richard (Rose), Jerry (Caroline), Lorraine (Kenneth) Eagleton, Leonard (Jackie), Robert (Dorothy), Beverly Konkright and Sharon Gregory. Sister of Earl and Alex Bracken. Also survived by 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. (in state at 9:30 a.m.) Monday at Church of the Holy Family 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi. Visitation Sunday 2-8 p.m. with a Rosary at 7 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home 33603 Grand River Ave. (1 block West of Farmington Rd.) downtown Farmington. Memorials suggested to Isabella County Medical Care Facility 1222 North Drive, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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ENGAGEMENTS



Perrell-Renner

Bruce and Terry Perrell of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth T. Perrell, to Colby S. Renner, son of Robert and Linda Hastings of Tecumseh.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Redford Union High School and received a bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Michigan in 2006. She is currently a student at the U-M College of Pharmacy and will graduate in 2009. She is employed by Kroger Pharmacy in Milan.

The future groom is a 2001 graduate of Tecumseh High School and received a bachelor of business administration



Crist-Coppola

Lori Leann Crist of Redford and Robert Keith Coppola of Farmington Hills are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Judy Crist of Tecumseh and Terry and Carolyn Crist of Blissfield. She has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Michigan State University and master of business administration from Wayne State University. She is a development supervisor at Thomson Tax and Accounting in Dexter.

The future groom is the son of Sam and Velma Coppola of

degree from Eastern Michigan University in 2007. He is currently a manager of bd's Mongolian Barbeque in Ann Arbor and a corporate trainer. A May 2008 wedding is planned.



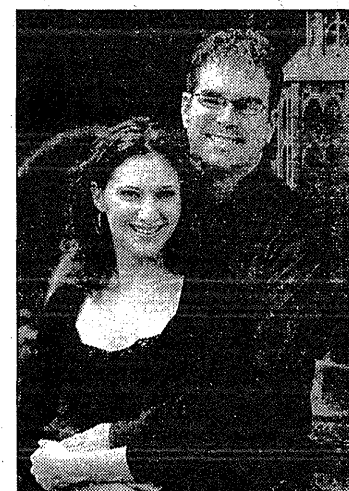
White-Kiefer

Dennis and Maureen White of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Angelique White, to Kevin Mark Kiefer, son of Melvin and Joan Kiefer of Menominee.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She received a bachelor of science degree in child development at Michigan State University in 1999 and a master of science in community services at MSU in 2006. She is a teacher at the Dearborn Academy in Dearborn.

The future groom is a 1995 graduate of Menominee High School. He received a bachelor of arts in marketing from Michigan State University

Livonia. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is vice president of Millward Brown in Southfield. A June 14, 2008, wedding is planned for Fox Hills, the Golden Fox.



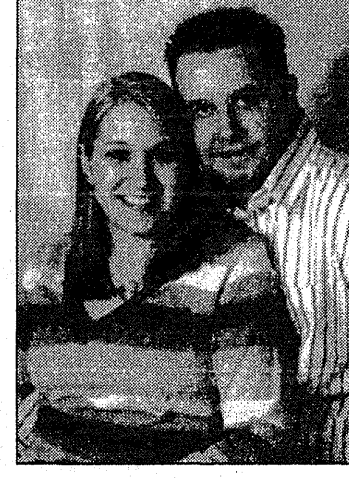
Maquire-Carpenter

Leonard and Karen Maguire of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Brianna Lynn Maguire, to Matthew Curtiss Carpenter, son of Kenneth and Carol Carpenter of Southgate.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is employed by Synthetic Plastering. The future groom is a 1999 graduate of Southgate Anderson High School. He is employed by Jamison Industries.

A June 7, 2008, wedding is planned with a reception at the Hellenic Cultural Center in

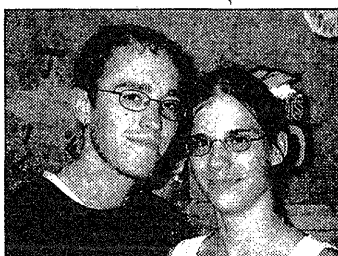
in 1999. He is employed as marketing manager with the Rehmann Group in Troy. A July 12, 2008, wedding is planned at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.



Westland. The couple will honeymoon in Jamaica and make their home in Westland.

Beardsley-Skluzak
Kenneth and Mary Beardsley of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kendra Beardsley, to Anthony Skluzak, son of David Ortega and Judy Skluzak of Dearborn Heights.

A June 20, 2008, wedding is planned for Dearborn Hills Golf Course.



White-Samland

Robert and Patricia White of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy White, to Marcus Samland, son of the Gloria Samland and the late Ronald Samland.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of John Glenn High School and works at Johnson's car wash in Wayne.

The future groom is a 2000 graduate of John Glenn High School and is attending ITT Tech in Canton. He works at FedEx in Livonia.

No wedding date has been set.



Pryor-Zanon

Harold Pryor of Livonia announces the engagement of his daughter, Shannon Pryor, to Jared Zanon of Denver, Colo.

Shannon graduated from Western Michigan University in 2003 with a degree in business administration. She works in the office at Southpass Electrical Corp. in Lafayette, Colo.

Jared is the son of Randy and Sally Zanon of Arvada, Colo. He graduated from Metropolitan State College of Denver in 2000 with a degree in exercise science and adult fitness. He is a firefighter for the West Metro Fire Reserve in the Denver area.

The couple are planning a spring 2009 wedding in Acapulco, Mexico, where they met four years ago.

Wracan-Uehlein

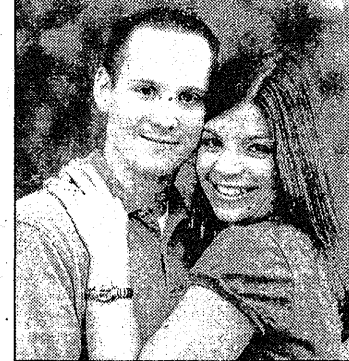
Kathy Wracan of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Linda Wracan, to Jeffrey David Uehlein, son of David and Jeanne Uehlein of Fostoria, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Madonna University and is employed at Quicken Loans.

The future groom has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from GMI and is employed at Chrysler.

An Aug. 2, 2008, wedding is planned for St. Aidan's Church in Livonia, followed by a reception at Farmington Hills Manor.

The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii.



BIRTHS

Aislinn Melissa Brogdon

Ryan and Amanda (Cavanaugh) Brogdon of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, Aislinn Melissa Brogdon.

Aislinn was born Nov. 26, 2007, at Botsford General Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth.

Aislinn has an older brother, Donovan, 20 months.

Grandparents are Michael and Theresa Cavanaugh of Dexter (formerly of Livonia), Doug and Martee

Hickman of Bellaire (formerly of Farmington Hills) and Jim and Bonnie Brogdon of Strickland, Ga.

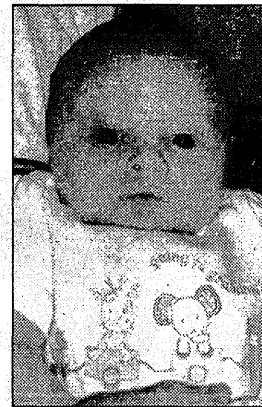
Rudolph Gene Delgreco

Kenneth R. Delgreco Jr. and Lacy (Pippo) Delgreco of Canton announce the birth of their son, Rudolph Gene Delgreco on Dec. 27, 2007.

Grandparents are Kenneth Delgreco Sr. and Judy Delgreco of Novi and Gerald and Lynne Piippo of St. Ignace.

Great-grandparents are Barbara Delgreco of Westland, Ed and Noreen Preczewski

of Houghton Lake and Gene and Vera Harrison of Rudyard.



NOMADS

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"You cannot put a price on friendships you make," said Calomeni, who joined the Nomads with Charles in 1992.

"It's the camaraderie. We stay in contact with other members," added Charles, who one day hopes to visit Calabria, the southern region of Italy where his grandparents lived before coming to America.

Kathie Reschke compares the Nomads to a country club, but invites the public to see for themselves during an open house Tuesday, Feb. 19, in the Nomads World Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. For information, call (734) 941-8000 or visit www.nomadstravel.org.

Organized in 1965, the not-for-profit club offers business class accommodations in a Boeing 727 that takes travelers on trips ranging from three to 30 days. Members initially pay \$500 to join and then \$180 annually.

"I get excited about putting together trips nobody can do," said Reschke, Nomads president and a Livonia resident. "Last year it was a 30-day trip to Mongolia and Tibet, next year an around the world 30-day trip. We're doing two trips we haven't done in some time: Israel and Jordan, and a Persian

Gulf cruise in and out of Dubai."

The sometimes exotic destinations are something the club's founders probably never envisioned.

"It was started by three General Motors employees. The club was one of many around the country in the mid-'60s when jet aircraft were coming out and airlines were getting rid of turbo props," Reschke said. "The three employees got 200 other people together and at least one of the guys mortgaged his house and bought a plane. This is our fifth plane over the years. We offer about 50 trips a year. The magazine announces the trips and everybody has a chance to sign up by a certain day. A computer does a random selection. We do an encore, a second trip, if it over subscribes."

John and Carol Aubrey especially enjoy the mystery trips to unknown locations. The Birmingham couple take shorter vacations since they still run a business. In 2007, they went to Martha's Vineyard, Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia, an autumn color tour in Vermont and the Christmas tree lighting in Rockefeller Center. Members since 1982, the Aubreys take at least five trips a year.

"Boy was that dynamite (the tree lighting)," Carol Aubrey said. "We flew in and

buses picked us up at the plane. When we arrived at this building, we went in private elevators to the private dining room with windows all around and had a beautiful dinner and cocktails. The top floor opened onto the roof and it was a beautiful night. When the tree was lit, we were right there."

So far this year, the Aubreys have booked two trips. Over the years, they've encouraged at least four couples to join, but singles are also welcome.

"We have confirmed a mystery trip," Aubrey said. "We absolutely love them. It's our 21st mystery trip in April. Last year, we went to the Masters (golf tournament) in Georgia. A lot of mystery

trips are places the Nomads haven't been. In May, we're confirmed to go to the Nantucket Wine Festival we did a couple of years ago. It's a major fund-raiser for their hospital. Chefs came in from all over the country. It's awesome."

2007 was the best year financially for the Nomads with 97 percent of the seats full. The plane or flying clubhouse was reconfigured to business class in 2006. It now carries 92 passengers instead of 145.

"It's first class," Carrie Calomeni said. "We love the comfort. You can walk around the plane on these long trips."

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MELROSE

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activity that was able to continue the event.

Sadly there are many kinds of ambiguity not so easily handled in such a simple, direct, and active manner. Dr. Boss is a strong believer in what one's faith can offer; not only the community of faith, your church, synagogue, mosque, congregation as a safe place and community to share these events but how your faith gives you resources of caring, love, and the sacredness of life as ultimate, even when loss, tragedy, or the

unknown move in.

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Dr. Paul Melrose is executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of SE Michigan. He can be reached at www.paulmelrose.com or through (248) 474-4701. The staff of the Center can be reached at www.samaritancounseling-michigan.com or through (248) 474-4701.

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Another problem with waiting on surgery is the risk of falling. An arthritic hip or knee make the whole leg unstable. A crack in the pavement, and uneven step on a stairs, or an unseen patch of ice can lead to a slip and fall. These sudden injuries often result in broken bones that require rapid decisions. You are much better off seeing an orthopedic surgeon now, on an appointment that fits your schedule, so you can make decisions regarding surgery as you see fit.

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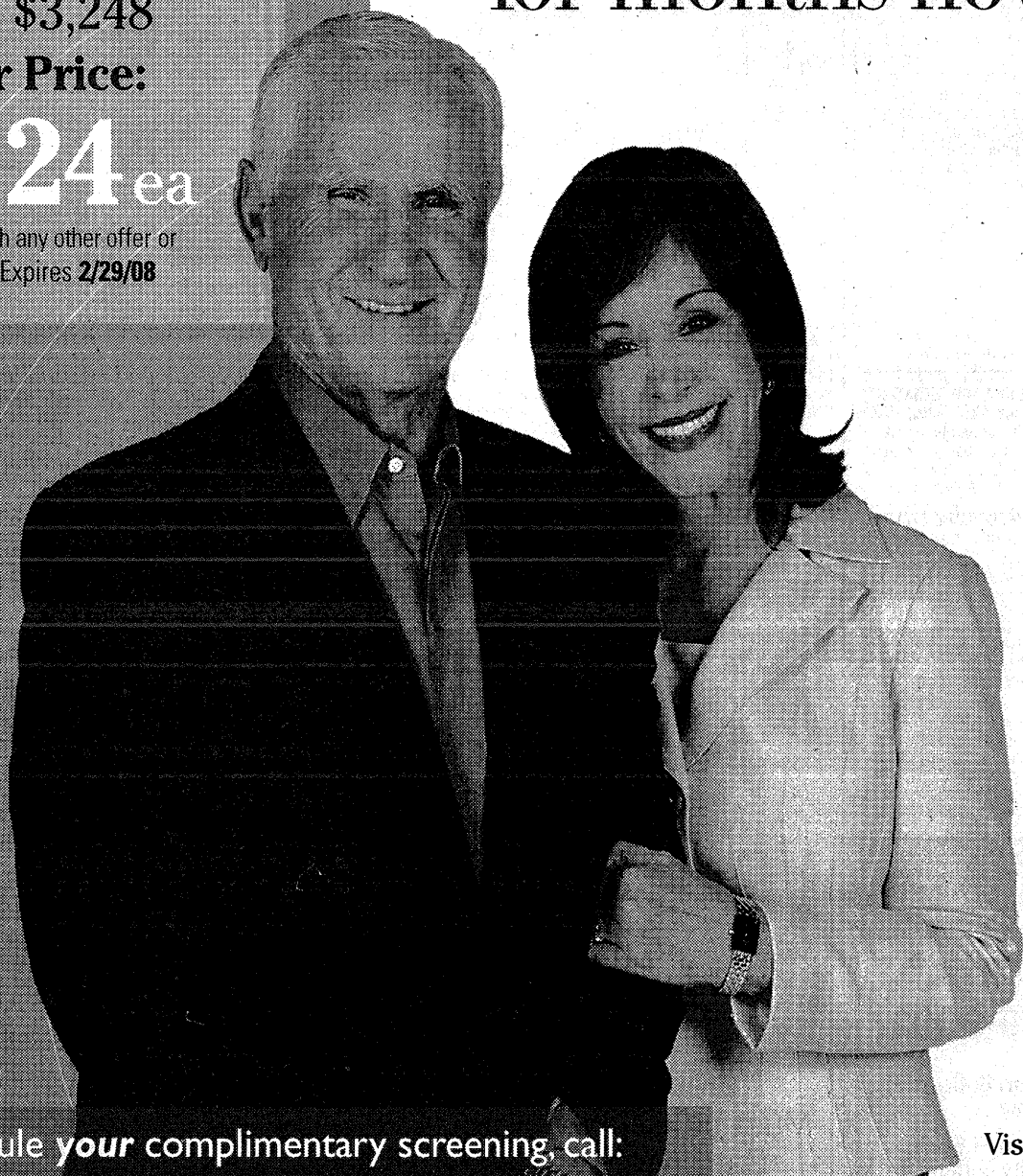
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WORKWISE

It's time to discuss brainstorming, both traditional and virtual, from an employee perspective. This article will focus on the process as "a middle path between the two extremes of boundless speculation and quantitative data analysis... (and) posing the right questions..." as advocated in the December, 2007, Harvard Business Review.

TRADITIONAL/WEB-BASED
The Marketing Arm, a promotions and events agency headquartered in Dallas, uses brainstorming sessions to help with tasks and projects needing a nudge from multiple idea sources. Account manager Mindy Kuhl says, "We submit what we're working on that we need help on and try to come up with some ideas." These weekly sessions, called "Creative Soup," emerge from office-wide invitations to all 150 employees.

"IdeaLink" is another form of brainstorming there, much more free-for-all. It's virtual, calling on everyone in the company to help a person seeking suggestions within one to three days. "We log onto the Web site," Kuhl explains, "read about a topic and contribute two, ten, to 20 ideas at our leisure, usually over two to three days. It's a great tool for reaching as many people as possible (about 2,300 employees) without time constraints, and it draws upon people in multiple offices nationwide and in London and Beijing." The company rewards participation with gift certificates at year's end. Employees who contribute in all IdeaLinks receive a bonus. "You're not punished (for not participating)," she adds, "but you are rewarded."

TELEPHONE
An ordinary telephone provides yet another venue for brainstorming. Steven Marcano turns into an employee every time he brainstorms virtually. That's every day, except when he's traveling. He founded the more than \$4 million My Lil' Star Baby Products, an interactive baby product media-based company headquartered in Hartford, Conn., with an office in Manhattan. The company has 20 employees and freelancers.

Co-workers from different divisions get onto the telephone to brainstorm the last hour of the day. Technology enables them to see each other and the visuals. At first, it feels as if everyone's in a meeting without knowing the focus. They discuss positive developments and challenges they're facing. Then, brainstorming begins, tackling problems that have arisen, projects that weren't completed, goals that weren't met. "One day," Marcano says, "we had an extra two feet in a container. So we brainstormed, asking how many bottles of shampoos, conditioners and lotions could fit in a container. The profit from them would pay for our freight." That brainstorming session led to the free shipment of 1,600 cases of diapers per truck.

When people discuss an idea, they're considered employees. That includes Marcano. "I won't veto an idea that's better than mine," he says. "An intern who works one day a week came up with the best idea a few days ago. We were crunched. We needed three containers on the water immediately. He had a family member, a graphic designer, get stock photos off the Internet. This saved me a couple of weeks of time, having to pay for an agency, rent a hall and get insurance. And I was always against stock photos."

But not all brainstorming goes smoothly. Marcano refers to the pressure in every session and the danger of a destructive ego taking over -- "when ego and attitudes get involved and people can't take constructive criticism" -- causing participation and productivity to plummet. However, he comments that after peers state in front of peers that they'll do

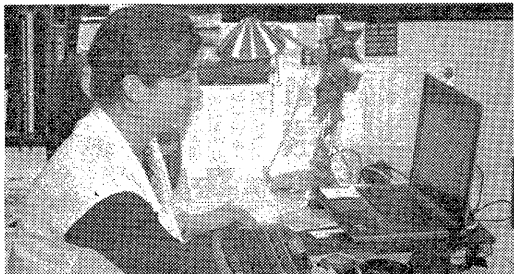


Photo: Mindy Kuhl, account manager, brainstorms using two methods at the Dallas headquarters of The Marketing Arm. Here she contributes to IdeaLink, the firm's somewhat unstructured online method. Credit: Chris Anderson
something, they're more likely to follow through. Kuhl mentions that while brainstorming fosters a love of ideas, good or bad, the wrong mix of people or knowledge can doom a session. Occasionally, a good idea emerges this way, but only if you have the time to kill. Further, she points out that an ill-defined objective can lead to "people spinning their wheels for an hour or more, going around in circles." (Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2008 Passage Media.)

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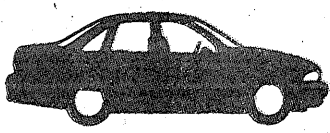
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All-New Buick Enclave: A Standout Crossover

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The all-new 2008 Buick Enclave is the newest vehicle to join the crossover fray. With the cargo capability and high seating position of a traditional SUV, the Enclave may be just what Buick needs to break its lackluster sales cycle. Buick execs are so confident in their Enclave that it replaces two vehicles, the Buick Rainier and the Rendezvous.

The Enclave may be the best of a new family of crossover vehicles from General Motors, which includes the Saturn Outlook and the GMC Acadia.

The Enclave and its siblings are all built at a new assembly plant near Lansing, Mich.

The 2008 Buick Enclave comes in CX and CXL trim levels. Both offer standard seven-passenger seating via second-row captain's chairs and a third-row bench seat. An optional second-row bench seat is thrown in upon request at no additional charge, which increases seating capacity to eight.

The base \$32,055 CX comes with 18-inch alloy wheels, bi-xenon HID headlights, a power liftgate, heated outside mirrors, cloth upholstery, a power driver seat, a telescoping leather/wood steering wheel, triple-zone automatic climate control, a six-speaker CD stereo with an mp3 player input jack, satellite radio and OnStar.

The up-level Enclave CXL adds 19-inch wheels, leather upholstery, heated front seats and additional power seat adjustments, including memory settings for the driver.

Upgrades can be made through four different entertainment packages, which include a navigation system, a back-up camera, a 10-speaker Bose audio system with an in-dash CD changer and a rear DVD entertainment system that plays in 5.1 surround sound. There's also the Driver Confidence Package, which adds remote start, rear parking sensors and heated windshield washer fluid.

But the real treats are available through the Luxury Package, which is exclusive to the CXL. This package offers adaptive headlights, power-folding outside mirrors, a power tilt/telescoping steering wheel and a 110-volt outlet.

Stand-alone options on both trim levels include the Dual SkyScape Sunroof sliding moonroof, a second-row storage console and towing equipment. What sets the Enclave apart from other crossovers is the host of innovative features that aren't offered standard or simply unavailable in competing vehicles.

Some of these features include a second-row seat console that unfolds to help create a flat load floor when the seats are folded. Also, the center console storage area is equipped with a pull-out tray. When removed, the tray reveals a deep space for storing a pair of 16-ounce bottles or other tall items.

The Enclave also features a power-operated liftgate, Smart Slide second-row seat feature and a DVD-based rear-seat entertainment system with one of the segment's largest display screens.



The 2008 Buick Enclave is the newest member of the General Motors crossover family, which includes the Saturn Outlook and GMC Acadia. It is also the most luxurious.

GM's Smart Slide feature allows entry in the third row with the ease of a tug of one handle. With Smart Slide, the second-row seat cushion flips up while the seat-back slides forward, compressing the space occupied by the seat. Also, when adjusted rearward, the second-row seat provides more legroom for taller passengers and when adjusted forward, it provides more storage space or additional legroom for third-row passengers.

With 18.9 cubic feet of cargo space available behind the third row, the Enclave is not short on functionality appeal. And by folding all seats, you get 116 cubic feet of storage space to work with.

The best other crossovers in this segment can boast is 85 cubic feet of storage, so if you need to haul a lot of things, look no further than the Enclave. Buick engineers designed the Enclave's cabin to be as quiet as a library, something usually reserved for luxury vehicles.

Buick's exclusive QuietTuning engineering process reduces, blocks and absorbs unwanted noise from entering the Enclave's cabin. Some noise-reducing components include an acoustic laminated windshield, laminated safety door glass, triple door seals, flat-blade windshield wipers, strategically placed sound deadening material in more than two dozen locations throughout the vehicle and outside rearview mirrors and tires designed to minimize noise.

The 2008 Enclave has a comprehensive safety system designed to protect passengers before, during and after a crash. Four-wheel anti-lock brakes, StabiliTrak electronic stability control system - with rollover protection technology - and GM's tire-pressure monitoring system are standard.

Traction control is standard on all models. The Enclave is equipped with six standard air bags: two dual-stage frontal air bags, two seat-mounted side-impact air bags in the first row and two roof rail air bags that cover all three seating rows.

Added safety is ensured in the Enclave by the optional Ultrasonic Rear Park Assist and rear back-up camera, which work together to provide not only a visual reference of

objects directly behind the vehicle, but an audible warning of the objects' proximity.

Displayed on the navigation system display screen, icons and audible cues provide an easy-to-understand reference to items behind the vehicle.

The Enclave can also be equipped with power-adjustable outside mirrors that automatically angle downward when the vehicle is in reverse, providing a view of the curb or parking lines.

The mirrors can be programmed so that one, both or none of the mirrors provide this view.

A must have for Michigan and Wisconsin owners is the intelligent all-wheel-drive system. This system provides increased traction on slippery roads and other driving situations. The system works by delivering just the right amount of power to the rear wheels. What's so great about this is that the driver doesn't need to do a thing. The system automatically decides how much power to apply and delivers it to the wheels with the best traction.

Customers have a choice of front-wheel drive or all-wheel drive on the Buick Enclave. Whatever your choice, power is supplied by a 3.6-liter V6 that is good for 275 horsepower.

A 6-speed automatic transmission is standard. This tandem makes the Enclave good for 18 miles per gallon in the city and 26 mpg on the highway.

The Buick Enclave should easily make fans of families who want three rows of seating and a few luxury features thrown in without a luxury price.

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Mileage: 18 city / 26 highway.
Where built: Lansing, MI.
Base price: \$32,055.

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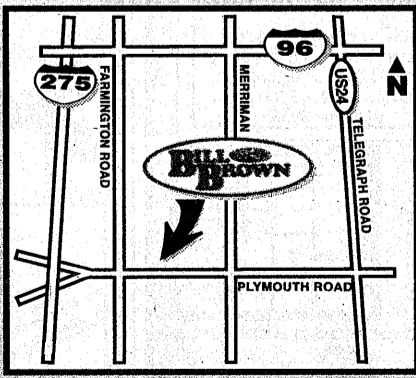
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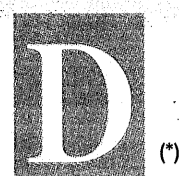
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Good taste: Dig right into design of ample Coast Fork

A traditional exterior covers the modern and spacious interior of the Coast Fork (406-05). This 2,167-square-foot home would be ideal to overlook the ocean, a lake, or

the mountains. The rear left of the entry would be easily accessible for clients.

To the right of the entrance is a small hall leading to the two bedrooms and the bath-

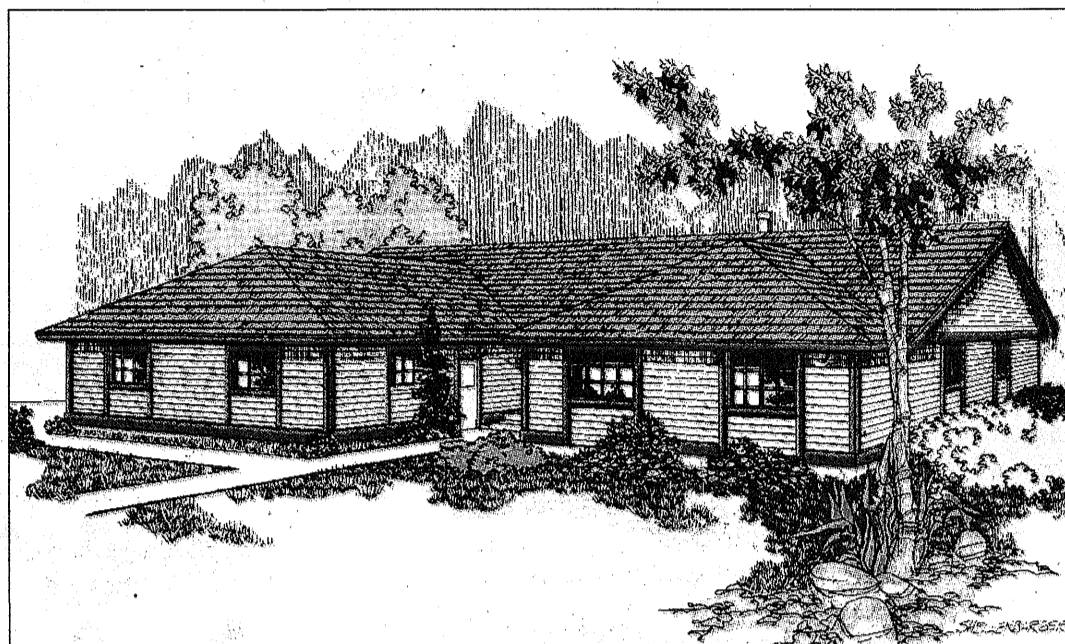
room. The bedrooms are a great size, with large wall closets. The bath area has two sinks and a tub.

The balance of the right side is the master suite. It is enlarged with a bay window overlooking the view to the rear. The master bath has a large walk-in closet, twin sinks with a skylight overhead, and a large shower, bench, and linen closet. The entire suite exudes roominess and comfort.

The living room has a corner gas fireplace, a large window, and sliding doors to the deck outside. On the hall side of the living room wall is a display case for trophies or pictures.

The dining area also has a large window overlooking the view. There is a pass through opening by the cook top for easy access to getting food to the dining table. The kitchen is very open and designed for ease of use. The sink has windows above it to allow light and to view the scenery. There is a corner area that has shelves for putting those many cookbooks or the fancy dishes that may need to be displayed.

Beyond the eating bar



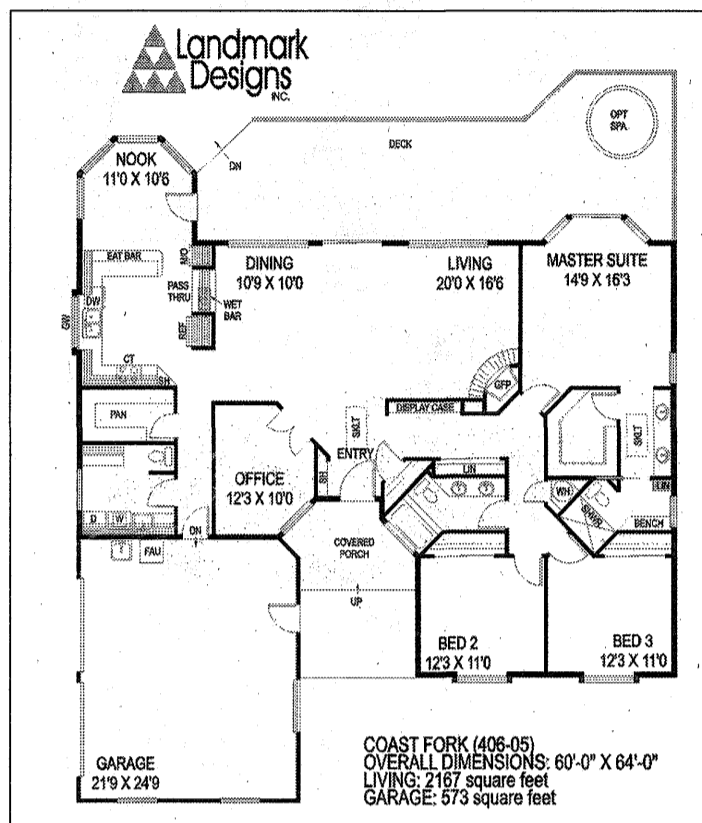
towards the rear of the home is the breakfast nook. This is a rounded area, totally made up of large windows, ideal for coffee by the view, reading the paper, or watching the clouds. There is a door opening to the deck.

All in all, the Coast Fork would be an ideal home for retiring to the coast, or to overlook a lake, or even that

gorgeous mountain view that some properties afford. It has all the amenities that would make retirement a pleasure.

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Registration fees are \$10 for SMC members, \$20 for BIA members and \$45 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

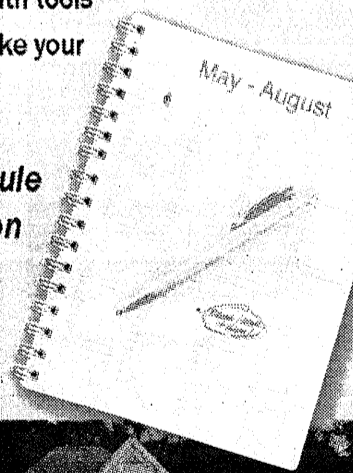
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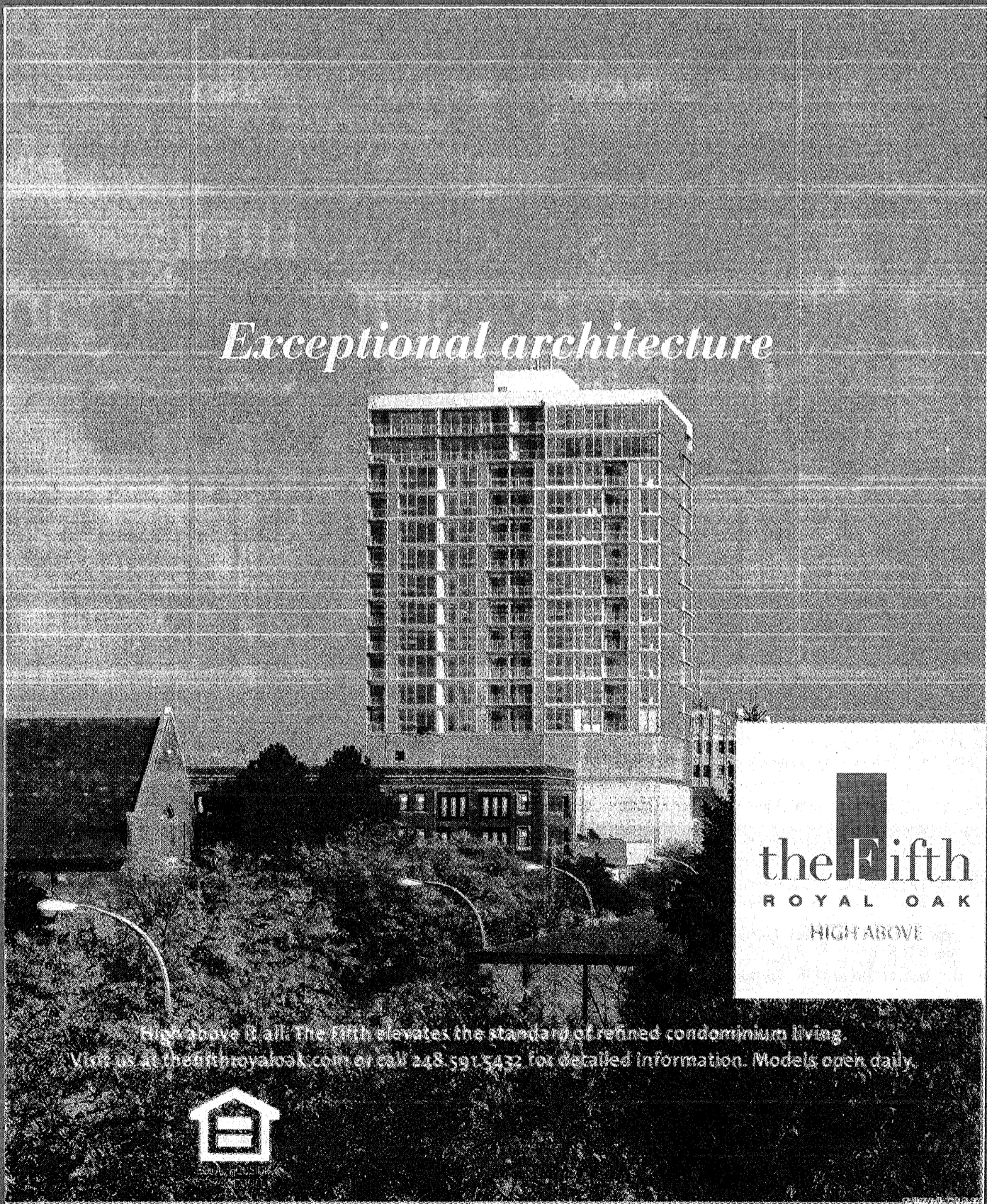


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Level: Beginner

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

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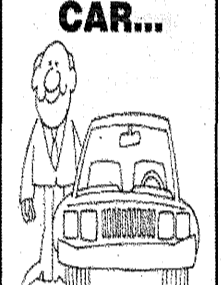
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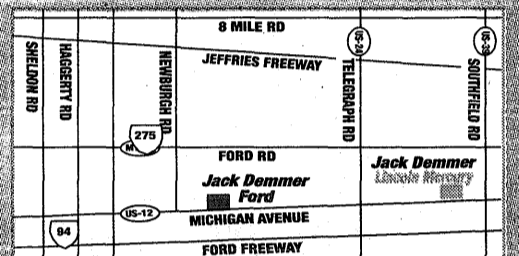


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