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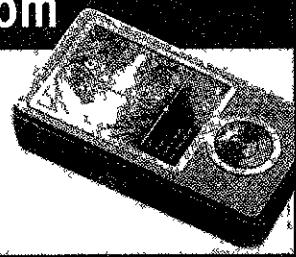
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Newcomers celebrate 35 years

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
 STAFF WRITER

Thirty-five years of girl talk, play dates and community service will be celebrated Feb. 7 at the Canton Newcomers birthday party.

The event will begin at 7:15 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford.

"For someone who's thought about checking us out, this would be a great time to do it," said Noreen Rybar, vice president of the club. "We're so excited about this party."

The event will include a birthday gift exchange, door prizes, raffle for a local charity and refreshments.

Despite its name, the Newcomers is open to anyone regardless of how long they've lived in the community.

"We don't define 'new' because we have members that join after five, 10, 20 years of living here," said Rybar, who joined the group three years ago. "We have people who finally have the time to participate because they've just retired or sent their kids to college."

More than 100 members strong, the group usually meets the first Wednesday of the month but hosts dozens of recreational activities between formal gatherings, such as ladies night out, scrap booking and chick flick dates.

"We like being together," said Rybar, adding that women make up most of the membership. "We call it the social club for entire families but women mainly come to the meetings and our families are honorary members."

The group has a men's poker night for husbands and a series of interest groups steered toward children, including Moms and Tots, Creative Kids and the field trip-focused Little Explorers.

Other activities include game nights, a walking club and a monthly couple's social.

According to the organization's Web site, www.cantonnewcomers.org, membership dues are \$20 annually. Guests may attend two general meetings and one interest group activity before joining.

Rybar, who stumbled upon the Newcomers by chance, encouraged others to come to a meeting if their interest has been piqued.

"We've all been there where you didn't know anyone when you pulled the door," she said. "But we pair (guests) with a member and by the end of the evening, they will have met so many people."

For more information on the 35th birthday party, call Rybar at (734) 981-0486.

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Belle of the ball

Kris Rautio receives the Thomas J. Yack Founders Award from the Canton Community Foundation's Joan Noricks during Friday's Winter Ball. For more on the ball, please see Page A3.



Robert Guttersohn's first book, based on experiences over three different tours in Iraq, was recently released.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Art imitating life

Canton soldier bases book on war experiences

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
 STAFF WRITER

In between leading a team of soldiers, jumping from airplanes and executing raids in Iraq, Sgt. Robert Guttersohn was jotting down random anecdotes about his military service.

Eventually, the former Canton resident had enough material for five books.

"It started as something to pass the time because the characters (were inspired) by the soldiers around me," he

said. "I never thought I'd publish anything."

Guttersohn's first novel, "Bartholomew Chronicles: Volume One," was recently released.

The 260-page book is a mix of fantasy and current events that was born out of his war experiences with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division.

"I feel like anybody can pick it up," said Guttersohn, 23, who was deployed three times and got the idea to publish

PLEASE SEE BOOK, A8

District happy about MEAPs

BY TONY BRUSCATO
 STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools administrators are celebrating success as students in grades 3 through 9 exceeded state averages in all 28 categories of the MEAP tests taken last fall.

When comparing how Plymouth-Canton students did last year as compared to district scores in 2005, pupils who scored proficient — at levels 1 and 2 — increased in 24 of the 28 tests.

The most significant changes — both up and down — were in writing. The number of third-graders who scored at levels 1 and 2 jumped 10 points to 59 percent, which compared to a statewide average of 52 percent. There was a decrease in fourth-grade writing to 50 percent, compared to 59 percent the previous year. That was still above the state average of 45 percent, which was down 10 percent from 2005. District officials point out those fourth-grade students are the same students who scored below the state average in writing as third-graders.

Two-percent decreases were recorded in sixth-grade social studies and eighth-grade science. Sixth-grade writing remained the same at 85 percent. A number of areas showed 4- and 5-percent increases.

The board of education has made it very clear that student achievement is a top priority," said Jim Ryan, P-CCS superintendent. "They not only say we will measure it, but show improvement, and get better every year."

"Our staff has stepped up to the plate," he added. "Our teachers, from elementary to high school, have a really strong idea on how to teach things. Everything we do has a purpose, and teachers are making it happen in the classroom."

Terri Kolakowski, a fourth-grade teacher at Allen Elementary in Plymouth Township, said she feels confident her students will perform well on the MEAP tests.

"The district has worked really hard to match the curriculum to the state guidelines," Kolakowski said. "I work with colleagues on collaborating lesson plans that support MEAP-type skills. I don't feel a lot of pressure because I'm confident about what we're doing."

Improvements in third-grade writing have P-CCS officials singing the praises of the K-2 Literacy Early Achievement Plan (LEAP), designed to teach children how to read and write by third grade.

"We're making a very focused effort in literacy," said Cynthia Swift, director of elementary education. "We're seeing an improved trend in third-grade reading and writing, which is the first group of students who have gone through the LEAP program. Writing in fifth grade is excellent, far above the state average, and up from the previous year."

While most MEAP scores are averaging in the 80s

PLEASE SEE MEAP, A8

Canton man unhurt after ramming train

BY TONY BRUSCATO
 STAFF WRITER

A 63-year-old Canton Township man miraculously walked away without injuries after crashing his car into a moving freight train shortly before 1 a.m. Wednesday morning in downtown Plymouth.

Ronald Berglund was arrested for drunk driving, was arraigned by video in 35th District Court in Plymouth and then was released on bond. "(Berglund) was driving southbound on Main Street and literally drove his car under the crossing gate, hitting the freight train about 20 cars in," Police Chief Wayne Carroll said.

"Fortunately for him, he hit the train and (his car) bounced back."

The train did not derail, but personnel stopped it after the crash.

The 2003 white, Hyundai four-door car sustained extensive front-end damage, but Berglund told officers he wasn't injured. However, Berglund's problems with police weren't over. A breathalyzer test of 0.08 and above is considered drunk.

"We arrested him for drunk driving," Carroll said. "He blew a 0.14. Because it was his second offense, we also seized his car."

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PAUL E. SCHULZ

A 63-year-old Canton man walked away from this crash after running the railroad crossing bars and ramming a moving train early Wednesday morning.

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Coming Sunday in Health



Go Red campaign raises awareness about women's risk for heart disease

Correction

The photo credit for photographs accompanying a story about a Marine luncheon in the Sunday, Jan 21 *Canton Observer* should have said the photos were taken by James R. Cliff

Blood drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts a blood drive 2-8 p.m. Friday, Jan 26. Appointments can be made, by walk-ins are also welcome. The Salvation Army is located on Main just south of Ann Arbor Road.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 453-5464

Canton BPW meets

The Canton Business & Professional Women meet 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb 12, at Palermo's Restaurant, located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on the north side of Ford Road, east of Canton Center and west of Sheldon.

Guest Speaker Lynn Jarrett, president of LifeQuest Training & Coaching, will discuss balancing all life offers.

Jarrett is a best-selling author, motivational speaker, life coach and a resident of Canton.

RSVP by Friday, Feb 9. Contact Canton BPW president June Nicholas, junenicholas@comcast.net or (313) 610-2561.

Maybury Farm docents

Maybury Farm is in need of docents for its pre-school and elementary school programs. In March, students begin arriving for a variety of programs offered at the Farm and docents are needed to assist with these programs.

Event coordinator Dana Weeks will offer training for the docents beginning in February. Commitment is once or twice a week for three hours.

Anyone interested should call (248) 374-0200 to be added to the docent list.

Rotary essay contest

The Plymouth Rotary is inviting middle-school students in the Plymouth-Canton community to submit a 250- to 500-word essay about The Four Way Test and how the test can be used to make good decisions.

The Four Way Test is a decision-making model used by Rotary International. The test of things we think, say or do asks "Is it the truth?" "Is it fair to all concerned?" "Will it build goodwill and better friendships?" and "Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

There will be two winning students from each middle level program in Plymouth-Canton, with the winning students receiving a \$100 savings bond. Essays must be submitted by Feb 16 to Ellison Franklin, West Middle School, 44401 W Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Entry forms can be obtained at middle schools or from the middle-level Language Arts teachers. For more information, call West Middle School Principal Ellison Franklin, (734) 416-7599.

Art exhibit
Detroit-born artist and Canton resident Byron Reed brings his vibrant and unique painting style to the Plymouth Community Arts Council with his current exhibit, *The Way We Were*, through Feb 15.

This septuagenarian has had a long career that began with graphic arts and progressed to Reed working as art director at various advertising agencies and television stations in the Metro-Detroit area. Reed devotes all of his time to his first love - art.

Reed is also helping to shape young artists as a mentor in the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Aspiring Artist Mentorship Program. Visitors can view *The Way We Were* at the PCAC 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The PCAC is located at 774 N Sheldon Road in Plymouth. For more information visit the Web site at www.plymoutharts.com or call (734) 416-4278.

Family music classes

Harmony and Me will present free Music Together Demonstration classes Feb 8, at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. Reservations are requested. The classes will be held at 7311 N Lilley Road, in Canton (between Allstate and the Medical Center). For more information or to make a reservation, call (248) 489-9330, or visit www.harmonyandmekids.com.

Music Together classes offer a family-style program with mixed-age children. Younger siblings are welcome and encouraged to attend. The goal of the program is to encourage families to bring music and harmony home. This is a national research-based, developmentally appropriate music class for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers and the adults who love them.

Week day, daytime classes begin March 13 and will run for nine weeks.

Home Improvement
Canton's sixth annual Home Improvement Expo and Parade of Homes will be held Saturday, March 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 4 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Canton's Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

At the Expo, do-it-yourselfers will find more than 120 exhibitors ready to give tips and information on a wide range of home improvement and repair projects. The Expo is free to the public and will focus on home modernization, new products and landscaping ideas. The Parade of Homes will also return this year with single-family model homes and condominiums open to the public during the entire event.

How-to workshops will also be held throughout the weekend on a variety of topics from landscaping to product lines and a hands-on project center be hosted to allow children the opportunity to construct a project made from wood. Expo goers will also be able to "Ask the Inspector" how to make their homes safe and code compliant when Canton's Building Inspectors answer questions one-on-one.

Applications may be obtained at RE/MAX Classic 43435 Joy Road, in Canton. The submission deadline is March 1, 2007.

A special guest appearance will be made by Murray Gula, Host of "Murray Gula's Home Improvement Team" on WXYZ-TV Detroit. Refreshments will also be served throughout the day and multiple raffles for free prizes will be held. The event is hosted by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division, the Chamber of Commerce and the *Observer and Eccentric Newspapers*. For more information please call Canton's Building and Inspection Services at (734) 394-5200 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

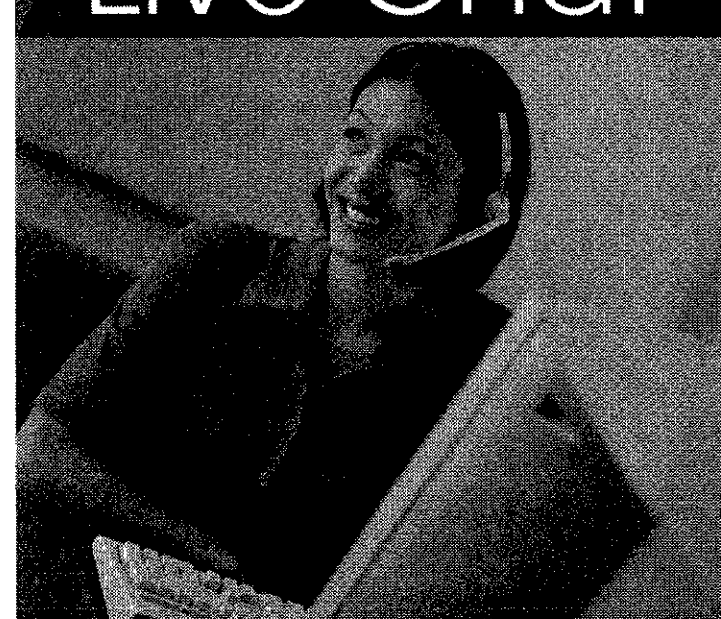
Bittering Team Scholarships

Lee and Noel Bittering of RE/MAX Classic in Canton are once again sponsoring three scholarships of \$1,000 each. These scholarships will be available to any currently enrolled high school senior in the Plymouth-Canton community who is planning on attending a college or university in the fall of 2007.

"The Plymouth-Canton community has supported us for over 20 years. The Bittering Team Scholarship is just one of the ways that we can say thank you by giving back to our community. We know that education is very important for the values of our properties. This is our way of paving the way for a stronger, happier future for the next generation," said Noel Bittering.

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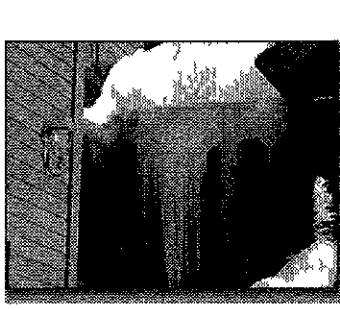
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More than 400 tap their feet at foundation's Winter Ball

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

On Friday night, more than 400 people tapped their feet and swayed to 'Old Time Rock and Roll' at the Canton Community Foundation's annual Winter Ball.

The event, which took place at the Laurel Manor in Livonia, is one of the largest fund-raisers for the foundation, which awards scholarships and grants to students and non-profit organizations in Canton and Plymouth.

A dueling piano act was the entertainment for the night.

The ballroom was decorated with black, star-shaped balloons, tealight candles and silver palm trees.

After a sit-down meal, which included filet mignon, guests lined the room for a dessert and coffee bar.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack and CCF President Joan Noricks presented awards to former CCF board members Paul Denski, Jr and H Kristene Rautio.

Denski, who served on the board for 10 years, was given the Victory Circle Award.

Rautio, a former board chairperson and secretary, was given the Thomas J Yack Founders Award.

Noricks said 410 people



Reggie Wessel, Rich and Karen Tajer and Kristin Long socialize after dinner

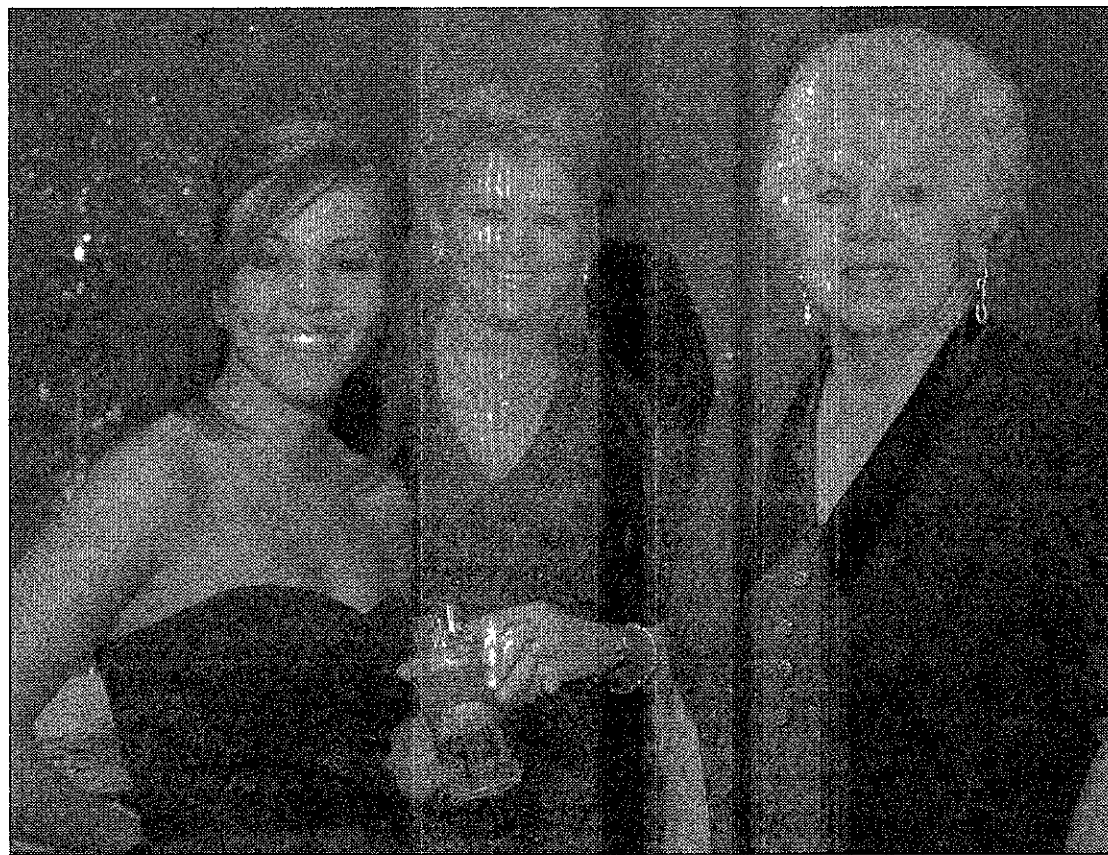
attended the 13th annual semi-formal ball. "All the feedback we've gotten has been really positive," she said. "People really liked the dueling pianos and they stayed later into the evening."

Maria Holmes, Comcast corporate affairs manager, has attended the ball for several years and said it's always impressive.

"I think it's spectacular," she said.

"It really goes to show you how caring a community can be."

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Eren Denski, Helen Majeski and Barbara Denski were on hand at the Canton Winter Ball as awards were presented to former CCF board members Paul Denski, Jr and H. Kristene Rautio.



Paul Denski, Jr., was honored by the Canton Community Foundation with the Victory Circle Award. Canton Supervisor Tom Yack offers congratulations.



Phyllis Redfern and Bob Marshall were among those who gathered for the annual Winter Ball Friday night.

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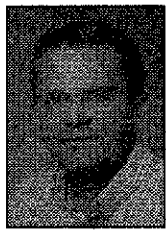
Fresh off being named Journalist of the Year for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, Plymouth-Canton sportswriter Ed Wright has been honored again.

Wright, who covers Plymouth-Canton sports and edits the sports section for both papers, was honored in the Suburban Newspapers of America 2006 Editorial Contest, one of two awards for the Plymouth and Canton papers.

Wright's work was recognized with a third-place finish in the "Best Sports Section" category.

The other award for the *Plymouth Observer* came from community editor Brad Kadrach, honored with a third-place finish in the "Best Opinion Column" category.

The awards were among 25 won by the *Observer & Eccentric*, the top honoree for Gannett Company, Inc., the O&E's parent company. "The *Observer & Eccentric Newspaper Group* is proud of the many awards presented by SNA," executive editor Susan Rosiek said. "Staff members strive to present the best in local news, sports, features and photos both in print and



Wright

online. We remain dedicated to producing the best community journalism for our print and on-line audiences."

The other papers earning honors

■ *The Birmingham Eccentric* - first place, Best Column Writing, Class C, second place, Best Headline, third place, Best Front Page

■ *Farmington Observer* - first place, Best Sports Section, Class B, first place, Best Continuing Coverage, third place, Best Feature, third place, Best Election Coverage

■ *Lake Orion Eccentric* - second place, Best News Photo, Class A

■ *Livonia Observer* - second place, Best Opinion Column, Class C, second-place tie, Best Coverage of Local Education/School District

■ *Westland Observer* - second-place tie, Best Coverage of Local Education/School District, third place, Best Column Writing

■ *Redford/Garden City Observer* - second place, Best

Sports Writing

■ *Rochester Eccentric* - third place, Best Editorial Writing, Class C, third place, Best Opinion Column, third place, Best Continuing Coverage, second place, Best Election Coverage

■ *Southfield Eccentric* - second place, Best Opinion Column, Class B, first place, Best Editorial Page

■ *Troy Eccentric* - third place, Best Editorial Writing, second place, Best Editorial Page, second place, Best Sports Writing

■ *The Observer* was also recognized with a first-place tie for Best Non-Page-One Layout for its At Home Section and with a first-place award for Best Photojournalism for its post-Super Bowl photo coverage.

The SNA 2006 Editorial Contest was the most competitive in the association's history with over 3,600 entries - 18 percent over last year's record number. The American Press Institute judged the contest again this year.

The *Observer & Eccentric* finished second among weekly newspaper groups nationwide. Winners will be recognized at the SNA Spring Publishers' and Editors' Symposium (March 27-30, Tampa, FL).

Magician has birds, needs home

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

William Heine is a man of magic. He's done his feats of prestidigitation as the opening act for Robert Townsend and Harry Blackstone Jr. at the Fisher Theatre and on television. The late Bob Talbert called his performance one of the best acts in Detroit.

But Heine has a problem. He's allergic to his assistants - six white doves - so he's become a man with a mission of finding someone who will care for his birds.

"I'm not giving the birds away, I'm looking for a good family, a good safe home with people who can feed them, give them water everyday and do cage maintenance," said Heine, who's an instructor at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland.

Heine has had birds since he was 10 years old. That's when he found out he was very allergic to rabbits. Since he couldn't use rabbits in his act, he substituted the doves.

That should work, but five years ago his allergist suspected his allergies may be because of the birds. A wheezy fall led the allergist to suggest he move doves out of his living



TOM HAWLEY
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Westland Career Tech Center instructor William Heine of Plymouth, who uses birds for his magic show, needs to find them foster parents because of allergies.

environment, saying Heine would "see a tremendous improvement in his breathing."

This isn't the first time Heine has found someone to care for his doves. The owner of a flower shop in Plymouth cared for his birds for a limited time and it worked out well. Heine hopes the same will be true this time.

He will pay for all of the supplies - bedding, food - and vet bills and will provide a cage.

The cage houses three birds in each of its two compartments. The order - which bird goes where - is important because the groupings are like families, Heine said. Leg bands are color-coded to determine which birds go together.

"The cage is designed with screens to keep feathers and seed inside, it's custom built to minimize things from getting out around the house," he said. "It's almost an aviary."

He will need to be able to come and get his birds for performances. He does 20-30 shows a year.

"I won't show up unannounced and it won't be a

weekly thing, at the most, a few times a month," he said. "I'm not going to be interrupting them daily, but I do need access to my birds."

Vacations are no problem either, since it's extremely easy for him to stop by and feed and water and do a quick bedding change, he said. And if something happens to a bird, it's "not a big deal."

"I'll go out and get another," he said.

The birds do make noise, but "not a hostile noise, a beautiful noise," Heine said. They need light, but when the lights are turned off, they stop cooing and remain silent in the dark. If they are in an area where they need to be made quiet, the cage can be covered with a cloth.

"When the sun comes up, there's a beautiful cooing, they're a natural alarm clock," he said. "They also make a laughing sound. It's one of the coolest things."

Heine would like to keep his birds in the western Wayne County area. People interested in caring for them can call him at (734) 454-9392.

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Educator shares views on why boys suffer in school

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Educator Sharon Streaan was concerned to see declining test scores among boys at Plymouth Canton Educational Park, especially in reading and writing.

It was particularly significant in writing," said Streaan, an assistant principal at PCEP assigned to Salem High. "It became very worrisome to me. The question is why is that happening?"

Streaan noted that boys' educational problems are of growing national interest, as evidenced by media coverage. She spoke Thursday, Jan. 18, to members and guests of the Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women, at a meeting at the Plymouth Community Arts Council building.

"There's a physiological reason for these things," said colleague Pam Dean of Canton, who teaches English/language arts at Salem and introduced Streaan. Sharon is quite the expert."

In the 1970s, the prevailing wisdom was that environment mattered the most, Streaan said, but more recently many experts have begun to look at physiology. "Testosterone is testosterone. It affects how you learn."

She noted that boys are significantly more likely to commit suicide and make up two-thirds of Plymouth-Canton special education students.

They receive the majority of the Ds and Es in school, and account for 80 percent of discipline referrals.

Females talk three times more than males, Streaan said, and tend to be better listeners. Girls and women are better in group settings, while their male counterparts are more results oriented.

"I'm not trying to change anybody," she said, agreeing stereotyping should be avoided. "I just want to understand."

Research shows females are better at using both sides of their brains and multitasking, Streaan said.

Streaan recommended two

books: *The Minds of Boys* (2005) by Michael Gurian and Kathy Stevens and *The Female Brain* (2006) by Louann Brizendine, M.D. Some schools, such as in Livonia, are trying single sex classes to see if they help students succeed, she said.

Boys are hugely interested in video games, Streaan said. Such "screen time" is a factor in attention deficit disorders. There's permanence to that. It doesn't go away."

Streaan urges parents to read to children, have them go out

and play, and enjoy such board games as Scrabble. Video games appeal to boys because defeat is singular and private, and they don't have to worry about looking weak.

"They don't like sedentary jobs," she said of males with high testosterone. They have to keep moving."

Males tend to have stronger right brain use, with spatial/mechanical ability, she said. It isn't just a phenomenon in America. All of us are on a continuum, she agreed, and individual differences are

significant.

Boys tend to be less able to memorize. Teachers of boys should consider talking less and doing more, using lists, pictures and graphs, allowing for movement in the classroom, offering visual stimulation and predictable structures, along with competition and games.

Streaan discussed the "boy code" which makes life particularly hard for more sensitive boys. "They have their own social group" at PCEP, she said, and are bright and excel in

many activities. "These are the young men who have to be most protected in their early stages," she said.

Streaan also touched on nutrition and learning, including the importance of drinking water to achieve academically.

"There's lots we don't know, but what we're taking in is having an effect."

She also urges people to be mentors to youth. "It can make all the difference. We all have power to effect tremendous change."

Becky Copenhaver, Plymouth-Canton AAUW branch president, was among the attentive listeners.

"I thought it was awesome," said Copenhaver, a Canton resident and third-grade teacher at Hoover Elementary in the Livonia district.

Everything she said I could identify with. Everything she said just hit the nail on the head for me."

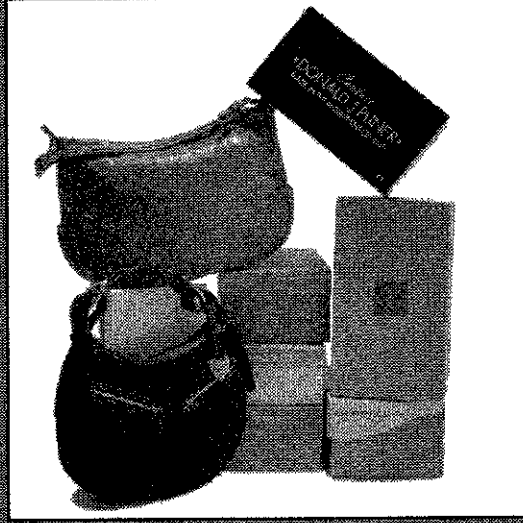
Teachers have to be versatile and understand different learning styles, Copenhaver added.

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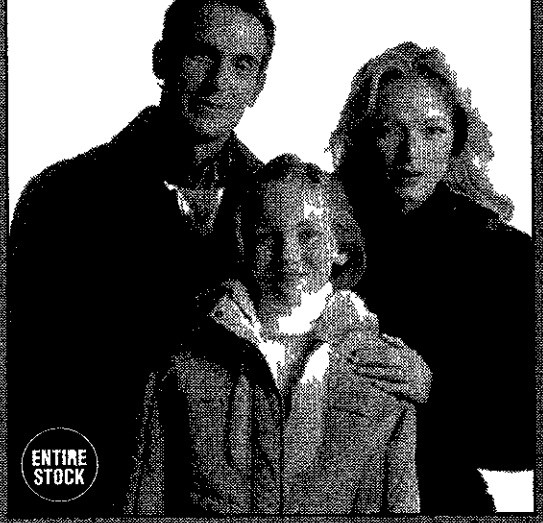
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and 90s, elementary writing scores range from 50 to 71 percent

"Over the years, we have seen the state struggle on how to assess writing and score a standardized test," Swift said "Performance isn't what we want it to be, but it's only one measure we use on how well students write"

Kolakowski said teachers at Allen have been working diligently on improving writing skills

"We're writing more than we've ever have, and I'm paying particular attention to comments that come back from the MEAP tests," Kolakowski said "I look to see what they said about my kids' writing, and areas we need to work on, and I focus on those areas in hopes of raising those scores"

Board of Education Vice President Mark Slavens was one of the first trustees, several years ago, to push for measurements to gauge success by students

"These MEAP results are reflective of the board working with administration, teachers and parents, and we're all moving

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District	92	79	81	n/a	n/a
State	80	65	64	n/a	n/a
Grade 8					
District	87	81	84	87	n/a
State	76	67	68	75	n/a
Grade 9					
District	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	88
State	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	74

ing in that direction," Slavens said

Slavens said he's not sure how long Plymouth-Canton can continue to show academic improvement if the state continually fails to adequately

fund public schools

"What concerns me is the state of Michigan is going to mess it up by not properly funding us," Slavens said "We're doing the right things, educating kids and improving

scores But you can't keep improving academics while the state keeps cutting funding"

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BOOK

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his work from a fellow soldier

"It took me about four months to fix up the story line and then I contacted (the self-publishing company) BookSurge," he said

Guttersohn, who wrote the book's material in 2003, had a yearlong stint and two, four-month tours in Iraq

"While we were there, I'd write a couple chapters and pass it around," he said "They all loved it"

With an appeal to sci-fi lovers, Guttersohn said the book centers around two characters and offers his views on Iraq as well as comedic moments

"Ninety-percent of the characters are based on soldiers I know," he said

Guttersohn said he'll soon push to have the book, which is only available on-line, sold in

bookstores

"People I know that don't normally read (novels) have finished this in a week," he said "I really think just anybody would enjoy it"

A graduate of Agape Christian Academy, Guttersohn now lives in Wayne and is taking classes at Schoolcraft College He plans to publish the other four books in the series as well as open a downtown Detroit restaurant in the future

Released from the Army in June, Guttersohn says his military career not only provided fodder for his book, it shaped his life "Aside from how long and hard it was, I learned so much about myself," he said "I saw what life could be like outside of America, so I appreciate this country so much more"

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Mann 85 died Jan 21

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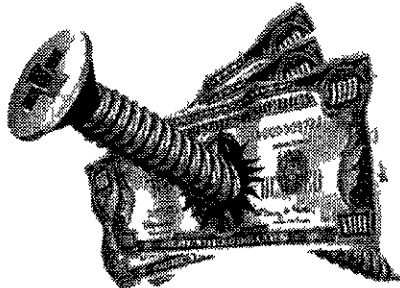
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BY MATT JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Looking past the state's budget crisis, local Democratic legislators, led by Rep. Andy Dillon of Redford, outlined their major goals for Michigan during a press conference Monday.

Dillon, the new Speaker of the state House of Representatives, said House Democrats plan "bold initiatives" to address the state's problems.

"We want to meet the problems of the state head-on" instead of "just tweaking the edges," said Dillon at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. He was joined by Reps. Marc Corriveau of Northville and Richard LeBlanc of Westland.

The House Democrats plan measures in six areas: health-care costs, education, environmental protection, energy needs, consumer protection, and House ethics.



Left to right, Speaker of the House Andy Dillon of Redford with Reps. Marc Corriveau of Northville and Richard LeBlanc of Westland present the House Democrats agenda for the coming legislative session at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center.

The trio didn't say where money for Democrats' goals would be found. But, asked about the state's financial woes — a projected \$800 million budget shortfall — Dillon said House members plan to brain-

storm for ways to plug that hole by cutting spending and increasing revenues by, for example, perhaps selling state assets.

"We need to reorganize our tax structure," added Dillon.

The current tax system was designed for an economy that's changed, he said.

Dillon wouldn't rule out some type of tax increase, but said that's not his first option. "Everything is on the table, but I'm not going to jump to that conclusion just yet," Dillon said of raising taxes.

The results of November's election indicated voters are looking for bipartisan cooperation, and it's in that spirit that House Democrats will proceed, Dillon said. He said he's optimistic the House will be able to work with the state Senate, which is controlled by Republicans.

Dillon, Corriveau and LeBlanc took turns discussing the Democrats' agenda. It included:

- Assisting residents with health-care costs by providing statewide insurance for catastrophic claims. Dillon and other House members introduced a catastrophic claims insurance bill in 2005.

- Supporting the use of ethanol, a corn-based fuel that can power some vehicles, plus solar and wind power. "This country needs to reduce its dependence on foreign oil," Dillon said. A predicted electricity shortage, he added, means energy companies need incentives to build power plants in Michigan.

- Attracting businesses and jobs by strengthening education. "We have to give them the tools to compete," Corriveau said of Michigan students. He pointed to Schoolcraft's biomedical technology building, which is under construction, as an example of the development needed to draw technology-related jobs.

- Passing new ethics rules, such as banning House members from state lobbying for one year after they leave office, and requiring representatives to disclose financial interests.

- Working to curb insurance redlining, the practice of charging people who live in

high-crime areas more for insurance, and increasing the penalties for identity-theft crimes. LeBlanc said he had been the victim of identity theft. "It was a horrific experience," he said.

- Passing an 18-month moratorium on the "popcorn tax" — the additional property taxes homeowners pay after buying a new home, which removes the Proposal A cap on taxable value. Dillon said the moratorium could be structured to avoid affecting taxing entities, and that it could spur home sales and related economic activity, such as remodeling and the purchase of furnishings.

"I do believe we need to look at a long-term fix for this," Dillon added.

House Democrats announced their new agenda at 16 different communities around the state on Monday.

Dillon appeared at four of those stops: Monroe, Livonia, Jackson and Lansing.

Madonna University to host photographic art exhibit

The exhibit Simulacra Photographic Simulacra by Rachel Holland will be on display in the Madonna University Exhibit Gallery. The exhibit runs through Tuesday, Feb. 6.

Detroit photographer Rachel Holland specializes in photographing people. She has a BFA in commercial photography from the Center for Creative Studies, College of Art & Design. Her clients include advertising agencies, magazines and service-based companies.

For Simulacra, Holland has culled images from her commercial as well as her personal collections. Each composition carries its own formal, controlled qualities and in that respect becomes a portrait of the artist herself.

Holland's images act as abstract representations of the real. Her portraits reveal

only fragments of the complex nature of the personalities of her subjects, reducing them to their most graphic elements. This allows the artist to focus on the forms her subjects create within the space of each composition. Furthermore, while traditional portraiture centers primarily on the face, Holland also finds expression of the personal in other facets of the body that have a language all their own.

Admission to the Madonna Exhibit Gallery is free and the public is invited to attend. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Madonna University, located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia, offers bachelor's and associate's degrees in graphic design and fine art.



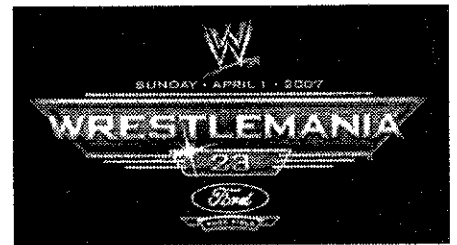
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OUR VIEWS

District should move elections

With Plymouth-Canton Schools officials biting their nails as they await the bad news from Lansing about how much will be cut from the district's state aid this year - estimates are \$2 million to \$4 million - they should begin looking for every possible way to cut costs.

Although it will not help this year, the district should make the decision to move its future board elections to November. By doing so, the district will be able to share the costs of the election with local municipalities that are holding elections at the same time.

A state law that went into effect in January of 2005 gave municipal clerks the responsibility of running school district elections. Before the change, school districts ran their own elections. For Plymouth-Canton, elections used to cost the district in the neighborhood of \$15,000-\$20,000.

But costs have skyrocketed since the new law went into effect, largely because the district is billed by each of the clerks in the six communities from which it draws its students. For example, the bond proposal and board election last May cost the district \$98,000.

Board members say there are some negatives to having the elections in November, most notably that newly elected board members would take office in the middle of a school year. Also officials worry that school questions would get lost on a multiple page ballot and might confuse voters.

While those are certainly valid concerns, they do not override the savings the district would reap from moving the elections to November, particularly when district officials are considering making cuts to the classroom because of reduced funding from the state.

The other benefit of moving the elections to November is the fact that general elections nearly always draw far more voters to the polls than school elections. One of the main reasons that state lawmakers changed the law in the first place was to ensure districts did not hold "stealth" elections in which few voters would turn out. Moving the board elections to November would ensure greater voter participation. That, along with the savings the district would receive, make the decision a no-brainer.

Guv needs to hear from you on fixes for state finances

It's no secret that Michigan is in a bind. The state's economy has been shaky for several years as the auto companies struggle to compete in the global marketplace.

State and local governments are finding it hard to deliver services with declining tax revenues and rising costs.

Gov Jennifer Granholm has created a 12-member emergency commission to offer suggestions for dealing with a projected \$3 billion budget shortfall by 2008. This year's deficit is estimated at \$800 million. Granholm has enlisted former governors William Milliken and Jim Blanchard to chair the Emergency Financial Advisory Panel.

The panel includes former state legislators, educators, former Attorney General Frank Kelley and former state Treasurer Doug Roberts.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack complains that the committee does not include a representative for local government and is "stacked" in favor of the "education establishment." He has suggested that the governor add members to the committee to address his concerns. We concur.

We also take note of Yack's more general criticism of the committee.

"The entire tax structure of the state has to be reviewed with an eye toward a total overhaul. Working on the edges may prove to be short-sighted and may not result in a long term sustainable economic climate," he said in a press release.

Indeed it is hard to imagine that this committee, no matter how distinguished, can solve a problem that the state Legislature has been unable or unwilling to tackle over the last four years. Some argue that the committee will provide cover for the governor when it recommends the tax increases that will inevitably follow its deliberations.

The choices are fairly simple - severely cut government services, which includes local schools, facing a \$224 per student cut, and local government, or increase taxes.

What would you do? What would you cut, what would you keep? What is a fair tax structure that maintains government services even when the economy tanks? What tax plan will be fair? What can we do without?

We believe the governor needs to turn to the committee of the whole - the residents of Michigan - and get their input on these important questions.

We invite you to share your plan for Michigan's future. E-mail your suggestions to myadvice@hometownlife.com.

We'll publish and send your comments to local lawmakers and the governor's office. Tell us what you think.



LETTERS

Unity or diversity?

I don't understand the concentration our country has on 'diversity.' We are the United States not the 'Diverse States.'

Diversity means differences - a concentration on how we are different, not how we are alike. When we try to divide and classify citizens, it continues to highlight the fact that we are different.

We need a united America. Ever since the United States revolted against Britain, our population has added many people from many places. Over the years, people came to this country to become American. We all melded into the "melting pot" and simply became "Americans." Today, different races come here and are classified by our government. We are labeled and packaged into a "group" from which we cannot escape. Some want to retain their own language and customs and they have no intention of becoming an integral part of our nation. This is allowed under the guise of our dictated need to be diverse.

Is our government represented by race? If I am a white person and my representative is black, does that mean that I am not represented in Congress? Are all Muslims who live in a district that has a Catholic representative out of luck? Obviously, the answer is no to all of these questions. We are represented by geographical districts. That should be the only criteria.

I find it very uncomfortable to think that black administrators in our school system would feel they only represent the black students. Their job is to teach all students - race must be ignored and all students must be treated equally as people. Just people. There should be no distinction between one student and another. The idea that we must hire a staff with the same racial mix as the students, to me, is wrong. Our staff should be hired on their qualification. Each student should be able to interact with any staff member and not feel they are mistreated because of their ethnicity. I believe our school staff is professional and would never discriminate against a student. Race needs to be kept out of the hiring process and out of schools.

Our society is being eroded away because of this divide-and-conquer method. We should only have two divisions in this country. One is citizens. The other is legal immigrants who want to become citizens. People who hold allegiance to another country or way of life should not be here. If they hold allegiance to another country, that is where they need to reside.

We need to teach our children about their similarities. We need to stop giving groups of people special treatment. That is not what "All men (women) are created equal" is all about. We are actually undoing our great nation and the principles that made it great.

A democracy is when people are united and they elect a representative government. In a diverse environment, the government controls the groups that vie for status in the government. In the end, democracy loses in a diverse environment because it empowers the government to control the people, not the people controlling their government.

Let us all unite as American citizens and work together in peace for our country.

Peg Robichaud
Canton

Another perspective

I read with great interest Kurt Kuban's column, "It's time to get serious about the

issue of global warming.' I would like to present another perspective that deserves some attention.

Mr. Kuban cites Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth* as his point of departure for advocating government mandated remedies to curb greenhouse gas emissions. To have any impact at all on serious CO2 reduction would require the imposition of massive carbon taxes on U.S. industry and American consumers.

A panel of some of the world's leading economists, including three Nobel Laureates, after examining the critical challenges facing the world, determined that the most effective investment of scarce resources to improve the human condition was combating AIDS, malaria and malnutrition. Climate change was ranked very low on the list of global crises where major investments would yield substantial benefits to humanity. These conclusions, dubbed the "Copenhagen Consensus," were reached after studying the analyses of many scientists and economists. This is precisely why Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffett are using their billions to help alleviate these devastating health and nutrition problems that prevent those nations so affected from becoming economically viable and better able to cope with any beneficial or disruptive effects due to climate change.

A more practical solution for the reduction of greenhouse gases would be policies that encourage the development of clean technology and the transfer of that technology to the developing world. China is expected to surpass the U.S. in carbon emissions in five years. Brazil and Indonesia alone contribute 10 percent of the world's greenhouse gases through forest burn to clear land for agriculture. South America, Europe and Asia are net exporters of CO2. North America, with its ever expanding forests, now absorbs as much CO2 as it emits. Market-driven clean technologies such as more nuclear power plants, hybrid and clean diesel engines, energy-efficient homes, factories and office buildings are the way forward to less reliance on foreign oil and reducing CO2 emissions, not government-mandated carbon taxes and CAFE standards that would have a negative impact on our economy, especially in Michigan. Global warming melted the glaciers and created our beautiful Great Lakes. Milder winters just might encourage our retirees to remain here rather than fleeing to the South to escape the cold.

Larry Bohner
Farmington Hills

Overwhelming success

The staff at The Senior Alliance is filled with pride as the figures for the Christmas meals and holiday card program finally came in.

The Senior Alliance, which coordinates a variety of services to older adults and low-income, disabled adults in southern and western Wayne County, served nearly 800 hot, festive meals on Christmas Day to seniors with the help and support of their friendly, dedicated volunteers.

Last Christmas, local print advertising created an overwhelming response from the community to volunteer their time to deliver meals. Well over half of the 300 volunteers TSA uses stepped up at Christmas.

In order to raise money for the Christmas holiday meals, The Senior Alliance sells hol-

iday cards for \$5 apiece, our cost per meal. The holiday cards program was another huge success.

This year we were able to raise enough money to pay for the Christmas meals. One way in which TSA supported this success was by an exciting new staff contest that generated a whopping growth to the revenue for the program by encouraging staff to step up and support the program they all work so hard to run.

The financial support is crucial. Each meal costs \$5, and there are additional costs associated with the program, such as printing forms that the seniors complete, envelopes, postage and contacting the volunteers.

The Senior Alliance would like to thank all of the banks in southern and western Wayne County that participated in the holiday card program by allowing TSA volunteers to stand at their locations on Dec. 8, 2006, and sell the cards to raise funds to support the meals.

With Easter on the horizon, Pete the Fuzzy Peep will help keep the momentum going to raise money to serve even more homebound seniors this Easter holiday. Labor Day and Thanksgiving complete the holidays that meals are served to seniors, but TSA is hopeful to add more in the near future. If the momentum continues and the financial support from throughout the community continues to grow, then TSA will be able to add additional holidays to the program. Once the meals are covered any additional money will go towards adding another holiday.

There are 12 holidays throughout the year that Home Delivered Meals are *not* served and without the Holiday Meals Program, many seniors go without a hot meal to warm their tummies and their hearts. For now, The Senior Alliance serves meals on Easter, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

There is no state or federal funding for Holiday Meals, and so its existence is entirely dependent upon the generosity of individual donors. Keep your eyes out for The Senior Alliance volunteers on Friday, March 23. They will be standing at many neighborhood banks, credit unions, and grocery stores raising funds for the Easter holiday meals. If you would like to volunteer to help or make a contribution, please contact Lori Tooles-Carrington at (734) 727-2063 or at ltooles@tsalnk.org.

Lori Tooles-Carrington
The Senior Alliance

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QUOTABLE

'We can look at spending the rest of the year - such as any hires we have yet to make and health care costs - but the reality is there's not much we can do for the remainder of this school year because it comes so late.'

- Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan on impending cuts from the state

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Review your life insurance and carry what you need

With the new year still upon us, one area of our personal financial affairs that we should take a few minutes to review is our life insurance needs. First, it is important to understand that not everyone needs life insurance. Life insurance is not an investment, but rather a means of covering risks. The question isn't, are you going to pass away, but rather when you do pass away does anyone lose out financially? If no one loses out financially, then you do not need life insurance. It would be similar to purchasing boat insurance if you did not have a boat.

If someone would lose out financially upon your death, then the next question to ask yourself is do you have the financial resources to cover that risk? If you don't, then life insurance is something that you should consider.

To determine how much life insurance you need, I do not believe there are any quick and easy formulas. Some people start with eight to 12 times their income and then make adjustments from that. To me, the key is your living expenses, in other words, what it costs you to live on an annual basis less other sources of income. This is what helps you determine how much life insurance you need. In addition, there are numerous Web sites that have calculators to help you with your calculation. Of course, I would not recommend that you use a Web site whose main



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

goal is to sell life insurance. Once you have determined that there is a need for life insurance and what that need is, then you need to begin the process of obtaining the insurance. For the great majority of people, I recommend term insurance. My belief is that most people do not need life insurance for their entire life, but rather need to cover a specific period of time, such as 'til your children are on their own. Term insurance allows you to purchase insurance for a guaranteed period of time. I like term insurance because it is priced competitively and easy to receive competitive bids.

I am frequently asked what a person should do with an old life insurance policy that they no longer need. My belief is that in the majority of situations, if you have a life insurance policy that you no longer need, you ought to cash it out and invest the money. When you cash out a life insurance policy, the tax consequences are not as harsh as many people would like you to believe. What is taxable to you is the amount that you receive from the cash surrender value of the policy, less all the premiums you have paid throughout the

life of the policy. For example, if you paid \$1,000 a year for 10 years on a life insurance policy and when that policy is liquidated, you receive \$10,050, the only amount subject to tax is \$50. My philosophy is that you should not pay for something you do not need. Even if you no longer are making premium payments, there are costs and expenses associated with that policy that you are incurring.

On the whole, I am not a fan of whole life, universal life and other types of permanent life insurance. My problem with these types of policies is they are oversold, the policies are stuffed with fees and commissions, and they rarely cover an individual's needs. With term insurance, you can purchase a substantially greater amount of insurance at a lower cost. Of course, with term insurance there are not as many commissions that are paid to the salespeople.

Take some time to review the area of life insurance. You may be surprised that by becoming proactive in this area of personal financial planning, you could save yourself a substantial amount of money and more effectively protect you and your family. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee only financial adviser. O&E readers can submit questions to be answered in print and online at money matters@hometownlife.com. Listen to Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK AM (1400) or visit his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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Detroit Zoo's not just a summer place

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Linda Theodore of Bloomfield Hills and twin daughters Grace and Sutton, 4 1/2, found their way to the Detroit Zoo Friday, Jan. 12. They were among the morning visitors to the Butterfly Garden.

They love this section, she said of her daughters. "It's a great day to come. The family has a zoo membership."

"We come a lot," Theodore said. "In the winter it's especially nice." The family likes the polar bears, and the girls learn about animals.

The Detroit Zoo's open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily in the winter, and many hardy souls visit.

"This winter's been great because we've had such mild weather," said zoo spokeswoman Patricia Mills. "And there's so much to do here in the winter."

The Butterfly Garden maintained at 75 degrees, features more than 40 species of butterflies from Costa Rica and El Salvador. Docents Sally Rubiner of West Bloomfield and George Williams of Huntington Woods were there Jan. 12, teaching about the butterflies.

"Love for the zoo," he said of his reason for going through docent training and volunteering. Celebrating saving wildlife.

Rubiner agreed. The camera ride is wonderful, not only with the guests. This is a particularly wonderful place because nobody ever comes in here angry. Before volunteering, Rubiner used to visit to sit and read or chat.

They're all wonderful people and then of course the butterflies are just wonderful, said Williams, adding the keepers are helpful with questions.

The Arctic Ring of Life also offers indoors refuge, said Mills, a Franklin resident. It features a 70-foot Polar Passage with diving and swimming polar bears and seals.

Mills noted the zoo, at 10 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak, drew just over one million visitors in 2006.

Particularly for stay at home



The Arctic Ring of Life at the Detroit Zoo is among the attractions visitors enjoy during the winter. The zoo stays open all year and draws a number of visitors.



Tigers such as this one at the Detroit Zoo have regal bearing.

PHOTOS BY DAVID REED

the Holden Museum of Living Reptiles, which houses more than 85 species of animals, including snakes, turtles, lizards and crocodilians. In addition, the Great Apes of Harambee, giraffe, white rhino, primate and river otter habitats all have indoor viewing areas.

moms, there's always something to do and see," she said. "The animals are always doing something different."

Winter also offers smaller crowds, she said, and some animals are more active.

Visiting Jan. 12 were Jason Bialk of Southfield with son Owen, 4 1/2. Owen's favorite is "the zebras."

The Bialks are also zoo members. "Just taking him out, got a day off work," Bialk said. "Hopefully, it doesn't rain too hard. I have three kids and it's

just something great to do with them all.

The Japanese macaques, commonly known as snow monkeys, enjoy their outdoor hot tub in the winter. The Amur tigers, wolverines, red pandas, Asian wild horses, elk and bison also adapt well to cold weather and become more active.

Other indoor experiences at the zoo include the National Amphibian Conservation Center, the Penguinarium, home to 63 King, Rockhopper and Macaroni penguins, and

Wild Winter Weekends offer fun to young, old

The Detroit Zoo has a sure cure for the winter blahs this season with Wild Winter Weekends. The series of winter-themed events includes a wild Carnival and an animal kingdom Zoobilee. Wild Winter festivities will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second weekends in February and March at the Ford Education Center.

Wild Winter Weekends offer entertainment for the whole family and are a fun way to experience the magic of the zoo in the wintertime. Guests can enjoy their favorite animal habitats, both indoors and out, as well as special activities, including children's music, keeper talks, games and crafts.

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The Wild Winter Carnival features face painting, carnival games, the magic of the Impossible Man, magician Dan Gilbert, and the roaming entertainment of the Yo-Yo Man, Zeemo.

WILD WINTER ZOOBILEE - MARCH 10-11

The Wild Winter Zoobilee is a celebration of the animal kingdom with animal arts and crafts and an animal-themed scavenger hunt. Animal enrichment activities and talks by the zoo's expert keepers round out the festivities.

The Detroit Zoological Society is a nonprofit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. Situated on 125 acres of naturalistic exhibits, the Detroit Zoo is at the intersection of 10 Mile and Woodward, just off I-696, in Royal Oak.

The Detroit Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through October. Admission is \$11 for adults 13 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 12, children under 2 are free. For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org.

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JANUARY

Mission in the Sudan

7:30 p.m. Thursday Jan 25 at St. Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington Road north of Six Mile Livonia Join Rev. Norm Dickson S.J. as he reflects on his 7 1/2 years of missionary work in Sudan and Kenya on the African Continent...

Women's retreat

Presented by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Livonia 5 p.m. Friday Jan 26 to 3 p.m. Saturday Jan 27 at St. John's Retreat Center Plymouth Cost is \$70 includes Friday night's dinner snacks and accommodations (one person per room)...

room) Saturday's breakfast lunch and beverages. Space is limited. For more information call Sue Brandt at (734) 542-7003...

Spaghetti dinner

Our Lady of Loretto PTO all you can eat Spaghetti Dinner 4-8 p.m. Friday Jan 26 in the Family Center at the church on the corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly roads...

Walk through the Bible

Presented by Single Point Adult Ministries (30 years and older) seminar open to everyone on the Old Testament 7:30 p.m. Friday Jan 26 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday Jan 27 at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile west of Haggerty Northville...

Volunteer night

Presented by Bethany Suburban West a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths Monday Jan 29 For details call (313) 996-8644

Young people's ministry

Burning Questions on the last Wednesday of each month Jan 31 and Feb 28 6 p.m. potluck or just come we have food 7 p.m. The Gathering with music sharing celebration at Unity of Livonia 28660 Five Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt...

Bible study series

St. Theodore Catholic Church presents the Catholic Interpretation of the Book of Revelation beginning 7-9 p.m. Thursday Jan 11 and continuing for eight weeks at the church 8200 N Wayne Road Westland For more information call (734) 425-7310

Scripture study

Board the Starship Evangelize, seek out and explore new worlds of scripture study The Book of Numbers 10 a.m. Tuesdays through May at St. Priscilla Church 19120 Purlingbrook Livonia For information call Mary Rice at (734) 522-1095

UPCOMING

Divorce recovery

Workshop 7:30 p.m. Thursday Feb 1 and continues every Thursday for seven weeks presented by Single Point Adult Ministries (30 years and older) at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile west of Haggerty Northville...

Love's Secrets

7:30 p.m. Thursday February 18 15 and 22 at St. Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington Road north of Six Mile Livonia The series examines Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical Deus Caritas Est...

International student day

Presented by Church Women United Suburban Detroit West (MI 063) Friday Feb 2 at Redford/Aldersgate United Methodist Church 10000 Beech Daly between Plymouth and W Chicago roads...

Buddy Greene concert

Includes a wide variety of traditional American influences ranging from country and bluegrass to folk gospel and blues 7 p.m. Friday Feb 2 in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile west of Haggerty Northville...

Gathering of eagles

Conference Feb 2-4 at the Embassy Suites Hotel 28100 Franklin Road Southfield Meetings begin 7:30 p.m. Friday Feb 2 Presented by The Ministry of the Watchman International For a complete schedule call (800) 560-9240...

Superbowl party

Alcohol free Superbowl Party for anyone who wants to enjoy the company of their neighbors 5 p.m. Sunday Feb 4 at Unity of Livonia 28660 Five Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt...

Grief support

For widowed men and women in all stages of grief covers coping with loss of a spouse loneliness and other issues dealing with grief begins 1:30 p.m. Sunday Feb 4 and runs for six weeks at St. Columban Parish Center 1775 Melton north of 14 Mile between Woodward and Coolidge Birmingham A...

Grief workshop

From Grief to New Hope 7:45 p.m. Sunday Feb 5 and continues for eight weeks at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile west of Haggerty Northville For those grieving the loss of a loved one it is normal to feel overwhelmed angry and alone...

Valentine card party

6:30-10 p.m. Friday Feb 9 at S.S. Simon and Jude Church 32500 Palmer Westland Door table prizes 50 50 Light meal and snacks Bring your friends and play cards and games of your choice Tickets \$8 at the door Proceeds go to the Building Fund For information call (734) 722-1314

Education pilgrimage

The third annual education pilgrimage of faith and hope to El Salvador is being organized by Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth assisted by CRISPAC (Christians for Peace in El Salvador) The pilgrimage will take place from Feb 11-18 2007...

Pasties fund-raiser

Pasties are \$3 each and can be ordered by calling Newburg United Methodist Church at (734) 422-0149 There will be someone to take your order 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday Wednesday Feb 13 14 Call in orders only Do not leave orders on answering machine Orders faxed e-mailed or left on answering machine will be ignored...

VBS preview

Preview the offerings for this summer's Vacation Bible Schools 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Feb 17 at Ward Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile west of Haggerty Northville...

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Livonia For more information call (734) 464-0990 Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro The Cookie Lady followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m. Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W Six Mile Redford Call (313) 534-7730

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service For information call (734) 261-5331

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads Livonia Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour for all ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470

Unity of Livonia

Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster roads Call (734) 421-1760

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W Seven Mile between Farmington and Merriman Livonia are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan Call (248) 477-8974

Bet Chaverim

Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton Plymouth Livonia and Northville The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S Ridge south of Cherry Hill Canton Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com

Detroit World Outreach

A nondenominational church with cutting edge drama productions energized contemporary music high tech video and lighting programs for kids and teens for college students singles married adults and seniors Services are at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month) Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (313) 255-2222

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday Services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m. Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages at 11575 Belleville Road (four miles south of Michigan Avenue) Belleville Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p.m. Sundays includes dinner and child care Call (734) 699-3361

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills For more information call (248) 851-5100 or visit www.adatshalom.org

English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and back grounds at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road Livonia Tutors will work on a one to one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language No charge To register call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830

Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh at 31840 Road Farmington Hills invites the community to a new worship service at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays Also Sunday traditional worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m. and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information

Single Point Ministries

For ages 30 and older join more than 350 single adults at 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville Coffee doughnuts conversations are present Call (248) 374-5920 Tennis continues from 1:5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 4:7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees at Rotary Park Six Mile and Hubbard Livonia

Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center 1119 Newburgh Westland Call (734) 728-9157

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ONGOING

Worship service

All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church 6500 N Wayne at Hunter Westland Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world For more information call (734) 721-0800

Worship services

Sunday Worship services are 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary) Sunday School & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday Grace Lutheran Church 46001 Warren between Canton Center and Beck Canton For information call (734) 637-8160

Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church 16175 Delaware at Puritan Redford Congregation is hearing lessons from 1 Peter For more information call (313) 255-6330

Adult literacy classes

Available for those wishing to improve their reading and writing skills Open to adults age 18 and over Trained tutors available for day and evening hours Call (734) 421-0472 Leave your name and phone number and someone will be in contact with you

Ladies Bible studies

Began Tuesday Sept 12 at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene 21260 Haggerty Northville Call (248) 348-7600

Women of the Word offer the Life Change Study of the book of Genesis by NavPress from 9:30-11:15 a.m. (\$15 registration fee includes interdenominational materials and free child care for ages through 5 and a study of the Patriarchs by Beth Moor from 6:45-8:15 p.m. (\$20 fee and no child care)

Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a non-denominational multicultural full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile west of Farmington Road Livonia All are welcome For information call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets from 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library 32737 W 12 Mile For more information call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053

Scripture studies

From 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church Six Mile and Beech Daly Redford Call (313) 534-9000

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a Becket Church 555 S Lilley Canton Weight is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off For more information call Mary at (734) 394-1328

Learner's Bible study

At 7 p.m. Mondays in Room A101 at Ward Presbyterian Church 40000 W Six Mile Northville Call (248) 374-5920

Church service

Loving God by loving people meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church 6500 N Wayne Road at Hunter Westland Doughnuts and coffee served Call (734) 254-0093

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ANDREW P. RHEN

January 22 2007 Age 38 of Beverly Hills Loving husband of Suzanne (nee Barry) for 14 years Dear father of Alison and Adam Beloved son of John and Nancy Rhen Brother of Daniel (Michelle) and Marnie Oakley (Christopher) Son in law of Michael and Dolores Barry Brother in law of Michael Carolyn Berry (Mike) Also survived by a niece and three nephews Family will receive friends Wednesday 2-9 PM at A J Desmond & Sons Funeral Home 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Funeral Service Thursday 10 AM at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church 280 E Square Lake Road Troy Visitation at church begins Thursday at 9:30 AM Memorial tributes Michigan Kidney Foundation View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

JAMES V. BURCH, JR

January 20 2007 Age 84 of Birmingham Beloved husband of Patricia L. Also survived by seven children 12 grandchildren 15 great grandchildren and one brother A J Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHomes.com

JEWEL C COOKE

Age 98 of Montgomery IL formerly of Farmington Hills MI died Sunday January 21 2007 at The Tillers in Oswego IL She was born September 20 1908 in Chicago IL the daughter of the late William and Bertha (nee Dierking) Cheatwood Over the years she taught/coached swimming in the Detroit, MI area as well as competed in the US Masters Swim Program She was recognized by the American Red Cross for 75 years of service She is survived by two daughters Stephanie (Bob) White of Montgomery IL Johanna (Bob) Elliott of Scottsdale AZ a son Peter (Linda) Cooke of Pierre Part LA Six grandchildren nine great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren She was preceded in death by her husband Horace Cooke son Anthony Cooke granddaughter Johanna White and sister Billi Cheatwood Cremation will be followed later by the entombment of the remains at Graeceland Cemetery in Chicago IL Memorials may be directed to the American Red Cross Funeral arrangements are entrusted to McKEOWN-DUNN FUNERAL HOME LTD & CREMATION SERVICES, Oswego IL For additional information 630/554-3888

LARRY N. BURNETTE

Age 80 of Northville, passed away peacefully January 22 2007 He was born December 22 1926 in Detroit MI to Newman and Bernice (Wilson) Burnette He was united in marriage to Beverly A Thomas on October 2 1965 Larry served in the United States Army during World War II and was a member of the VFW Post 4012 in Northville He was a retired electrician for Van Buren Electric in Plymouth more recently he was the assistant maintenance man at Allen Terrace He enjoyed bowling, fishing boating and building model airplanes He is survived by his wife Beverly his stepchildren Susan Skingley Rapp husband Michael Robert H Skingley Barbara Skingley Smith husband Craig and Amy Skingley McIntosh husband Jeffrey, his sisters Jean (Merle) Parsons and Joan Booth his grandchildren Benjamin (Becky) Rapp Emily Rapp Melissa McIntosh and John McIntosh and great grand daughter Audrey Rapp He was preceded in death by his parents Visitation will be held Thursday Jan 25 from 2-8 pm A funeral service will be held Friday January 26 at 11am at Casterline Funeral Home Inc, 122 W Dunlap Northville Rev Jonathan Wilkes with the First Baptist Church of Northville will officiate the service Mr Burnette will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery where he will receive military honors Memorial contributions can be made to the Northville City Fire Department 215 W Main Street Northville MI 48167



LILLIAN B. BERRY

Age 84 January 19 2007 Beloved wife of the late Robert Loving mother of Nancy Bob Scott (Joan) and Ch (Lori) Proud grandmother of Shawn Sheena Kara Taylor Jared Grant Lilly and great grandmother of Calvin Jordan and Hayden Services were held by McCabe Funeral Home, Canton



MARY ANN GREENMAN

(2/21/37 - 1/21/07) Age 69 died Sunday of complications due to Multiple Myeloma at Karmanos Hospital in Detroit Ann Greenman was born in Toronto Ontario She moved to the United States in her late twenties where she fell in love with her husband of 37 years the late Floyd Greenman Ann and Floyd owned and operated a successful business (Flame Cutting Machine Maintenance Inc) in Livonia for over 30 years Ann and Floyd moved to Richmond, MI to retire and purchase their dream home Ann was very involved with her family and close friends She was a member of the Red Hat society and interested in travel books knitting, cards cats and nature especially large trees She was the dearest mother of Denise (William) Goetz and Susan (Jonathan) Lowrie sister of Eugene & Robert Burns and Darlene Walter loving grandmother of Lanna Visitation will be 2:30pm-8pm on Friday January 26th and 10am on Saturday January 27th until funeral service at 11am at the Rewalt Funeral Home at 68655 Stoecker Lane Richmond MI 48062 In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions to MMRF The Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation 383 Main Avenue 5th floor Norwalk, CT 06851 (203) 229-0464 or log on to www.themmrff.org

FRANK GUDAN

Age 68 January 22 2007 Beloved husband of Carmen Loving father of Kenneth (Vivian) Gudan and Kristin Lisa (Robert) Hoy Cherished grand father of Paul Gudan Lisa Gudan Lisa (Anne) Hoy and Elizabeth (Renee) Hoy Dear brother of Mary Ann Scotchie and Edward Gudan Funeral Friday 10:30 a.m. (in state 10 a.m.) at Prince of Peace Catholic Church 4300 Walnut Lake Road West Bloomfield Visitation Thursday 2-9 p.m. Scripture Service 7 p.m. at Thayer Rock Funeral Home 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk W of Farmington Rd.) Memorial contributions may be made to McCarty Cancer Foundation www.thayerrock.com

ROY M. PARKER

Age 69 passed away of natural causes at his home in Gregory Michigan on January 13 2007 Cremation has taken place Born in Kalamazoo Michigan July 15 1937 to the late Rev. Dean W Parker Sr and Thelma G (Garlick) Parker He was their second son Son of a United Methodist Pastor Mr Parker lived in Michigan throughout his entire life Decatur Owosso Holly Hancock Montrose Vassar Trenton Dearborn Heights Clinton and Farmington Hills He graduated with honors from Vassar High School in 1955 and soon entered the University of Michigan School of Music, majoring in organ performance His teacher was the renowned University organist Marilyn Mason He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Organ Performance in the early 1960's He was a church organist by profession He was a member of the Anglican Catholic Church Mr Parker's entire life was devoted to music He had a very special regard for his organ instructor at U of M Professor Marilyn Mason He was an admirer of the great Wagnerian Soprano Birgit Nilsson and owned nearly every recording she ever made Mr Parker is survived by one brother Dean Parker Jr of Evansville IN His only living aunt survives Ms Edith R Price of Farmington His niece Elizabeth Bacon and nephew David E Parker both of Evansville IN and a nephew Jon M Parker of Lexington KY Two grandnephews also survive, Ryan and Eric and one grandniece Amanda all of Evansville Mr Parker's grandparents were early 1900 Farmington pioneers James D Parker and Edith Maud Rae Parker Memorial Service Saturday, January 27th 1:30 pm at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home 33603 Grand River Avenue downtown Farmington (1 blk West of Farmington Rd.) Visitation Saturday 12:30 pm until time of service www.thayerrock.com

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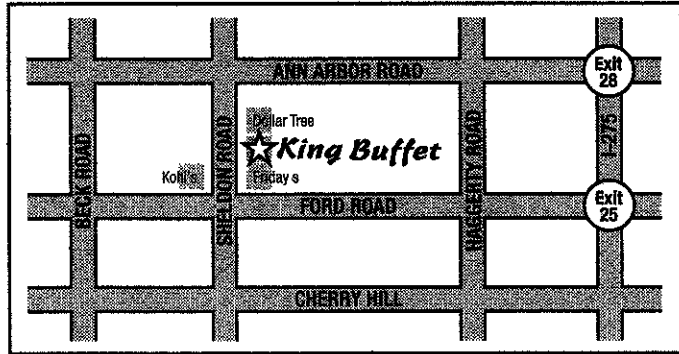
At the age of 85 years Warren left this earthly life on Sunday January 21 2007 to walk for eternity with the Lord He was born on January 27 1921 in Detroit MI and married Eleanor Borchacz on March 27 1945 During WWII he served his country in the South Pacific as a member of the Army Air Force Upon returning to civilian life he was employed by General Motors in Pontiac MI until his retirement He is survived by his loving wife Eleanor daughter Carol (Doug) Slowik son Robert Mann daughter in law Sera Mann sister Elaine Knell eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren He was preceded by his son Michael Mann A memorial service will take place on Saturday January 27 2007 at 11:00 AM at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church in Frankenmuth, MI Fr Fred Kawka will officiate Warren's family will receive visitors from 10:00 AM until the time of service Arrangements are entrusted to the Cederberg Funeral Home of Frankenmuth A luncheon will follow at Independence Village Retirement Center In lieu of flowers anyone planning an expression of sympathy may choose to consider a memorial to the Frankenmuth Lutheran Home or the Alzheimer's Association www.cederbergh.com

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80 Yu-Hsiang Beef*	7 50
81 Szechuan Beef*	7 50
82 Hunan Beef*	7 50
83 Beef with Vegetables	7 50
84 Kung Pao Beef*	7 50
85 Moo Shu Beef	7 50
86 Pepper Steak with Onion	7 50
87 Beef with Snow Peas	7 50
88 Sha Cha Beef*	7 50

Seafood

89 Sweet & Sour Shrimp	8 50
90 Shrimp with Snow Peas	8 50
91 Cashew Shrimp	8 50
92 Kung Pao Shrimp*	8 50
93 Shrimp with Broccoli	8 50
94 Moo Shu Shrimp	8 50
95 Yu-Hsiang Shrimp*	8 50
96 Szechuan Shrimp*	8 50
97 Hunan Shrimp*	8 50
98 Curry Shrimp*	8 50
99 Shrimp with Lobster Sauce	8 50
100 Shrimp with Vegetables	8 50
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Pork

102 Sweet & Sour Pork	7 50
103 Moo Shu Pork	7 50
104 Yu-Hsiang Pork*	7 50
105 Twice Cooked Pork*	7 50
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107 Pork with Vegetables	7 50

Vegetables

108 Vegetarian's Delight	6 50
109 Moo Shu Vegetables	6 50
110 Yu-Hsiang Broccoli*	6 50
111 Family Style Bean Curd*	6 50
112 Bean Curd Szechuan Style*	6 50

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113 Chicken Chow Mein	6 50
114 Beef Chow Mein	6 50
115 Pork Chow Mein	6 50
116 Shrimp Chow Mein	7 50
117 Combo Chow Mein	7 50

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118 Chicken Lo Mein	6 50
119 Beef Lo Mein	6 50
120 Pork Lo Mein	6 50
121 Vegetable Lo Mein	6 50
122 Shrimp Lo Mein	7 50
123 Combo Lo Mein	7 50

Fried Rice

124 Chicken Fried Rice	5 95
125 Beef Fried Rice	5 95
126 Pork Fried Rice	5 95
127 Vegetable Fried Rice	5 95
128 Shrimp Fried Rice	6 95
129 Combo Fried Rice	6 95

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C6 Orange Flavor Shrimp*	9 95
<small>(Jumbo shrimp deep fried in our orange flavor hot & spicy sauce)</small>	
C7 Hunan Double Delight*	9 95
<small>(Jumbo shrimp & chicken with green pepper broccoli carrots mushrooms & water chestnuts in our special garlic sauce)</small>	
C8 Yu-Hsiang Delight*	9 95
<small>(Beef shrimp & chicken with select vegetables in spicy garlic sauce)</small>	
C9 Scallop Beef	9 95
<small>(Fresh scallops with slices of beef in light brown sauce)</small>	
C10 Happy Family	9 95
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3 Moo Goo Gai Pan	4 50
4 Yu-Hsiang Chicken*	4 50
5 Cashew Chicken	4 50
6 Kung Pao Chicken*	4 50
7 Chicken with Vegetables	4 50
8 Garlic Chicken	4 50
9 Chicken Chow Mein	4 50
10 Curry Chicken*	4 50
11 Beef with Broccoli	4 50
12 Pepper Steak with Onion	4 50
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14 Beef Chow Mein	4 50
15 Beef with Vegetables	4 50
16 Kung Pao Beef*	4 50
17 Yu-Hsiang Pork*	4 50
18 Twice Cooked Pork*	4 50
19 Sweet & Sour Pork	4 50
20 Garlic Pork	4 50
21 Pork Chow Mein	4 50
22 Vegetables Delight	4 50
23 Yu-Hsiang Broccoli*	4 50
24 Shrimp with Broccoli	4 95
25 Yu-Hsiang Shrimp*	4 95
26 Cashew Shrimp	4 95
27 Kung Pao Shrimp*	4 95
28 Shrimp with Vegetables	4 95
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30 Curry Shrimp*	4 95
31 Shrimp Chow Mein	4 95
32 Garlic Shrimp	4 95
33 Sweet & Sour Shrimp	4 95
34 General Tso's Chicken*	4 95
35 Sesame Chicken	4 95
36 Shrimp & Chicken Hunan Style*	4 95
37 Triple Delight	4 95

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38 Chicken Fried Rice	4 50
39 Vegetable Fried Rice	4 50
40 Beef Fried Rice	4 50
41 Pork Fried Rice	4 50
42 Shrimp Fried Rice	4 50
43 Combo Fried Rice	4 50

Lo Mein

44 Chicken Lo Mein	4 50
45 Vegetable Lo Mein	4 50
46 Beef Lo Mein	4 50
47 Pork Lo Mein	4 50
48 Shrimp Lo Mein	4 50
48 Combo Lo Mein	4 50

Appetizers

50 Egg Roll(1)	1 00
51 Fried Wonton(8)	2 25
52 Fried Chicken Wings(4)	2 95
53 Fried Shrimp(3)	3 00
54 Bar-B-Q Chicken (4)	3 95
55 Crab Rangoon (3) 2 00 (6) 3 95	
56 Steamed or Fried Dumplings(6)	4 25
57 Pu Pu Tray (for 2)	7 25
<small>(includes egg roll fried shrimp bar b q chicken crab rangoon and fried chicken wing)</small>	

Soups

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59 Wonton Soup	1 50
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61 House Special Soup (for 2)	4 95
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McCotter supports Bush on war, but not domestic proposals

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER



McCotter

Democrats
The proposal calls for a series of 'strategic benchmarks' for measuring progress in Iraq. These include military benchmarks of Iraqi government cooperation, investment by the Iraqi Army, per-

formance of the Iraqi police force and Iraqi Army rotation to trouble spots. It would also include political benchmarks measuring the Iraqi government's progress in creating a tolerant, peaceful environment, equal access to all Iraqis to resources, democratic reforms, judicial reforms and accountability. The proposal would require monthly reports by the president on meeting

these benchmarks
"We lose — that would be the consequences of not meeting the benchmarks," McCotter said.
He said he told Bush that he would support the additional troops only if they were being sent as combat forces and not as 'contractors and social workers'.
On Tuesday, as a member of the House leadership, McCotter escorted the presi-

dent into the House chamber. He said they had a long wait outside.
"It's hard to make small talk with a president, so I didn't, he said.
He said he tries not to become too wrapped up in the ritual.
"I have to listen to what he says and how it affects the district," McCotter said. "It's worked for me. The pageantry

becomes a distraction. I'm there to hear what he says, not to look around. I did that with (former Gov. John) Engler, during the state of state addresses."
McCotter said the recent announcement by Pfizer that it was closing Michigan operations and laying off more than 2,000 workers was devastating.

US Rep Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) finds himself in an odd position. While supporting President George W. Bush's new Iraq strategy, McCotter is unhappy with many of the domestic proposals announced Tuesday during the president's State of the Union address.

"I'm going to be more conservative than my conservative president," McCotter said Wednesday in phone conversation from his Washington office.

McCotter said Bush would try governing from the center-left to reach out to the Democratic majority in hopes of winning their support for the war in Iraq.

"He dealt with a Democratic Legislature in Texas, so this is not unusual for him," McCotter said.

McCotter compared Bush's strategy to President Clinton's attempts to deal with a Republican majority by working from the center-right to reduce government spending.

"He's taking a page from the Bill Clinton playbook," McCotter said.

McCotter had a long list of areas where he disagreed with Bush on domestic issues, particularly in areas that he thought were detrimental to Michigan.

"In terms of domestic initiatives, I'm not happy to hear about the CAFE (corporate average fuel economy) proposal. It's hard to see that as being very helpful," he said. "It will hurt manufacturing in Michigan and the country."

McCotter said he doesn't support the president's health care insurance proposal. Under the plan, workers who receive up to \$15,000 in health insurance would receive a tax deduction, but those who pay for a better insurance program would pay a tax on any premium over \$15,000.

McCotter said the plan is a tax increase and that UAW workers would be among those paying the tax.

Bush received applause from Democrats for his continued support of a guest worker program for illegal immigrants. McCotter was a strong supporter of a House-passed immigration bill that did not include a guest worker plan and proposed stricter enforcement measures.

"I'm still against the guest worker plan. It is amnesty, no matter what he calls it," McCotter said.

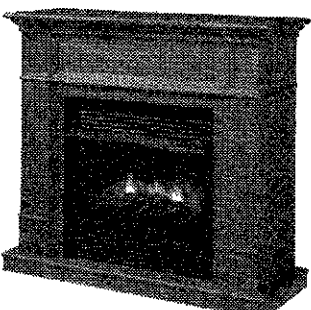
He said with a new Democratic-controlled House, chances were much better that the president's immigration program would pass. A bill supported by the president was passed in the Senate last year.

SUPPORTS WAR STRATEGY
On Iraq, McCotter said he supports the president's new initiative to send 21,500 additional US troops to Iraq to reinforce combat forces in Baghdad and the al Anbar province.

"The troops are there or are being sent, it will work or it won't," he said.

On Monday, McCotter, chair of the Republican Policy Committee, joined with House Minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio and Republican Conference Chairman Adam Putnam of Florida to call for a select committee to monitor implementation of Bush's new strategy. A letter was sent to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi requesting that she form the committee with an equal number of Republicans and

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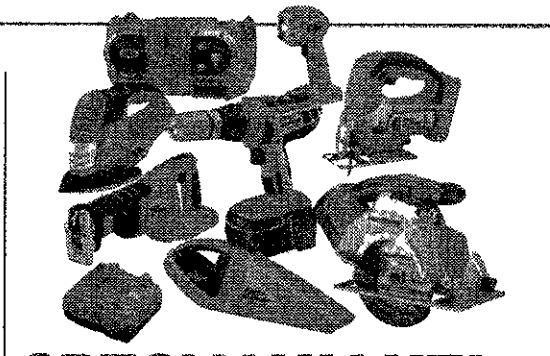
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Local wrestlers aim to stop Franklin 3-peat

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Studs are nice, but balance is better. That's the motto Livonia Franklin has lived by while capturing the past two Observerland Wrestling Invationals. The Patriots will be shooting for a three-peat on Saturday when 17 teams converge on Livonia Churchill for the 16th annual meeting of the top grappling squads in Observerland. In 2006, Franklin outpointed second-place Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 240 5-225, even though just one Patriot — 125-pound Mike Warren — earned a first-place medal. "We haven't had a lot of individ-

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ual champions the past two years — last year we only had one — but we had eight of our 14 wrestlers in the finals, so we get a lot of points from a lot of different people," said Franklin coach Dave Chiola, whose team finished dead last as recently as 2001. "It's not necessarily the way I'd want to do it. You'd always rather have a lot of studs. But we've shown that a well-balanced team can win it, too." Heading into Saturday's meet, not one Patriot is ranked No. 1 in his respective weight class in the Observerland individual rankings. However, Chiola's deep and balanced unit is listed first in the

team rankings, just ahead of Canton and Belleville. Chiola said the impressive roster of teams that annually attends the Observerland meet makes it one of the most-anticipated on his unit's schedule each year. "It's definitely one we look forward to every year — it's one that's circled on our calendar," said Chiola. "A lot of the kids from the different teams know each other because they attend a lot of the same camps during the summer, and it's big because if you win Observerland, you can say you're the champion of Wayne County for that year."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Nick Steiger (top) is the No. 4-ranked grappler at 125 pounds heading into Saturday's Observerland Invitational wrestling meet set for Saturday at Livonia Churchill High School.

Sidelines

Skating district

The third and final district competition for area high school figure skating teams will take place 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Taylor Sportsplex, 13333 Telegraph Rd., Taylor. The top three teams in the high and low categories will advance to the state championship meet in late March at the Detroit Skate Club in West Bloomfield. Teams competing in the Taylor district include United Farmington (skaters from North, Harrison and Farmington high schools), Livonia Ladywood, Farmington Hills Mercy, Plymouth-Canton, Northville, Milford, White Lake Lakeland, Walled Lake, Ann Arbor Huron and Novi. Individual competition for skaters attempting to qualify for the state meet will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at Novi Ice Arena.

Wildcat gymnastics

The Plymouth gymnastics team compiled 121.20 points in Monday night's tri-meet against Walled Lake Central (125.05) and Walled Lake Western/Northern (131.40). Among the highlights for the Wildcats were Jordan Brodeh's first-place effort on the floor exercise (8.65) and Danielle Gormick's second-place showing in the event (8.4). Kasey Zebari also shined for coach Diane Hodur's squad, placing third in the vault with an 8.35. Hodur also praised the performance of first-year competitor Kirsten Engstrom.

Crusaders 2nd

Coming off a third-place finish in the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference a year ago, Indiana Tech has been tabbed as the preseason favorite in the 2007 WHAC baseball poll as chosen by the league's five head coaches. Madonna, two-time WHAC regular season champions and NIAA Region VIII runner-up, was picked second as the Crusaders return 24 lettermen, including preseason all-conference picks Will Kennedy, a junior pitcher from Westland, John Glenn (4-1, 3.34 ERA), senior outfielder Tony Luttmann of Farmington (.321, 11 homers, 64 RBI), and junior DH David Herrick of Livonia Churchill (.331, 16 doubles, 30 RBI). MU is ranked No. 25 in the NIAA national preseason poll.

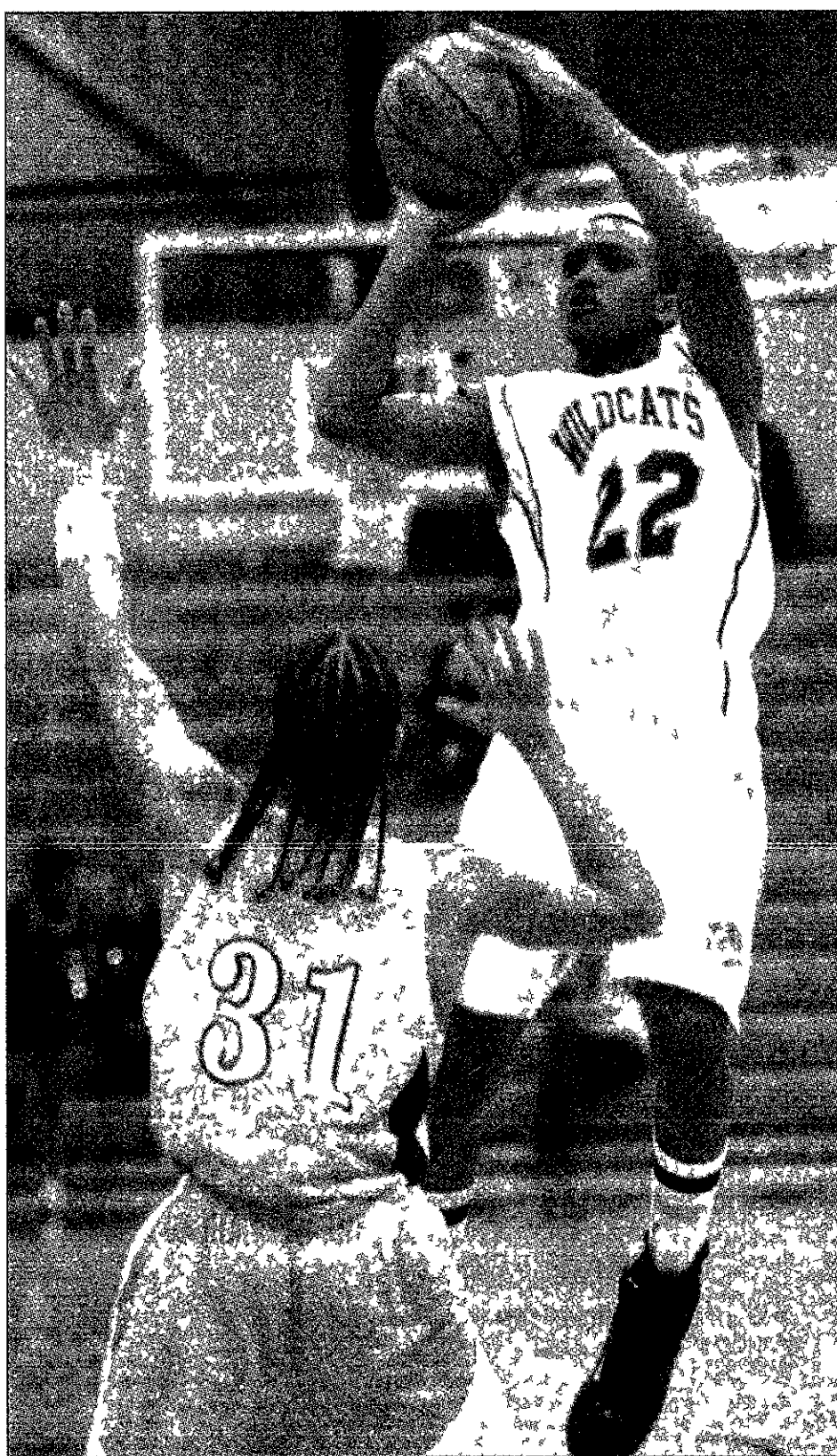
MU signs golfer

Madonna University women's golf coach Scott Marzolino recently announced the signing of Jillian Kloc of Belleville High for the first commitment to the 2007-08 freshman class. The former softball standout switched to golf before her junior year where she finished ninth in the Mega Conference's Red Division tourney. She averaged 91 over 18 holes with a career-best of 41 for nine

'Cats can't corral the Mustangs

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Something about the Plymouth High School gymnasium brings out the best in Northville's Alvin Storrs. The Mustangs' senior guard ripped the nets for a gymnasium-record 36 points Tuesday night to lead Northville to a 58-42 victory over the Wildcats. The triumph improved the winners' record to 9-1 overall and 3-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Plymouth slipped to 3-7 and 0-3. Storrs made 16 of 19 free throws. "We tried to tire him out by playing man-to-man against him, but he ended up tiring us out," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner, referring to Storrs, who many consider the WLA's best player. "He played well, but they had some other kids chip in as well. It wasn't like he was the only one out there." As usual, the Wildcats received a strong offensive effort from their junior guard tandem of Brandon Roberts and Myron Puryear. Roberts twined a team-high 17 while Puryear added eight. Mike Hanchett also played well, scoring six points. Austin Barnett contributed four points and eight rebounds to the Wildcats' cause. After Storrs, the Mustangs' next-highest scorer had six. Northville led 14-11 after one quarter, 31-25 at the half and 39-30 with eight minutes to play. "We were only down nine in the fourth quarter, but we didn't make the plays we needed to get back into it," said Van Wagoner. "Brandon had a good game for us. He hit a couple of threes." Led by Storrs' exceptional free throw shooting, the Mustangs went 20-for-27 from the charity stripe (74 percent). The Wildcats made 7-of-13 attempts (53.8 percent).



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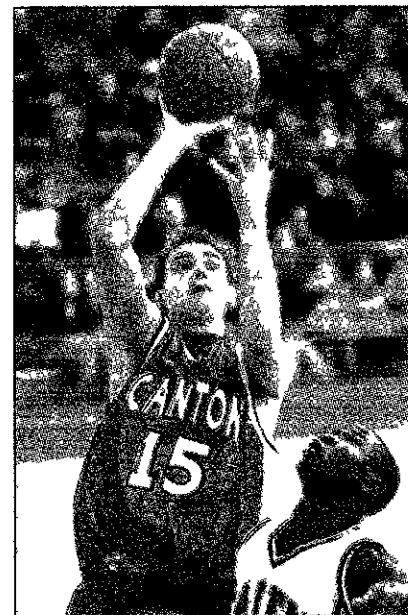
Plymouth junior point guard Brandon Roberts fires up a floating jumper over Northville's Alvin Storrs during Tuesday night's Western Lakes Activities Association game at Plymouth. Roberts scored a team-high 17, but the Mustangs triumphed, 58-42.

Canton gymnasts nip Salem

See complete results on Page B2

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's gymnastics team didn't have to wait long to receive a good omen during Tuesday night's talent-rich meet against cross-campus rival Salem. Senior captain Alyssa Kelley registered a school-record 9.825 score on the vault — the first event of the night — to get the positive vibes rolling for the Chiefs, who went on to record a tense 143.875-141.290 victory over the Rocks in a competition held in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. The victory improved Canton's record to 8-1, Salem slipped to 4-1. "It's always nice to get things rolling with a school record in the first event," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "That definitely got us going. We had four nines on vault tonight, which was a great way to start a meet." "Another key for us was that none of our top five girls fell on the balance beam. We lost to Troy Athens earlier in the year because we gave up too many five-tenths with falls on the beam." "We had some difficulties on floor tonight, but other than that, we were pretty solid across the board." Sophomore Katie Koetting shined for the Rocks, finishing first in the all-around with 37.375 points, just 150 points ahead of runner-up Kelley. The top five was rounded out by Canton's Jesse Murray (36.05), Salem's Autumn Collins (35.30) and Canton's Kate Koetting (35.15). Koetting placed first in the uneven bars (9.4) and the floor exercise (9.5). Collins (9.5) edged Murray (9.45) to win a tight balance-beam competition. Both teams competed without a top-of-the-line performer as Salem's Sarah Bugosh and Canton's Chelsea Selden were sidelined with injuries.



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Canton senior center Ryan Waidmann lays the ball into the basket over Salem's Anthony Mullins during a game earlier this year. Following in the footsteps of his two older brothers, Waidmann has been a steady three-year contributor to the Chiefs' varsity.

Waidmann follows in brothers' successful footsteps

Chief cagers outlast Western. See Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Welcome to "Waidmann Lane," the 15-foot-by-12-foot, red-painted section of hardwood that is located under each rim on the Canton High School basketball court. For most of the past decade, the lanes in the school's Phase III gymnasium have served as basketball proving grounds for members of Canton Township's Waidmann family — from the oldest sibling, 24-year-old Jason, an assistant coach with the Chiefs and student at Eastern Michigan University, to 21-year-old middle son, Jason, a student and decathlete at EMU, and now Ryan, 17, the Chiefs' starting senior center and leading scorer. Since 1996, all three have been multi-year starters for the Chiefs' basketball team — and very successful ones at that. While the Waidmanns' long and successful legacy at Canton is approximately

two months from ending, their contributions won't soon be forgotten by fans and coaches who have followed the program since Jason first suited up as a freshman in the mid-90s.

"It's definitely going to be different not having a Waidmann playing for Canton next year," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "Obviously, we're going to miss the size and inside presence they've brought to the program from a basketball standpoint, but they're also going to be missed because they're such good people."

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Ryan Waidmann has done more than his share to uphold the family's rich basketball heritage. At 6-foot-7, he is the tallest of the three brothers, and his ability to take bigger defenders off the dribble makes him possibly the most difficult to guard.

"For a 6-7 guy, Ryan moves very well," said Paye. "He creates match-up problems



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for other teams because he's quicker than most of the big guys who guard him."

The youngest Waidmann put his team on his shoulders in the second half of the Chiefs' Jan. 9 Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over game against Walled Lake Northern. Following a rough first half during which he turned the ball over six times, Waidmann exploded for 23 second-half points — 17 in the fourth quarter — to lead Canton to a five-point win.

"In the second half of that game, I just started playing basketball and stopped thinking so much," remembered Waidmann, who is averaging close to 15 points and six rebounds per contest this season. "Everything I threw up there was going in. I hit a couple jumpers, some inside shots and I got a couple of 'and-ones, too."

BROTHERLY GUIDANCE

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GYMNASTICS RESULTS

CANTON 143 875 SALEM 141 290
Tuesday at Plymouth H.S.
VAULT 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9 825 (new school record) 2 Katie Koetting (S) 9 45 3 Jessie Murray (C) 9 2 4 (tie) Kaitlyn Burns (C) and Autumn Collins (S) 9 1 6 Kate Staley (C) 9 0
UNEVEN BARS 1 Katie Koetting (S) 9 4 2 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9 35 3 Brittany Young (S) 9 05 4 Kate Staley (C) 8 9 5 Jessie Murray (C) 8 6 6 Autumn Collins (S) 8 2
BALANCE BEAM 1 Autumn Collins (S) 9 5 2 Jessie Murray (C) 9 45 3 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9 3 4 Kate Staley (C) 9 05 5 Katie Koetting (S) 9 025 6 Kaitlyn Burns (C) 8 9
FLOOR EXERCISE 1 Katie Koetting (S) 9 5 2 Kaitlyn Burns (C) 9 05 3 Alyssa Kelley (C) 8 95 4 (tie) Jessie Murray (C) and Kat Kariotis (S) 8 8 6 Shawdi Dasger (S) 8 55
ALL-AROUND 1 Katie Koetting (S) 37 375 2 Alyssa Kelley (C) 37 225 3 Jessie Murray (C) 36 05 4 Autumn Collins (S) 35 30 5 Kate Staley (C) 35 15

FARMINGTON INVITATIONAL
Jan 20 at Farmington Training Center
TEAM SCORES 1 Troy Athens 143 90 2 Forest Hills 143 65 3 Farmington Unified 143 40 4 Livonia Red 142 575 5 Livonia Blue 141 55 6 Salem 140 60 7 Canton 139 90 8 Farmington B Novi 133 10 9 Walled Lake Western Northern 131 70 10 Freeland 128 35 11 Walled Lake Central 128 10 12 Fraser 120 10 13 Troy 116 325

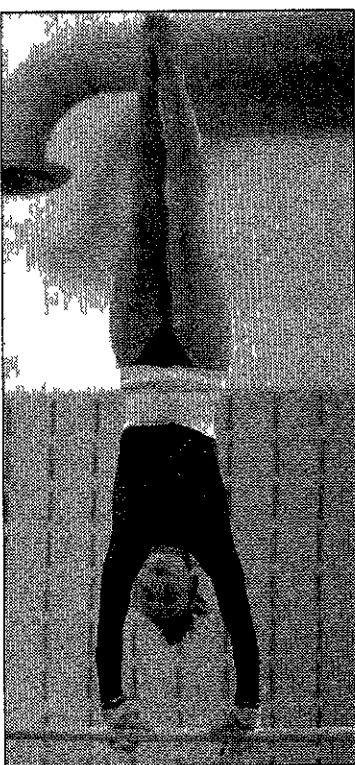
DIVISION I RESULTS
VAULT 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9 6 2 Emily Quint (LB) 9 55 3 (tie) Paula Guzik (LR) and Karen Verbrugge (FH) 9 5 5 Megan Mather (TA) 9 4 6 Michelle Mather (TA) 9 25 7 Meghan Powers (LB) 9 2 8 (tie) Andrea Pisani (LR) Elana Cocke (FA) and Jessica Nieman (FRE) Brooke Madzia (TA) and Alicia Dimauro (LR) 8 9 15 Lauren Scholtens (FH) 8 875

BARS 1 Paula Guzik (LR) 9 4 2 Katie Koetting (S) 9 375 3 Samantha Kohl (FA) 9 35 4 Jill Haapaniemi (FA) 9 3 5 Karen Verbrugge (FH) 9 275 6 Michelle Mather (TA) 9 25 7 Emily Quint (LB) 9 2 8 Hannah Saarinen (WLW N) 9 15 9 Andrea Pisani (LR) 9 05 10 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9 0 11 Meghan Powers (LB) 8 95 12 Jessie Murray (C) 8 85 13 Elana Cocke (FA) 8 8 14 Megan Mather (TA) 8 775 15 Autumn Collins (S) 8 75

BEAM 1 Karen Verbrugge (FH) 9 675 2 Andrea Pisani (LR) 9 65 3 Jessica Nieman (FRE) 9 6 4 Emily Quint (LB) 9 55 5 Paula Guzik (LR) 9 525 6 Megan Mather (TA) 9 5 7 Naomi Cherup (TA) 9 45 8 Jessie Murray (C) 9 4 9 Autumn Collins (S) 9 35 10 Lauren Scholtens (FH) 9 15 11 Elana Cocke (FA) 9 0 12 (tie) Katie Koetting (S) Michelle Mather (TA) and Kate Staley (C) 8 95 15 Samantha Kohl (FA) 8 9

FLOOR 1 Elana Cocke (FA) 9 4 2 Andrea Pisani (LR) 9 375 3 Katie Koetting (S) 9 35 4 Emily Quint (LB) 9 3 5 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9 25 6 Megan Mather (TA) 9 225 7 Jessie Murray (C) 9 2 8 Paula Guzik (LR) 9 15 9 Meghan Powers (LB) 9 1 10 (tie) Karen Verbrugge (FH) and Samantha Kohl (FA) 9 0 12 Michelle Mather (TA) 8 75 13 (tie) Brooke Madzia (TA) and Alicia Dimauro (LR) 8 7

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LORETTA O'FLYNN

Canton's Alyssa Kelley, pictured competing on the uneven bars in a meet earlier this season, led the Chiefs to a narrow victory over Salem on Tuesday

DIVISION II RESULTS
VAULT 1 Jacqueline Gazette (Novi) 9 25 2 Brandi Hagan (FH) 9 2 3 Amy Ancona (FA) 9 05 4 Danielle Bresso (FA) 9 0 5 Kelsey Twigg (FA) 8 96 6 (tie) Katarina Kariotis (S) and Angela McCormick (TA) 8 9 8 Laura Nomura (LB) 8 8 9 Kaitlyn Burns (C) 8 75 10 Kelly Tapella (LB) 8 55 11 (tie) Sarah Grow (FH) Brittany Young (S) Erika Dwyer (FH) and Kathryn Orlando (TA) 8 5 15 Olivia Stephens (C) 8 45

BARS 1 Brandi Hagan (FH) 9 2 2 Brittany Young (S) 9 0 3 Jacqueline Gazette (Novi) 8 9 4 Angela McCormick (TA) 8 7 5 Kelly Tapella (LB) 8 6 6 Sarah Grow (FH) 8 5 7 Jill Guffy (Novi) 8 4 8 (tie) Amy Ancona (FA) and Karen Guo (TA) 8 3 10 Katarina Kariotis (S) 8 1 11 Chelsea Foss (WLC) 8 05 12 Brett Balling (T) 8 0 13 (tie) Jenna Garber (FA) Jillian Nieman (FRA) and Mandi Bourlier (LR) 7 95

BEAM 1 Nicole Daihi (FA) 9 15 2 Sarah Grow (FH) 9 1 3 Whitney Gilbert (FRE) 8 95 4 Brett Balling (T) 8 925 5 Laura Nomura (LB) 8 9 6 Brittany Young (S) 8 875 7 Margarita Lazarevsko (LR) 8 85 8 Danielle Bresso (FA) 8 8 9 Brandi Hagan (FH) 8 625 10 Alysa Gonzales (LR) 8 6 11 (tie) Erica Marcos (FA) Karen Guo (TA) Katarina Kariotis (S) Jill Guffy (Novi) and Erika Dwyer (FH) 8 45

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Canton hoopsters win sixth straight, 42-34

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The temperature was a balmy 50 degrees, a gallon of gas cost a hefty \$2 50 and there were still six shopping days left before Christmas the last time Canton's basketball team lost

Yes, it's been a while — Dec 19, to be exact — since coach Charlie Paye's team has tasted defeat

On Tuesday, the Chiefs overcame a horrendous early-game shooting rut to knock off Walled Lake Western, 42-34, in a key Western Lakes Activities Association contest played in Canton's Phase III gymnasium

The victory — Canton's sixth straight since losing its first four — improved the Chiefs' record to 6-4 overall and 3-0 in the WLA's Western Division The Warriors slipped to 3-7 and 2-1, respectively

The first quarter was more of a finger painting than a Picasso as both teams' shooting touches were as rusty as the new statue on the corner of Canton Center and Ford roads After Canton senior guard Ryan Langdon converted a layup off the opening tip, the Chiefs missed 23 consecutive shots

The good news for Canton Western was equally cold, which explained the 2-2 score at the end of the first stanza

Paye wasn't sure if he'd ever coached in such a low-scoring first quarter

"Maybe a fourth- and fifth-grade game," he said with a smile "It was frustrating early because we were getting good shots It's like the kids were getting it inside and fading away and just throwing it up there instead of shooting it

"It was another game that we may not have deserved to win, but it was huge for us to be able to pull it out"

Canton was paced by junior forward Neil Sharma, who tallied a game-high 17 points, 15 in the second half Caleb Lerner contributed eight points — and some much-needed energy off the bench — in a reserve role for the Chiefs

"Caleb was basically the only one who could score for us in the first half, so what he did for us was huge," said Paye "I don't know where we would have been without him in the first half

"I thought Caleb, Devy Jackson and Ryan Langdon all gave us good energy They kept us in the game"

Tony Morgan led the Warriors with 13 points and 11 rebounds Quontori Cooper added nine points The Chiefs held

Western's Darryl Warthen to 2-of-17 shooting from the floor

Both teams heated up following the dismal first quarter and Canton took a 14-13 advantage into the half Western led by as many as seven in the third quarter before settling for a 25-24 lead with eight minutes to play

Sharma gave the Chiefs their first second-half lead when he converted a high-light-reel one-handed scoop shot while falling out of bounds with 7 41 left in the game Canton took the lead for good when Josh Butler threaded a perfect half-court fastbreak pass to Ryan Waidmann, who basket with 4 15 to go put the Chiefs ahead, 31-29

Sharma, who led the Chiefs with 10 boards, scored Canton's final 11 points, the last six on free throws

Canton made just 16-of-56 shots from the floor (28 5 percent) Western connected on 16-of-52 (30 7) The Chiefs were prolific from the free throw line, draining 8-of-10 Western hit just 1-of-5 attempts from the charity stripe

The Warriors were plagued by 18 turnovers Canton registered just nine miscues

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Rock cagers notch huge road win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It's too early to tell how well Salem's basketball players did on this week's final exams, but the Rocks passed Tuesday night's grueling test against Walled Lake Northern with flying colors

Salem shrugged off the long, one-hour-plus trek to Northern by knocking off the host Knights, 55-50, in a crucial Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division match-up The victory improved the Rocks to 6-4 overall and 3-0 in the division Northern fell to 4-6 and 1-2

Coach Bob Brodie's squad will square off with Westland John Glenn Friday night in a battle of Lakes Division

unbeatens The game is set to tip off at 7 p m in the John Glenn gymnasium

"Northern pressured us the entire game and we handled it well," said Brodie, whose team has won four straight "Defensively, I thought Ross Davis and Grant Stone did a good job on Northern's best player, Ryan Bahnmiller It was a good team effort"

The Rocks not only overcame the long bus ride to Northern, but a tough atmosphere inside the gym as well

"We've had a lot of home games early, so I wasn't sure how we'd react going on the road against a good team tonight," Brodie said "Their place was packed, they had the baton twirlers, the pom-pom girls and the music blaring, too, but our kids did a nice job reacting to it"

Stone led Salem with 25 points and nine rebounds Dan Cassidy, on the heels of Friday night's game-winning three-pointer against Walled Lake Central, added nine

Bahnmiller had 16 for the Knights Northern led 18-15 after one quarter and 27-26 at the break The Rocks forged a 41-38 lead with eight minutes left Salem led by six with under a minute to go when Bahnmiller delivered a long triple The Knights then fouled Cassidy, who calmly drained two free throws to put the game on ice

The Rocks hit 14-of-22 free throws Northern went 10-of-16 from the charity stripe

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Agape fastbreaks past Hawks, 80-33

Canton Agape Christian's basketball team was running on all cylinders Tuesday night in its 80-33 victory at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran

The Wolvernes surged to a 28-14 first-quarter lead and never looked back to improve their record to 6-3 overall and 3-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conferences Red Division Coach Jim Ott's Hawks shipped to 0-8 and 0-2, respectively Ty Majeski paced the winners with 15 points Jack Anleitner (13 points and seven steals), Showla Olajo (12 points), Joel Ruffin (six points and five assists), Jared Miller (eight points and five rebounds) and Will Pientowski (eight points) also turned in stellar performances for the Wolvernes Kurt Metzger led the Hawks with 16 points

"We played good man-to-man defense

and we pushed the ball up the court offensively," said Agape coach Keith Anleiter, discussing the keys to his team's lopsided win "We went to a zone in the second half"

Agape raced to a 28-14 lead after one quarter before taking a 46-16 advantage into the half The Wolves extended their lead to 60-28 after three quarters and outscored their hosts, 20-5, over the final frame

Agape canned 14-of-17 free throws (82 3 percent) The Hawks were 4-of-6 from the line

The Wolvernes host Ypsilanti Calvary Christian tonight at 7 p m at Garden City United Christian Church

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 48, PCA 46: On Tuesday at Plymouth Christian, Southfield overcame a four-point deficit with under two minutes left to escape with a big MIAC Blue road win

Matt Saagman and Devyn Govan both scored 11 points to pace PCA The winners were led by Steve Lewis's 12 points

"We were up, 44-40, with 1 20 to go, but we committed a couple of fouls that hurt us," said PCA coach Dave Yost "We've been in just about every game down the stretch, but we can't seem to finish"

The setback dropped PCA to 5-6 overall and 0-4 in the MIAC Blue Southfield evened its mark at 5-5

PCA led 14-12 after one quarter and 22-20 at the half Southfield owned a 35-33 lead heading into the final eight minutes

Southfield scored the game-winner with three seconds left on a put-back

"We did a nice job defensively on their top scorers," said Yost Steve Lewis was averaging around 18 and we held him to 12 And their other top scorer only had seven"

KiXX boot Ignition

The Detroit Ignition (10-7) fell to the Philadelphia KiXX (9-4), 8-6 in front of 6,840 at the Wachovia Spectrum in Philadelphia, PA on Saturday

The game-winning two-point goal was scored by Philadelphia's Edgar Bartolomeu with just 11 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter

The loss dropped the Ignition to 10-7, Philly improved to 9-4 with the win

Detroit's defense was led by Dreo Callahan On the offensive end, rookie forward Mauricio Salles tallied a two-point goal in his first-ever

Major Indoor Soccer League contest

The Ignition's Jamar Beasley, who leads the MISL in scoring, netted a pair of goals in the losing cause Goalkeeper Sanaldo stopped 10-of-14 shots

IGNITION 18, CALIFORNIA 8: On Friday at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township, Detroit notched its fifth-consecutive victory in front of a sellout crowd of 3,677

The game-winning, three-point goal was scored by Ignition captain Novi Marojevic at the 1 35 mark of the second quarter

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Thursday, Jan 25 Calvary Christian at Agape at G C United Christian 7 p m Friday, Jan 26 Salem at John Glenn 7 p m Wayne Memorial at Plymouth 7 p m Livonia Franklin at Canton 7 p m Inter City Baptist at PCA 7 30 p m PREP VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Jan 25 Canton Agape at PCA 6 30 p m PREP HOCKEY Friday, Jan. 26 Salem at W L Central at Lakeland Arena 8 20 p m Utica Stevenson at Canton	at Arctic Edge 8 p m Saturday, Jan. 27 Ladywood vs. Piy Canton Salem at Arctic Pond 6 30 p m PREP WRESTLING Thursday, Jan. 25 Westland John Glenn at Salem 6 30 p m W L Western at Plymouth 6 p m Canton at Wayne Memorial 6 30 p m Saturday, Jan 27 Observerland Invitational at Livonia Churchill 9 a m BOYS SWIMMING Thursday, Jan. 25 Salem at W L Northern 7 p m Plymouth at Livonia Franklin 7 p m	Saturday, Jan 27 Salem at Dexter 9/10 Invite 11 a m GIRLS GYMNASIICS Saturday, Jan 27 Salem Invitational at Plymouth H S 9 a m Canton at Troy Athens Invitational 10 55 a m MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Jan 27 Schoolcraft at Kirtland CC 3 p m Madonna at Davenport 3 p m WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Jan 27 Schoolcraft at Kirtland CC 1 p m Madonna at Davenport 1 p m	ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, Jan 26 Whalers vs. Ottawa Generals at Compuware Arena 7 05 p m Saturday, Jan 27 Whalers vs Sault Ste Marie at Compuware Arena 7 05 p m Sunday, Jan 28 Whalers at Toronto Marlies 2 p m MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE Saturday, Jan 27 Ignition at Baltimore Blast 7 35 p m Sunday, Jan 28 Ignition vs Philadelphia KiXX at Compuware Arena 4 35 p m TBA - time to be announced
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WRESTLING

FROM PAGE B1

Canton is definitely one of the teams to beat. John Glenn and Belleville should be near the top of the standings, too, along with Catholic Central. After that, there's a whole slew of teams that could be up there, including Churchill, Stevenson and Lutheran Westland.

Perennially strong Belleville has been added to the already-potent mix of teams this season.

"The Observerland tournament seems to get more and more competitive every year," said Westland coach John Glenn. "The addition of Belleville will only add to that."

Franklin has to be considered the favorite to win it all, but I think there are at least four or five teams — maybe more — that can win it depending on who shows up.

The Rockets will be led by 152-pound senior James Zerebiny, who had chalked up a 34-1 mark through last week end's action.

"James is one of those kids who, for the past three years, always seemed to have one guy ahead of him at the weight he was at," said Polk. "But he paid his dues, worked hard and now he's taking advantage of the opportunity he's earned this year."

Judging by the individual rankings, the Chiefs should fare well as four of its grapplers — Donnie Watkins (103 pounds), Brent Winekoff (130), Corey Phillips (140) and Donnie Laramie (285) — are top-ranked. Watkins, a freshman, and Phillips, a senior who has earned a scholarship to wrestle at Eastern Michigan

MAT EXTRAVAGANZA

What: 16th Annual Observerland Wrestling Invitational,
When: Saturday — first round starts at 9 a.m., finals at approximately 5:30 p.m.,
Where: Livonia Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road,
Admission (all day): \$5 (family rate available),
Participating schools: Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Clarenceville, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Lutheran High Westland, Canton, Salem, Plymouth, Garden City, Redford Union, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, Farmington High, North Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison, Belleville.

Past winners: Catholic Central (1993, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003), Stevenson (1994, 1995, 1997), Canton (2001), Salem (1998), Franklin (2005, 2006), Churchill and John Glenn (2004), Farmington (1992).

University beginning in the fall, are both unbeaten. The first matches are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

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WAIDMANN

FROM PAGE B1

With his two older brothers as mentors, Waidmann soon became a force on the basketball court — as well as on the family's driveway court, the site of several high-intensity, fun-filled brother-on-brother hoop games.

"I learned a lot about basketball from my brothers when I was young," said Waidmann. "We still play a lot out on the driveway, but it's more fun now than when I was younger because I have a little height advantage over them."

Waidmann became a regular in the Canton gymnasium as a fifth-grader when he was named one of the team's ballboys during Jason's junior season.

"That was really cool at the time," he said. "I'd get to do some ball-handling drills with the team and I learned a lot just by watching the games."

As a freshman at Canton, Waidmann starred for the junior-varsity squad. That turned out to be his final non-varsity season.

As a sophomore, he played a pivotal role in the Chiefs' run to the Class A District final, which ended with a heart-breaking, one-point loss to South Lyon. Last year, he was a key component in the school's most-successful season ever, one that included a District title and a near-miss in the Regional final against Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

"When Ryan was a sophomore, he was one of our first big guys off the bench," said Payne. "His role was to rebound and give us some interior

defense, and he did it well.

Last year, he was our second or third option on offense behind Andre Bridges and Andy Larsen. This year, he's our No. 1 option. A lot of teams zone us now and when he catches the ball they send two or three guys at him. He gets a lot of attention from the other teams, but that's a sign of respect.

He's really improved his shooting range the past couple of years. He can hit the 8- to 10-footers pretty regularly now.

REVERSAL OF FORTUNE

Following an 0-4 start, the Chiefs have caught fire, winning their past six, including Tuesday's 42-34 victory over Walled Lake Western. Waidmann said the team's turnaround has been the result of more than just on-the-court performance.

"Our team chemistry is better now than it was early in the season because we hang out more together away from the gym," said Waidmann. "That's had a lot to do with why we're winning more. Plus, we're not turning the ball over like we were our first four games."

Waidmann's basketball skills have drawn interest from a few colleges, including Albion and Madonna.

"I definitely want to play basketball in college, but I haven't thought a lot about where I want to play yet," he said.

Who can blame him?

Why think about the future when there's plenty of success still waiting to unfold on 'Waidmann Lane'?

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THE WAIDMANN FILE

- **Name:** Ryan Waidmann,
- **Age:** 17,
- **Parents:** Scott and Denise;
- **Siblings:** Jason, 24, and Brad, 21
- **Why he wears No. 15:** "That's the number both my brothers wore when they played for Canton."
- **Grade-point average:** 3.0,
- **Interesting fact:** Served as a ballboy for Canton's basketball team while in 5th and 6th grades,
- **Favorite...**
- Subject:** English,
- Teacher:** Mr. deBear (Ecology),
- NBA player:** Dwyane Wade,
- All-time sports movie:** Caddyshack,
- Restaurant:** Outback,
- TV show:** "Pardon the Interruption"

WRESTLING RANKINGS

- OBSERVERLAND INVITATIONAL FINAL WRESTLING RANKINGS**
- TEAM** 1 Livonia Franklin 2 Canton 3 Belleville 4 Westland John Glenn 5 Novi Detroit Catholic Central
- INDIVIDUAL**
- 103 pounds** 1 Donnie Watkins Canton 2 Tommy Myshock Livonia Stevenson 3 Chad Dunn Wayne Memorial 4 Namic Kerimov Farmington 5 Brad LaRose Lutheran Westland
- 112** 1 Justin Fleeson Belleville 2 Carl Lucke Canton 3 Ben Kosmalksi Plymouth 4 Dustin Ashley Garden City 5 Jared Pieknik Livonia Franklin
- 119** 1 Jamie Press Wayne 2 Jared Stephens John Glenn 3 Nieko Ianni Novi Detroit Catholic Central 4 Martin Rivera Churchill 5 Seth Wain North Farmington
- 125** 1 Dustin Zak Belleville 2 Jeremiah Austin John Glenn 3 Jon Roos Franklin 4 Nick Steiger Salem 5 Steve Cox Canton
- 130** 1 Brent Winekoff Canton 2 Greg Roberts Churchill 3 Josh Billiau Franklin 4 Nick Shak John Glenn 5 Alex Kemp Salem
- 135** 1 Brian Augsburgur Belleville 2 Jon Reale Stevenson 3 J.P. Gaffke Churchill 4 Kevin Hayter Salem 5 Jon Cauchi Franklin
- 140** 1 Corey Phillips Canton 2 Jim Wood John Glenn 3 Steve Cook Belleville 4 Gramos Pallaska Churchill 5 Derek Robbins Livonia Clarenceville
- 145** 1 Matt Edwards Lutheran Westland 2 Adam Kinner RU 3 Steve Sherman Belleville 4 Dan McCahill John Glenn 5 Andrew Saunders Plymouth
- 152** 1 James Zerebiny John Glenn 2 Steve Kemp Lutheran Westland 3 Jeremy Epley Salem 4 Ryan Brown Novi Detroit CC 5 Brian Wisniewski Garden City
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- 171** 1 Jeff Elswick Wayne 2 Dan Woodall Franklin 3 Andrew Hein John Glenn 4 Mike Nordby Garden City 5 Isaac Burris RU
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- 215** 1 Shamir Garcia John Glenn 2 Matt Aubrey Novi Detroit CC 3 Vince Benavides Franklin 4 Paul Rockrohr Lutheran Westland 5 Dan Wanshon Canton
- 285** 1 Donnie Laramie Canton 2 Kyle Brown Franklin 3 Mike Martin Novi Detroit CC 4 Dean Hubbard Plymouth 5 Frank Taormina John Glenn
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Whalers sting Sarnia, 5-1

The Plymouth Whalers broke open a scoreless game with three goals in a span of 2:31 in the second period and went on to defeat the Sarnia Sting, 5-1, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before 2,988 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Dan Collins led the Plymouth attack with a pair of goals, his 18th and 19th of the season. Collins has scored six goals over the last four Plymouth games.

James Neal (20), Dan Ryder (28) and Joe McCann (6) added single goals for the winners. Harrison Reed (22) scored the lone Sarnia goal.

Plymouth improved to 30-12-1, 2 goals for 63 points and first place in the OHL West Division. Sarnia has lost four games in a row and is 26-15-2-3, good for 57 points and second place in the West. The Whalers also picked up ground on Saginaw, which lost, 4-

3 Saturday night in Barrie.

After a scoreless first period, Neal ignited the three-goal Plymouth outburst at 7:08 at the end of a Whaler power play when he split the Sarnia defense at the hash marks in the Sting zone and shot the puck top shelf past Sarnia goaltender Parker VanBuskirk and he was being dumped by Sting defenseman Steven Perry. Perry received a hooking call on the play and Plymouth took a 2-0 lead on the subsequent power play at 8:00 when Collins received a pass from Daniel Ryder from the left wing in the Sarnia zone and ripped a shot under the bar.

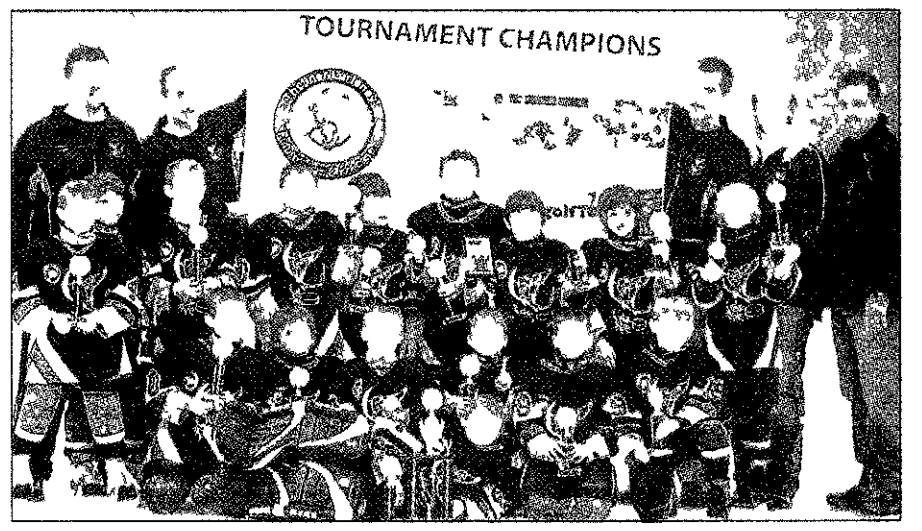
Collins scored again at 9:39 when he was battling for the puck at the right goal line in the Sarnia zone and centered the puck out in front of the Sting goal. The puck was inadvertently batted in by a Sting defenseman to give the Whalers a 3-0 lead. VanBuskirk

was lifted for Peter DiSalvo, who made his OHL debut at 9:30 of the second period.

After Reed scored for Sarnia on a power play at 11:05 to cut the Plymouth lead to 3-1, Ryder scored his 28th of the season and fourth for Plymouth since coming over in a trade with Peterborough at 17:24 when he skated in tight on the right wing in the Sarnia and roofed the puck by DiSalvo.

McCann closed the scoring on a Plymouth power play at 16:46 of the third period.

Plymouth outshot Sarnia 38-31. Plymouth is back in action next Friday when they host Ottawa at 7:05 p.m. and Sault Ste. Marie next Saturday at 7:05 p.m. both at the Compuware Sports Arena. Tickets are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.



Stingrays triumphant

The Plymouth Stingrays Mite A travel hockey team capped off a successful December by winning the Igor Larionov Future Stars showcase in Troy. The Stingrays piled up 23 goals in four games, the last of which was a 7-3 victory over Allen Park in the title contest. Pictured (front row) Marcus Morton (second row from left) Nolan Turi, Emerson Taylor, Jared Lee, Timmy Baldwin, Dan Sealy, Nick Corker (second row from left) Michael Wischer, Paul Cotter, Jake Saunders, Michael Gaffka, Matthew Schaumburger, Drew Hunter, Colton Borke, Marty Mills and Shane Bryans. The team is coached by Tom Bryans, Laurie Saunders, Bob Wischer, Brent Sealy, Steve Borke, Garrick Lee, Lynwood Taylor and Bruce Schaumburger.

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Salem spikers bumped in finals

Salem volleyball team advanced to the final round of Saturday's Novi Invitational before falling to Novi, 25-18 and 26-24.

The Rocks advanced to the championship contest by going 4-0 in pool play. They ousted the eventual titleist Wildcats, 21-18, 18-21 and 15-8, before rallying to knock off Dearborn (17-21, 21-18 and 15-9).

Coach Amanda Suders' team capped its unbeaten pool-play slate with sweeps of Trenton (21-19 and 21-16) and a talented Dearborn squad, 25-21 and 25-20. Salem captured a thrilling three-game victory over Garden City in the semifinals, 19-25, 25-16 and 15-6, before falling to the hosts Senior Teresa Coppelli in the finals with 57 kills, 12 aces and 61 digs. Also making major contributions to the successful afternoon were Courtney

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Sealer (75-of-78 on service returns and 85 digs), Lauren Kurtz (57 kills, seven aces and 15 blocks) and Kelly McDonald (18 kills and 31 digs).

"Overall, it was a great day for us," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "We played a lot of volleyball — 20 games altogether — against some very good teams. Our blocking just wasn't there at the end and our attack wasn't the best all day, but it was still a great day for the team."

PLYMOUTH TO QUARTERS

The host Plymouth volleyball team advanced to the quarterfinals of Saturday's Madonna Invitational before falling to Fowlerville, 25-19 and 25-10.

The Wildcats opened the day with rousing victories over

Ferndale, 25-14 and 25-5, and Gibraltar Carlson, 25-19 and 25-19, before falling to Dearborn Divine Child, 25-20 and 25-15.

Several Wildcats shined throughout the day, including Rachel Heaton (41 kills and 40 digs), Courtney Buttermore (17 kills), Chelsey Quinlan (15 kills and 39 digs) and Clare Baptist (46 set assists).

CANTON SWEEPS ZEBRAS

Following a less-than-stellar start, Canton's volleyball team is suddenly one of the hottest around following Monday night's three-game sweep of host Wayne Memorial, 25-9, 25-11 and 25-13.

The convincing victory improved the Chiefs to 5-7-6 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The setback dropped the Zebras to 0-2.

"Everybody got to play tonight

and everybody played well," said first-year Canton coach Jen Barnes. "Offensively, the girls are starting to take control out there and they're taking it upon themselves to call their own plays, which is nice to see."

A quartet of Chiefs enjoyed strong statistical nights, including Joellen Heldt (six kills and 15 aces), Kacy Moran (six kills, 15 assists and 10 digs), Lauren McPartin (nine kills) and libero Hannah Mills (11 digs).

'CATS FALL IN 3

Walled Lake Western handed Plymouth a 26-24, 25-7, 26-24 setback in a WLAA Western Division match played Monday at Western. The loss dropped the 'Cats to 12-11-3 overall and 0-2 in the division. Leading the way for the Wildcats were Rachel Heaton (10 kills and 14 digs) and Chelsey Quinlan (seven kills and 14 digs).

Grosse Ile edges Salem icers, 4-1

Grosse Ile scored two goals in the opening period and never trailed in Friday night's 4-1 victory over Salem in a non-conference hockey game played at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Jamie Hartim and Mike Miller netted the tone-setting goals for the visiting Red Devils, who limited the Rocks to just 14 shots on goal.

Salem's lone net-finder — an unassisted effort — came from Nick Gennety with 5:20 left in the second period that cut the Rocks deficit to 2-1.

Grosse Ile ice the game with goals from Cody Holzworth in the final minute of the second period and Jim Jurecki, who scored from Rob Zubke and

PREP HOCKEY

Scott Georges with just over four minutes left in the contest. Rock goalie Ralph Aspenwall played well in the losing cause, stopping 27 of 31 shots he faced.

PCS 6, NORTHVILLE 0 On Saturday at the Novi Ice Arena, the Penguins improved to 9-0-1 with a convincing victory over the 0-10 Mustangs.

The win gave Plymouth-Canton-Salem a large dose of momentum heading into Saturday night's huge game against unbeaten Liven Ladywood.

The showdown is set to face

off at 6:30 p.m. at the Arctic Pond Ice Arena in Plymouth.

Following a scoreless opening period, the Penguins struck for a pair of goals in the second stanza before icing the win away with four in the third.

Adrienne Cercone opened the goal-fest 31 seconds into the second period off assists from Sarah Manner and Edra Burris. Just over 90 seconds later, Nikki Songer scored to put the Penguins up, 2-0. Chelsea Osburn and Keely Kowalski were credited with helpers on Songer's goal.

Burris (unassisted), Kate

Zimmerman (Nicole Sensoli and Kowalski), Kelsey Nikkula (Stephane Matusiak and Zimmerman) and Manner (Kowalski) also scored goals for the winners.

PCS net minder Krstie Kowalski stopped 10 shots. Northville goalie Jordan Bell turned away 25.

"We came out a little flat after playing the night before against Grosse Pointe North," said PCS coach Eric Mink. "But the girls turned it around in the second period and played like they're capable of playing the rest of the game."

MTS Seeking Public Comments

Michigan Theological Seminary is seeking comments from the public about the seminary in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its national and regional accrediting agencies. MTS is a candidate for initial accreditation by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS) and the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC). The seminary will undergo comprehensive evaluation visits from teams representing ATS from March 25-28, 2007 and from HLC on April 2-4, 2007. The teams will review Michigan Theological Seminary's ongoing ability to meet each organization's standards and criteria for accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the seminary to the Higher Learning Commission Public Comment on Michigan Theological Seminary — Commission on Institution of Higher Education — North Central Association of Colleges and Schools — 30 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2400 — Chicago, IL 60602. Comments may also be sent to Public Comment on Michigan Theological Seminary — The Commission on Accrediting — Association of Theological Schools — 10 Summit Park Drive — Pittsburgh, PA 15275-1103.

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of MTS or its academic program. Comments must be in writing and signed and cannot be treated as confidential. All comments must be received by March 1, 2007.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 8, 2007 for the following:

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Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department on our website at www.cantonmi.org or you may contact Mike Sheppard at 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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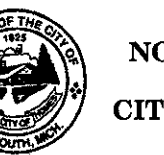
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For questions concerning the Public Hearing, contact the City Manager's Office at (734) 453-1234 ext. 203.

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All interested persons are invited to attend.

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2nd-half surge lifts SC women

A torrid second half lifted Schoolcraft College to a 72-57 women's basketball victory at St. Clair County Saturday afternoon.

The Lady Ocelots trailed 38-34 at halftime of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association contest, before breaking things open in the second half thanks to hitting 15 of 25 from the floor (60 percent).

Conversely, Schoolcraft put enough defensive pressure on the Skippers after intermission that they connected on only six of 30 field-goal tries (20 percent).

Ashley Sibby tallied 19 points to pace Schoolcraft (16-2 overall,

9-0 in the MCCA-East) while Antoinette Brown and Maricka Seay each scored 13 points.

Janelle Harris had 15 rebounds and seven points for the Lady Ocelots, ranked No. 4 in NJCAA Division II.

For St. Clair County (9-11, 6-4), Kim Lackowski and Kelly Burton scored 16 and 13 points, respectively.

MU women edged

Siena Heights - making six of 11 triple attempts in the second half - rallied from a seven-point halftime deficit Saturday to defeat host Madonna University 71-68 in a Wolverine-Hoosier

Athletic Conference tilt. The Saints (14-7, 4-2 in the WHAC) trailed 35-28 at the break before coming to life over the final 20 minutes of action. Laura Panozzo had a lot to do with the comeback, registering 14 points and 10 rebounds while Che Rogers scored 20 points.

Cali Crawford paced Madonna (7-14, 2-4 in the WHAC) with 16 points, while the Crusaders received all-around performances from forwards Christie Carrico (15 points, 14 rebounds) and Martina Franklin (15 points, 12 boards).

Contributing 10 points was Stephame Piotrowski.



Madonna University junior guard Charlie Henry, a Canton resident, made a clutch triple Saturday that helped lift the Crusaders to victory.

Crusad

Madonna University from a second-half deficit to host Siena Heights 73-57 in an Adrian.

The key bucket for the Crusaders was a trey by junior guard Henry (Canton/Agape) with less than a minute in the Wolverine-Hoosier Conference matchup. Madonna a lead it would squish the rest of the game.

Thanks to Henry's clutch ball, MU (7-15, 3-3 in WHAC) overcame an eight-point deficit to defeat the Saints (5-14, 2-4 in WHAC).

The win for the Crusaders...

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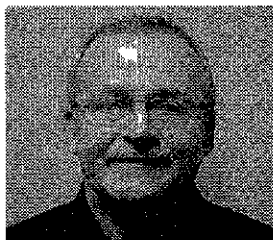
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Crusaders rally for victory over Siena Heights

Crusaders rallied to edge Siena Heights 66-56 Saturday.

The Crusaders and Charlie Christian) remaining of Athletic giving did not rely on a clutch three-point shot, but a deficit to 53, 2-4 in the Crusaders was

just the fourth all-time against Siena Heights in 29 tries — and the first road conference win.

Henry (12 points) wasn't the lone Observerland product to have a big say in Madonna's triumph. Junior forward and Canton alum D.J. Bridges posted 27 points and 14 rebounds, good for his second double-double of the season.

Freshman forward Nick Bortz (Walled Lake Northern) also came through, tallying a career high 14 points. He hit six of nine second-half field-goal tries, accounting for all of his scoring.

Providing support were senior forward Derrick Mudri (nine

points) and senior guard Adam Kerfoot (seven points).

For Siena Heights, which led 34-32 at halftime, forward DeMarcus Berry scored 13 points, with forward Victor Hamilton and guard Curtis Stephens each registering 10 points.

Henry chipped in with 12 points, including the big three pointer and a pair of free throws which helped seal the win for the Crusaders.

His trey highlighted a second half in which Madonna shot better from the floor (13-32, 40 percent) than did the Saints (10-27, 37 percent) and also hit 12 free throws compared to Siena Heights seven.

Each team committed 14 turnovers and MU outrebounded the Saints, 45-30.

Ocelots prevail

The Schoolcraft College men's basketball team improved to 11-7 overall with an 91-84 triumph Saturday at St. Clair County Community College.

Schoolcraft avenged a 66-61 December loss at home to the Skippers, who fall to 14-6 overall and 7-3 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Schoolcraft is 6-3 in the conference.

WAYNE STATE RECAP

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Wayne State University women's basketball squad (8-10 overall, 6-2 GLIAC/3rd) rallied from a halftime deficit for a 62-61 triumph over visiting Michigan Tech (11-6 overall, 5-4 GLIAC) last Thursday, Jan. 18 at the Matthaei. WSU trailed 61-58 with 43 seconds remaining before Warrior sophomore guard Joy Nash drained a jumper to cut the deficit to one.

Sophomore Monique George tallied the game-deciding putback bucket with 10 seconds to go.

The Warriors extended their winning streak to four games with a 63-54 victory over visiting Northern Michigan University (6-13 overall, 2-8

GLIAC) Saturday afternoon.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Warriors men's basketball team (8-8 overall, 4-4 GLIAC/4th) scored a season-high in an 80-74 victory over visiting Michigan Tech (9-9 overall, 4-5 GLIAC) last Thursday, Jan. 18 at the Matthaei. They followed that up Saturday with a 75-55 loss to Northern Michigan (10-9 overall, 4-6 GLIAC).

SWIMMING

The men's swimming and diving team fell to host Eastern Michigan, 142-93, in a dual meet on Friday. Chris Totten of Garden City made the cut in the one-meter competition, finishing with 280.57 points.

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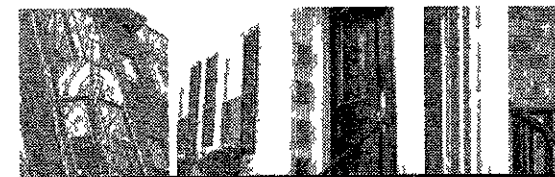
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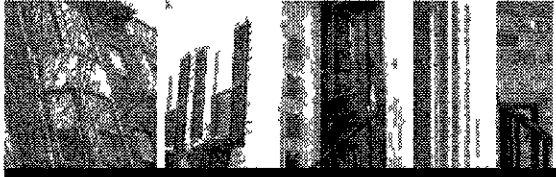
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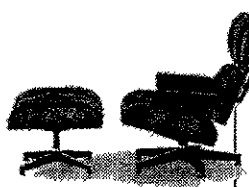


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Put your tunes on a Microsoft Zune

For anyone who didn't find an iPod under the tree last month, allow me to suggest an alternative: the Microsoft Zune.

Unveiled in November, Microsoft's answer to the iPod has little of the sex appeal, a fraction of the available accessories, and some boneheaded shortcomings.

However, it's a better music player than the iPod, and it has the potential to be much better at video, too. Hear me out before you decide which to buy.

Let's start with the hardware. Available in black, white and brown, the Zune looks fairly plain, a rectangular minibrick with understated controls and none of the iPod's "wow" factor. Nevertheless, the device packs some decent specs, including a 30GB hard drive, an FM radio tuner, and a color screen that's nearly twice the size of the video iPods.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

It also includes a Wi-Fi radio, which for the moment isn't good for much. You can wirelessly beam songs and photos to other Zune users - assuming you can find any - but that's it.

Next, let's talk content. The Zune pairs with Microsoft's eponymous

Windows software and an online store called Marketplace. Together, they're the equivalent of Apple's iTunes.

However, while iTunes stocks TV shows, movies and games in addition to music, Marketplace sells only music (for now).

Sadder still, Microsoft saddles users with a ridiculous and pointless points system for buying songs and albums.

So why would anyone choose a Zune over an iPod?

First, Microsoft offers something Apple doesn't: a music-subscription service. For \$15 per month, you gain unlimited access to Marketplace's library of 2.5 million songs.

Want 2.5 million songs from iTunes? That'll be \$2.5 million, please.

I've written about subscription services before, I still feel they're an unbeatable deal for anyone who wants to pack a portable player with all the music it can hold.

Second, the Zune has a better interface. In place of the iPod's famous scroll wheel, the Zune employs a four-way control pad. I find the latter much more precise for navigating menus and song lists.

As for the onscreen interface, the Zune features Microsoft's nifty "twist" menu system (which, interestingly, also appears in Windows Vista's Media Center). It's not only sexier than the iPod's, but also smarter.

Instead of hopping from one screen to another and back again as you do on the iPod, you scroll left and right to find the desired category (songs, albums, artists, etc.), then scroll down to choose the specific item.

Meanwhile, album art displays prominently on the Zune's spacious screen, filling the entire width of it.

The screen is vastly superior to the iPod's when it comes to watching video. The Zune automatically rotates the image 90 degrees to give you a widescreen viewing experience.

For now, you have to rely on third-party software if you want to, say, rip a DVD for Zune viewing, but I suspect it won't be long before you can buy movies from Marketplace the way you can from iTunes.

The Zune will get better with time, as Microsoft rolls out new content partners and tweaks the device with new software.

Rick Broida is the co-author of numerous books. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

Microsoft's brick-like Zune offers a few advantages over the iPod, including support for an all-you-can-eat music service.



THE SUPERMARKET DIET COOKBOOK

Corn and Jack Quesadillas offer a lower fat alternative for your Super Bowl gathering

Super time

Food and fun make the menu

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

A year ago, we were all gearing up in great anticipation of hosting Super Bowl XL at Ford Field.

By now you're used to the annual rite of January called the NFL playoffs, and your lovable, lamentable Detroit Lions weren't in it once again (so what else is new?).

Local football junkies pick an alternative team to quietly root for.

The Pittsburgh Steelers - last year's Super Bowl champs - were a sentimental local favorite last year as Detroit Mackenzie grad and Steeler running back Jerome Bettis made a curtain call on his career, but now he's retired. That team didn't even make the playoffs this year.

This year's Super Bowl XLI is played in Miami, featuring the Chicago Bears and the Indianapolis Colts.

If you like smashmouth, gritty linebacker play, then maybe you'll root for Da Bears

and Brian Urlacher.

But who couldn't help but cheer for the Indianapolis Colts, watching Peyton Manning exorcise the demons - the arch-rival New England Patriots?

Maybe it's his turn to win the Super Bowl, too.

Or you don't care. You just want to relax with a few friends Super Bowl Sunday, enjoy some good food and may the best team win.

Perhaps you are one of those "fans" who watch the game strictly for the commercials.

How about a little food for your crew?

Here are two lower fat favorites for those of you on New Year's diets, and then some other recipes with a few more calories you can enjoy at your gathering.

And if the game is a blowout, who cares? In less than two months, the greatest American sports event, the NCAA basketball tournament, begins.

Now that's something to look forward to.

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- Corn and Jack Quesadillas
 - Thai Chicken Sate with Pickled Cucumbers
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 - Teriyaki Wrap-ups

Let's talk about what women talk about - and why they talk about it

As the father of six daughters, I am somewhat of an expert at observing the female condition.



Dick Purtan

This isn't to say that I am an expert about women. That would not only be presumptuous but also suicidal. My home oozes with the female. Heck, even my dog is a girl.

So, if I were to go on the public record and state that I am an expert on women, well, let's just say the dog and I would likely be bunkmates.

My expertise is in observing the actions of women. I wouldn't ever

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attempt to analyze or otherwise pontificate on the motivations for these actions. I leave that for greater (and braver) minds than mine.

I am also not attempting to make fun of the actions that are the focus of my upcoming commentary. There are already too many clichés and stereotypes about women written by men.

I mean, how many jokes about shoes can you write? There are already more of those than there are Starbucks flavor variations.

OK, now that I have sufficiently disclaimed what I am about to say, let me get to the point of my expert observation.

Recently, I was driving home from the Charity Preview at the Auto Show with my daughter, Jackie (who also happens to share a microphone with me on my radio show every morning on WOMC).

We were heading back to my house to pick up her car. A house, by the way, that is also home to my wife - her mother.

As soon as we get into the car, my daughter calls her mother - my wife - on the cell phone.

They proceed to have a conversation that lasts the entire drive home - about 30 minutes.

Now keep in mind they were actually going to see each other in 30 minutes.

What did they talk about? I have

absolutely no idea. Oh, there were topics that were important at the moment - children, the auto show, shoes - but not one single one stuck with me.

I was awestruck and dumbfounded (a not altogether rare occurrence).

Weren't they concerned that they would exhaust all conversational probabilities before they met, leaving them with long moments of awkward silence when they were face to face?

Do they just make this stuff up on the fly or do they store it, like chipmunks with acorns, for later use?

(Now, before you e-mail me in out rage, the above line was written as a joke. I am in no way comparing women talking to chipmunks. Chipmunks never buy shoes. Sorry.)

I have to admit I don't understand this stuff at all. A man would never do something like this. We have a limited amount of conversations within us and we wouldn't waste this precious resource on something like, say, shoes.

We know there are more important things to discuss with our fellow men. Important things. Meaningful things. Things that allow us to bond in a way a woman would never understand.

Like what, you ask?

I don't want to talk about it.

You can listen while Dick Purtan talks from 5 to 10 a.m. every weekday morning on The Motor City's 104.3. Tomorrow morning you could win a seven night warm weather fly away vacation. But no shoes.

Knowledge helps you make best decisions for your pets

Some things are just annoying. Some people wait through a long line at a fast food restaurant, but only begin looking at the menu for the first time when they reach the counter.

Each profession seems to find certain behaviors of those outside its field irritating. My brother-in-law is an ER physician, and he won't drive until everyone fastens their seat belt. He has seen what a difference seat belts can make and hates when they're not used.

Veterinarians often face situations and questions that seem simple, but we have to remember that the client may not have experienced the problem before this episode.

You try to give the best information, seizing the opportunity to help the owner understand in a complete, simple way that makes sense.

It's amazing how many times I am tremendously bad at this. Overall, I think I do a decent job at my clinic. At least I do my best.

I could do a lot better educating people about certain important concepts that I tend to leave out in the vast sea of things that need to be mentioned during a visit.

Too often someone will do something I would have recommended against, but I had failed to enlighten them sufficiently before the problem occurred.

Sometimes there's so much to talk about that things get lost in the shuffle. Sometimes the owner shuts me out, just wanting the basics and to go home.

Still, I realize I could do a much better job of getting the information on some very important subjects to people.



About Animals

Dr Brad Davis

FLEA PRODUCTS

There's a kitten at our clinic named Weebles, an absolute sweetheart that everyone falls in love with just about immediately. In fact, some clients made a special trip to our clinic in December, just to bring him a Christmas gift.

A wonderful kitty, Weebles plays fetch with a small foam golf ball, bringing it back for me to throw again.

(He also fetches any wadded up paper from the clinic and drops it into my bag, leaving me with piles of paper when I get home every night.)

The problem is, he has brain damage. When he first arrived, he was all but comatose.

Now he has recovered to the point where he just tilts to the right, then the left as he sits, and will shake his head like Paul Lynde used to on *Hollywood Squares*. He walks with a definite wobble, hence his name.

A flea bath caused his condition. The chemicals left him with permanent damage.

This is why if you call 100 vets, just about every one will recommend one of the new flea controls, such as Advantage, Frontline, Revolution, even Program, above the over-the-counter brands.

These newer products kill fleas better, keep them away better, and are safer for the pet and for the family.

Yes, the prescription level medications cost more. There's a reason. The cheaper stuff isn't as good, is more dangerous, and often costs more in the long run.

Ask your vet before placing anything for fleas on your pets.

HEALTH INSURANCE

I have to talk about costs with just about every client. Too often money stands in the way of treatment. A lady once yelled at me, claiming we charge too much for everything, as her physician only ever charges \$25, no matter how much he does.

I tried to explain health insurance, and co-pays, but she seemed pretty sure that I was evil and hung up on me.

More people should know they CAN get veterinary health insurance for their pets.

VPI Inc. (www.petinsurance.com), the largest veterinary insurance company, offers real insurance, not discounts from a particular vet for joining a "club."

Whatever vet you go to, VPI will reimburse a percentage of your visit based on your policy level. Check out its Web site, or call (888) 899-4VPI. Say I said to call. It won't matter, but it will make me feel important.

DENTAL CARE

A consistent problem I see involves dental disease. Few owners take care of their pets' teeth.

The top two problems I see in my clinic are dental disease and obesity. Reminding people to have their pets lose weight is easy to talk about, but dental recommendations tend to get lost in the shuffle.

January and February are National Dental Month in veterinary medicine.

Many vets have specials on dental cleanings these two months, and often feature specials on evaluating your pet's mouth, to see if cleaning is needed. Your vet can also give you tips on keeping the mouth healthy.

It's amazing how much of a difference routine care can make. Knowledge can help a pet owner make the best decisions for their little friends. If you ever have a question, call your vet. We really like getting information to people, especially if it helps stop a problem before it starts.

Making a bad decision because you just decided not to ask? Now that would be annoying.

Dr. Brad Davis is medical director for the VCA Garden City 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City 48135. Mail questions or comments there. He also hosts the nationally syndicated radio show *Animal Talk*. Visit www.animaltalkradio.com and write to Brad@animaltalkradio.com.

Microwaves reported to have come on by themselves

I don't want this column to scare you to death, but I do want it to make you aware of a problem that I believe does exist.

I became aware of this a few years ago when a woman talked to me at one of the



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

home shows from where I was broadcasting.

She said that her daughter had died in a fire caused by a microwave oven. This happened while the daughter was taking a nap.

The woman told me her daughter was smart enough not to put something in the microwave and then go to sleep.

Since then, I have heard others say that their microwave came on by itself.

The following is a recent e-mail that tells a whole story. I thought you might find it interesting. It comes from a woman in Albuquerque named Cheryl.

"Hi Joe. My neighbor had a new over-the-range Hotpoint microwave installed, Model No. RMV1435Wk01 (manufactured May 2006), in November."

"One morning when she opened the door, she noted that the right side interior panel had a hole melted into it."

"Our apartment complex was initially blaming her for heating up something in the microwave she shouldn't. They were a wee bit insulting and told her she might be responsible for the cost of replacement, and then left without unplugging the unit (I did that)."

"The melt is next to the control panel, and melted into the interior of the microwave just beyond the ventilation holes."

"Someone is coming out from Hotpoint in a couple of days, but we're wondering if you could tell us what might have happened. I've seen mention of microwave problems with GE and Whirlpool, but nothing yet for Hotpoint."

I wrote back to Cheryl: "How is it that someone from all the way to Albuquerque knows about the Appliance Doctor?"

Your report on this microwave brings to mind a Web site, bringgoodthingstolive.org. There are reports of microwaves coming on by themselves that could have the cause of your problems.

Class action suits have been filed successfully against GE, who owns Hotpoint.

Please go to the Web site and see what you can find and do. Please let me know.

Cheryl wrote back in a few days:

"I have another question. My neighbors were told by the GE repairman that using paper towels in the microwave can cause a fire, as the towel's metal in its makeup. Have you

heard this? "GE came today and looked at their microwave. The repairman denied any knowledge of problems with the control panels that cause the microwave to start on fire, adding that this was a new model."

"He did say there was a problem with their microwave that wasn't caused by normal use."

"The apartment plans to replace the unit with the exact model, but my neighbor fears a fire. I realize that not every model cited in the past will catch fire, but she's concerned. Any suggestions that she might be able to give the complex?"

As my grandfather used to say to me, "Don't give me a problem without giving me a solution to it."

Check out the Web site mentioned and get hold of the list of model numbers those homeowners are reporting.

If your model number is listed anywhere, buy a power strip that you can turn off with the flick of a switch, or have an electrician put a switch on the wall plug. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600 Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mkleim@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

Eames chair exhibit examines design icon

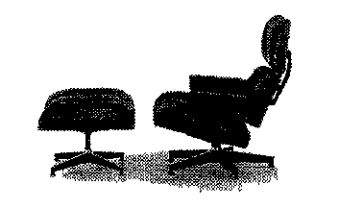
The Henry Ford will present *The Eames Lounge Chair: An Icon of Modern Design*, Feb. 3 through April 29 at Henry Ford Museum.

This traveling exhibit, organized by the Grand Rapids Art Museum and Herman Miller Inc., features more than 30 objects from the creative design partnership of Charles and Ray Eames, the duo who revolutionized the world of furniture design in form and function.

The Eames lounge chair was created through experimentation with molded plywood furniture designs and was first introduced to the public in 1956 on NBC's *Home* show.

The leather-upholstered, rosewood-veneered chair and matching ottoman partnered lavish comfort with modernist design.

An Evening with Eames, a preview reception with filmmaker and author Eames Demetrios (the couple's grandson and a principal in the Eames Office) and Eames scholar John Berry, will take place 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at Henry Ford Museum.



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The Eames lounge chair and ottoman, designed and created by Charles and Ray Eames, was first introduced in 1956. The chair is an icon of mid-century modern design.

The reception will feature jazz, drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Dress is business casual attire. Tickets are \$35. To buy tickets, call (313) 982-6187 or visit www.TheHenryFord.org. Reservations are limited, call by Friday.

Two lectures are scheduled in the Museum Gallery during the run of the exhibit.

A Personal View of Charles and Ray Eames, a lecture and book signing featuring Demetrios and Berry, will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. The book signing will follow the lecture.

Eames and the World of Postwar America, presented by

Marc Greuther, curator of industry, will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31. An exhibit tour will follow the talk.

The exhibit will display an "exploded" version of the chair, and feature vintage photographs and films that reveal how it was manufactured and assembled.

Visitors will get a glimpse of the sharp design contrasts between the Eames lounge chair and other lounge chairs, with the exclusive display of the shabby recliner used by the character Martin Crane on the TV show *Frasier*.

The Henry Ford, in Dearborn, includes Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, the Henry Ford IMAX Theatre, the Benson Ford Research Center and the Ford Rouge Factory Tour.

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Toy show

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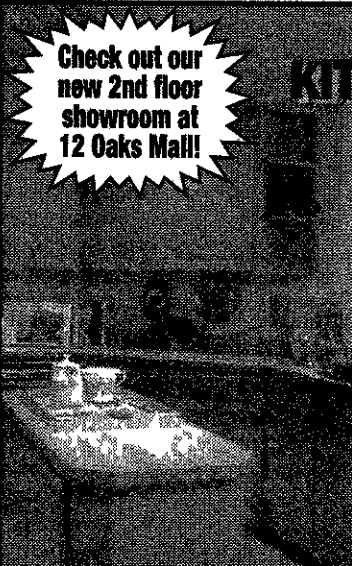
Hours are noon to 7 p.m. Thursday 3-9 p.m. Friday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7.50-\$3 for ages 6-14 free for ages 5 and under. Free days are offered for seniors, active and retired military members and Scouts.

Internet Express Tickets which include a free parking pass are at www.FordFieldRVShow.com. Weekday adult admission discount coupons are available at participating Wendy's restaurants.

Lions/Tigers Parking Garage daily fee is \$3 (The garage is diagonally across from the show entrance and accessible from the Fisher Freeway service drive and Brush Street.) More than 2,000 parking spaces are available adjacent to Ford Field. For information visit www.FordFieldRVShow.com or call (800) 328-6550.

Seminars will be conducted on long range trips, full time or extended RV living, vacations, traveling and other topics. Attendees will obtain tips and advice from RV experts on selection, pricing, features, options, design and maintenance.

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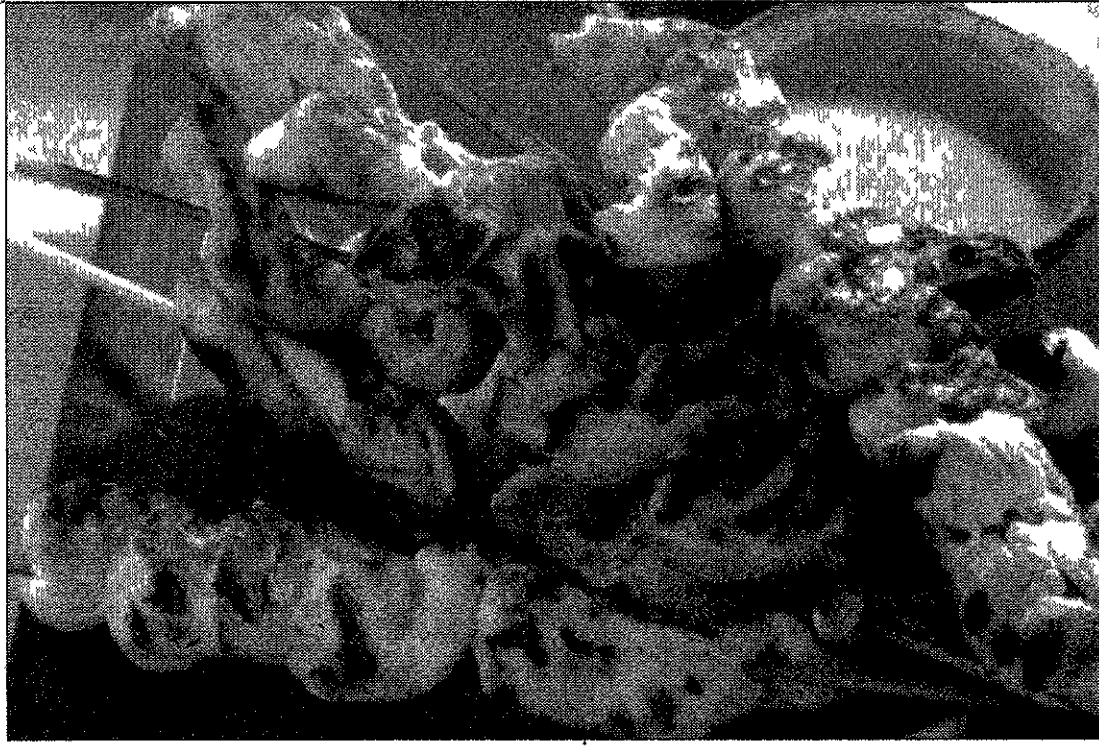
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These Super Bowl recipes sure to score

The first two recipes feature lower fat alternatives for your Super Bowl party; the last two feature great appetizers or finger foods for a large gathering

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2 green onions thinly sliced
1 head romaine lettuce thinly sliced
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper
1/4 teaspoon salt

Place corn on hot grill rack. Cover grill and cook corn, turning frequently, until brown in spots, 10 to 15 minutes. Transfer corn to plate and let cool until easy to handle. With sharp knife, cut kernels from cobs (If using frozen corn, cook according to package directions.)

Place tortillas on work surface. Evenly divide Monterey Jack, salsa, green onions and corn on half of each tortilla. Fold tortillas over filling to make four quesadillas.

Place quesadillas on hot grill rack or in flat pan. Cook quesadillas, turning once until browned on both sides, 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer quesadillas to cutting board, cut each into 3 pieces.

In large bowl, toss romaine with oil, vinegar, pepper and salt. Serve quesadillas with romaine salad.

Each serving about 400 calories, 18 g protein, 59 carbohydrates, 14 g total fat (5 g saturated), 12 g fiber, 18 mg cholesterol, 804 mg sodium.

Note: Also a good choice are whole-wheat/soy-flour tortillas, such as La Tortilla Factory's Whole-Wheat Low Carb Low Fat Tortilla, which are only 80 calories each.

Recipe courtesy of *Good Housekeeping's The Supermarket Diet Cookbook* Hearst Books.

THAI CHICKEN SATE WITH PICKLED CUCUMBERS

12 (12 inch) bamboo skewers
1 English (seedless) cucumber thinly sliced crosswise
1 1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon Thai green curry

paste
1/4 cup plus 1/3 cup well stirred unsweetened coconut milk (not cream of coconut)
4 medium skinless boneless chicken breast halves (1 3/4 pounds) each cut diagonally into six strips
1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
2 teaspoons reduced sodium soy sauce
1 teaspoon packed dark brown sugar
1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)
1 tablespoon hot water
1/4 cup rice vinegar
3 tablespoons granulated sugar
2 medium shallots thinly sliced
1 jalapeno chile seeds and membrane discarded minced

Soak skewers in water to cover for 30 minutes. Drain before using.

While skewers are soaking in medium bowl, toss cucumber with salt. Let stand 30 minutes at room temperature. In another medium bowl, stir curry paste and 1/4 cup coconut milk until combined. Add chicken and turn to coat. Marinate 15 minutes at room temperature, stirring occasionally.

Prepare charcoal fire or preheat gas grill for covered direct grilling over medium heat.

Prepare peanut sauce. In small bowl, with wire whisk, mix peanut butter, soy sauce, brown sugar, ground red pepper, remaining 1/3 cup coconut milk, and hot water until blended and smooth. Transfer sauce to serving bowl. (Makes about 2/3 cup.)

Drain cucumber, discarding liquid in a bowl. Pat cucumber dry with paper towels. Return cucumber to bowl. Stir in vinegar, granulated sugar, shallots and jalapeno, refrigerate until ready to serve.

Thread two chicken strips on each skewer accordion-style. Discard marinade. Place skewers on hot grill rack. Cover grill and cook, turning skewers over once, just until chicken loses its pink color throughout, five to eight minutes.

Arrange skewers on platter. Serve with peanut sauce and pickled cucumbers.

Each serving without peanut sauce about 252 calories, 34 g protein, 20 g carbohydrate, 4 g total fat (52 g saturated), 1 g fiber, 82 mg cholesterol, 734 mg sodium.

Each serving with 2 tablespoons peanut sauce about 373 calories, 38 g protein, 28 mg carbohydrates, 13 g total fat (6 g saturated), 1 g fiber, 82 mg cholesterol, 986 mg sodium.

Each tablespoon peanut sauce about 60 calories, 2 g protein, 4 g carbohydrate, 4 g total fat (2 g saturated), 0 g fiber, 0 mg cholesterol, 126 mg sodium.
Recipe courtesy of *Good Housekeeping's The Supermarket Diet Cookbook* Hearst Books.

SAUSAGE-STUFFED MUSHROOMS

2 pounds mushrooms
3/4 pound pork sausage
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
3/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
1/4 cup bread crumbs

Remove stems from mushrooms, chop stems. Set mushrooms and stems aside.

In skillet over medium heat, cook sausage until well browned. With slotted spoon, remove sausage to paper towels to drain. Spoon off all but 2 tablespoons drippings from skillet.

In hot drippings over medium heat, cook mushroom stems until tender, about 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove skillet from heat, stir in sausage, seasoning, cheese and crumbs.

Preheat oven to 450 degrees Fahrenheit. Fill mushroom caps with sausage mixture. Place stuffed mushrooms in pan and bake 15 minutes.

Recipe courtesy of Ken Abramczyk

TERIYAKI WRAP-UPS

1 tablespoon sugar or honey
1 tablespoon chopped onion
1/4 teaspoon ginger
1 garlic clove minced
1/4 cup soy sauce
1/2 pound sirloin steak cut into thin strips
8 ounce can water chestnuts drained

Combine first five ingredients in small bowl, mix well. Add steak strips and water chestnuts, tossing to coat with soy mixture. Marinate for one hour and no more than 12 hours in refrigerator, stirring occasionally. Drain steak strips and wrap around water chestnuts, cutting large ones in half. Secure with toothpicks. Arrange on broiler pan. Broil 4 to 5 inches from heat for 5 to 8 minutes or until desired doneness, turning once. Makes about 20 appetizers.

For two appetizers (one serving size), 79 calories, 4 g protein, 3 g carbohydrates, 5 g fat, 529 mg sodium, 46 mg potassium.

Recipe courtesy of Ken Abramczyk

Tablas Creek crafts superior Rhone-style wines

Named after a small creek running through the 120-acre property, Tablas Creek, a joint American-French vineyard venture was all the buzz in Paso Robles when it was established on California's Central Coast in the late 1980s.

Talk is cheap. Performance is not. Partners, Robert Haas, founder of Vineyard Brands, a wine

import company, and brothers Jean-Pierre and Francois Perrin of the renowned Chateau de Beaucastel (Chateaneu-du-Pape) in the southern Rhone Valley of France, took on the challenge.

They imported several clones of typical southern Rhone white and red grape varieties and placed them in U.S. Department of Agriculture-mandated three-year quarantine to guarantee virus-free vines for planting. In 1993, vines were released to the partners and multiplication for a vineyard planting began.

Importation and quarantine of additional varieties continued over the next several years. By 2006, all 13 Chateaneu-du-Pape varieties have been propagated and planted. They have become the stable for outstanding Tablas Creek wines.

TWO DECADES

"We're very happy with the model we developed," said Jason Haas, Robert's son and Tablas Creek general manager. "In a sense, my father and the Perrins pioneered a new venture on the west side of the appellation, where soils have more limestone, better suited to Rhone varieties."

"Like the French, we believe in minimum human intervention in the winemaking process. This preserves the wine's link to its place of origin."

All Tablas Creek wines are estate grown, organically

farmed and hand harvested by a skilled crew that works year-round, also doing other vineyard and winery tasks. Each variety is fermented separately, using only native yeasts.

As might be expected, Tablas Creek follows the centuries-old Chateaneu-du-Pape winemaking tradition of blending varietal wines to produce complex wines, in better balance than a single varietal alone.

White grapes are whole-cluster pressed and juice is fermented in a mix of French oak barrels and stainless steel tanks. Sorted and destemmed red grapes are fermented as whole berries. After fermentation, the red wines are pressed, then blended and aged 12 months in 1,200-gallon French oak cooperage.

WHAT TO BUY

Tablas Creek signature white wines available now are:

■ 2005 Cotes de Tablas Blanc \$22 (vignier, roussanne, marsanne and grenache blanc blend) is delightfully aromatic with mineral notes, crisp acidity and a generous mouthfeel. Pair it with mussels, marmite, scallops or lighter fish, such as halibut or sole.

■ 2004 Esprit de Beaucastel Blanc \$38 (roussanne, grenache blanc and picpoul blanc blend) showcases deliciously vibrant ripe aromas and flavors with punched-up acidity to match it with shrimp, lobster and crab or fish such as salmon and swordfish. Foods cooked with garlic and extra virgin olive oil make this wine shine.

Tablas Creek signature red wines available now are:

■ 2004 Cotes de Tablas \$22 (grenache, syrah, counoise and mourvedre blend) is marked by raspberry, red currant and anise spice aromas. Similarly flavored, this wine has the structure to pair well with a grilled steak or grilled spicy sausages.

■ 2004 Esprit de Beaucastel \$45 (mourvedre, syrah, grenache and counoise blend) is highlighted by dark red fruit aromas and dark cherry, somewhat meaty flavors and smoky notes. Consider grilled duck breast or any lamb preparation

as a delicious pairing. ■ 2004 Mourvedre \$35 (100 percent mourvedre) is a philosophical change from the blending of varieties to make a wine that's greater than the sum of its parts. Most of Tablas Creek's mourvedre goes into the Esprit de Beaucastel blend but in some years, exceptional lots get bottled as a single-varietal wine. On a cold winter night, prepare a rich beef stew and drink a bottle of this wine. You'll believe winter is a great time to live in Michigan.

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WINE PICKS

Vina Cobos wines are the result of a shared dream inspired by the wine passion of Paul Hobbs, whose eponymous California winery is at the top of its game, and two partners, Andrea Marchiori and Luis Barrado. Nestled at the foot of the Andes Mountains in the unique microclimate of Perdiel, Argentina, the Marchiori Vineyard provides an outstanding environment for malbec as well as other varieties.

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Are You Kissable?

Fresh Breath Tips

To help you become your city's kissing bandit, Katz offers these tips for breath maintenance.



Dr. Harold Katz

- Brush two full minutes; the average 13 seconds is not enough
- Drink 6-8 glasses of water a day to replenish oxygen-rich saliva. Oxygen kills bacteria.
- Breathe through your nose; avoid dry mouth
- Avoid alcohol. It dries the mouth, as do antidepressants, antihistamines and other drugs
- Floss twice a day and get into crevices, which are bacteria breeding grounds
- Avoid dairy, especially cheese, which converts to sulfur compounds by bacteria
- Limit coffee and acidic (tomato and citrus) drinks
- Acid helps bacteria reproduce faster
- Tea is a better choice.
- Clean your tongue. Buy a tongue cleaner and use it—but gently!
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Visit www.freshbreath.com for more information to register for free samples and download a free copy of Dr. Katz's book "The Bad Breath Bible"

Famous bad breath doc will find out

By Wendy Von Buskirk

If you have bad breath, do you want someone to tell you? Dr. Harold Katz isn't shy about breaking the news.

The self-proclaimed "Bad Breath Doc" has helped millions with halitosis and related problems for 13 years. As founder of California Breath Clinics, he has prepped celebrities for some of Hollywood's hottest kissing scenes.

He also has created the patented TheraBreath System, available at drug stores nationwide.

Dr. Katz will visit the Livonia Meijer store, 13000 Middlebelt, at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1 to test people's breath with his trademark Halimeter and offer free samples of his breath-freshening products. The stop is part of his quest to find the Most Kissable City in America.

PINK caught up with Dr. Katz to find out more about the common, but sometimes embarrassing problem of bad breath.

How did you become the Bad Breath Doc?

I'm a dentist. I also have a degree in bacteriology. In 1993, my own daughter had a problem. She was 13 at the time, on the girls' basketball team, and she noticed after practice her friends would offer her gum or mints. She got very upset. I noticed she had a white coating on her tongue, and that's very common when your mouth becomes dry. The bacteria that normally live in your mouth start to produce sulfur compounds when your mouth is dry. I guess from that point on I decided to help her.



'Bad Breath Doc' Harold Katz tests a customer's breath with his Halimeter during the "Most Kissable City in America Challenge"

out, and that's what I've been specializing in ever since.

How does someone know if they have bad breath?

You really can't smell your own breath. Many people are unaware of the problem. We've devised a quick little test people can do at home. Normally people cup their hand, but that's just a great way to smell your hand. Instead, lick the back of your hand and let it dry a few seconds then smell that. This way, you're transferring saliva from your tongue, which is where bad breath originates.

Is it hard for people to discuss bad breath?

When I first started doing this it was a very taboo subject. What I've learned from anthropologists is that when it comes to odors, people are very self-conscious. This dates back to when we were cavemen and odors that were offensive protected us from things that were harmful, such as rotten meat. Here we are thousands of years later, we come across an odor and our first reaction is 'stay away.' The first reaction is negative. We're trying to

set the world straight that you can take care of this problem pretty easily.

What causes bad breath?

The oxygen in saliva keeps breath fresh. You'll notice that babies smell great. Babies are very balanced, they have a lot of saliva and rarely have bad breath. As we get older we have less protection. We drink alcohol which makes the mouth dry. We smoke cigarettes, and take medications that cause dry mouth. Exercise, stress and coffee also make the mouth dry. Our goal is to mimic that baby's breath with oxygenating properties.

Do breath mints and mouthwash work?

Ironically, some of the popular breath mints contain sugar, which actually feeds the bacteria. The leading mouthwash is 27 percent alcohol, which isn't good either. But we're here to help!

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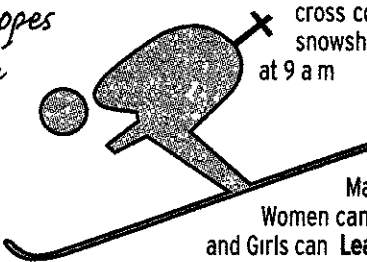
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Lancome artist returns to Detroit

Want to look like Fergie of the Black Eyed Peas? At least your makeup can, with some tips from Ross Burton. As National Artistic Director for Lancome, Burton has touched the faces of celebrities like Paula Abdul, Debra Messing, Paris Hilton and Kelly Clarkson. His life is a whirlwind of awards shows, red carpets and first class flights.

This month, the Detroit native has an overnight stop in his hometown.

On Jan. 30, Burton will spend a day at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset offering free Lancome cosmetic consultations. That evening, he will share makeup tips and tricks during a presentation for the Troy Chamber's "Girls Night Out" at Saks.

He's also looking forward to catching up with old friends and spending some downtime with his parents while he's in town. "It's truly a coming home," Burton said.

Burton attended Cooley and Cass Tech high schools and lived in Detroit and Southfield. Lathrup. He briefly attended UofM Dearborn, but one trip to the Big Apple left him wanting more.

"I love my background. I love where I came from because it gave me a great center, a great childhood," Burton said. "But I got a taste of New York and I wanted to move to the big city. I outgrew Greektown. I knew there was something in my destiny for a bigger city, a faster pace."

At age 21, Burton moved to New York to pursue a career in acting, but when he signed up for a theatrical makeup class he found his true calling.

"I fell in love with the magic of makeup," Burton said. Burton trained with Andrea Miller, head of hair and makeup for NBC, known for her work on Saturday Night Live.

"I got taken under her wing and started doing a lot of little television bits and theater work," Burton said. "I eventually wanted to broaden my artistry and did freelance work from Lancome at Macy's Harold Square."

"When I started sitting women down and doing makeup it was a little terrifying," he said. "I had to really learn to soften the hand, but eventually I went on and became a regional, then national artist for Lancome."

Three years ago, Burton was promoted to National Artistic Director, a role that requires him to train all Lancome makeup artists, as well as work with the marketing department to develop new products.

He also does makeup for shows like Access Hollywood, Entertainment Tonight and the Oscars, and fashion week with designers like Badgley Mischka and Tracy Reese, a fellow Cass Tech alumna.

His high-profile clients include Eva Longoria, Ashley Olson and Angela Bassett, and Burton said working with actresses and models is a world of its own.

"There's a big difference work-

Ross Burton

Who: Ross Burton, national artistic director for Lancome cosmetics, will make a personal appearance at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset on Tuesday, Jan. 30. From 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Burton and his Pro Team will offer free makeup consultations. RSVP's required (248) 614-3363. At 6 p.m., Burton will share makeup tips and tricks as part of the Troy Chamber's "Girls Night Out." Tickets are \$35 advance, \$40 the day of the event. Call (248) 641-8151.



Burton

Ross Recommends:

According to Burton, the 13th Amendment is "honor thy skin." Start with a great SPF moisturizer, and follow up with these beauty essentials for a happy face:

- Concealer - Makes the eyes look rested and face bright
- Face Powder - Use powder to blend makeup for a finished look
- Lip Gloss - Apply throughout the day to look fresh and touched with light
- Bronzer - Brush on for a warm, sun-touched look
- Mascara - The bare minimum for eyes
- Eyebrows - Fill in brows with pencil, or brush with gel to shape
- Smoky Coal Liner - Smudge in lieu of eyeshadow
- Color Design Sensational Effects Lip Color, \$21
- Magique Mousse Blush, \$28.50

TIP: If you're a gal on the go and don't have time to do full concealer, hit the inner corners of the eyes and the sides of the nose, and blend out to the cheek where you need it.

ing with celebrities. It's part of their job to play the glamour game. They can't walk out the door and have a bad day," he said. "The average woman has the option to go natural."

Still, Burton is expert at teaching the everyday woman how to achieve movie star looks.

"When today's woman looks in the magazines or on the red carpet, she wants that look. It's for me to translate it so it looks pleasing to the eye," he said. "Makeup right now is so powerful because it allows a woman to live out so any dimensions of who she is."

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REVERSE DISCRIMINATION IN THE GRAYING WORKFORCE



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Some employers and employees are slowly awakening to the looming labor shortage caused by baby boom retirements. In an effort to retain seasoned employees, they may discriminate.

Are senior HR people concerned about the shortage? Thirty-five member companies affiliated with ORC Worldwide (ORC) report that talent management is their key concern for 2007. The survey's 33.3 percent has grown from last year's 29 percent. Company sizes range from fewer than 5,000 to more than 90,000 employees, and all have at least 51 employees abroad.

This small pool of respondents suggests that some companies haven't noticed the critical shortage ahead, let alone the likely possibility that older and younger workers will be competing heatedly for jobs. Are companies turning a blind eye, overlooking the history of Gen X and other younger worker complaints against baby boomers ensconced in their jobs? Litigator Marshall Tamick of Minneapolis Mansfield, Tamick & Cohen P.A., predicts a slowly rising tide of these complaints.

Jonathan Segal, co-chair, Employment Services Group at the law firm WolfBlock in Philadelphia and New York City, maintains that age—not youth—discrimination has a greater likelihood of surfacing. Under the Age Discrimination and Employment Act (ADEA), he says, you're protected only if you're age 40 and older. If an employer discriminates against young people, the employer wouldn't be violating the ADEA. Most states follow it and (in the

absence of a) local ordinance, you have no legal grounds. Tamick points to five states—Michigan, New Jersey, Minnesota, Oregon and Maine—that, in the past decade, have interpreted their laws to prohibit discrimination against younger workers.

Gretchen Koch, director of Skills Development Programs at Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA), which has 20,000 members more than 100 countries, doesn't foresee the problem at all because of the demographics. We have many, many more people getting ready to leave than young people planning to enter. The young ones will be the envy of every industry. There will be extreme competition for them. She adds that this development, which will call for wonderful cross-generation teamwork, applies to all industries.

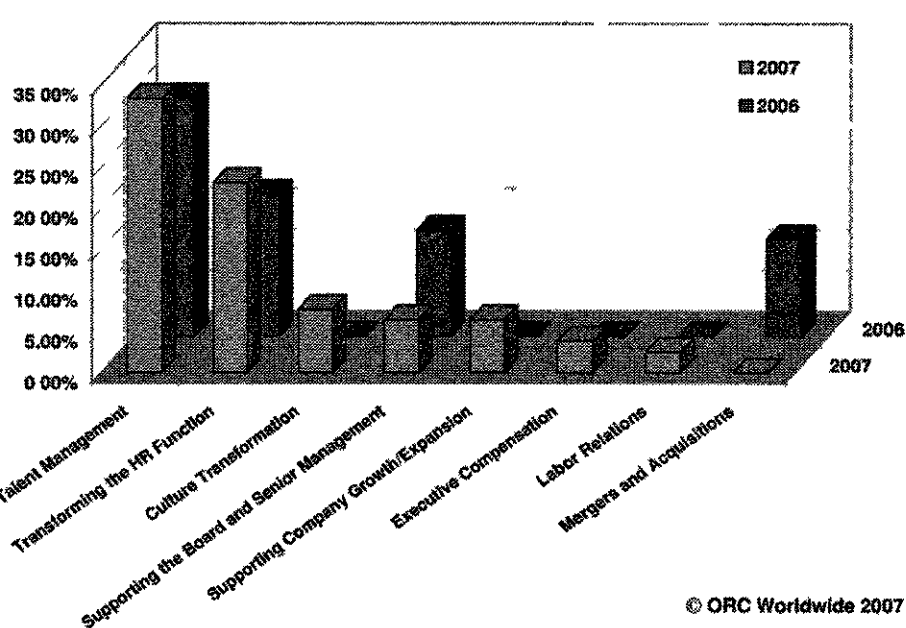
Segal states that while there may not be a humorous legal problem involving youth discrimination, there may be a diversity issue. If a workforce is overwhelmingly young, there may be a charge of bias against older workers.

PERFORMANCE
So what are companies and their employees to do? The solution centers upon competence, Segal believes. If your systems are such that you can have appropriate performance management so that mediocre and poor performers are let go regardless of age, this will open up positions. Retaining mediocrity is the problem.

He mentions that organizations fearing age discrimination charges create their own problems by sometimes releasing younger workers who are poor performers and, later, older workers. If performance isn't the yardstick, and companies have no younger employees to get rid of, they appear to be discriminating.

The focus for a position may be cutting-edge techniques or fresh knowledge. These are not

HOW HR SPENDS ITS TIME.
HR executives name the top three areas that took/will take their time and attention in 2006 and 2007



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discriminatory, Segal advises, because knowledge and performance are the issue, not age. A 30-year employee, for example, may know more than his 10-year counterpart. Or may not. There are times where people correlate things with age that aren't necessarily age, he observes. The key is to equate knowledge with competence and to communicate that to all employees.

What does this mean for older workers? Segal won't let them rest easy, and neither will companies. Staying on top of your profession is a legitimate requirement for the job, he remarks. In other words, older workers must focus upon increasing their knowledge, performing at high levels—in effect, viewing themselves as a

commodity of ever-developing skills and expertise rather than as older workers.

Remove from your vocabulary the words young, old and their synonyms. Replace them with competence and knowledge. Older workers must stay at the top of their game to compete with the up-and-coming workforce. Younger workers must get to the top of their game to compete with more seasoned workers. Doing so will keep everyone competitive in companies where consistent performance management is the rule.

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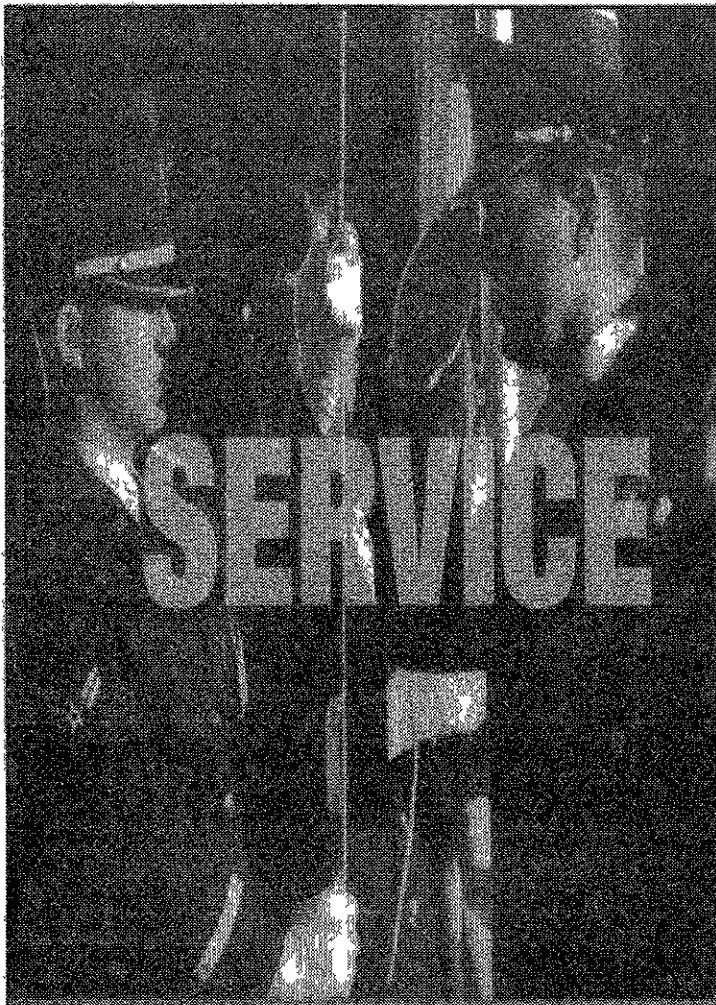
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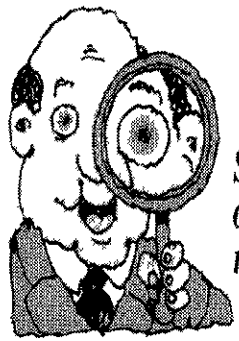


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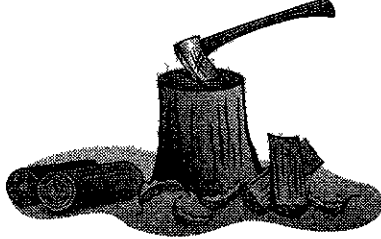
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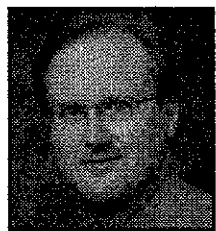
The Dodge Nitro Mid-Size SUV

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By Dale Buss



Chrysler would be in deep, deep trouble if its TV advertisements were true reflections of the merits of the featured vehicles.

There were the disastrous spots a few years ago featuring songstress Celine Dion touting the Chrysler Pacifica, a monstrous mismatch of a mainstream artist with an upscale and, actually, rather remarkable crossover vehicle. And, of course, as capable as he was as Chrysler Group's CEO, Dieter Zetsche didn't exactly stir echoes of Lee Iacocca last year in the unfortunate series of semi-humorous advertisements that featured him as the answer man "Dr. Z" on behalf of Jeep Liberty and some other pretty good vehicles.

The TV campaign for Dodge's new Nitro mid-size SUV strikes me the same way some pretty disappointing attempts at creative messages on behalf of a vehicle that, frankly, deserves much better. The spot showing a Nitro owner lending a battery jump to a stranded driver - and then blowing his car into the stratosphere - is a statement about the robustness of a vehicle that really isn't plying that particular attribute. Similarly, the ad that shows a Nitro descending through the center of the earth and emerging, upside-down, somewhere in China seems not to have a discernible point.

So it'd be better for Dodge if they dispensed with these ads and just allowed Nitro owners and wanna-be owners to pass the word-of-mouth about this vehicle. What they would hear is that Nitro is a great execution of a reasonably sized SUV at a time when Chrysler really needed one. It's got no-nonsense styling, high seating, a great selection of powertrains, plenty of interior room, decent mileage and very reasonable pricing.

A huge part of Nitro's appeal is its signature boxy styling. Chrysler designers wanted



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to make sure that they let potential customers know that Nitro isn't simply a shrunken Durango, which is nearly two feet longer than Nitro. So in contrast to Durango's rather rounded lines, Nitro is squared-off all the way, from its big cross-hair grille to an upright windshield, rectangular windows and blocky rear end. The exaggerated fender flares are the only rounded aspects of the design.

All of this enhances the feeling of largeness that you get with Nitro. So does the fact that the seats are higher than you might expect, an important consideration for big-SUV fans that might consider Nitro as a reasonable compromise with higher gasoline prices.

Chrysler also made sure that the Nitro's powertrains were plenty robust, the distracting implication of the "battery-jumping" commercial notwithstanding. It comes in two- or four-wheel drive, with a choice of V6 engines, one old and one new. The new, 4.0-liter engine comes only in the top-of-the-line R/T model, which costs about \$2,700 more than the more popular SLT. A five-speed automatic also comes only with the R/T.

But in the SLT 4x2 version that I drove, I found power more than adequate in the 3.7-liter six-cylinder engine, which falls about 50 horsepower short of the 4.0-liter. At EPA-rated 24 miles a gallon on the highway, the Nitro SLT's fuel economy is

pretty darn good for the category and certainly a number that most owners could live with. The city mileage of 18 mpg isn't bad either.

The Nitro's ride was adequate as well. I found the handling to be pretty sure-footed, particularly in contrast to the larger Durango. I'm told that the handling and ride of the R/T model is another, significant step better.

A primary feature of all versions of Nitro is what happens behind the front seat. Chrysler's patented Loan 'n Go seat configuration quickly flips the 60/40 rear seats and front passenger seat totally flat. With the liftgate raised, the carpeted cargo floor slides rearward 18 inches, out over the bumper, and can hold plenty of weight. These machinations, again, give Nitro some of the capabilities that most vehicles of its size lack.

For a sticker price of \$25,240, the Nitro SLT also provides a worthy feature package, which includes supplemental side airbags and other safety features, a 115-volt auxiliary-power outlet, a leather-wrapped steering wheel, fog-lamps and power-heated fold-away mirrors. Optional add-ons on the version I drove were a power sunroof and Sirius Satellite Radio, the latter of which - along with competitor XM radio - is pretty much becoming an expectation in any decent vehicle these days.

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Livonia, MI - A Livonia dealer is selling 2006 vehicles for one-half of the original manufacturer's list price. And they're offering many other 2006 models far below normal market values. The low financing offered by GM, Ford, and Daimler-Chrysler mesmerized so many buyers that far fewer shoppers even bothered looking at pre-owned 2006 models.

How does 0% financing on a new model do in a heads-up comparison to a pre-owned 2006 model? In the instance of the Buick LaCrosse, financing \$21,960 plus tax vs \$9995 plus tax, the payments on the new car at 0% interest would be \$392 monthly for 60 months, but only \$269 monthly at 3.9% for 60 months on the program model. With the prime at a record low, today's interest rates are very competitive. Many credit unions charge under 6% for auto loans if the applicant has a good credit rating. And when purchasing the used 2006, don't forget that you'll be saving about an additional \$1,000 in sales tax and licensing fees. (Taxes estimated at an average of 6%)

John Rogin Buick sold over 150 Buick LaCrosse & Pontiac Grand Prix's in the first 30 days of their sale.

A "program" car is a vehicle that has been leased by a premium rental company through a special "program" from the manufacturer. Strict maintenance is required, and all vehicles are carefully inspected upon return. In many cases, these program units receive better maintenance than vehicles owned by private owners.

John Rogin Buick-Livonia has long been known as Michigan's "bargain hunting" dealer. Currently, they're selling more

2006 Pontiac Grand Prix's than any other dealer in the nation. (Over 150 Pontiacs & Buicks were sold during the first 30 days of their sale.) Last year they sold the most pre-owned 2005 Impalas and Pontiac Grand AMs in the nation from their single location. And the year before they set the sales record selling the most off lease GMC Yukons and pick ups.

Today's real bargain can be found at John Rogin in the pre-owned 2006 vehicles. The low financing on new 2006's has left the used models unnoticed and overlooked. So with far fewer dealers purchasing these units the prices have dropped to record lows.

So once again John Rogin has gone shopping for the vehicles with a huge cart. They have just made a multi million dollar purchase of these units from General Motors bringing in



Bargains abound in pre-owned 2006 program vehicles

truckload after truckload from across the country. In addition to filling their giant used car facility to the brim, John Rogin had to lease additional storage lots to accommodate their massive acquisition of vehicles. And they

currently stock the largest inventory of 2006 program cars in Michigan.

The purpose of 0% financing is to clear out the remaining new 2006's. In another week or two these vehicles will all be gone

along with the incentives. In the meantime the 2006 program vehicles are truly today's sleeping bargain. But they'll soon disappear as smart shoppers begin to wake up and recognize the real deals.

John Rogin Buick is located at 30500 Plymouth Road between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. The used car superstore may be contacted directly at (734) 525-0900 Monday-Friday during normal business hours.

A Beautiful Buick

The 2001-2006 Buicks were the highest ranked Premium Midsize Car in J.D. Powers and Associates Initial Quality Study. This study was based on a total of over 64,900 consumer responses indicating owner reported problems during the first 90 days of ownership. Of those surveyed, Buick owners reported the fewest problems. An outstanding mark of excellence for superb workmanship and a prelude to the satisfaction yet to be experienced during the coming years.

Equipped with a powerful 175 horsepower V-6 boasting 20 mpg city and 29 mpg highway fuel economy, the Buick LaCrosse will capture your heart from the moment you slip behind the wheel. There won't be any need

for a salesperson to explain how to operate all the buttons because this LaCrosse will greet you like an old friend or a comfortable pair of slippers. The cabin is exceedingly driver friendly with all controls neatly laid out before you like an elegant table setting. And everything just seems to fit.

The Buick LaCrosse still retains all the traditional value you've come to expect from Buick. From its luxurious well-appointed interior to the clean flowing exterior design, LaCrosse makes a stylish impression.

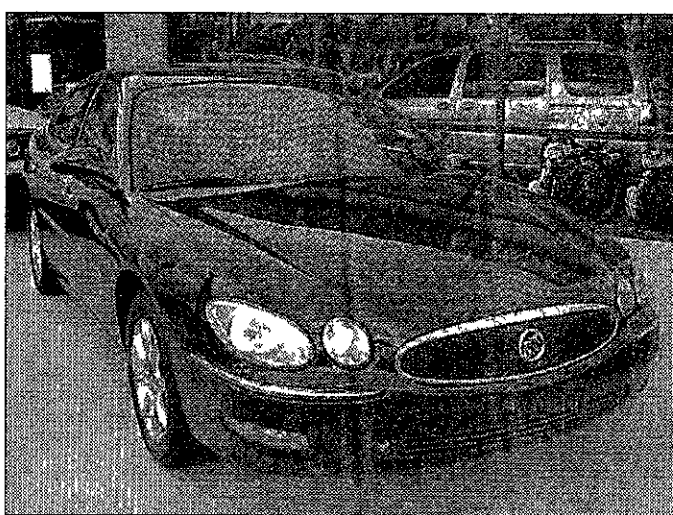
The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup. Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls, six

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See the 2006 Buick LaCrosse at John Rogin Buick in Livonia.

It's no wonder that John Rogin Buick Livonia considers the pre-owned 2006 LaCrosse to be the most car they've ever been able to offer for the money. And for the past several weeks they've silently amassed hundreds of these wonderful units from

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