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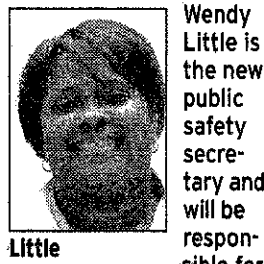
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Clarification

A story about Tuesday's election in Thursday's *Observer* incorrectly identified a church that was late in opening the doors for voters. The church was First Baptist Church at Sheldon and Cherry Hill, not Main Street Baptist as reported.

New employee

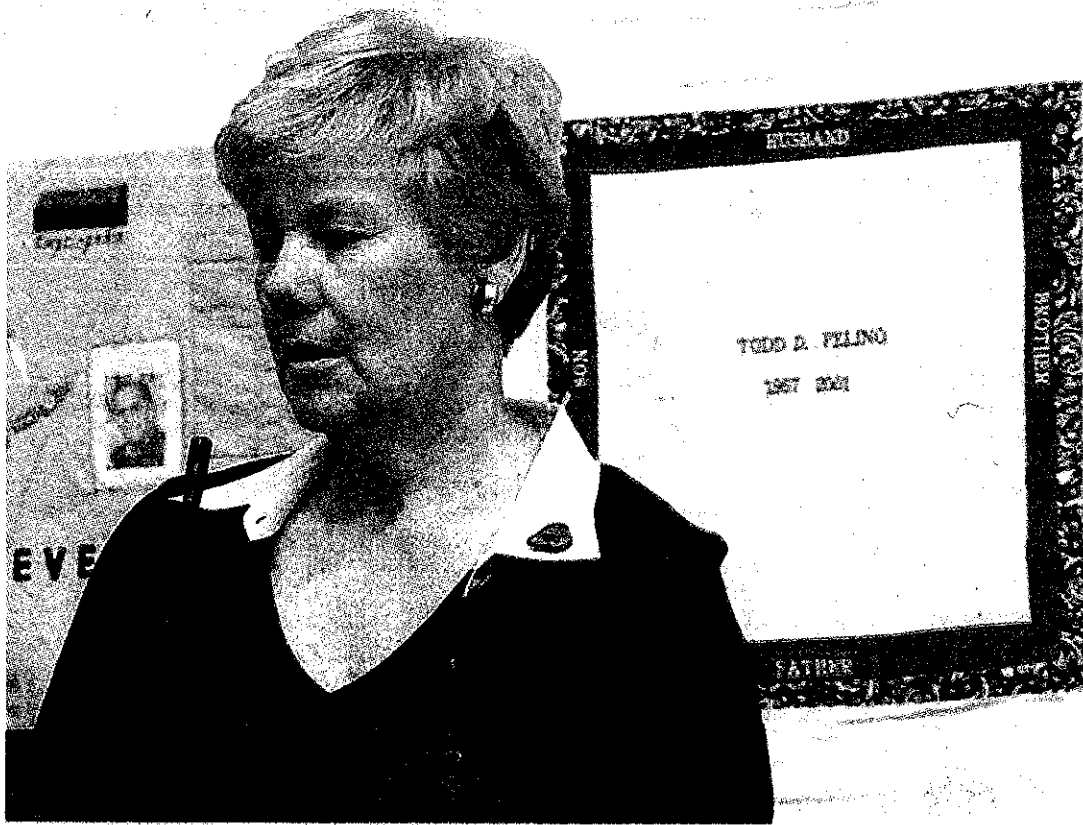
The Canton Department of Public Safety has a new addition to the department.



Wendy Little is the new public safety secretary and will be responsible for assisting with the Canton Police Department Training Division as well as other administrative duties. Little, now a Livonia resident, recently relocated to the metropolitan area with her two children and their dog. She comes from the Ingham County Health Department, where she worked as a secretarial supervisor.

Quilt volunteers

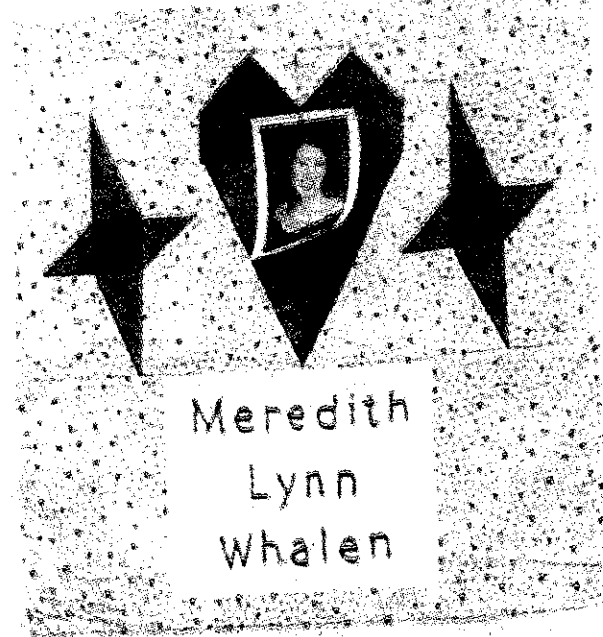
Volunteers are needed today (Sunday) at the Summit to help take down the United in Memory 9/11 quilt display. Volunteers should report by the show's closing time of 6 p.m. Help is needed in returning the quilt sections to their packing boxes for shipment to the next show location.



Pat Whalen, standing in front of her daughter's memorial patch, asks for a moment of silent prayer as she speaks at the opening of the 9/11 Victims Memorial Quilt display in Canton.

9.11

"Love has gone into each square."



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In memory

Touching ceremony opens quilt display

BY DOUG JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

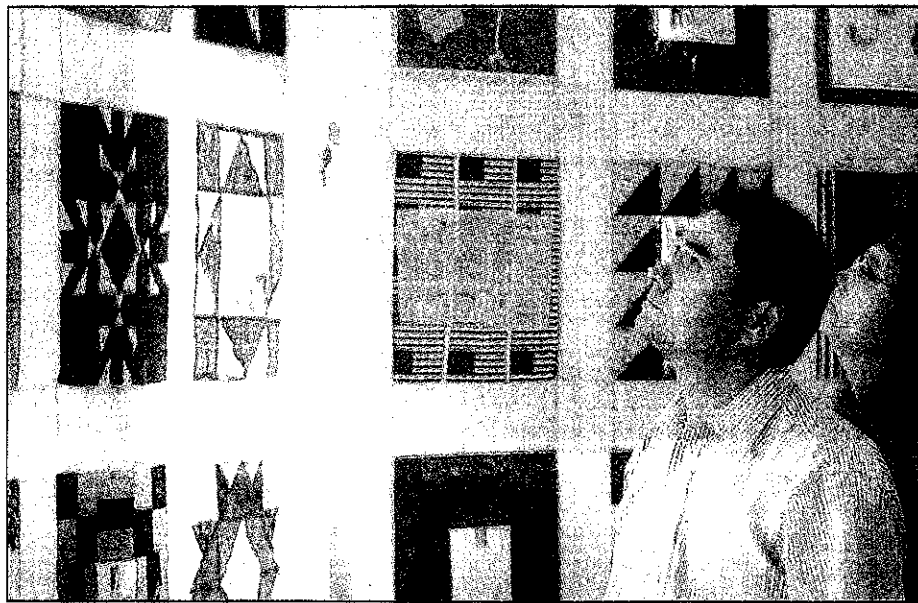
"Her remains were never found but I know her soul is in heaven." Canton resident Pat Whalen spoke quietly Thursday night at the opening of the United in Memory 9/11 Victims Memorial

Quilt display at the Summit building.

The quilt display's opening ceremony was an important event for Whalen, clearly an achingly touching moment as she spoke.

Pat Whalen's daughter, 23-year-old Meredith Lynn Whalen, was on the 93rd floor of the first World Trade Center tower directly in the path of the first plane. Meredith is one of 3,000 people

PLEASE SEE QUILT, A6



Gerry and Cheryl Martin of Canton look over a panel of the expansive United in Memory quilt on display at the Summit on the Park gymnasium.

Canton library setting usage records

BY DOUG JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

Who says Americans aren't reading as many books as they used to?

You sure couldn't tell by the numbers from the

Canton Public Library.

The Canton library is on track to double its usage numbers from four years ago. When the August stats come out, Canton library patrons will have checked out more than one million items. At the end of last month, library users had checked out 893,000 books, CDs and videos so far in 2004.

This on the heels of a report a few days ago from

the National Endowment for the Arts that documents a "dramatic decline" in literary reading. Their survey said as many as 20 million potential literature lovers had disappeared from the ranks of readers from 1982 to 2002. Fewer than half of all Americans over 18 now read novels, plays or poetry.

"We are doing a land-office business," Canton library Director Jean Tabor said. "The day after we were closed on July 4th, we checked out 9,378 items. Some Saturdays and Sundays we bring in people after we close just to get the books back on the shelves. It's a great problem to have."

Tabor said she and her staff do not see the dramatic drop the NEA talked about. They see a 15 percent or more increase in the number of items checked

out above last year. "We see people reading a tremendous amount of fiction," she said. "We had a record summer for young readers - 2,845 kids - in the summer reading program." That doesn't count the 500 or so teens that took part in programs this summer.

What are Canton folks reading? Bill Clinton's book. The 9/11 report. *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown, *Sam's Letters to Jennifer* by James Patterson, *Second Chance* by Danielle Steel, *Ten Big Ones* by mystery writer Janet Evanovich.

"Adults definitely like bestsellers. Good 'beach reads' are popular now like Stephen King," teen librarian Kevin Scanlon said. Adult non-fiction is the

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CANTON LIBRARY

The Canton Library is open seven days a week except for holidays. On the Web it is cantonpl.org.

The library offers a self-checkout procedure which has already been used about 56,000 times this year.

Information on the National Endowment for the Arts report "Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America" can be found on their Web site, nea.gov

The Canton library has about 110 staff members, 15 of whom are full-time. Also many volunteers work for the library through the Friends program.

Senior center sits, awaits fate

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

With an Aug. 1 deadline come and gone, Canton officials are still waiting for word on what will become of Sheldon Place, the abandoned senior housing center at Ford and Sheldon roads.

"I have not heard anything," Township Supervisor Tom Yack said Friday. "They're running out of time."

At a dangerous building earlier this year, hearing officer Joseph Philips issued an order telling National Church Residences of Ohio, owners of the building, to demolish the building

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Four weeks of Fabulous Food & Drink are coming in Taste

Get ready for four weeks of Fabulous Food & Drink beginning Thursday in the Taste section of your *Canton Observer* and win a shopping spree at some of the area's best markets and specialty food shops.

To be eligible to win, visit any or all of these sponsors and fill out an entry blank at the Fabulous Food & Drink location.

■ Holiday Market, 1203 S. Main Street (three blocks north of 10 Mile), Royal Oak.

■ Busch's, on Six Mile and Newburgh roads in Livonia, Sheldon and Five Mile in Plymouth Township or Drake and 10 Mile in Farmington Hills.

■ Joe's Produce, on Seven Mile just east of Farmington Road, Livonia.

■ Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, 8036 N.

Wayne Road, between Warren and Joy roads, Westland.

A random drawing will be held at the end of the contest and several lucky winners will receive gift certificates for \$250.

Look inside your hometown *Observer* for Taste, which offers a perfect menu of stories for end of summer food, drinks and desserts.

Here's what's coming:  
■ Aug. 12 - "Grillin' It." Experts offer tips on how to select meat, fish and poultry for your summer grilling. Check out recipes for marinades and sauces, plus instructions for simple and elaborate grilling.

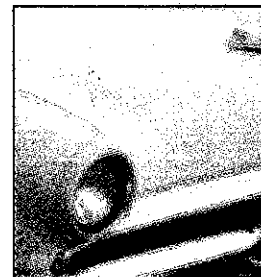
■ Aug. 19 - "Fruits and Vegetables of the

Season." Read about how to select the best, how to store for the short term and can or freeze summer's bounty. Check out some great recipes for cold soups and salads, side dishes and main meals.

■ Aug. 26 - "Drinks and Desserts." Tempting desserts share the spotlight with information about beverages including wine, beer, coffee and even water.

■ Sept. 2 - "Good Food to Go." It's back to school and back to busy families. Check out Taste for tips on quick meals for parties and potlucks. Where to buy good, healthy prepared meals to go and how to pack a healthy school lunch.

Coming Thursday in your Canton Observer



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Life was but a dream  
On the 10th anniversary of the Woodward Dream Cruise, we'll take you back to the days when cruising was king.

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# Residents get 1st look at hall plan

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township residents hoping to get a peek at their new township hall get their first chance Tuesday night.

Officials from Ann Arbor Architects and Moyer International, the partners hired by the township board to design the \$12 million project, will present the layout of the buildings during a 7 p.m. public meeting in the Plymouth Township board room.

The presentation is not a meeting of the board, and no decisions will be made. The board room is located inside the township complex at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

"It'll give the public a preliminary look at the plans for our hall and an opportunity to offer comments," said township Supervisor Steve Mann. "It's

part of our continuing effort to involve the public in every aspect."

Residents will see a design that calls for two buildings — a 13,600-square-foot fire station and a 38,000-square-foot building that will house the police department and administrative offices. The two-story building will also be the new home for the municipal services department staff, which will move from the DPW complex on Port Street.

The buildings will be on the nine-acre site the township purchased from auto magnate Don Massey. The other 16 acres of the parcel, which sits at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty, will be used for a retail center.

The two parcels will share one entrance driveway along Haggerty. That driveway will be used by fire vehicles returning from emergency runs; the

## CALLING ALL ARTISTS

The Canton community announces a call for artists for The 12th Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition.

Fine art works of all mediums are being sought for this juried exhibition, with deadlines of Aug. 23.

The exhibition will be held at The Village Theatre at Cherry Hill and is slated to run Oct. 2-22. This award-winning exhibition has been heralded as one of the highest quality shows in southeastern Michigan. A total of \$1,850 in cash will be awarded. For information about entering the exhibition call Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5300.

## WAIT TO HEAR

The library may be closed Thursday, Aug. 12 and Friday, Aug. 13? Detroit Edison will be working on the library's electrical service as part of the Library Café construction project.

If it rains, Detroit Edison will not work with the electrical wires, so the library will be open. Before going to the library on Thursday or Friday, first confirm that the building is open by calling (734) 397-0999, or checking the library's Web site at www.cantonpl.org.

## HOCKEY BOOSTERS

The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club meets at 7 p.m.

## AROUND CANTON

Tuesday, Aug. 10 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Parents of current and incoming players for Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools are encouraged to attend. The agenda includes an update on the club's Aug. 28 golf outing.

For more information, call (734) 981-2802.

The hockey program is a pay-to-play sport, and the hockey boosters are taking up the challenge to fund it. The three teams will host the fundraiser Aug. 28 at Hickory Creek Golf Club in Canton. Cost of the event is \$100 per player or \$400 per foursome. The cost includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, pop and water on the course, dinner, and the chance to win prizes. A silent and live auction will be held.

Check-in for the event is 7 a.m., with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. There will be prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin.

For more information on the event, call Deborah Tollison, (734) 981-2802, or Chris Wolfe, (734) 453-8332.

## YOUTH ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS

The Celebration Youth Orchestra holds auditions for the 2004-2005 school year on Saturday, Sept. 11. Auditions will take place at Evola Music, 1710 North Haggerty Road in Canton.

Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and older with at least one year of instruction

and wind, brass and percussion students ages 12 and older with at least three years of instruction.

Students may live anywhere in southeastern Michigan. Auditions must be scheduled in advance.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Rehearsals and performances will take place at the new Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton. In fall 2004 the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings. The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

Students should prepare a piece of their choice and a scale representative of their ability. To schedule an audition or for more information please contact the Plymouth Symphony office by e-mail at CelebrationYO@aol.com or call (734) 451-2112.

Scholarship funding is available for students living in Westland. Please contact the office for further information.

## CINDERELLA

Canton Township Leisure Service and Ever After Productions will hold open audition for kids, ages 6-18, interested in performing in Cinderella, a musical fairy tale by Rogers & Hammerstein.

Auditions will be 5:30-8 p.m. Aug. 22 and Aug. 26 at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill. Audition packets are available at the Summit on the Park. For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

## KIWANIS BREAKFASTS

The Kiwanis Club of Plymouth-Canton Breakfast sponsors a series of pancake breakfasts at the Masonic Temple in downtown Plymouth to raise money to support its projects, and the breakfast Saturday is a special one.

Breakfast is served from 8-11 a.m. Aug. 7 and Sept. 4. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children

6-12. Children age 5 and younger served free.

Proceeds from the breakfasts — which include all-you-can-eat eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy and coffee, tea or juice — support community activities such as an annual scholarship, sweat suits for First Step, Bentley Elementary School read-along, church directories for area hotels/motels, Halloween Costumes for hospitalized children, Youth Leadership Canton and Leadership Plymouth.

The Masonic Temple is located at 730 Penniman.

## WILDCAT GOLF OUTING

A golf outing to benefit the Plymouth High School Wildcat athletic program is set for an 8 a.m. shotgun start Sunday, Sept. 12 at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Napier and Ford Road in Canton.

Cost is \$100, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, a T-shirt, a snack at the turn and a steak dinner following the golf. The outing is a four-person scramble which includes longest drive and closest-to-the-pin contests and a "skins" game. To register, send a check made payable to Plymouth High School Athletics to Plymouth High School, 8400 North Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187.

## PLYMOUTH AFTER DARK

Community Financial, this year's event sponsor of Plymouth's annual "Music in the Air," hosts 94.7 WCSX radio personality Pam Rossi immediately before the Aug. 13 concert at Kellogg Park.

Rossi is host of 94.7 WCSX Radio's Saturday and Sunday morning Over Easy show. She'll be available to greet people and sign autographs from 6-8 p.m. at the WCSX tent near the concert stage.

Community Financial will be located nearby to host a free drawing and prize giveaways.

Following the concert that begins at 7 p.m., favorite "look-alike" stars are scheduled to arrive by limousines for a special "Plymouth After Dark" evening that will include late-night shopping and entertainment.

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# Backers hope voters will limit gambling Opponents say proposal is about more than marriage

BY JENNA KLOECKNER  
STAFF WRITER

Anti-gambling groups and casino owners appear to have a lot in common.

Collaborating with some legislators and local elected officials and calling themselves *Let Voters Decide - YES*, both are joining together in support of a proposal intended to limit the expansion of gambling by amending the Michigan constitution.

Roger Martin, spokesman for the group, said Michigan is at a point where there is such a rapid expansion of gambling and so many proposals for new casinos that the people need to be involved.

Let Voters Decide - YES collected an estimated 500,690 signatures in an effort to bring the issue to the people and if 318,000 of those signatures are deemed valid, the proposal will be on the November ballot. The exact proposal language will be determined mid-August.

If the proposal is passed, expanded gambling would have to be approved by voters in the local community where the gambling would occur and then by voters statewide. Native American casinos, which are controlled by the federal government and governor, will not be affected.

Noting that the proposal is not pro-gambling or anti-gambling, but about letting the people decide, Martin said, "I think the voters will vote to give themselves a vote."

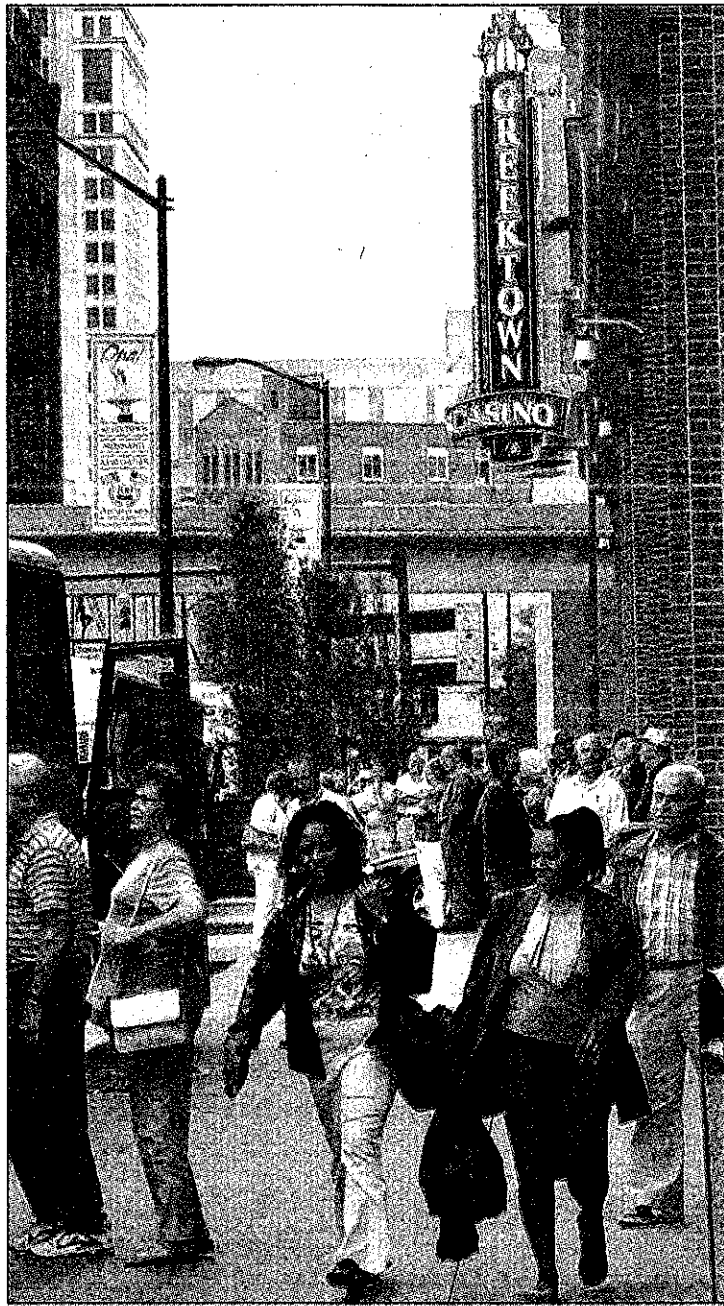
Another proponent, former Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, said when a casino comes into a community there is an increase in crime and bankruptcy, and entertainment dollars are taken away from other entertainment venues.

"And what kind of message are we sending to our kids about how to be successful?" he asked.

Posthumus went on to say Detroit casino owners are concerned that the opening of new casinos may have a negative impact on business at the Detroit establishments.

On the other side of the issue are those concerned about state funding and those in the horse racing industry.

Lottery Commissioner Gary Peters said the proposal will make it difficult for the Lottery Commission to develop new games and ways of delivering the games.



Pedestrians and casino goers walk by the Greektown Casino in downtown Detroit. Casino owners are supporting a proposal that would require a vote to allow any new gaming in a community.

But perhaps more importantly, he said the proposal will likely result in less state school aid funding.

Peters said 100 percent of the Lottery Commission's revenue goes toward public education, noting that last year the commission gave \$585 million to the state school aid fund and this year can expect to give \$630 million.

"They are only doing this to protect their business. They only want a constitutional amendment to make it difficult for other forms of gaming," Peters said. "It's very self-serving."

Bill Castanier, spokesman for the coalition of horse racing and agriculture interests, believes no one in their right mind would oppose giving voters a voice, but said that's not what the proposal is about.

"It's a special-interest proposal to protect casinos," he said, adding that it's clearly intended to prevent the expansion of gaming at horse racing facilities.

"Michigan voters will see the proposal as a special ballot issue, meant to cover the interests of special interest groups, and they'll vote it down."

BY JENNA KLOECKNER  
STAFF WRITER

Some say it's discrimination. Others say it's protection.

Whatever the case, a proposal likely to be on the November ballot will exceed its original intention.

The proposal states, "To secure and preserve the benefits of marriage for our society and for future generations of children, the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose."

Originally intended to forestall same-sex marriages by amending the Michigan Constitution, the proposal also will end domestic partnership benefits.

"It is poorly written and its proponents are not clear how far it may reach," said Sean Kosofsky, director of policy at the Triangle Foundation in Detroit, an organization serving the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allied communities.

If passed, Kosofsky said it will eliminate benefits available to those in same-sex and heterosexual domestic partnerships that are offered at state universities and by some government and private employers.

Some of these universities and employers, like the University of Michigan, intend to defend such benefits.

However, that may not matter. Unlike the current Michigan law regarding same-sex marriages and civil unions, amendments to the Michigan Constitution are generally not subject to challenge in court.

Many opponents also argue the proposal is about discrimination.

"It's not about marriage, but about writing discrimination into the constitution," said Jennifer Adriel, co-leader for Soul Force Detroit and associate pastor of the Metropolitan Community



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Sean Kosofsky of the Triangle Foundation says a proposed amendment to ban same-sex marriage is poorly written and will have wider consequences than its supporters say.

Church of Detroit.

Reid Beyerline of Royal Oak, a member of the gay community, said it's a larger picture than just marriage. It's about the aspect of dealing with other people, he said.

"I don't feel sad for myself but sad for other people in the world who can't accept me for who I am," he said. "They have no idea the struggles they impose on others as a result of their actions."

Proponents, who gathered 482,590 signatures to bring the issue to Michigan voters contend the proposal is about marriage. If 318,000 signatures are deemed valid, the proposal will be on the ballot.

"The institution of marriage is the building block of the entire society," said Ed Leslie, Oakland County coordinator for the Citizens for the Protection of Marriage. "Traditional marriage has been working for thousands of years."

Leslie said proponents want to embed the ban into the constitution to prevent future legislation on the issue.

"We don't want activist judges overturning the law," he said, adding that citizens should be the ones who decide.

Teresa Panczyk, Wayne County

From your house to



the White House

coordinator for the Citizens for the Protection of Marriage, said, "We want to protect the sanctity of marriage and the healthy raising of children."

Panczyk and Leslie agree that the healthiest families stem from relationships between a man and a woman, where the children in the family are exposed to the skills and characteristics of both sexes.

Religion plays a factor with proponents, too.

"Approving same-sex marriage undercuts God's intentions for a family," said Steve Martin, minister at Meadow Brook Christian Church.

But, he added, just because someone is against same-sex marriage does not mean they are a hate-monger.

"All Christians are doing is standing up for their beliefs and protecting their definition of marriage."

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# Full-time forensics

## Science elective class all set for P-CEP

BY DOUG JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

Yellow crime scene tape wraps around a small area in a classroom at Salem High School. Debris litter the floor inside the tape's area.

No real crime has been committed. The scene is one of veteran Salem biology teacher Marcia Lizzio's famous "what happened here?" class lessons.

Now a full class in forensic science will be offered at P-CEP for the fall of 2005 following approval by the Plymouth-Canton board of education earlier this spring.

Lizzio has been teaching some forensic science material in her biology classes but now she will be able to teach a class devoted to nothing but criminalistics.

Juniors and seniors will be able to sign up later this school year for the class which will be offered for the first time in the fall of 2005. Students must have finished two years of science - typically earth science

and biology - and be enrolled in some form of chemistry. "Forensic science is a two semester class," Lizzio said. "Each semester is interdependent and students can take one or both semesters."

"I am excited to be teaching this new class. I can't wait to make up mock crime scenes. I can't wait to watch the students. It's like playing a game of clue everyday."

Lizzio admits to a high level of personal interest in forensic science.

"Now someone has given me the green light to teach it. How lucky can you be?"

Lizzio, a graduate of the University of Michigan (undergrad) and Eastern (grad school) has taught since 1985. She and her husband, dentist Dr. Vince Lizzio have three young children and live in Canton. She also sponsors the Science Olympiad team at Salem.

Nationally there has been a groundswell of interest in forensic science, fueled by pop-



Marcia Lizzio of Canton (left) and Karen Ludema are veteran teachers at the Park. That's a mock crime scene behind them.

ular TV shows like CSI and CSI: Miami, and by popular mystery fiction writers such as Patricia Cornwell and Kathy Reichs.

The National Science Teachers Association last year teamed with Court TV to offer classroom materials to high school teachers.

"Teachers are always looking for innovative ways to help students see how science is relevant to every day life," said John Penick, NSTA president, in a recent statement. "The forensic units are powerful new tools we can use to excite students about science while submerging them in hands-on scientific investigations."

School board member Judy Mardigian said the new course will be added to the many offerings at the Park. "The course offerings at the three high schools are like those of a small college," she said.

"The class creates an exciting opportunity for career exploration and clearly speaks to the quality of our teaching staff. It's exciting when a personal passion can lead to a new course offering," Mardigian said. Mardigian predicted the class would produce students that will pursue criminalistics as a career.

School superintendent Jim Ryan also like the idea of the class.

## FOR THE RECORD

### DEATHS

**A**  
Gary J. Allen, 60, of Rochester Hills, died Aug. 1.

**B**  
Bruce E. Barker, 79, of Rochester Hills, died July 26.  
Shirley A. Bashore, 68, of Howell, formerly of Rochester, died July 24.

**C**  
Arthur "Art" Chauvin, 87, of Rochester Hills, died July 21.  
Mary L. Clay, 73, of Pontiac, died July 16.  
Dennis Michael Cody, 54, of Livonia, died Aug. 2.  
Howard F. Cohn, 46, of Columbia, Md., died July 27.  
Esther L. Cull, 86, of Auburn Hills, died July 21.

**D**  
Mary G. Denton, 73, of Rochester Hills, died July 25.  
Mileva Doljevic, 83, of Farmington Hills, died July 14.

**E**  
Lucille W. Elliott, of Bradenton, Fla., died June 13.  
Agnes A. Etue, 83, of Shelby Township and Livonia, died Aug. 1.

**F**  
Bobbie G. Fields, 72, of Rochester, died July 21.  
Kevin A. Flood, 77, died Aug. 5.

**H**  
Larry E. Hawes, 57, of Milford, died Aug. 2.  
Thomas S. Hill, 60, of Rochester, died July 30.  
Frances S. Hnot, 95, of Redford, died Aug. 3.

**J**  
Arthur Edmund Jansheski Jr., 68, of Canton, died July 31.

**K**  
Joseph E. Keenan, 71, of Farmington Hills, died Aug. 2.

**L**  
Betty L. Lee, 82, of Rochester Hills, died July 19.

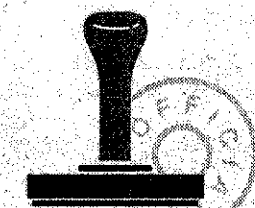
**M**  
Francis "Bill" McGaughey, 47, of Rochester Hills, died Aug. 3.  
Donald F. Moore, 68, of Washington, died July 27.

**N**  
Yvonne M. Norman, 82, of Rochester Hills, died July 18.

**O**  
Mary Katherine O'Neill, 91, of Canton, died Aug. 1.

**P**  
William David "Billy" Paul, of Garden City, died April 21, 1997.  
Harlan T. Phipps, 76, of Howell, died July 18.  
Wilbert C. Pieti, 90, of Livonia, died Aug. 5.

**S**  
Donald W. Scott, 72, of Bryan, Ohio,



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died July 30.  
Virginia T. Shonyo, 91, of Dearborn and Farmington, died July 31.  
Robert E. Stonehouse, 59, of Auburn Hills, died July 24.  
Katie Sutherland, of Garden City, died Aug. 4.  
L.D. Swartz, 79, of Auburn Hills, died July 30.

**T**  
Ina F. Theys, 86, of Rochester Hills, died July 29.

**W**  
Marvin Wilson, 77, formerly of Plymouth, died July 28.

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Canton's Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, at Summit on the Park. Among the agenda items are:

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Cherrywood Parc Development - Consider request for a preliminary planned development district for property located north of Cherry Hill Road and east of Ridge.
2. Tinik Rezoning - Consider request to rezone parcel located at the southwest corner of Joy and Ridge roads.

### NEW BUSINESS-SITE PLANS

3. Barney D Office Building - Consider request for site plan approval for property located north of Maben Road and west of Canton Center.
4. Essex Office Development - Consider request for site plan for parcel located east of Canton Center Road and north of Ford Road.
5. Rustic Ridge Condominiums - Consider request for final site plan for property located south of Saltz between Beck and Ridge roads.
6. Hamlet Phase 1 - Consider request for preliminary site plan and final site plan for property located north of Geddes Road and west of Denton road.

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or make it safe by Aug. 1. The order also said that whichever decision was made, a permit was to be applied for by July 1.

On that date, Bryan Amann, an attorney representing NCR, sent the township a letter requesting "a very short extension of time before Canton Township undertakes any unilateral action."

The requested delay was to

await the outcome of a lawsuit NCR had filed against DeMaria Construction Co., the builders of Sheldon Place, and various subcontractors.

Yack said Friday he understood that lawsuit had been settled but the situation now appeared to be in the hands of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development which Amann said earlier has been monitoring the case.

Amann said Friday the lawsuit has been settled and the documents are in the process

of being executed.

"I have orally informed the township that we intend to meet with them in the near future," he said. "We will have with us HUD officials."

Amann said there were several options.

"NCR can keep the building and repair it," he said. "Or they can hand the building back to HUD. Then HUD can remarket the building or just have it demolished."

Amann said there was not the prevalence of concern about the building collapsing,

as township officials had expressed concern about.

"We're nearing the end of the road for decisions about this building," he said. "Either demolish it or repair it. That's a great question mark right now."

Township Building Official John Weyer said he spoke with Amann several days ago and he was awaiting an update information letter from either Amann or HUD.

"It's supposed to be the synopsis of their lawsuit," he said. "I need to know what the result will be."

Weyer said if no definitive action is taken, the situation would have to be taken to the Canton Board of Trustees.

"We've had a number of dangerous building hearings over the years," he said. "In recent years no board action has been necessary. The property owners or the builders have been able to meet the requirements of the hearing officer."

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# McCotter hits issues at luncheon

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, fielded questions from the audience at last week's Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

The first question from resident Ron Lieberman was about the Medicare Drug Prescription program and, specifically, why the government doesn't go for price controls on drugs.

"The goal was to use the market force to keep the price down," McCotter replied.

"When you're dealing with companies that are private enterprise, to see government control right off the bat would seem to me to be a mistake, especially when the market force is beginning to have a chance to keep those costs down."

He said many people think Washington is "a wholly owned subsidiary of the drug companies."

"And the same people who think that the wholly owned subsidiary politicians should sit down with the drug companies and negotiate a price strikes me as a bit counterproductive," he said.

If the market force approach doesn't work, he said, then government regulation should be a last resort.

"It would seem to me," McCotter said, "that the way to go with the health care crisis in this country is to address the law of supply and demand. We have to create more supply and more competition within the health care system."

He said in terms of tort reform that affects manufacturing and small business, there were clearly international problems.

"There are certain things we have to do domestically outside of shoring up our trade policy," he said. "We have to focus on taxation, legislation and litigation. I want to know how many jobs Michigan lost to outsourcing in the manufacturing area, but I also want to know how many manufacturing jobs Michigan has lost to other states."

"That will tell us whether it's driving people more toward India or more toward Indiana."

He said in the last round of job creations, Pennsylvania gained 20,000 new jobs while Michigan lost 7,000.

"Why are they gaining and we're not," he said. "What we have to do is look here internally to see what we have to do not only to make ourselves more competitive but also to continue to diversify our economy."

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## LIBRARY

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biggest single usage category Tabor said. And e-books that can be downloaded are really catching on.

Teens are reading science fiction, books that become movies, movies that produce a book, and the Princess Diary series, Scanlon said.

"They also like the graphic novels. We have about a dozen of the most popular series. They seem to be very popular especially with girls," Scanlon said.

Some of the reasons for the boom at the Canton library:

- Canton's diversity. Ethnic groups are big users of the library, Tabor said.

- Good service. Librarians are on top of trends, and even



Scanlon

get suggestions for books to buy from the Library Internet site.

"We buy three copies of bestsellers. Our 'new books' shelf is

immensely popular," Tabor said.

- Help for students. "Kevin (Scanlon) has done a great job of promoting our tutoring service," Tabor said. TutorMe is an online service that provides tutoring in math, science, English, and social studies.

- Book clubs. Oprah doesn't have a lock on this. There are many book clubs in Canton that use the library regularly.

- Booming community. For example, this past Wednesday 30 new library cards were issued to newcomers to Canton's library.

## HAPPENINGS

The following are events offered by Canton Leisure Services in August. All events are at the Summit on the Park unless otherwise listed. For more information, contact Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460 or log on to leisure.canton-mi.org

- Now-Sept. 13: Start Smart Baseball, ages 4-5, 6-7 p.m. Canton Softball Center. Fee and pre-registration.

- Now-Aug. 19: Tennis Lessons, all ages, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Griffin Park. Fee and pre-registration.

- Aug. 9-12: Youth Archery Camp, ages 9-18, 10 a.m.-Noon, Canton Softball Center. Fee and pre-registration.

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Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The proposed improvements shall consist of two-lane asphalt pavement constructed over the existing gravel road as well as miscellaneous driveway and drainage work which may be needed to facilitate the placement of the asphalt road pavement. The project commences at the westerly right-of-way line of Beck Road and proceeds along Amherst Court to the northerly right-of-way line of Powell Road. The project also includes Nicholas Lane in its entirety.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limit for frontage along Amherst Court and Nicholas Lane consists of Lots 1 through 46 of the Plymouth Hills Subdivision, as well as parcels 990003001, 990003002, and 990003003, located in the Southeast ¼ of Section 29, T.1S, R.8E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on **Tuesday, August 17, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, Michigan 48170**, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$361,900.00.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

MARILYN MASSENGILL,  
 Charter Township of Plymouth  
 42350 Ann Arbor Road  
 Plymouth, Michigan 48170  
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**QUILT**

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honored by the 142 large panels hung in the Summit's gym.

"The quilt is a wonderful tribute to those who died. It allows us to take one more step. I ask you to say a silent prayer that no other mother, no child, no father, no son, no family has to go through this again," Whalen said, her voice filled with emotion.

Whalen spoke to about 100 people gathered for the opening ceremony which included remarks from Tom Yack, Canton supervisor; Jon Wright, a Freeport, N.Y., fireman; and Corey Gammel, the Long Beach, Calif., graphic artist who dreamed up the quilt.

"I want to thank Tom Yack and Debbie Zevalkink for bringing the quilt to all of us. And I can't thank Corey (Gammel) enough," Whalen said.

Yack declared it was Canton's privilege "to be the first community in Michigan" to host a showing of the quilt. "Love has gone into each square."

"The quilt reminds people of that day, remembers each person individually," Gammel said. The quilt project was promoted and developed almost solely on the Internet he said.

"Like everyone here Sept. 11 changed my life. We will never forget what happened that day," New York volunteer fire-

man Jon Wright said.

Wright, who has been a fireman for 33 years and a paramedic for 28, said when six of his fellow volunteers died in the attacks he lost six close friends.

When the speeches were done many in the audience were wiping tears from their eyes as a bagpiper, Canton police Capt. Alex Wilson, played.

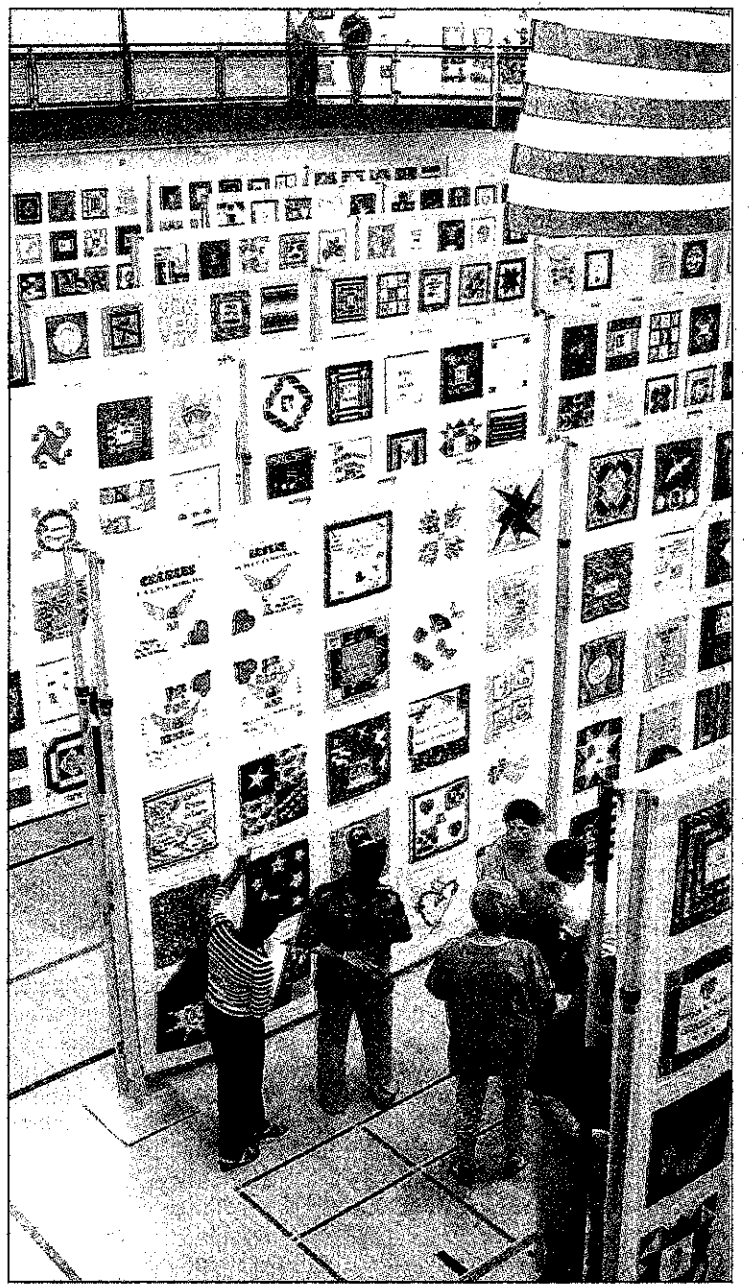
"I knew it was my daughter's tower. I recalled hearing a voice and then a quiet calm came over me," Whalen said.

Gammel said his group only does six or seven shows a year. Zevalkink had e-mailed him requesting Canton be included in their plans.

"The e-mail about Pat Whalen and Meredith went straight to my heart. The board and I had no hesitation about coming here," Gammel said before the ceremony.

The free quilt display continues through today (Sunday) until 6 p.m. United in Memory is a nonprofit organization that relies on donations and the sale of T-shirts and memorial items to raise money. JetBlue transports the 55 or so boxes around the country for free.

Every victim from the Trade Center, the planes and the Pentagon are represented, some more than once. The quilt squares vary from the simple field of stars for one of the American Airlines pilots to elaborate patriotic, religious or whimsical displays with pictures and sayings.



PHOTOS BY MONICA FOUTS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The 9/11 Victims Memorial Quilt fills the floor space and walls of the Summit in the Park gym Thursday.

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**PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR August meeting Tuesday, August 17, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary  
 Plymouth District Library  
 223 S. Main Street  
 Plymouth, MI 48170  
 734-453-0750  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION**

**PROPOSED ACTION:** Requested Approval of the Planned Unit Development Option

**DATE OF HEARING** Wednesday, August 18, 2004  
**TIME OF HEARING** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE OF HEARING** Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** For parcel description, see tax records based on TAX ID Nos. R78-029-99-0004-000 and a portion of R78-026-99-0003-702.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting the approval of the **Planned Unit Development Option** pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 99. The subject property is located on the north side of Plymouth Road between Haggerty Road and the City of Plymouth. Tax ID Nos. R78-029-99-0004-000 and a portion, about three acres, of R78-026-99-0003-702. Application 1836. Applicant, Joe Patti.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department located in the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building at 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI., during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comment will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-453-8131, ext 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired, audio tapes, and printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 734-453-3840. Michigan Relay Service, 1-800-649-3777.

KENDRA BARBERENA,  
 Secretary Planning Commission

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2004**

**TO PRESENT AND DISCUSS WITH THE PUBLIC THE PROPOSED SITE PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP HALL COMPLEX**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a meeting with Plymouth Township residents will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2004, commencing at 7:00 p.m., to present and discuss the proposed site plan for the proposed new Township Hall complex to be located on the west side of Haggerty Road, between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail.

The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room, located in the east wing at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The public is encouraged to attend this meeting.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk  
 Plymouth Charter Township

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## Advocacy group fighting to overturn old injustices

Carol Jacobsen is happy that Gov. Jennifer Granholm is seen as a trail blazer for women. She just wishes she could get Granholm to care about women like Linda Hamilton.

"Linda Hamilton had been held hostage, threatened and terrorized by her husband after she caught him raping her 4-year-old daughter," said Jacobsen, a coordinator of the Michigan Battered Women's Clemency Project.

"She finally she escaped, tried to get help from the police and prosecutors and received none. Eventually, her husband was killed by an unknown assailant, and she was convicted and sentenced to life."

"That was in 1976, and no testimony about her suffering and abuse was allowed at her trial. Today, she sits in the Robert Scott Prison in Plymouth. She suffers from Graves disease and is now legally blind.

"She never should have gone to prison at all," fumes Jacobsen, a professor of art and women's studies at the University of Michigan. "She poses no threat to anyone, and deserves her freedom."

Whether she'll ever get it or not is a good question. Michigan is in the grip of a severe budget crisis, and the state corrections department says it costs \$28,000 a year to house a prisoner. The number of inmates in state prisons has tripled in less than two decades to a near-capacity 48,000.

Letting a few harmless prisoners go might make economic sense. That's not, however, what motivates Jacobsen and her colleagues. They have carefully screened applications from hundreds of women, and come up with a list of 19, including Hamilton, for whom they are fighting to win release.

"These women have suffered cruel and unusual punishment," Jacobsen said. "These women were falsely convicted. These women were denied equal protection under the law simply because they were victims of domestic violence, and suffered severe punishment before they went to prison."

The battered women's clemency project was founded in 1991, and Jacobsen, who herself had to flee an abusive spouse long ago, became involved in 1995. Attempts to win support from Gov. John Engler were repeatedly rebuffed. The project has, however, won over William Milliken, who served longer than any governor in state history before retiring to Traverse City in 1983.

Earlier this year, he went to see Granholm, and brought up the battered women's project over dinner. "I think she was a little surprised, but promised to look into it," Milliken said. But more

than a month later, he hadn't heard back from the governor's office.

Elizabeth Boyd, a spokesman for the current governor, said, "We are following the same procedure we follow in all cases of this kind. The legal staff reviews the entire file before making a recommendation to the governor."

She said the review wasn't being expedited, and said every appeal would be reviewed on a case-to-case basis, not as part of a group.

That is a bit frustrating for Jacobsen and the other leaders of the Michigan Battered Women's Clemency Project, most of whom are lawyers. The group did help free two women a few years ago through motions for relief from justice, and helped two others gain parole.

But besides freeing those now in jail, the real long-term hope is to "initiate a different process of review of cases involving battered women so that judges are better educated and the criminal/legal system handles these cases differently and does not continue to discriminate against and unduly punish these women."

Last March, she sent material on 20 cases to the governor. Besides Hamilton, they included Barbara Hernandez, in prison since 1990 for a murder Jacobsen is convinced she did not commit, and Melissa Chapman, in prison since 1987 for helping her abusive boyfriend hide a body.

Anita Posey shot her violent boyfriend for smashing her baby against the wall. Pamela Price killed her husband after he raped their daughter, while Doreen Washington got life in prison because her foster son murdered her husband, apparently to save her life after her abuser set her on fire.

The list goes on. After several months, the project wrote to Granholm again, but this time it dropped its request for clemency for Mary Nemore, 82, who had been in prison since killing her violent husband after he shot their daughter in 1957. Sadly, she died in prison this spring.

"Some of these women don't have a lot of time," Jacobsen said. More information about the prisoners and the project is available at [www.umich.edu/~clemency](http://www.umich.edu/~clemency).

■ Footnote: Last week I wrote about Dr. Joe Schwarz, the moderate Republican fighting a smear campaign in the race for the nomination for Congress in the Seventh District. Last Tuesday he won, with 28 percent to 24 percent for Brad Smith, the son of the outgoing incumbent, and will be a heavy favorite in November against Democrat Sharon Renier, an organic farmer.

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## After a nasty primary season, can we restore some civility?

Nasty political campaigns are as old as the nation.

While George Washington was accorded near universal adulation, his cabinet provided the petri dish for the development of political parties.

Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton had strong, conflicting ideas about the direction of our burgeoning democracy and a visceral dislike for each other personally. It wasn't long before thoughtful, philosophical discussions gave way to personal attacks, innuendoes, half-truths, back-biting and back-stabbing.

Pamphlets with sexual accusations, racial insinuations, distortions of political positions, oversimplifications of positions and outright lies were a popular form of entertainment.

For Hamilton, it ended 200 years ago in a fatal duel in New Jersey with Aaron Burr, ironically after Hamilton helped his enemy Jefferson win the presidency instead of Burr.

The legacy lingers on. Of course, raucous satire, deliberate hyperbole and zinging the opposition are a part of the game. But when you walk into a Michael Moore movie or switch on Fox Cable News, you know what to expect and go with the flow.

But do we really need to be bombarded with cheap attacks and destructive leaflets in place of intelligent discussion of issues in our hometowns.

No doubt your mailboxes and door handles have been polluted in the last few weeks with "literature" from rival candidates in the primary elections. At the local level, even at the county level, it isn't about party philosophies or the national and state agendas. It's about the nuts and bolts of government service and it's also about personal ambition and narrow factions.

Now that the primary is over we need to take a breath, look back and see what if any benefit voters derive from this nasty campaigning. In many of our communities the primary is the election.

Many communities traditionally vote for one party or the other in state and national elections based on economic class, education, race, union membership and the other elements that build party loyalties. On the local level, partisan elections often draw out people to run in the only party where they can get elected, whether they support that party's state and national positions or not.

Which party are they has been a big issue in Redford Township this campaign season. The 11th Congressional Democrats put out a full-color piece with pictures of President Bush, Vice President Cheney, supervisor candidate Miles Handy and state representative candidate Andy Dillon asking which of these men is a Democrat. The answer they give is none of the above.

Both Handy and Dillon had been Republicans. Some Democrats believe they switched parties because Republicans can't win in Redford. This is mild stuff, though it has nothing to do with the candidates' positions. Campaign literature rarely does have anything to do with positions. Voters in Redford decided they were Democrats enough to defeat incumbent Supervisor Kevin Kelley and House candidate Tom Dowdy.

On the other hand a group calling itself Citizens for Responsible Government churned out a particularly scurrilous piece attacking Dowdy. It shows a blurred picture of Dowdy with a question mark and Doubts About Dowdy printed on top. On the flip side it makes accusations drawing from old incidents, cheap innuendoes and apparently a few whoppers. We can only hope it wasn't a deciding factor.

In Plymouth Township, where the candidates are Republican, residents received a flood of last-minute leaflets marinated in half-truths, crude whispers and accusations that just skate the edge of libel.

In Wayne County, races for sheriff and treasurer both took a negative turn.

Of course, when the candidates for president lash out at each other with unproductive, uninformative, character assassinating television commercials and petty soundbites for the evening news and cable nitwits, it's hard to lecture local candidates about conducting elevated campaigns.

Since the days of Hamilton and Jefferson, politics has been a rough and tumble contact sport with no rules and few referees.

Maybe it's futile to complain. But as a voter I prefer to ignore the attack pamphlets and ads, the nasty soundbites and the whisper campaigns. I want to know things I won't discover in partisan pamphlets. I want to know the candidate's experience, what the candidate thinks, if the candidate is honest, how the candidate will act or vote in office, who the candidate's major supporters are and whether the candidate has the political acumen to realize his/her stated goals. Everything else is hogwash.

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## Area youths shine in golf events

BY ED WRIGHT  
 STAFF WRITER

As the sun set this past week on the 2004 Michigan junior golf circuit, several Observerland stars basked in the glow of outstanding performances.

Both the Power-Bilt Junior Tour and the Meijer Junior Players Tour concluded their schedules Tuesday and Wednesday with invitation-only championship events at the University of Michigan Golf Club and Eastern Michigan University's Eagle Crest Golf Course, respectively. Only golfers who finished first or second in a regular-sea-



Gallagher

son event qualified for the tour championship outings.

The Power-Bilt event was shortened from two rounds to one by inclement weather.

Brightest among the area participants in the PBJT championship was Livonia's Shannon

Warner, who won the girls 11-15 division by posting 88.

The first-place effort vaulted Warner into third place in the overall Player of the Year standings, just 33 points behind

tour medalist Elizabeth Nagel of DeWitt.

Fellow Livonia native Andrea Warzyniec also capped the season in style, finishing eighth with 95 in the 11-15 division. Warzyniec accumulated 310 points in the PoY race, which was good enough for eighth.

Canton's Phillip Marsh was the top local finisher in the boys 16 & up division, firing 75, which left him three strokes behind medalist Kyle House of Lakeland.

Marsh's strong effort earned him sixth place in the PoY standings.

Plymouth's Jimmy Burns carded 77 in the finale, which was good for eighth

place, while Plymouth's Patrick Shaw shot 81 (20th place).

Patrick Gallagher of Plymouth fired rounds of 79 and 81 to finish fifth in the MJPT's boys 15 & up division. Gallagher, who won one tournament and finished second in another this summer, solidified a ninth-place showing in the PoY standings.

Livonia resident Tommy Lucko shot an impressive 78 in the first round, but had to withdraw due to injury. Despite withdrawing, Lucko was fifth in total points for the year.

Canton's Ross Gerulis turned in rounds of 84 and 95 (17th place).

## Sidelines

### Lakers sign Hulett

Lake Superior State softball coach Don Myers has brought versatility to his lineup with the additions of Canton resident Erin Hulett, a member of Livonia Ladywood's 22-17 Division 2 softball state quarterfinal team, along with April Brandt of White Cloud and Stephanie Reveley of St. Clair Shores.

Hulett, an All-Central Division infielder and outfielder in the Catholic League, plays on the Blues' 23-and-under summer league team.

### Rock hoop tryouts

Salem girls basketball tryouts will be held Monday through Wednesday in the Salem High School gymnasium.

Junior varsity and varsity tryouts will begin at 9 a.m., while freshmen tryouts will start at 11 a.m.

All players must have passed a physical in order to try out.

For more information, contact coach Fred Thomann at (734) 484-7746.

### PCJBA registration

Registration for the Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association's 2004-05 season will be held 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Salvation Army located at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth.

The registration fee is \$115 for the league, which includes boys and girls in grades third through eighth.

For more information, contact Al Flower at (734) 464-6830.

### Hoopers honored

Three local youth basketball players and one local junior varsity team were honored recently for their accomplishments at the University of Michigan's women's summer basketball camp in Ann Arbor.

Plymouth's Jenna Mizzi and Canton's Stacey Klonowski were members of the 7th- and 8th-grade division's 3-on-3 championship team along with Ann Arbor residents Meg Boyer and Brooke Peshke. Mizzi also earned the "Intensity Award" for her age group.

Alyssa Gendron, of Plymouth, won two awards in the 3rd-through 6th-grade division: the Mikon Award and the Knockout Champion Award.

The Canton High School representative in the camp won the Junior Varsity Big 10 League title and was presented with the Best Defense Award.

### Croquet champ

Canton resident Everrett Houk finished third in croquet in the 75-79 age group at the National Veterans Golden Age Games in Fresno, Calif., last month.

Houk also competed in shuffleboard and the pentathlon.

The event is for U.S. military veterans, ages 55 and older, who receive medical care through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

## Friends for life: Softball team still together 25 years later

BY PAUL BEAUDRY  
 STAFF WRITER

Once upon a time, a group of girls decided it would be a great idea to form a softball team.

The group grew up together, attended Bishop Borgess High School together and did just about everything together – from going on dates with their leisure suit-wearing boyfriends or husbands, maybe going to JB's for a beverage or Capraro's for something to eat.

Fast-forward to today. JB's and Capraro's are long gone, but the leisure suits are still around – unable to decompose in whatever landfill they are buried in.

The core group of girls are now mothers – and in some cases, grand-



MONICA FOUTS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PLEASE SEE SOFTBALL, B2 The Duffy's Den players cheer on their teammates from the bench. Several members of the team have played together for over two decades.

## Reasor to coach Livonia Franklin harriers

BY BRAD EMONS  
 STAFF WRITER

Walt Reasor is a longtime avid runner and now he hopes to go that extra mile as coach of the Livonia Franklin boys cross country team.

The 47-year-old Reasor takes over for Dale Lee, who resigned earlier this summer. He inherits a Franklin team which finished 12th in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet and eighth in the Division 1 regional in 2003.

"I've been running since high school, I've run a couple of *Free Press* marathons and several half-marathons," said Reasor, a Canton resident. "I got the

job in the middle of the summer and we've been doing optional conditioning Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays."

Reasor has taught social studies for two years at Franklin after spending four years as an alternative education teacher with the Livonia Public Schools, where he served as a basketball, volleyball, flag football and softball coach.

He is a graduate of Sterling Heights High School where he ran distance on the track team.

Reasor went on to earn a degree at Central Michigan University and then worked for 20 years as a vice president in the automotive-related field of marketing research with two different com-

panies before entering the education field.

Reasor's wife Merri works for Ford Credit, while his daughter Pam, a sophomore-to-be at the University of Michigan, ran cross country at Canton H.S. His son Steve, headed to Ohio State, swam for Canton.

As for the 2004 Patriots, Reasor has a definite game plan.

"I'm hoping for about 15 kids to come out (for practice) on Monday," he said. "We're a small squad, but we're improving. We'll be working on not only distance, but also speedwork. We want to make sure that 5-K (kilometer) race (3.1 miles) seems like a short sprint race."

## Local riders thrive in sport of vaulting

BY BRAD EMONS  
 STAFF WRITER

The commute is 46 miles each way to Hidden Creek Farms in Pinckney. And when practice starts, you're riding in a hot, sweltering barn.

But for the Bastien family of Livonia, they wouldn't have it any other way after their daughter Cassie, 11, got the bug early and since hasn't been able to let go.

Just two years into her sport, which combines gymnastics and dance on horseback, the pixie-like Coolidge Elementary School student returned home recently with a first-place gold medal. Bastien beat out over 30 competitors in the Preliminary Trot Division at the American Vaulting Association Championships held in Lexington, Va. (She earned a trip to the Nationals after winning the regional in May.)

"My husband (Chris) rode bulls for 14 years," Donna Bastien said. "She (Cassie) wanted to trick ride since she was 3- or 4-years-old. Most kids don't know what they want to do the next minute, but her dream is to go to Michigan State and study animal husbandry."

Vaulting championships are won by averaging two class scores totaling the highest overall. As a member of the Michigan Vaulting Clubs, Bastien placed first in her freestyle routine and took third on her required compulsory routine competing on Sir Lancelot, a 16-foot white Percheron.

"I was surprised I won," Cassie said. "I watched a couple of (riders) who were going to get into the top five. I like watching those people and their moves."



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Desiree Scheel, 16, of Salem Township, performs one of her horse-vaulting moves Monday on Sir Lancelot at Hidden Creek Farms in Pinckney.

PLEASE SEE VAULTING, B3

# Hall-of-Famer Voss to put on bowlers' clinic

You have watched him on the Professional Bowlers Association televised tournaments, then you have also seen Brian Voss win his share of ESPN TV matches, perhaps more than his share.

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For more information, contact 5 Star Lanes at (586) 939-2550 or Wiczorek at (248) 765-9489.

If you are planning to join a league this season, make sure that it is a sanctioned group. It doesn't matter if there are two teams, 20 or even more because it's in your best interest, as a bowler, to make sure that your scores are recorded and your average will be accepted if you enter any other leagues because you will be rewarded for high scores with plenty of prizes available for bowlers at every ability level.

Not everyone will shoot a 300 game, but if you do, you will receive a 300 ring, stadium-style. There are also plenty of other advantages, such as bonding of all league funds should anything bad happen.

Your average will also go into the local association's yearbook and you will have up-to-date rules and a rulebook (for each team captain).

If you attain an honor score, a representative from the U.S. Bowling Congress affiliate will appear at your lanes to make a presentation on your bowling night or day.

For more information or to obtain a brochure, call the Greater Detroit Bowling Association/Detroit Women's Bowling Association at (888) 753-6350; the Wayne-Westland Metro Bowling Association at (734) 728-3092; or the Tri-City Women at (734) 728-1670

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a lifetime member and director of the GDBA. He can be contacted at (248) 477-1839.

## SOFTBALL

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mothers. But they are still playing softball - almost 30 years out of high school and 25 seasons after they first got the itch.

There are 15 women on the roster of Duffy's Den - the women's softball team sponsored by the bar on McNichols, just inside the Detroit border with Redford, between Telegraph and Beech Daly. Eight of them have been around since Day One, a couple of them have been around for the 20 years or so that owner Red Olander sponsored the team.

And some have been there from the beginning whether they knew it then or not.

"My daughter was 1 when we started playing and 25 years later, she's playing on the team," said manager Patty Rusinowski of her daughter and second baseman, Valerie - one of two mother-daughter sets on the team

"Our first-base coach is a son and next year, there's another daughter who will be old enough to play."

The core group of eight - Rusinowski, Sandy Fillion, Colleen Ainsworth, Mary Richard, Judy Zimmerman, Rose Parker, Allison Domzalski and Julie Rossiter - all went to Borgess and all hung out. Others, like Jan McHenry and Margaret Balint, have been around almost as long.

"Most of us graduated in 1975 and it was 1979 when we started," said Fillion. "We just said let's get a team together. We all had kids, we all have fun together, so why not. And we're still friends."

For the first five years, the team had a couple of different sponsors. Olander got talked into it in 1984 and hasn't regretted it since - even if, by their own admission they now go more for the food than the beverages.

"Patty came in and a couple of the other girls' dads were firefighters, so I knew them," said Olander. "Now it's to the point where the daughters play."



The team from Duffy's Den - eight of whom have played together for a quarter century - celebrate their league title on Monday night.

And the daughters enjoy it. "I just love it," said Jill Richard, daughter of Mary and right centerfielder. "I've got my mom, my aunt (Rose Parker) and my godmother (Rusinowski) on the team."

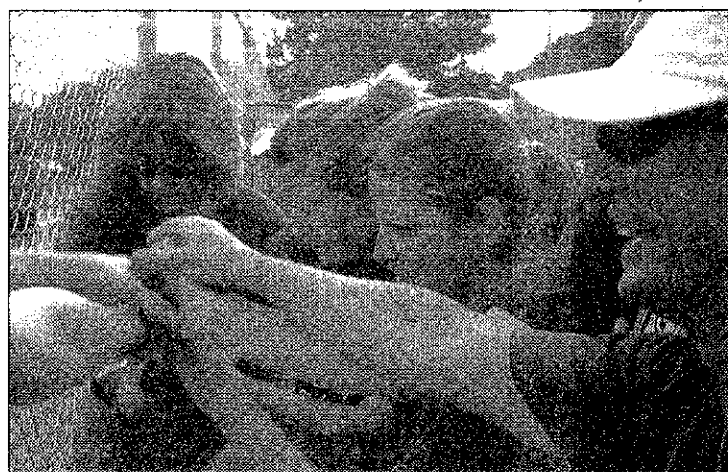
There have been changes along the way.

They are older; knee braces are now more common than baby carriages; other ailments are taking over.

They aren't all in Redford anymore although Fillion and Linda Kohlmeier are still there. The Rusinowskis along with Jen Lapinski and Angela Scherer are in Farmington, the Richards are in Westland along with Parker. Margaret Balint, Sue Sherman, Barb Seiter and Allison Domzalski are in Livonia, Ainsworth is in South Lyon, Rossiter is in Brighton, Heidi Wahl is in Canton, Zimmerman is in Northville, McHenry is in Wolverine Lake and Debbie Struble is in White Lake.

Of the group, there's also four combinations of sisters. There have also been two marriages out of the group - to brothers or friends of friends.

They've had good years - like the one where Olander promised new uniforms if they won a title, then did. And the bad - "Sometimes important players got pregnant. What are you going to do?" asked Mary



MONICA FOUTS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Duffy's Den players huddle for a group cheer before taking the field Monday night. Pictured (left to right) are Judy Zimmerman, Mary Richard, Patty Rusinowski and Janice McHenry.

Richard. Patty Rusinowski has just about always been the manager, although the coaching spots, usually involving the men in their lives, haven't been as stable.

"There have been quite a few of them," said Mary Richard. "Sometimes they get a little intense and we've fired a couple who have been too serious. But then we bring them back."

As for their future, no one's sure. They might seem ready to give up. But then, they'll go out and do something silly like they

did on Monday night - coughing up six runs in an inning, trailing 9-2 and wind up with a 14-13 win over the Sluggers to take the Redford Parks and Rec Department's Adult Slowpitch Women's Division title.

"Every year we figured we'd give it up and we keep coming back," said Patty Rusinowski. "Allison's (3-year-old) daughter thinks we're going to wait for her to grow up and play. But if we still have enough of us coming back, maybe she'll just make it one day."

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**VAULTING**

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And if they're hard (moves), I add them into my routine and try to beat them."

The sport of vaulting, which originated in Germany, remains under the radar screen. It is not yet an Olympic sport, although it's part of the World Equestrian Games.

It is judged much the same as ice skating with technical and artistic elements. Freestyle routines are all choreographed to music.

Karen Rach, coach of the Michigan Vaulting Teams, has won numerous AVA medals and has tutored five national champions and six Reserve champions.

In Virginia, the Michigan Vaulting Clubs made a strong showing.

Bastien's teammate, Shelby Hamilton, 10, of Pinckney came away with a first place finish in Preliminary Trot Reserve.

Also earning places were Desiree Scheel of Salem Township, first in the barrel division and fifth overall; Tania English of Howell, seventh in barrel and sixth overall; Jamie Koprince of Howell, 14th in barrel and 19th overall.

Individual class placings were also won by Bailey Hipple of Howell, Ashely Hamilton of Pinckney, Bridget Alsbro of Stevensville and 2003 Reserve National Trot champion and assistant coach Katherine Metzger of Clarkston.

Rach, however, realizes Cassie Bastien is a special competitor and a quick study.

"Just the sophistication of her performance skills is amazing," Rach said. "Her father (Chris) describes 'raising the bar,' and she certainly has. In a class of 50, there are probably 40 or so who are technically good. But you have to have something that stands out as a performer and she has it. She enjoys being in the spotlight and she does what comes naturally to her, and that sets her apart."

"You have to love what you

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do and she's able to do it with enthusiasm and passion. She's a joy to coach."

Cassie's sister Brittany, 13, a student at Riley Middle School, also rides horses and has done barrel racing. Her sport, however, is motocross racing where she rides on a CRF 250-R Honda.

But even she marvels at her younger sister's passion for vaulting.

"We all thought she was going through some kind of a phase, but obviously it wasn't," Brittany said.

To help finance her trip to Virginia, Cassie participated in number of fund-raisers including a car wash and bottle drive.

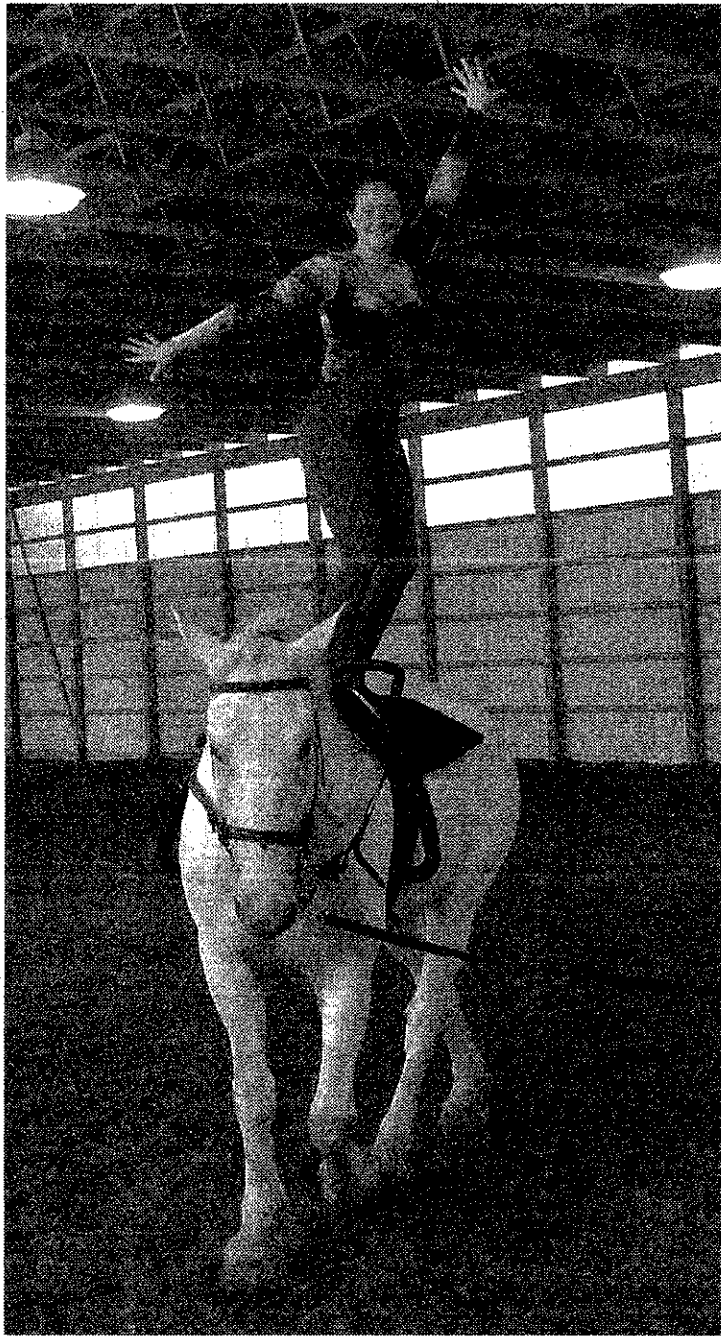
They also received a number of donations, including one from Dr. Jeffrey Daws, D.D.S., of Livonia.

Cassie's goal next year is to move up to either the more competitive Open Trot or Canter divisions. She also plans to take gymnastics classes to enhance skills.

The sport of vaulting also has its hazards.

During a recent practice, Cassie fell off her horse (Sir Lancelot).

"I had a dismount at practice where I had to kick up in



Desiree Scheel displays incredible balance while standing on Sir Lancelot Monday afternoon at the Hidden Creek Farms.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

the middle, but the horse hopped forward and I got a mouthful of dirt," Cassie said. "Probably in five years I'll still be in this. But I'll be closer to trick riding where I can get a contract and go to the rodeo."

Donna Bastien, a Mary Kay Cosmetics Director, and Chris Bastien, a manufacturer's rep, certainly sacrifice in more ways than one.

"We have a fall competition coming up," Donna said. "At the nationals you also have

hotel costs besides transportation. Coming out here twice a week (to Hidden Farms) probably runs us around \$125."

So making the 92-mile round trip is certainly well worth the risk and cost.

"This is what she loves, I can't tell the girls they can't do something," Donna said. "She puts her heart and soul into this sport."

"It's all in God's hands. If I am going to worry, then they'd have to be in a bubble."

**Dodgers win BB-League CCJBSA championship**

The Dodgers won the Canton Community Junior Baseball & Softball Association's BB-League (10-and-under) World Series Championship July 22, edging the Mariners, 6-5, in the title game played at Pioneer Middle School.

The Dodgers, who finished 11-2-2, advanced to the championship game in 2003 before losing.

Members of the Dodgers are: Mason Amin, Kyle Arella, Paul Baumgart, Aaron Brown, Kevin DeFrain, Brandon DuPuy, Eric DuPuy, Brandon Duschl, Austin Ebeling, Jake Pascarella, Michael Ramos, Nolan Reich, Ryan Rieckhoff and Ryan Schwinke.

Steve Schwinke was the head coach with Mark Brown, Dale Ebeling and Tony Romas serving as assistants.

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**PC PRIDE TRYOUTS**

Tryouts for the Plymouth-Canton Pride girls softball teams will be held at the Canton Softball Center on Aug. 21 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Aug. 24 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Players interested in trying out need to attend just one of the tryout sessions.

The pride will have 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U. For more information, contact Rich Rohn at (734) 981-5989; or Dan Bressler at (734) 927-9757.

**REDS TRYOUTS**

The Canton Reds U-12 and U-14 travel baseball teams will be holding tryouts for the 2005 season Aug. 9-10 at Canton's Heritage Park, field 1. Registration will begin at 5:45 p.m., with tryouts running from 6-8 p.m.

Both teams will be playing between 35-45 games from May through July.

Players interested in playing on the U-12 team must be 12 years old or younger as of July 31, 2005.

Players interested in playing on the U-14 team must be 14 years old or younger as of July 31, 2005.

Ron Goble and Jeff Hoeman will coach the U-12 team. Goble and Doug Bricker will coach the U-14 squad.

For more information regarding either team, call (248) 885-2306.

**WOLVES TRYOUTS**

The Michigan Wolves 13-and-under travel baseball team will be holding tryouts for the 2005 season in late August and early September.

The Wolves will play 50-60 games, including league play and up to 10 tournaments both in and out of state. Players must turn 13 after Aug. 1, 2004.

For more information, call Tim Broughton at (734) 645-9033.

**WILDCAT GOLF OUTING**

A golf outing to benefit the Plymouth High School athletic department will be held Sunday, Sept. 19, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at the intersection of Ford and Napier roads. The event, a four-person scramble, will kick off with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

For \$100, participants will receive 18 holes of golf with a cart, a T-shirt, snack at the turn and a steak dinner following golf.

There will be longest-drive, closest-to-the-pin and skins competitions available to the golfers.

For more information, contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

**GOLF INFO**

Crystal Mountain Golf School is now offering lessons for all levels of golf talent at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth. For more information, log on at [www.foxhills.com](http://www.foxhills.com) or call (734) 453-7272.

**COACHES WANTED**

Plymouth High School currently has coaching openings for the following athletic teams: girls cross country, boys cross country and girls/boys diving.

Anyone interested in these positions should contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700, or stop by the Plymouth athletic department, located at 8400 N. Beck Road in Canton to pick up an application.

**WATER EXERCISE, CHALLENGE**

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its River Challenge classes at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 a.m. Saturdays, along with its Deep Water Exercise classes 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the Community Center Aquatics pool.

The River Challenge class is a 50-minute class. Webbed water gloves will be provided; however, you must wear your own water shoes to each class.

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Swim ability is not necessary. Water jogging belts are available, or you can bring your own.

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For more information, or to register, call (734) 466-2925 or visit [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us).

**VOLLEYBALL CAMP**

The fifth annual Community Volleyball Camp will be held Tuesday through Thursday at the St. John's Golf Center on Five Mile Rd., east of Sheldon.

The camp runs from 5-7 p.m. each day and is for girls in fifth through eighth grades. The camp is also run by certified AAU and CYO volleyball coach-

es and has a \$75 fee.

For more information, please call Kim Price at (734) 635-7498.

**PLAYERS WANTED**

Waza FC is looking for players for an U10 and U13 girls soccer team. Call Colleen Debolski at (248) 477-1252 or e-mail [wazaclubmanager@hotmail.com](mailto:wazaclubmanager@hotmail.com).

**JOHN GLENN REUNION**

Westland John Glenn will stage a football reunion for all

former players and coaches, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 1-2.

A schedule of events includes meeting at half-time for the football homecoming game (Oct. 1), as well as an informal dinner (Oct. 2) at the Wayne-Ford Civic League Hall.

The cost for the weekend is \$20 a player (includes awards, hall rental, refreshments, and picture CD of the reunion). E-mail Mark Jennings at [mjennings@twimi.rr.com](mailto:mjennings@twimi.rr.com).

**MU X-COUNTRY**

Madonna University will offer

cross country as a varsity sport for men and women, beginning with the 2005-06 school year.

The programs will begin play and compete for championships in both the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in that season. The sport will bring the number of varsity programs the school offers to 11.

No coach has been named yet and the school will begin its search for one immediately. Athletic director Bryan Rizzo is beginning the search for a head coach for both teams. Resumes

and cover letters can be sent to his attention at 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

**STEVENSON GRID REUNION**

Livonia Stevenson High School plans to stage a 40-year football all-player reunion, Friday, Sept. 10, during its game against Livonia Churchill.

For more information, call coach Tim Gabel at (734) 744-2660 or e-mail [tgabel@livonia.k12.mi.us](mailto:tgabel@livonia.k12.mi.us)

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Suzanne Stewart

## Day in life with brain injury

I keep trying to go on and be whoever it is I am now. I try to believe in myself and in some specific people and doctors.

I remember being the Highland dancer's mom and putting the bun in my daughter's hair so perfectly. I helped carry her dance belongings at the Highland Games.

We played Twister and had Mary Kay makeup parties. I drove Jessy to work and to swim meets and I was a swim mom and never missed a meet.

Just the summer before the accident, we went to many concerts in the park. My husband, Craig, and I got up and danced on the lawn. We embarrassed the girls and we all laughed and loved it.

The night before the accident we were at the park in Plymouth listening to a '50s band with our friends, Joy and Dave. The next day, unknowingly, our lives would change drastically. Craig and I went to Milford Memory Daze and walked around for hours. We decided to go back to Plymouth to eat dinner.

On the way there a guy in a big black Silverado pickup went through a red light as we were going through the green. I remember saying "oh, my God" and pulling my arms around my head and face and my knees upward into the fetal position ... and then the lights went out.

I remember a smell of smoke. I woke up on the ground and I was frightened because I could not see well. I don't remember the ambulance ride. I thought Craig was there, but then later I found out he got a ride home from a policeman and picked up our kids and got the other car and then came to the hospital.

They kept me in the hospital about six days. Finally, they weren't helping me and Craig took me out of there. We went to my neurologist and he finally started finding out all the things that were wrong with me from that horrible day.

Finally, I found out I had a brain injury. I had no idea how much this would change our lives. I had no idea that it really wasn't going to just go away. I had no idea that my two torn rotator cuffs would turn into frozen shoulders and that I'd still be in physical therapy two years later.

I had to get a pacemaker because my brain doesn't tell my heart rate and blood pressure what to do. My lifelong love of American sign language is still there, but I cannot perform it like I used to, not only because of heavy arms and sore shoulders and poor fine motor skills now, but because the connection is not there anymore from my ears to my brain and out of my hands and vice versa.

I try to see the wonderful people at Ann Arbor Rehab Center in my head telling me to keep on going and keep on trying. I see Dr. Perlman inside of my head sometimes, smiling and giving me hope that one day I will be OK.

So I keep going and trying. Sure, I won a lawsuit against the guy who hit us and hurt me and totaled our van that day two years ago. I was happy for about 10 minutes.

I wish the man who went through the red light had been just paying better attention. When I am getting these painful tests and things done, I wish it were him instead of me. I forgive him, but I still hate what he did to my life.

I don't stop trying and I won't stop trying as long as I have people in my corner that I trust, which is also a new thing for me. I won't ever give up, because I just don't and it's not an option. Suzanne Stewart is a Canton resident.

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## Powerful experience

### Mission trip leaves lasting impression on local woman

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

For many, the 1994 Rwandan genocide is a distant news story. For Lindsey Anderson of Belleville, however, it's in the front of her mind.

Anderson, 21, an Eastern Michigan University senior, traveled to the African country during July as part of a missions trip, arriving home July 27. While there, she visited one of the many genocide memorials.

"That was really a powerful experience," the English major and 2000 graduate of Belleville High School said. The site had been a school before the genocide, where the Hutus had been told they would be safe but the Hutus nevertheless arrived.

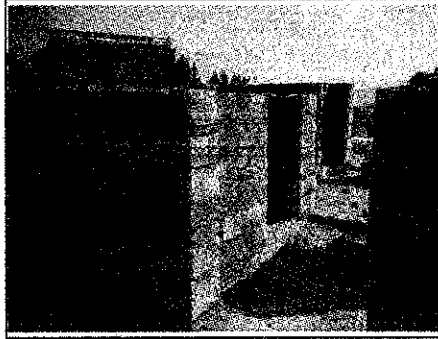
Stones at the school marked mass graves, and classrooms still have bodies at the tables. Anderson could see wounds on the bodies.

She found that visit "made it really more real." There's been reconciliation, and national security measures, in the last decade, she said, but much remains to be done.

She's looking forward to sharing her experiences with others at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, where she's a member. Anderson is the daughter of Tom and Gail and sister of T.C.

Anderson, who worked with 12 missionaries of all ages, all Americans, participated in two two-day camps for children of toddler age up to early teens. "All the children who were around came and played with us," she said.

They did arts and crafts, songs and Bible lessons. Camp lasted from 10



Lindsey Anderson didn't have a construction background, but nevertheless helped to build the house in Rwanda. The Eastern Michigan University senior recently traveled to the African country with a mission group.

a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with the first camp having about 500 children and the second some 350.

The missionaries, who were with the Food for the Hungry organization, did other work. Some, not Anderson, did medical clinics including hearing, vision and blood pressure checks for children and adults.

"We helped build a house for a widow in one of the communities," said Anderson, explaining that house was of mud brick.

Anderson, who had no construction background, was impressed with how Rwandans value community work. People from the widow's church worked on the home. They would work and then stop to chat.

Not many Rwandans spoke English, Anderson found; they speak Kinyarwanda and French.

"I don't speak French. We had a couple translators who were with us," she



Building a mud brick house for a widow in Rwanda was part of the work for the Food for the Hungry mission group.

said. She found the people open and friendly, and sign language helped in communication.

Anderson also visited an orphanage, full with many children of refugees who fled and died elsewhere. "They're still dealing with the trauma of the war," Anderson pointed out.

Although the people were friendly, they had difficulty trusting.

Anderson had done some reading before her trip, and knew the genocide killed about one million Rwandans.

She learned more about the role of the West and the United Nations in the conflict, and found it interesting to hear Rwandans' perspective on that.

She found they were often easier on the West than she would be. UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan has acknowledged the "especially shameful" events in Rwanda in 1994 and pledged to prevent further genocide.

Anderson said she felt completely safe during her time in Africa. The missionaries flew to London and then to Nairobi, Kenya, before going on to Kigali, the Rwandan capital.

The trip had a few challenges, and not just adjusting to the six-hour time difference. Anderson's luggage was lost, but her hosts in Africa helped her to get clothing and whatever she needed. She got her luggage at JFK Airport in New York on the way home.

"They just cared for me so much," she said. "I would definitely go back."

She liked the way Rwandans focus on community. The trip taught her lessons in trusting God.

"I had to learn to be more trusting," Anderson said. "God really showed me that that's what the body of Christ is for."

Rwandans worship the same God, although in a different way, she added.

"It was really a great time. It was a really good experience," she said.

Anderson had the support of her



Many children participated in the camps, which featured arts and crafts, songs and Bible lessons.

parents. "Initially, I was frightened," Gail Anderson said. She realizes her daughter wanted to serve God in this way.

Lindsey Anderson had prayers of fellow Genevans to take with her. "Lord, we pray that through her people might get a glimpse of what the kingdom of God is about," said the Rev. Bryan Smith, pastor, the Sunday before Anderson left for Africa.

Anderson is considering going to seminary after her December graduation. Working as a missionary or for a nongovernmental organization are other possibilities.

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The missionaries saw reconciliation since the 1994 Rwandan genocide, although Lindsey Anderson of Belleville noted people had trouble trusting.



The mission group included 12 Americans of all ages. Camps for children were part of their work in Rwanda.

## Fund-raiser benefits rhinoceros conservation efforts

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Detroit zoo keepers were practically cheering when they heard director Ron Kagan announce the arrival of two rhinos next spring.

For the last several years, they'd worked hard to save the last of the endangered species by throwing the Bowling for Rhinos fund-raiser at Cloverlanes in Livonia.

Part of a national effort by the American Association of Zoo Keepers, the Detroit Chapter held its 2004 bowl July 23, raising \$18,000. The money goes to Lewa Wildlife Conservancy in Kenya, Africa, and Ujung Kulon National Park and Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park in Indonesia.

Lewa currently is home to 32 black rhinos, 33 white rhinos and 25 percent of the world's population of the endangered Grevy's zebra. Ujung Kulon is home to the last 47 Javan rhinos. Bukit Barisan Selatan is home to 20-40 Sumatran rhinos, the most

critically endangered of all rhino species. Only 300 exist in the world.

"When we started, it was really small with 20 bowlers," said Barbie Wilson, a former mammal zoo keeper coordinating the event since 2000. Wilson, who's originally from Westland, was running from task to task with 7-month-old daughter Lucee on her hip.

"It's been growing bigger and bigger. I left the zoo when I had the baby, but it's still important to me. 100 percent goes to the rhinos. We donate our time. Once you read the statistics it's alarming. It also does help the elephants. It's for the rhinos, but it helps all of the animals."

Patti Miles is very familiar with the statistics even though her primary job is taking care of Wanda and Winky, the elephants leaving the zoo in September. Of the more than 100 species of rhinos once known to exist, five remain and all are endangered.

"In the 1980s, they predicted by year 2000 rhinos would be entirely extinct, but because of



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fund-raisers like this and parks protecting them, they're safe and increasing in numbers," said Miles, who grew up in Livonia. "Poaching is a problem; horns are believed to have medicinal qualities. Encroachment is the biggest problem that endangers most animals. They're just running out of land.

"We would love to see the numbers come back, a sustaining population that wouldn't have to have human intervention. We need more education, not only here but for indigenous people who may not recognize

these animals are not only endangered but a magnificent species, they're pretty impressive."

Judy Stephen took care of Rudy, the black rhino that died in 2001. Rudy, the oldest black rhino in captivity, came to the Detroit Zoo in 1987.

"That's why Bowling for Rhinos is important," said Stephen, principal keeper of hoof stock. "We have three different areas we donate to. Rhinos are the most wonderful animals anybody can imagine. They're so intelligent, intuitive. They have a sense of

Rhino fan Nancy Kellner of Westland watches the action at Cloverlanes Bowl.

humor." Conservation and education go hand in hand at the Detroit Zoo. In December, the Ford Environmental & Conservation Education Center opens to educate children about the natural world. In late fall, Kagan is bringing in elephant researcher and conservationist Cynthia Moss. Moss has spent more than 30 years in Africa studying elephants and working for their conservation.

Kagan is concerned about animals in the wild and at the zoo. After experts were unable to design a suitable elephant habitat, the decision was made last April to look for a warmer home for them.

If you missed this year's Bowling for Rhinos and want to help with or attend the next tentatively set for June 3, 2005, call (248) 398-0903, Ext. 3000, or send e-mail to aazk@detroitzoo.org. To make a donation, send check or money order payable to AAZK-Detroit to AAZK-Attn: BFR, P.O. Box 39, Royal Oak, MI 48068-0039.

## WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

## Zirles-Masters

Jennifer Zirles, whose family formerly lived in Plymouth, and Christopher Masters of Tecumseh were married June 5, 2004 at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Tecumseh.

The bride is the daughter of Carmen and Mary Zirles of Dexter. The family lived in Plymouth for 28 years before moving to Dexter. The bride has a bachelor's degree in education from Michigan State University.

The groom is the son of Louis Masters of Tecumseh. He is working toward a degree in accounting from Walsh College. He currently works for his father's accounting business.



The couple now resides in Tecumseh.

## LaCross-Duke

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard E. La Cross of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Victoria, to Michael Wesley Duke of Ann Arbor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Duke of Allen Park.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and 2003 English/Communications graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently employed by DuPont in Plymouth.

The prospective groom is a 1997 graduate of Allen Park High School and a 2001 Supply Chain Management graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed by Saint-



Gobain in Jackson. An August 2005 wedding is planned.

## Wierzbicki-Boehmer

Ronald and Barbara Wierzbicki of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Wierzbicki, to Jonathan Boehmer of Arlington, Va., the son of Charles and Carol Boehmer of Beachwood, N.J.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Salem High School, earned a bachelor's degree in international relations from DePaul University and a master's degree in public policy from American University. She is employed as a policy analyst for an educational association in Washington, D.C. She's also a part-time law student at The Catholic University of America-Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C.

The prospective groom is a 1992 graduate of Tom's River South High School in Tom's River, N.J., and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He is currently a district sales manager with Paychex in Washington, D.C. He will enter The Catholic University of America-Columbus Law School in September as a part-time student.

The prospective groom is a member of the U.S. Marine



Corps Reserves based in Maryland. In February 2003, he was deployed with Echo Co., 3rd LAR, 1st MEF as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit served in Iraq for seven months before returning state-side.

A May 28, 2005 wedding is planned in Chicago.

## Dean-Biggs

Stephen Dean of Adrian and Stephanie Kwiatkowski of Milan announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Lynn Dean, to Christopher James Biggs, the son of Robert and Jane Biggs of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 Canton High School graduate and is scheduled to graduate Eastern Michigan University in December with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She currently works as a figure skating instructor in Wayne.

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Lawrence Technological

## Johnston-Moore

Canton residents Don and Ginger Thomas announce the marriage of their grandson, Philip Meyer Johnston, Jr., to Heather Lynne Moore.

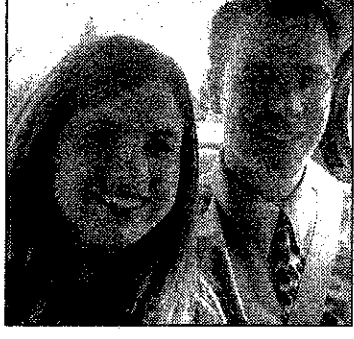
The engaged couple are both from Clarkston.

They attended Clarkston High School and Central Michigan University. The groom works at Charter One Bank, the bride is employed in the child care field.



University in 2002. He is currently working toward a master's degree in engineering and is scheduled to receive that degree in August 2004. He works as an engineer at the Nissan Technical Center North America in Farmington Hills.

An outside wedding/reception is planned at the Polo Fields in Ann Arbor.



The couple married July 23, 2004.

## MILITARY NEWS

## WEST POINT

Cadet **Erin Marie Jensen**, daughter of David and Monica Jensen of Canton, was selected for the Dean's List for the spring semester at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

To be selected for the Dean's List, a cadet must maintain a 3.0 average and have no failing grades.

Jensen graduated from Salem High School in 2003. She plans to graduate in 2007 from West Point and be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Cadet **Nicholas Jay Hitchcock**, the son of Christina Hitchcock of Plymouth, was selected for the Dean's List for the spring semester at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

To be selected for the Dean's List, a cadet must maintain a 3.0 average and have no failing grades.



Hitchcock

Hitchcock graduated from Keystone National High School in Bloomsberg, Pa., in 2002. He plans to graduate in 2006 from West Point and be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

## AIR FORCE GRADUATE

Air Force Airman Jesse D. Schweikhart has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Schweikhart is the son of Katy Kardos of Plymouth. He is a 1998 graduate of Living Heritage Academy, Cadillac, Mich.

## LIBRARY PICKS

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the *Observer* with their list of best sellers, based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons.

The books are available by placing a request with the library on the Web at [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org) or by calling (734) 453-0750.

## FICTION

1. "R is for Ricochet," Sue Grafton
2. "The DaVinci Code," Dan Brown
3. "Skinny Dip," Carl Hiaasen
4. "Sam's Letters to Jennifer," James Patterson
5. "Garden of Beasts," Jeffery Deaver

## NON-FICTION

1. "My Life," Bill Clinton

2. "Shadow Divers," Robert Kurson
3. "Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim," David Sedaris
4. "Eats, Shoots and Leaves," Lynn Truss
5. "Imperial Hubris," Anonymous

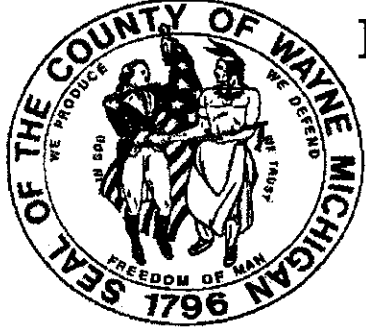
## PARENTS' CHOICE

## NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE

## BOOKS

1. "Perfectly Martha," Susan Meddaugh
2. "The Cabbage Soup Solution," Erika Oiler
3. "Wynken, Blyken and Nod," Eugene Field
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County Commission and executed by the Wayne County Executive, except as otherwise provided by law. Effective September 1, 2004, claims from vendors for services performed prior to the date of Commission approval of their contract will not be considered.

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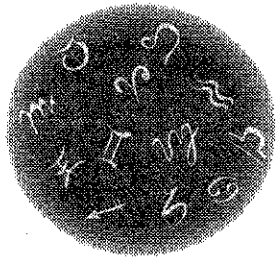
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Chief Financial Officer



## Star Struck

(August 8 - August 11)  
By Dennis Fairchild



### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

In spite of others' outrageous demands, criticisms or disapproval, you must be completely in control and keep your hand firmly on the tiller now—especially concerning matters related to your moolah. No mo' Cloud Nine-livin', please. It's Cold Shower-time, Fire sign!

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Avoid self-recrimination and criticism—they'll lead nowhere and drive you batty! You need an injection of self-confidence. Much more is going on than you seem to realize, Bull. Examine all the cards in your hand before showing them and don't be afraid to go solo.

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

The moment has come to accept the fact that things will only go from bad to worse if you continue to defy the winds of change or your ruling planet's retrograde action. A subtle approach is best for now. No matter how disillusioned you feel, the easiest solution is to live and let live.

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

How you earn, spend and save moolah is under the microscope now. Your desire to do the right thing may be blighted by your knack for saying (but rarely doing) the wrong thing. It's when you're at a loss for words that you say too much. Zip your lip, MoonKid; stay hip!

### LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

It's time to put aside your emotional doubts now. You're not only knowledgeable and as charming as anyone—you are also in a position to prove it once and for all! Tell yourself anything is possible and you'll find that it is. Don't exhaust yourself, Lion—you're gettin' there!

### VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Certain individuals are up to their old tricks and giving you a hard time. However, no matter what games they play, under no circumstances must you give way to intimidation. Just one person can make the difference between isolation and connection—someone like y-o-u!

### LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Don't let anyone talk you out of doing what you know is right. Mercury retrograde over the coming weeks may make you question your professional values and priorities, but that is no reason to abandon your principles, kiddo! Clear the air as quickly as you can and be happy with what happens. The best is a-comin'.

### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

If you had spent a little more time examining and mulling the grass on your side of the fence over the past few months, you would realize it's just as green as your neighbor's—merely a different shade. Your restlessness has more to do with fantasy rather than reality.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

For someone who is supposed to be so easygoing, you appear to be flying in all directions at the moment. In the days ahead, make sure that you don't spoil what could be a profitable alliance by insisting that other's words are gospel. Take stock; take time. The Sun in your element says: Chill!

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Cooperation and conciliation are your keywords now, but first you need to confide in someone who has a clearer picture than you of another's motives. Those who treat you lightly should be regarded with suspicion. Follow your heart and you'll strike gold.

### AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

If a stalemate is to be resolved satisfactorily, a colleague or loved one is going to have to face reality. But with Mercury retrograding, this isn't a good time for confrontation. It might be better to let the evidence speak for itself and let others' do the foot in mouth-thang.

### PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Certain people are too willing to take advantage of your overdeveloped sense of cooperation and duty, so it's time to pull up that emotional drawbridge for the sake of your own happiness. The current planetary set-up will reward all Fish who stay strong and plan ahead.

Dennis Fairchild is the Birmingham astrologer-author of several books on divination. For information about a live personal intuitive-astrological consultation and classes, phone (248) 646-3555.

## Culinary Extravaganza set for Sept. 19

To eat is human; To digest divine. Mark Twain  
Extremely good food will be in abundance, both for eating and digesting, at Schoolcraft College's annual Culinary Extravaganza, Sunday, Sept. 19. The celebration of gourmet foods and fine beverages takes place from 2 to 5 p.m. in the

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Restaurants such as Milford's Five Lakes Grill and Detroit's Opus One are among the approximately 60 eateries and beverage houses that will have samples of their offerings ready for event patrons.

Culinary Extravaganza 2004 tickets are \$50 per person. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Schoolcraft Development Office at 734-462-4400, Ext. 5008. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and checks are accepted.

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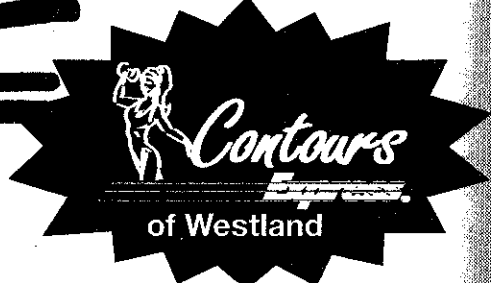
ket research firm. Twin brothers, the Rev. Francisco Radecki and Rev. Dominic Radecki have published a new book of church history *Tumultuous Times*.  
The 655-page book is hard-bound and embossed. It is

being sold for \$29.95 in bookstores. Receive the book at a 40 percent discount (\$17.97) plus shipping by calling St. Joseph's Media at (734) 729-8228, or send a check to St. Joseph Media, P.O. Box 186, Wayne, MI 48184-0186.

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Ernie Harwell

## Make time for better health

People often express amazement when they learn that I missed only two broadcasts in my 54-year career as a professional sportscaster, while also writing a couple of books, a weekly newspaper column and dozens of songs recorded by artists such as Mitch Ryder and B.J. Thomas.

They're always quick to ask how I did it, how I found the time. I didn't. I made the time. I still do. Though I retired last year, I'm still writing columns. I'm doing baseball vignettes for the Fox network. I speak to groups across the country. I'm a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Who knows? I might even write another book.

While time is important, good health is even more crucial. So I'm always on the lookout for ways to have more of both. There's really no ideal time to exercise. It's up to you to decide when to make time for exercise. And need I remind you — there's no time like the present.

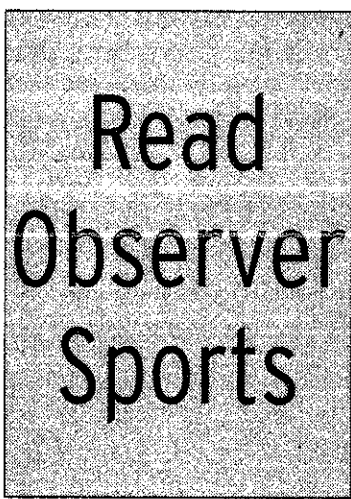
And please remember to take care of your health before it's longgggg gone!

**Ernie Harwell**, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled *Life After Baseball*, is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.

## New doctor in town

Dr. Neil Danial Jaddou is a board certified family physician. He is a compassionate doctor who takes the time to help in any way he can at Somerset Family Medicine, 1615 W. Big Beaver, Suite A-4, Troy.

Jaddou earned a bachelor's and master's degree from Wayne State University. He graduated with honors in 1995 from Wayne State Medical School. For more information, call (248) 816-1010.



# HEALTH

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## Don't get caught without your shot

### Immunizations prevent outbreaks of infectious disease

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

When Anahid Kulwicki's children were younger she never thought twice about immunizing them against measles, mumps, rubella (German measles), diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), varicella (chicken pox), polio, and hepatitis B.

As director of Wayne County Department of Public Health, she's strongly advising parents to make sure their children's shot records are up-to-date — not just because it's the law in Michigan, but because childhood diseases can cause blindness, hearing loss, encephalitis, permanent brain damage, paralysis, heart failure, severe skin infections and death.

In a few short weeks children will be heading off to classrooms crammed with other children. Immunizations prevent outbreaks of infectious disease — epidemics which have killed thousands of people in the United States in years past.

To prevent epidemics of infectious disease from happening again immunizations are required for those entering school and boosters for older children. According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, schools in Michigan are now required to assess and report the immunization status of all sixth-grade students as well as new school entrants including kindergartners.

"We want to protect them from getting the disease," said Kulwicki. "Most of the diseases that we have vaccine for are highly contagious and become deadly when they are infected. School is the greatest medium for infectious disease because kids are a lot closer."

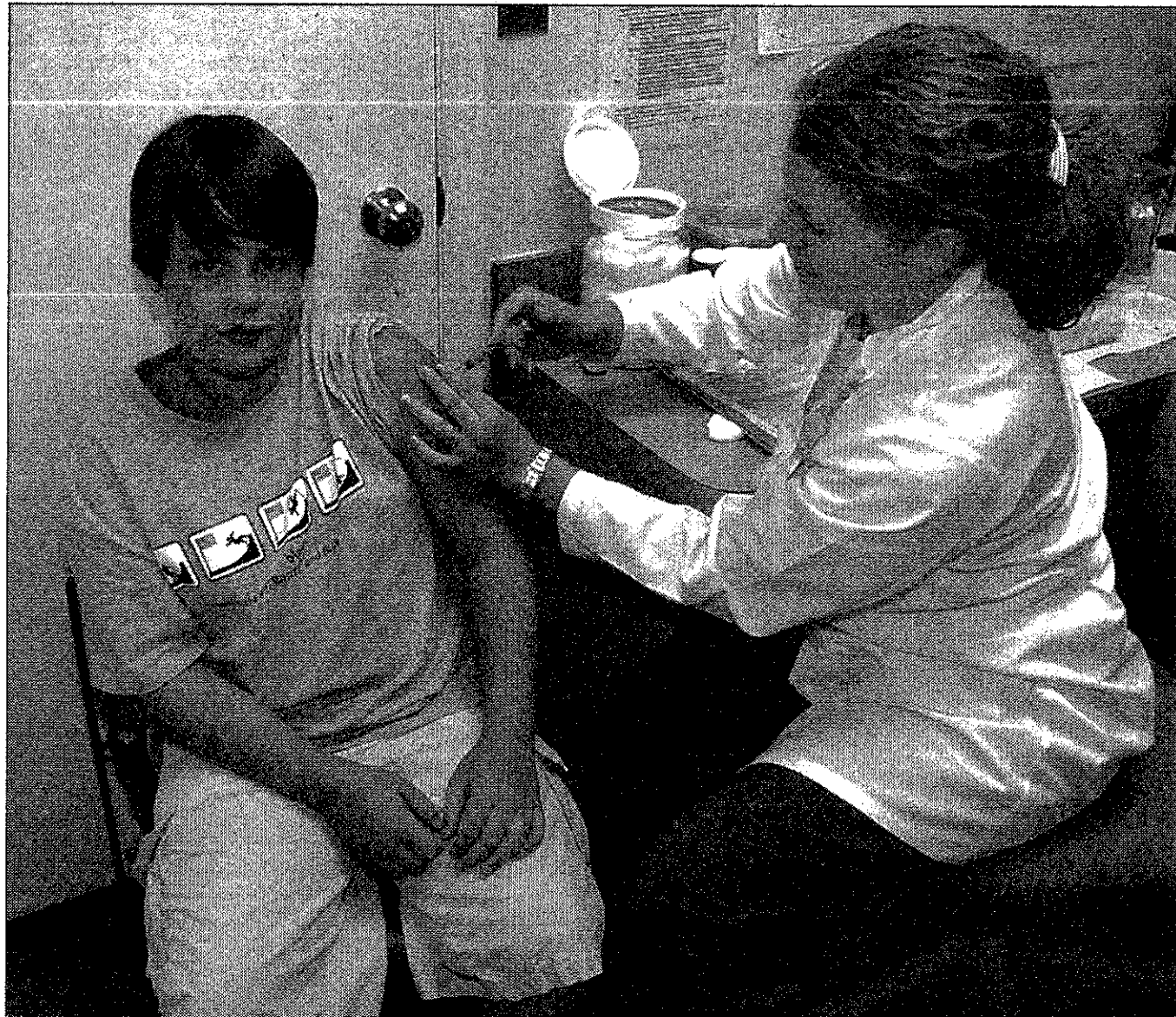
"Whenever there's a news release you always question whether or not to vaccinate. My daughter was allergic to pertussis, got a severe reaction but was fine. Those are the questions you always ask. They usually get some symptoms any time there is a severe reaction — an increase in temperature. It happens within a day or two. They cry a lot, are irritable, may develop a rash then you need to contact your health care provider."

#### GOOD START

Dr. Marisa Abbo routinely recommends vaccinations for her young patients at William Beaumont Hospital Family Practice Center across from the hospital in Troy. She says by 18 months children should have received all of their baseline immunizations. Boosters are necessary for ages 4 to 6 to prevent complications from the waning of protection for these diseases over time, and a second booster for tetanus and diphtheria at age 11 or 12.

"It's important to prevent preventable diseases," said Abbo, a Birmingham resident. "If someone were to get some of these diseases they could be potentially life-threatening. You always have a handful of patients apprehensive to vaccinate their children. We encourage them to be very well-educated on both sides of the vaccinations."

A good place to start is the Web site for Centers for Disease Control and



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Ian Nolan gets a shot from nurse Tracey Bunsie at the Oakland County Health Division in Pontiac.



Agnes Smith is the public health nursing supervisor at Oakland County Health Division in Pontiac.

Prevention — [www.cdc.gov/nip/vaccine/concerns/autism/default.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nip/vaccine/concerns/autism/default.htm). Studies show the vaccine for measles, mumps and rubella does not cause autism.

There had been concerns about thimerosal, a vaccine preservative containing ethylmercury, caused autism. Today, all routinely recommended licensed pediatric vaccines currently being manufactured for the U.S. contain no thimerosal, except for flu vaccines which contain a trace amount.

For the first time this year CDC is recommending flu shots for children between ages 6-23 months because they're at substantially increased risk of influenza-related hospitalization; older children if they have a health risk factor such as asthma, cardiac disease, sickle cell disease, HIV or diabetes, and close contacts of age 0 to 23 months and high risk children (includes siblings, parents, day care providers, and health care

## Walk-in immunization clinics

Free immunizations are offered at the Wayne County Department of Public Health Center, 33030 Van Born at Venoy, Wayne. Walk-ins 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call (734) 727-7000, or for the school immunization program, (734) 727-7036. To ask questions, call (734) 727-7068.

Oakland County Health Division provides immunizations at no charge to the client at three clinics — Pontiac, 1200 N. Telegraph, north of Elizabeth Lake Road, south of Dixie Highway, call (248) 858-1280; Southfield, 27725 Greenfield at 11 1/2 Mile (Catalpa), call (248) 424-7000; and Walled Lake, 1010 E. W. Maple, east of Pontiac Trail, call (248) 926-3300. For more information, visit the Web site at [www.co.oakland.mi.us/health](http://www.co.oakland.mi.us/health). Hours at all locations are noon to 8 p.m. Monday, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Four extended childhood immunizations clinics will be held 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 11-12 and 18-19.

workers). "We're a teaching facility very much into promoting well being," said Abbo. "Part of the prevention curriculum is vaccination. For those children we birth we make sure they receive their immunizations on time. If they've missed an immunization it doesn't mean they have to restart a series. Hepatitis B a lot of people forget and it doesn't have to be repeated."

#### SOURCE OF HELP

Agnes Smith offers tips for parents and guardians bringing a child to the Oakland County Health Division in Pontiac for vaccinations. In addition to regular hours noon to 8 p.m. Monday and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, the clinic will remain open 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 11-12 and 18-19.

"Parents or guardians need to bring the child and ID for the parent or guardian. If it's a guardian they need guardianship papers," said Smith, pub-

lic health nursing supervisor. "They should bring whatever shot records they have. If a parent brings in multiple children to bring in someone to help them with the children. Some children get anxious."

"As we get into August it gets busier. Try coming earlier in the day. Vaccines are required, and it's good for the public health."

For more information on vaccinations, Smith recommends parents visit [www.co.oakland.mi.us/health](http://www.co.oakland.mi.us/health); [www.vaccine.chop.edu](http://www.vaccine.chop.edu); [www.immunize.org](http://www.immunize.org); and [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov) and [www.cdc.gov/nip](http://www.cdc.gov/nip) for required childhood immunizations.

"The vaccines we're using are approved to be safe and effective," said Smith. "Vaccinations are important for the child's safety, to protect the children. If there was an outbreak in the schools it would spread so quickly through the schools."

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# Prevention key to eliminating West Nile virus threat

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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With the discovery in Wayne County of two dead birds that tested positive for West Nile virus, health department director Anahid Kulwicki is reminding the public to take precautions against mosquitoes which carry the disease after biting infected birds.

While Kulwicki isn't alarmed, she urges people to be vigilant about eliminating the bug. A new program in Wayne County recently distributed mosquito larvicide to 42 communities

served by the public health department. Larviciding kills mosquito eggs and larvae in standing water where they hatch and develop.

"People should larvicide because it looks like the weather (above average rainfall and high temperatures) is conducive for this," said Kulwicki. "They should wear long sleeve pants and shirts at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active, apply DEET with 35 percent content (10 percent or lower for children, do not use DEET on infants and up to age 2, use sparingly on ages 2-6), and empty standing water."

Bird baths should be cleaned and refilled with water on a regular basis. Pet food and water bowls should be kept clean and the water changed daily.

Ornamental pools can become major mosquito producers if allowed to stagnate. Aerate the pool or stock with surface feeding minnows. Goldfish offer little, if any, benefit.

After rainfall make sure potted plants without drainage holes contain no standing water.

Pull all weeds (mosquito hiding and resting areas) and mow lawn regularly. And fix all tattered screens in win-

dows and doors.

"If you have symptoms - high fever, rash, stiff neck, headache, seizure, call your health care provider," said Kulwicki.

"It's been warm and humid. This is a good time for them. If we can get through September with larviciding and prevention we should be all right."

So far this season there has been only one Michigan case of West Nile Virus in a human recorded in Kalamazoo. In 2003, 10 cases were reported in Wayne County, 19 in

Michigan including 2 deaths. In 2002, there were 644 cases in Michigan, 51 deaths. Prevention and larviciding can make a difference.

Dead crows and blue jays are early indicators of the presence of West Nile Virus. To report a dead bird in Wayne County, call (734) 727-7445. In Oakland County, call (877) 377-3641. Health officials warn residents to wear gloves when handling dead birds.

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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### AUGUST

#### Massage techniques

Noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, learn energizing and relaxing massage techniques, at the Carnegie Institute, 550 Stephenson Highway, Troy. Cost is \$50 per couple. To register, call (248) 219-7398. Deadline for reservations is Monday, Aug. 2.

#### Child safety fingerprinting

Parents and guardians are invited to establish a permanent record of their children that can be shared with law enforcement agencies when dealing with emergencies. Representatives will fingerprint children and ask parents to complete personal information cards on each child 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, at all Art Van Furniture stores including Southfield, Livonia, Novi, Royal Oak, Waterford, and Westland. Each family is given the information and prints to take with them for safekeeping. AAA of Michigan is providing the materials.

#### Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, attorney Patricia Koppin will be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis; Attorney Susan Elkouri will present an overview of the process of filing for divorce and what to expect 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. The group provides a forum for discussion, receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. For more information, call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

#### Karmanos benefit

Friends and supporters of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute will be among the first to dine at Coach Insignia, the newest venue of Matt Prentice and Unique Restaurant Corporation, located atop Detroit's Renaissance Center at the 8th Annual "Night of Good Taste" fund-raiser 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, features a strolling dinner, silent auction and live music. Tickets are \$80 per person and include valet parking or round-trip shuttle bus from Oakland County locations. For more information, call Denise Lowe at (248) 443-5800, Ext. 4632, or send e-mail to lowed@karmanos.org. Ticket sales end Aug. 9. Proceeds benefit state-of-the-science cancer research, world-class patient care and education programs at the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

#### Neck and back pain seminar

Michigan Spine Care in Auburn Hills presents a free talk to help back and neck pain sufferers find relief 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Michigan Spine Care, 2601 Cambridge Court, Suite 235. Richard Kovan, MD, physical medicine and rehabilitation specialist and on-site medical director, will demonstrate body mechanics and correct posture techniques. He will also discuss advanced treatments and therapy that may offer dramatic relief from back and neck pain, and how correct posture and exercise can help strengthen the back. No charge. To reserve a seat, call (248) 377-1950. Reservations required, seating limited.

#### Immunization clinic

To help busy parents get their children immunized before school starts, Oakland County Health Division extends its hours for clinics 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 11-12 and 18-19, at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac; 27725 Greenfield, Southfield, and 1010 E. West Maple, Walled Lake.

#### Parenting Classes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering parenting classes called "Parenting with Love and Logic" 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, (Toddlers and Preschoolers), and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, (Preteens and Teenagers), at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. Please use the Five Mile Road entrance. For directions or additional information, visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org). "Parenting with Love and Logic" is a commonsense approach, teaching parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision-making in children by offering them choices, empathy, and respect while adults avoid anger, threats, warnings, or lectures. There is a fee, and registration is required. Call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100 for more information, or to register.

#### Aspirin and heart disease

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the US for men and women. Each year, more than five million Americans are treated for coronary artery disease. However, findings have reported that aspirin may lower a woman's risk of heart disease by 25 percent when taken one to six times a week. To learn about what role aspirin has in the prevention and the treatment of heart disease, attend a free seminar 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Genesys Conference and Banquet Center across from Genesys Regional Medical Center-Health Park on Holly Road, just west of I-75 in Grand Blanc (exit 108). For more information on the Genesys heart talk and to reserve your seat, call (800) 882-2012. The evening's activities also will include free cholesterol and blood screenings from 4-6 p.m.

#### Blood drive

The American Red Cross holds a blood drive 2:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, two blocks south of Ford, Garden City. To schedule an appointment, call Pam at (734) 844-7099.

#### Osteoarthritis seminar

A class for people of any age who want to remain active and pain-free into their senior years 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, Dr. Nicole Whitehead focuses on what contributes to arthritis, nutrition for healthy joints, and how to prevent arthritis, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. No charge. To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating limited.

#### Hospice volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help provide services to terminally ill patients, their caregivers and families. St. John Hospice provides services in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and St. Clair counties. Volunteers can choose from a variety of functions that include

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#### MYOFASCIAL PAIN SYNDROME

The diagnosis of fibromyalgia is now common enough that the public is familiar with it. The condition is characterized by widespread aching that appears to reside in the joints but really comes from the muscle tendons as those tendons attach to bones.

Not so familiar is the condition myofascial pain syndrome. It features aching that is most prominent in the muscle itself, and contrasts with fibromyalgia where the source of distress is the tendon. Otherwise the two conditions are similar. Myofascial pain syndrome, like fibromyalgia, causes widespread discomfort, is present day and night, and can be unresponsive to rest but improves with massage.

Physicians diagnose myofascial pain syndrome by noting where the patient hurts. Symmetrical pain over the deltoids, thighs, calves, and hamstrings is typical of myofascial pain. Examination will reveal if joints are swollen or muscles are weak, findings that indicate another condition exists. Selected laboratory studies are helpful to confirm the diagnosis of myofascial pain syndrome.

Again, as in the case of fibromyalgia, the cause of myofascial pain syndrome is unclear. As a result treatment is difficult. Use of muscle relaxants, anti anxiety and antidepressant medications has failed to provide consistent results of relief. The best therapy for myofascial pain syndrome is early and regular exercise and an understanding that the condition though irksome will not become debilitating or life threatening. Hopefully, investigations now going on will bring further treatment to this problem.

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offering companionship by providing respite relief for caregivers, making supportive telephone calls, running errands, and providing other services that are needed by patients, caregivers, and families. In addition, volunteers are needed to provide administrative support in the Farmington Hills office. Training to become part of the Hospice team will be provided to all volunteers. Scheduling will be at the convenience of the volunteer. For more information, contact Pamela DiSanto or Katie Landa at (800) 248-2298.

#### Volunteers wanted

Doctors at Beaumont Hospital are testing Comtan (entacapone), an approved drug, to determine if it extends the benefits of levodopa treatment in people with Parkinson's disease. Needed to participate in this research trial are people who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease who are taking no more than four doses of levodopa each day, and who are not yet experiencing uncontrollable movements. Research subjects must not be taking or have taken Comtan (entacapone) in the past. For more information, call (248) 898-8595.

G.E.M.S.

Group Exercise for Multiple Sclerosis meets every Friday evening at the Livonia YMCA on Stark Road, Group swim from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Support group meeting 7-8 p.m. For more information, contact: Carolyn Davis at (734) 459-9715 or Mike Hickey (734) 522-0036.

#### Volunteers sought

Oakwood Healthcare System is seeking patients to participate in a study which utilizes computer-guided navigation for hip replacement surgery. If you are suffering from hip pain, and would like to be considered for enrollment in this study, please call 866-4NEWHIP. These surgeries are offered at Oakwood Heritage Hospital in Taylor.

### UPCOMING

#### Medicare Prescription Benefits

Learn about the new Medicare prescription coverage and how the new prescription drug discount card can help save money, especially those with low-incomes, those who pay all of their prescription drug costs, and those with no or limited health care coverage at a "Let's Talk" presentation for seniors called "Understanding the New Medicare

Prescription Benefits" 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No charge, but registration is required. To register or for more information, call (734) 655-8950 or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org). The speaker will be a representative from AARP of Michigan.

The St. Mary Mercy Hospital Senior Health Connection program offers adults age 55 and over special programs and discounts, including free lecture series, AARP Safe Driving Program, free blood pressure screenings, Westland Mall and Laurel Park Place Walkers Clubs, discounts on health education classes, women's programs, and more.

#### Safe Driving Program

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Association of Retired Persons offer the two-day AARP Safe Driving Program 5:30-9:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 13-14, in Classroom 2 of the hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use South Entrance off Levan Road. There is a \$10 fee. Make checks payable to AARP. To register, call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650 (out-of-area callers only).

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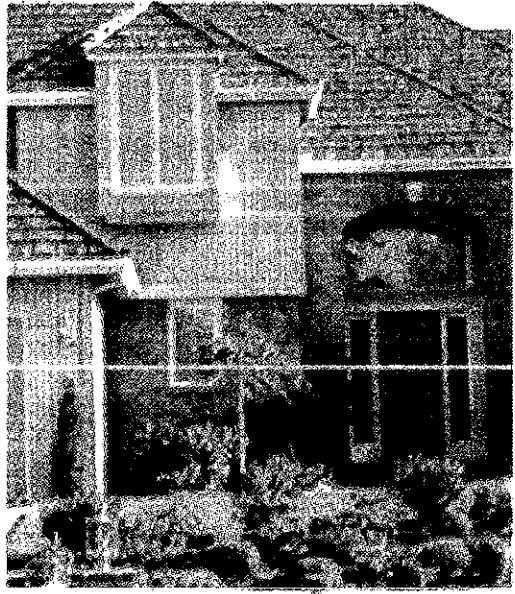
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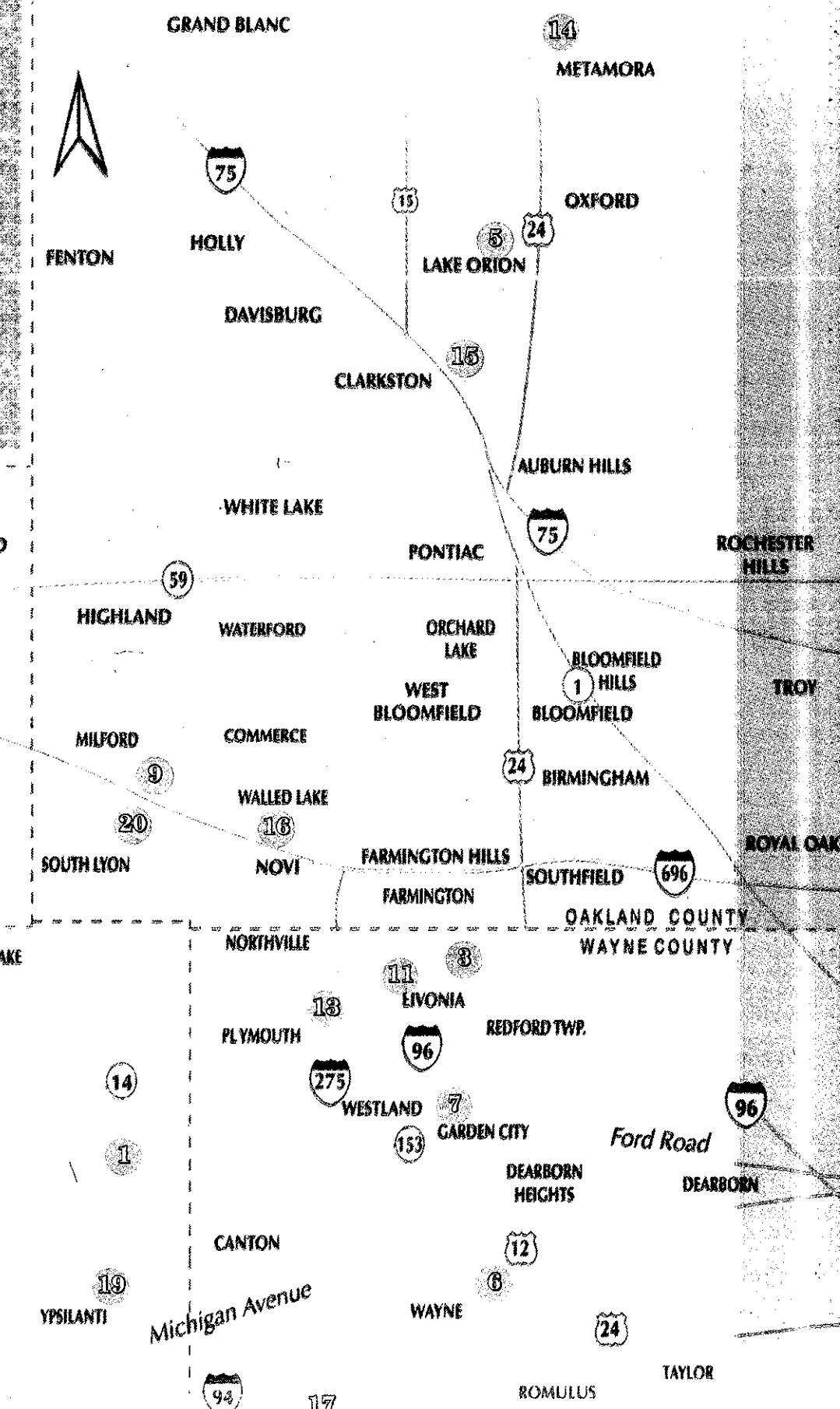
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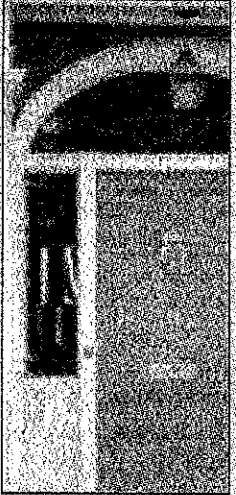
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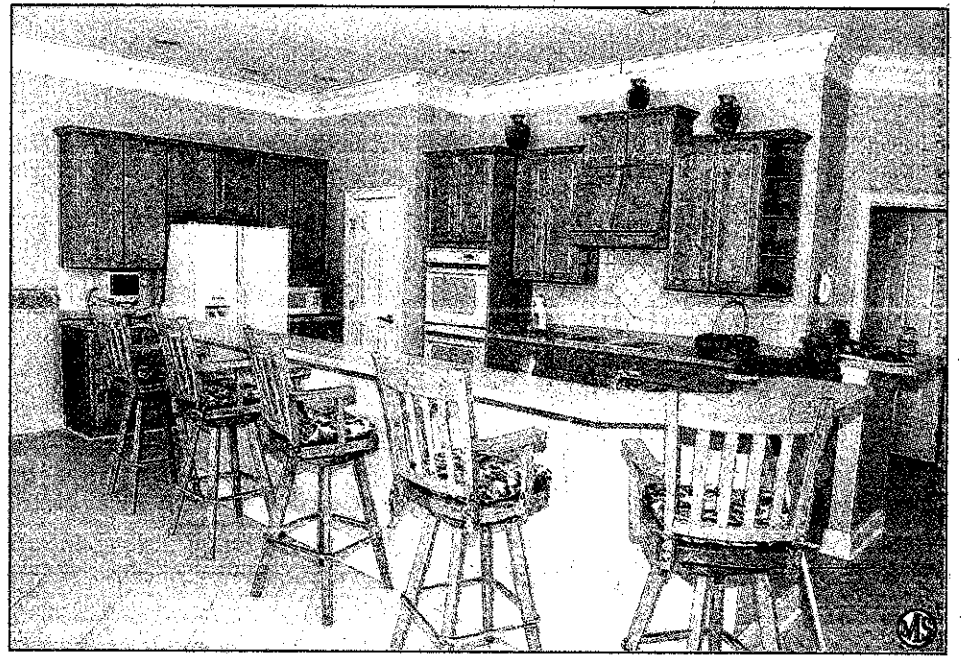
■ Lifestyle improvements to a kitchen or bathroom always increase the value of a home, so they are your best investment. Other areas to consider include the master bedroom, media rooms and "outdoor rooms."

■ Maintenance improvements are necessary, but don't expect the value of your home to go up as a result. Exterior paint jobs may help increase the "curb appeal" of your home, but since maintenance is a necessary part of home ownership, don't expect a \$5,000 paint job to translate into \$5,000 more in home equity. But do note that failing to maintain your property adequately will decrease its value by whatever it will cost to repair the damage or implement necessary maintenance procedures.

Think of home maintenance improvements as a way of protecting your home's value from going down.

■ Cosmetic improvements neutrally impact a home's value. Jobs like stripping wallpaper or painting are cosmetic improvements that most homeowners can do themselves, making the perception of their value seem less. Therefore, it makes more sense to do most cosmetic work yourself instead of paying someone else to do it.

■ Be aware of over-improving your home, especially if you plan to sell it within two to five years. Before you commit to a big project, such as installing a three-car garage or an in-ground pool, check to see if it's out of character for your neighborhood. If your house is improved way beyond others in the neighborhood, you may have inadvertently placed it on the "odd" list, making it highly unlikely to increase its market



Lifestyle improvements to rooms such as a kitchen will likely increase your home's worth.

value when it comes time to sell.

■ Keep up with home values in your neighborhood. Realtors use home sales information on comparable sales (comps) to put a value on a home. The best way to assess the value of yours is to look at home sales of properties that are similar to yours in your area. For example, if you know that 15 Hedge Lane is

comparable to yours and it sold for \$325,000 with a new kitchen, you can get an idea of what the value of your home would be with a new kitchen. Comps give you the most accurate picture of what your home is worth.

Visit [www.homepricecheck.com](http://www.homepricecheck.com) or [www.domania.com](http://www.domania.com) to track home values in your neighborhood.

## Set a positive tone for major remodeling projects

Now that you've found a reputable contractor and work is set to begin, what happens next can set the tone for a positive or negative experience.

"The importance of the working relationship between the homeowners and the contractor cannot be overemphasized," said Adam Helfman, president of Fairway Construction Co. of Southfield. "There are many issues for both sides to consider to ensure a pleasant and successful experience."

With professional contractors who are insured and bonded with a reputation for quality workmanship, reasonable speed and fair prices, a homeowner can rest easy and trust their skills while staying in tune with

the process.

The following pointers will help homeowners along the way:

■ Get a list of work in phases from the contractor to give you a realistic timetable.

■ Select one family member to communicate with the contractor to avoid confusion. Post the builder's phone number near the telephone for questions.

■ Clear their work area for materials, tools and equipment.

■ Check all materials as they arrive. Once installed, they're keepers.

■ Educate yourself on building methods. You'll be able to better understand the remodeling process.

Above all, keep a positive attitude and the end in mind.

Remember to take one day at a time and just think of the reward you'll have for your patience.

■ Keep in mind what's involved in ordering, shipping and delivering materials, make allowances for delays.

■ Be flexible. So many things can go wrong. Contractors want to finish the job as much as you do. Sometimes setbacks are out of their control.

■ You may need to share house keys, find out who will be in charge.

■ Try to stay out of the construction site. Keep pets, toys and kids out of the way for safety and to help workers stay on schedule.

■ Cover furniture and carpet. After the job is a good time to get window treatments and furniture cleaned.

■ Small kindnesses go a long way like offering a cup of coffee or a cold drink.

■ Don't constantly ask why this and why that, which will

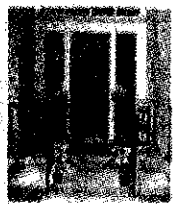
only slow things down. Discuss construction issues and changes with the contractor in charge.

■ Plan ahead for times you may be without water or power.

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Fairway Construction Co. is a fourth-generation builder with remodeling projects under way in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Fairway Construction Co. completes nearly 400 remodeling projects each year. The company has been named one of the nation's top 50 remodeling firms by *Remodeling Magazine*, among other professional honors.

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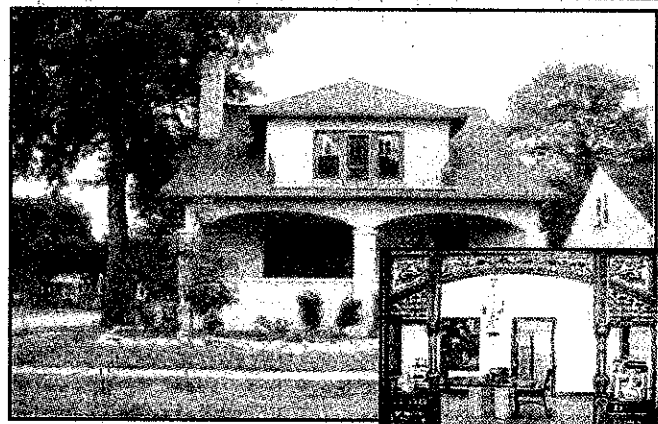


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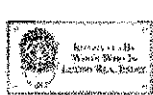
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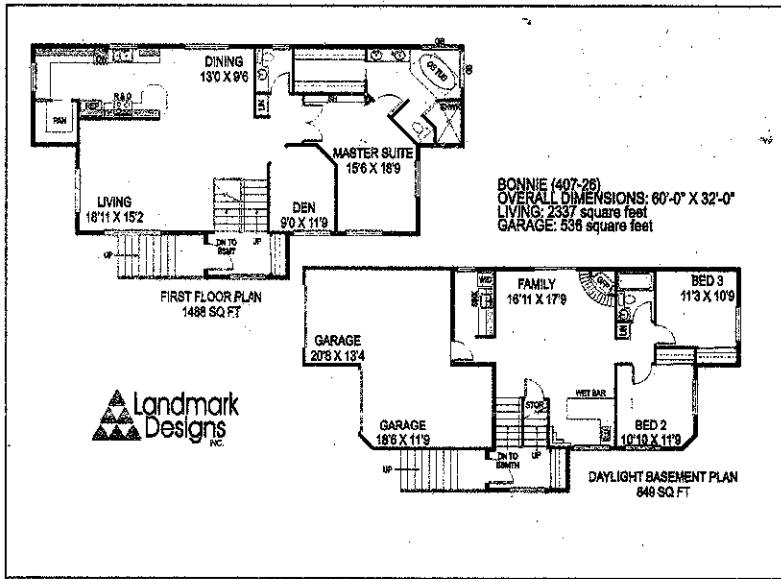


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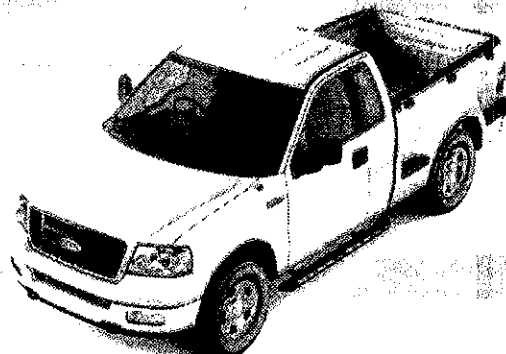
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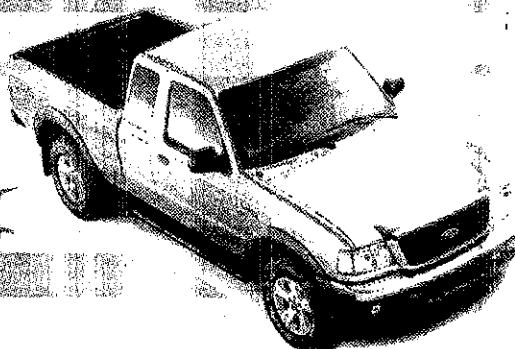


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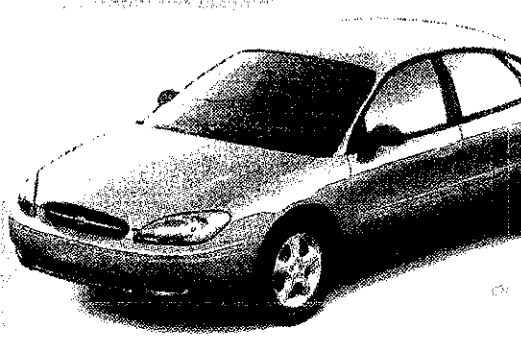
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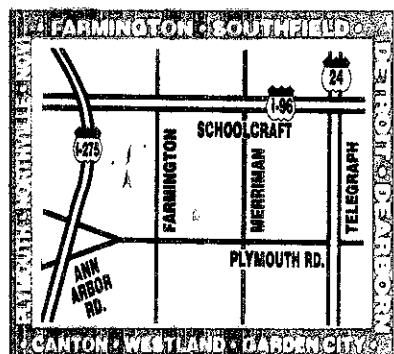
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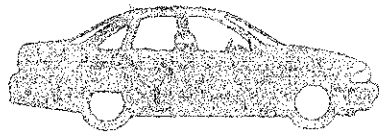
## 2003 Chrysler PT Cruiser: It's so familiar

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CAR Report



**Anne Fracassa**



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You know, whenever you drive a certain vehicle, sometimes when it's brand new and sometimes when it's an older vehicle, it seems everywhere you look, you'll see that vehicle.

That's what happened this week in the 2003 Chrysler PT Cruiser. Seemed like every corner I turned, every freeway I merged into, every parking lot I cruised into, there was at least one PT Cruiser hanging around in the vicinity. It was strange — even my girls noticed a bunch of them this week.

Shows you just how popular the PT Cruiser has become since its introduction in July 2000 as a 2001 model. It's popularity has grown by leaps and bounds since then and there's no stopping the momentum.

It was a radical departure from what we were all used to seeing from what's now DaimlerChrysler. Not that Chrysler or Plymouth or Dodge vehicles were ever boring (except the K-car series, of course), but when the PT Cruiser hit the road, now that was something to notice.

The Limited Edition model we drove this week didn't pull any punches and didn't give us any surprises, either. The PT Cruiser is a solid vehicle with attributes galore to please anyone's likes. Let's explore this inside, first. The rear seat is adequate for two people, no more. I'm talking about comfort factor here. You can jam more in, just like when you try to break the Guinness Book of World Records, but I'm telling you, two makes it cozy and comfy enough back there.

Up front you'll find more room and comfort for the driver and front passenger, who really matter, right? That's what's important — especially the driver's area. There's enough room all the way around for the heaviest or the tallest individual.

Everything is close enough to the driver to provide enough comfort and the ability to rarely take your eyes off the road. The front passenger has adequate opportunity to control the stereo system and heating and cooling, if they wish.

Instrumentation is easy to read, easy to understand and easy to operate. From the placement of gauges to the cupholders, everything is in easy reach and quite comfortable to get used to.

One of the features I loved about the PT Cruiser was the fact that its base price — \$21,315 — supported one of the longest list



PT Cruiser has an impressive list of standard features for a vehicle with a base price of only \$21,315.

of standard features that you would expect in the higher end vehicles that are priced quite a bit above this scale.

You've come to expect standard air conditioning, front air bags, power rack and pinion steering, rear window wipers, split rear seats, 12-volt outlets, leather-wrapped steering wheel and speed control, sure.

But with the PT Cruiser, you can add a bit more, like power locking system and keyless entry with key theft deterrent system and security alarm (leave the windows open and enter the car — wake up the neighborhood), power mirrors, power moon roof, fog lamps, bright exhaust tip (really adds to the rear treatment looks) and 16-inch aluminum wheels.

Seats are leather, by the way, with suede in between (no hot seats in the summer) and the transmission is an automatic.

Gotta mention something that's actually a throwback that was a little difficult to get used to at first — the door handles. They have normal handles, but you've got to put your thumb in the button to open the door. Brought back some fond memories of many an older older vehicle that had those older car handles — like my better half's '66 Mustang.

By the way, there's plenty of chrome all the way around the PT Cruiser. There's bodyside chrome molding, chrome bezel on the PRNDL casing, silver shift knob, chrome accenting on the grille and front fascia and the fuel filler door is a bright chrome as well.

Under the hood you'll find a 2.4-liter 16-valve four-cylinder engine that nets you 150 horsepower. It's an engine that's strong in a number of ways, and will never disappoint you, no matter what situation you'll find yourself in. Whether you're merging on the freeway or tooling around on city streets, the PT Cruiser will

get you where you need to go.

One of the features many of you will love about the PT Cruiser is the customization factor, which allows you to outfit your new vehicle in your own personal way. From adding bright pedals to a spoked steering wheel or from accent painting that personalizes it all your own, you can have a PT Cruiser that's just yours alone.

Look forward for even next year, where you'll find the Dream Cruiser Series of the PT that will be available in the late fall of this year. And in 2004, there will be a PT Cruiser Convertible and a liftgate-mounted spoiler available, too. Also, look for a turbo-charged model to be available this coming year, too.

The final chapter about the PT Cruiser that impressed me were the mileage numbers — 20 mpg in the city and 25 on the highway. I would love to see them higher — especially because of the high gas prices right now, but it's still respectable, for the size of the vehicle.

The rear cargo space is also, by the way, just a little smaller than most people would like to see it, but with the way the rear is configured, you would expect it.

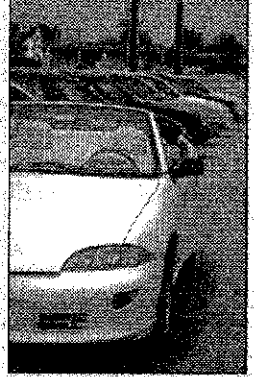
I liked the PT Cruiser and how it treated me this week. I still think it's too radical for me, though. I'm not that an adventurous of a driver to really appreciate just how different it is. Oh, well.

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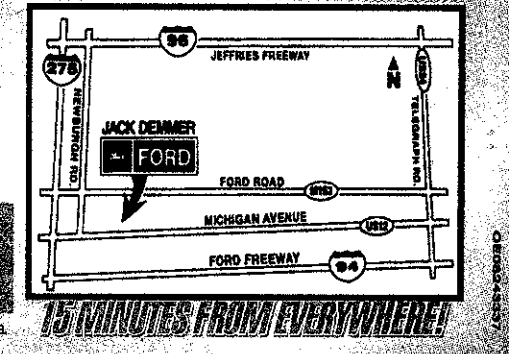
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