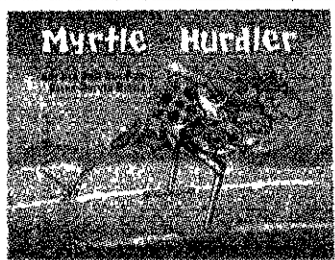


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Not guilty: Jury acquits former principal

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

A jury deliberated in Wayne County Circuit Court for a little less than four hours before returning Thursday morning with a not guilty verdict, acquitting a former Agape Christian Academy principal who had been accused of criminal sexual conduct with a former student.

Clark Sexton, 30, of Westland was

charged on Feb. 2, 2005, with three counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, a felony which alleges penetration, and one count of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, a misdemeanor. Following a three-day trial, he was found not guilty on all charges.

At issue was the age of a female student with whom he admitted to having sex. But he said the sexual contact began after her 16th birthday in

December 2000.

At the time, according to state law, the age of sexual consent was 16. However, according to Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Lora Weingarden, in April 2003, the law was changed, making it illegal for a school administrator, teacher or substitute teacher to have sex with a student aged 16-18. Because the relationship between the student and Sexton occurred before the change, Sexton

was not subject to the new law.

The former student, whose name is being withheld due to *Observer* policy of not naming victims involved in sexual abuse cases, was not present in the courtroom when the jury read its verdict.

"There is truly one issue," said Sexton's attorney, Paul Clark, before closing arguments Wednesday. "Did sexual contact take place before she was 16?"

Clearly that is factually impossible."

Clark had offered evidence that Sexton had not purchased the truck in which the student said her principal first kissed her until the summer before her 16th birthday. Then following a timeline of the young woman's testimony, Clark placed sexual contact between the two at least two months after she had reached the age

PLEASE SEE **SEXTON, A6**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Aye, matey!

Cafeteria pirate and junior class member Amir Pakray celebrates Plymouth High School's homecoming during Thursday's Pirate Day. Behind Amir is a landlubber, Andrew Tate. It was just one of the weeklong series of events leading up to Plymouth's homecoming game against Wayne Memorial. For more on the game, please turn to Page B1.

Teachers seek more money for extra work

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Teachers at Allen, Smith and Bird elementary schools told the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday they want compensation for the average 55 extra hours they worked to pack their classrooms before summer construction projects in June, and additional time it took to put their classrooms in order only days before school began Aug. 29.

"We still do not feel we are being properly compensated for all the extra time and effort that was put into the process by our teaching staff," said Debbi Maloni, Allen fifth-grade teacher. "We put in 1,750 hours to get the school ready for construction in June, and

instruction in August. That is more hours than we work in one week.

"We hope the board is working on some plan to help compensate us because this was our own time," added Maloni. "We know that you know we are hard-working. We just hope there is some sort of plan in the works to let us know that. There was no fairy godmother who did this."

After a grievance was filed by teachers in March, school administrators thought they settled the matter in a July 28 meeting with the Plymouth-Canton Education Association. The district offered to give teachers at the three schools two additional days in their sick bank.

PLEASE SEE **MONEY, A6**

Seeing blue

IKEA on schedule to open next summer

Canton residents may not be feeling blue, but they certainly are seeing it. A lot of it, in fact. The first big blue walls to the IKEA furniture store, scheduled to open next summer at Haggerty and Ford, went up last week.

Under construction on 21 acres at the intersection just west of I-275, the future 311,000-square-foot IKEA Canton will be the first IKEA store and restaurant destination in Michigan, and 28th in the U.S. The IKEA stores nearest the Detroit area are near Chicago and in greater Toronto.

In addition to 500 construction jobs created to build the Swedish furniture superstore, more than 400 employees will be needed when the new store opens.

"With the store's structure now formed and blue paneling going up, we definitely are on track to a grand opening next summer," said Joseph Roth, IKEA public

affairs director. "We hope to be fully enclosed before winter, and cannot wait to open IKEA Canton in summer 2006."

IKEA currently has more than 220 stores in 33 countries, including 25 in the U.S., where other stores are being planned in: Brooklyn, N.Y.; Dublin, Calif.; Round Rock, Tex.; Somerville, Mass.; Stoughton, Mass.; and West Sacramento, Calif.

For three consecutive years, IKEA has been named to *Working Mother* magazine's annual list of the "100 Best Companies for Working Mothers" and *Training* magazine's annual "Top 100" ranking of companies that excel at human capital development — as well as to this year's *Fortune's* 100 Best Companies to Work For list. To visit the IKEA Web site, visit www.ikea-usa.com. For information about working at IKEA, visit <http://JobsAt.IKEA-usa.com>.



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The blue walls of IKEA Canton rise from the site of what was a Super Kmart. The store, which will be enclosed by winter, is expected to be ready for its grand opening next summer.

Election race begins for 20th House seat

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Plymouth-Canton school board member Joanne Lamar tries to get elected next year to replace the term-limited state Rep. John Stewart, she could have some interesting competition — from Stewart's wife, Beth.

Lamar has already confirmed she'll seek the 20th District House seat, which includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and part of Canton, in the 2006 election. Beth Stewart, currently the executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, has not formally announced her candidacy, though she admits she's "strongly considering it."

John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, is finishing his third and final term after initially being elected in 2000.

Lamar said she hadn't really considered running until a neighbor suggested it, followed by some prodding by people at the beauty shop where she gets her hair done.

"One of the gals at the beauty shop said, 'You're

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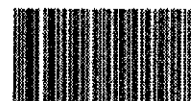


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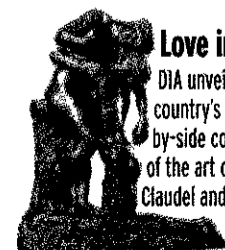
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Coming Thursday in Filter



Love in stone
DIA unveils the country's first side-by-side comparison of the art of Camille Claudel and Auguste Rodin.

Free Kindermusik

Evola Music of Canton offers free Kindermusik story times, "Spooky Tunes," twice this month in the Plymouth community.

The events take place 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 13 at Caribou Coffee, 44601 Five Mile, and at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18 at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman. Kindermusik offers a complete music program where both children and parents learn through music and movement.

Evola Music is located at 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton. For more information or to register for classes, call (734) 455-4677.

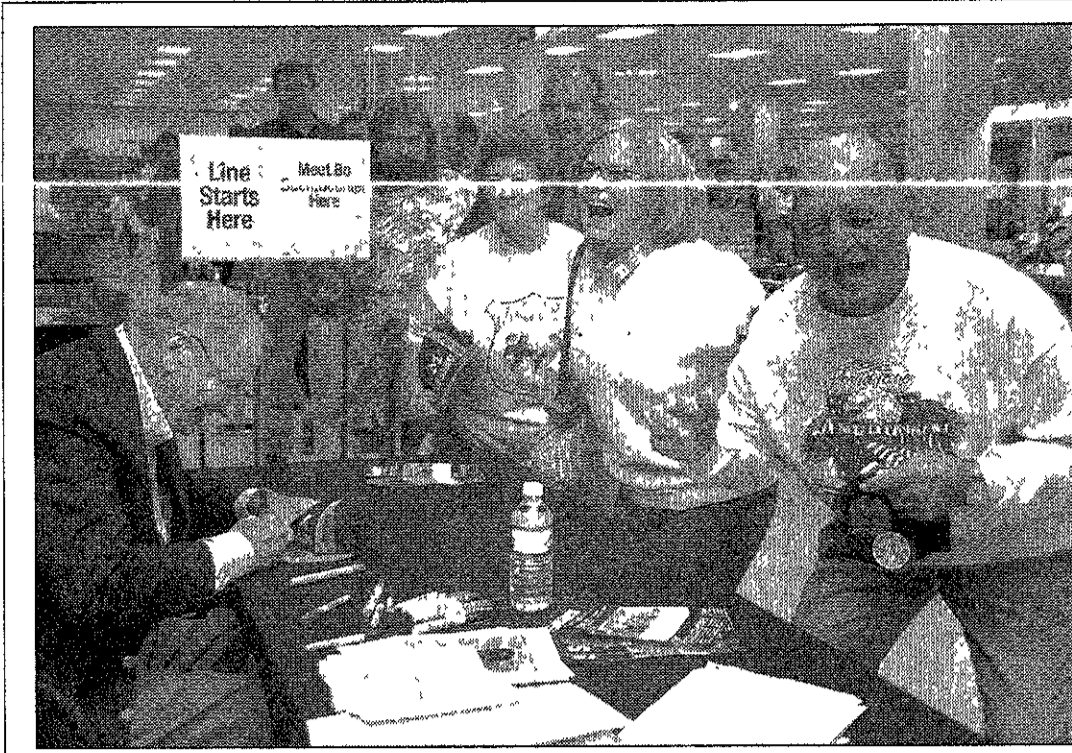
Canton Leisure Services fall classes

Spaces are still available for a wide variety of programs offered by Canton's Leisure Services. There is something for everyone from preschoolers to senior adults, and all ages in between. Highlights of this season's schedule include: preschool field trips, astronomy classes, cooking programs, a women's expo, various theater performances, as well as programs featuring Canton's newest facility, "The B.L.O.C.K.," which caters to teens.

Those interested in registering can visit the Leisure Services Web site, leisure.canton-mi.org, or stop by the Summit on the Park and register in person.

New Oakwood doctor

Oakwood Healthcare System recently welcomed Christine



Coach's corner

Former University of Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler recently signed autographs for fans at Sears' Twelve Oaks Mall, including Diane Reed of Canton (third from right). Schembechler, who coached the team from 1969-1989, recently made several in-store appearances to help introduce Sears' Home Health Care centers.

Brenner, M.D., to Oakwood Healthcare Center - Canton. Brenner specializes in pediatrics and has been in practice since 1997, serving western Wayne County for the past three years. She received her medical degree from the Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed her residency at the Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

Brenner is board certified in pediatrics and has participated in research studies that have

been published in the Journal of Family Practice. She holds privileges at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital.

Brenner is accepting new patients at her office located at the Oakwood Healthcare Center - Canton, 7330 North Canton Center Road, Suite 111. To schedule an appointment call (734) 454-8001.

Katrina choir

When the Plymouth-Canton Choir and Orchestra open their 2005-06 concert series

Oct. 11, the concert will have more than just a musical impact.

The choirs and orchestra will combine for the concert and donate 50 percent of the proceeds from ticket sales to the American Red Cross for the Hurricane Katrina victims.

The concert takes place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, in the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School. Seats are not reserved, and tickets will be available at the door for \$5 per adult, \$4 for students,

child and seniors, with a family rate of \$10.

For more information and other concert dates, visit the Web site calendar at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pccp/calendars/calSchool.aspx>

Office hours

Sue Trussell, district director for state Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, will hold office hours for all constituents of State Senate District Seven, in the Plymouth District Library's Waldorf Room, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3.

The library is located at 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call the library, (734) 453-0750, or Patterson's office, (517) 373-7350 or (866) 262-7307.

Birding basics

Crimboli Nursery, located at 50145 Ford Road in Canton, is hosting "Bird Feeding Basics" presented by Rick Savino, a wildlife feeding specialist from Birdola Products, at 1 p.m. on Oct. 22. Discover how to achieve the most satisfactory backyard feeding experience. Savino will discuss seed types and the species they will attract, water and cover requirements, various feeder types and what works best for a variety of different wild bird species.

The event is free. Registration is requested. Call (734) 495-1700.

Neighbors becoming friends

The Canton Newcomers, a social, civic, and charitable organization designed to acquaint area residents with others in the Canton area, will hold their monthly meeting at

7 p.m., Wednesday Oct. 5 at the Hanford Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford Road (west of Canton Center, between Woodmere and Weathersfield) in the Sunflower subdivision in Canton.

The group holds monthly meetings, which include socializing, an activity and/or speaker of interest on the first Wednesday of each month. September through May. A family picnic is held in June.

In addition to monthly meetings, members participate in a variety of social interest groups and Community Relations activities. The upcoming meeting will include a care package drive for a local resident and their battalion in Iraq.

Members include life long and new residents from Canton and the surrounding areas. You are welcome to attend one meeting and two social events without an obligation to join. Membership is \$20 for the year and includes 10 newsletters.

For more information about the group, call (734) 495-0520 or visit their Web site at <http://newcomers.angelcities.com>.

Sounds of Canton

Residents are invited to bring their entire family and watch as The Sounds of Canton demonstrates that talent is ageless. The Sounds of Canton will present their 6th annual concert, featuring classic silver screen favorites. The performances will be held on Friday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 12, at 3 p.m. Both shows will be at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Tickets are available at Summit on the Park and the Village Theater box office.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold a workshop meeting Tuesday, October 11, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. the Gold Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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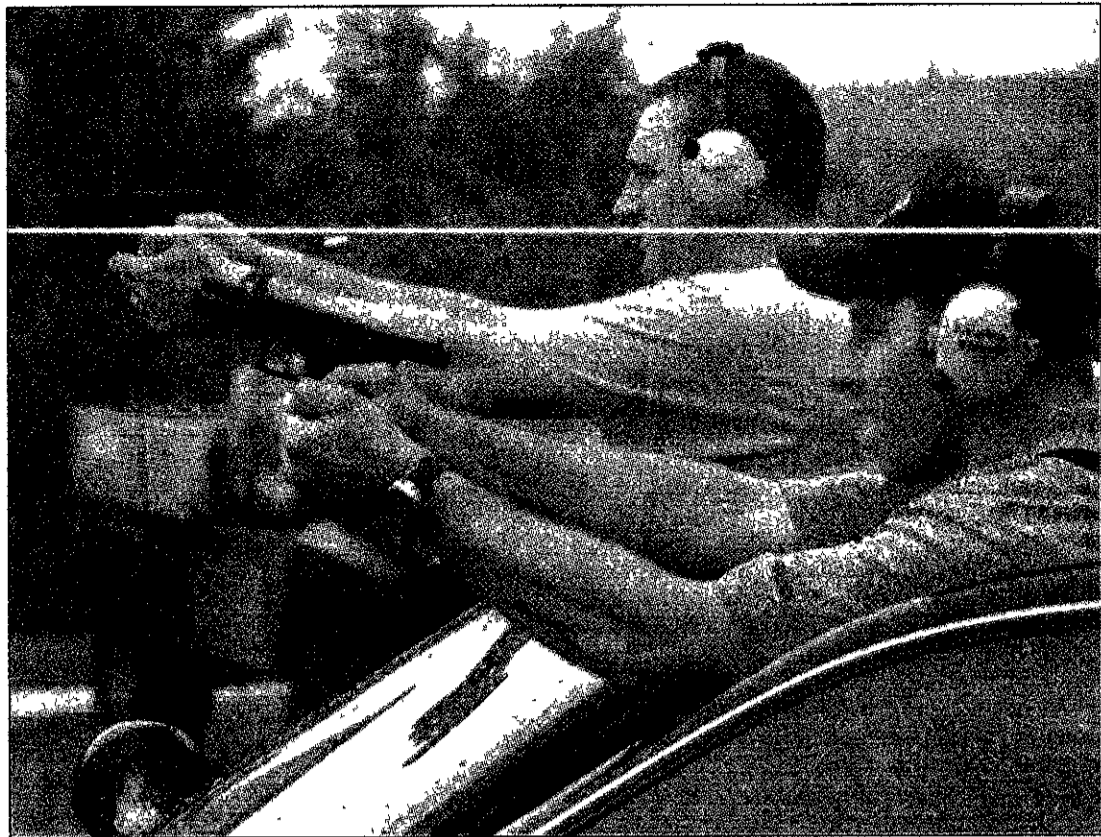
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Canton police Officers Eric Kaledas (left) and Brian Szostak exit a squad car, aim and fire at a target before moving to the next target. The officers were participating in the tactical pistol shooting competition hosted by the Canton Police Department on Sept. 22.

Dueling pistols

Canton PD hosts tactical shooting competition

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Several Canton police officers recently had the opportunity to see how they stacked up against officers from other southeastern Michigan departments. The five Canton officers tested their sharpshooting skills and mettle with officers from 15 different departments, from as far away as Kalamazoo.

They were participating in the first Tactical Pistol Competition sponsored by the Canton Police Department on Sept. 22 at the department's range located on Lilley Road near Van Born. Some of the departments participating included the Livingston County Sheriff, Jackson County Sheriff, Jackson, West Bloomfield, Southgate, and Kalamazoo.

During the event, officers in two-member teams competed in six different courses. Some were as simple as firing at bulls-eye type targets from standing and laying positions, to more dynamic scenarios meant to simulate real-life scenarios. In one exercise, officers shoot from a vehicle, exit and move to another barricade, where they fire shots at other targets.

The Canton tandem of Greg DeGrand and Aaron Mickey finished second overall to the team of Mark Stout and Marcus Kang of the West



Officers Szostak and Kaledas congratulate each other after finishing the exercise with a good score, while officer Mike Tulip removes his ear protection in the background.

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Bloomfield Police Department. Tom Schuette and Michael Stuart of the Jackson County Sheriff's Department finished third.

Canton Lt. Bob Kerr said the event was envisioned by some

of the range officers, who had competed in competitions hosted by other departments. Many more departments were invited than showed up, but Kerr said it was a respectable turn-out for the first event and that the department would host it for at least two more years.

Although Kerr admitted his officers enjoyed the competition with the other officers, he said it was also valuable training, because many of the exercises mimicked real-life scenarios the officers may face one day.

"As well as being fun, it is good practice. The end result is that its practical exercise that adds to their training," Kerr said.

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Auto shop owners continue to fight township over violations

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

A Canton business owner will head back to court Oct. 4 for a final pre-trial review of 22 ordinance violation citations, and to hold a jury or bench trial for one ordinance violation.

Robert McCausland, of Novi, has been accused by the Canton Township inspections department of a long list of ordinance violations, which include removing trees without a permit, disturbing his property near a stream bed, and failure to restore the stream bed which runs through some of his commercial and residential properties on the east side of Canton, south of Ford Road near Lotz.

Inspectors said most of the violations occurred on McCausland's residential rental properties on Al Smith Road, which is just west of Lotz.

"I am not very happy with the way things have been proceeding," McCausland said at his last court appearance at the 35th District Court. "I'm ready to face the music," but he added that he will not cooperate in "a situation where the township is trying to twist my arm."

He was cited in 2003 for 22

violations. He was also cited in June 2005 for unlawfully selling automobiles at his business, Mac Automotive Service on Lotz Road.

However, Robert's brother, Daniel McCausland, who co-owns the business and many of the residential properties, said the business is licensed to sell used cars, so they were not violating that ordinance. Further, he said, he and his brother had proper permits when they removed trees on their property and they have restored the stream bed along Willow Creek.

Ronald Whitoff, who is representing the township, asked to schedule the trial for the auto sales violation first because that case's outcome could impact the outcome of the other cases, though McCausland argued in court that they have nothing to do with each other.

"We had permits (for tree removal) the whole time, and we did what we were supposed to do, and still got ticketed," Daniel McCausland said, adding that the township has engaged in a "shakedown" of him and his brother. He said they are being harassed because they have been vocally critical of township government.

McCausland has been found guilty by a six-member jury of five counts of violating ordinances at Mac Automotive Service on Lotz Road, south of Ford. Those complaints included violations of outdoor storage, storage of unlicensed and inoperable cars, failure to maintain landscaping and improper storage of a dumpster. Jury trials for ordinance violations are extremely rare, and McCausland requested the trial, according to 35th District court Judge Michael Gerou. He had been ordered to pay fines or serve jail time. McCausland is in the process of appealing those cases at Wayne County Circuit Court in Detroit.

Daniel McCausland said outside the court that he had presented a possible compromise, but the township would not accept it. He said he had cleared everything that had been stored on the business property to other locations and had suggested limiting the number of cars for sale on the property to four, instead of the 27 he is permitted to have. Further, he suggested erecting a fence to shroud objectionable storage.

"They want no part of it," Daniel McCausland said.

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Chocolate event to benefit First Step

A Chocolate Affair to benefit First Step, the Wayne County shelter for domestic violence, and hosted by the Elizabeth Fagan Division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, will be held 2-5 p.m., Oct. 2, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi, 21111 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile.

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door and available by calling Barb at (734) 453-1459 or Peggy at (248) 824-7839.

Guests will sample chocolate delights from a variety of Southeast Michigan restaurants, confectioners and caterers as they help support the fight against domestic violence. Among the special offerings will be a chocolate fountain

from Awesome Fountains of South Lyon and outstanding treats from Pastry Palace, The Irish Baker, Tastefully Simple, Avalon Bakery, Zak Catering, Cold Stone Creamery of Canton, and Schokolad. The event has also received support from Rocky's of Northville, Emily's Restaurant and Godiva Laurel Park.

First Step offers shelter, safety, counseling, and hope to families in 35 western Wayne County and Downriver communities who have experienced the horror of domestic violence or sexual abuse. In 2004, the shelter offered a safe haven to 243 adults and 384 children.

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is an organization of Catholic women of

Irish descent. United by its motto - Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity - these women promote Irish history and culture and raise funds to support a variety of charities. The Elizabeth Fagan Division, which meets monthly at St. Thomas a Becket Church in Canton, have supported Relay for Life, St. Patrick's Senior Center and Habitat for Humanity among other charities since its founding in January 2005. Members, ranging in age from 19 to over 80, have fun socializing and working together to support worthy causes. New members are welcome. For information, call Barb at (734) 453-1459.

MILITARY NEWS

MARINE TRAINING

Marine Corps Pfc. Michael A. Diponio, son of Carol and Michael Diponio of Canton, recently completed the Basic Assault Amphibian Vehicle Crewman's Course.

During the course with Assault Amphibian School Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., students prepare for assignment to assault amphibian units where landing crafts are used to transport troops and supplies from ship to beachhead for subsequent operations ashore.

Course studies also includes vehicle capabilities and operating characteristics, land and water driving exercises and operator-level maintenance procedures.

Diponio is a 2003 graduate of Salem High School and joined the Marine Corps in January 2005.

ROTC LEADER

Daniel M. York graduated from the Army ROTC Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

The 33 days of training provides the best possible professional training and evaluation for all cadets in the aspects of military life, administration and

logistical support. Although continued military training and leadership development is included in the curriculum, the primary focus of the course is to develop and evaluate each cadet's officer potential as a leader by exercising the cadet's intelligence, common sense, ingenuity and stamina. The cadet command assesses each cadet's performance and progress in officer traits, qualities and professionalism while attending the course.

York is the son of Janice M. York of Canton.

York is a 2001 graduate of Canton High School and is currently attending Michigan Technological University.

NEW OFFICER

John D. Thompson has graduated from Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

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and physical training and conditioning.

The candidate was tested on leadership skills and team work abilities required of a commissioned officer. The student utilized acquired skills to function in "leader and follower" positions in squad and platoon sized elements in a stressful and demanding field environment.

Thompson, an ordnance officer, is the son of Karen A. Rumpitz of Plymouth and Robert B. Thompson of Prescott, Ariz.

AIR FORCE GRAD

Air Force Airman 1st Class Anthony F. Riggs 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.

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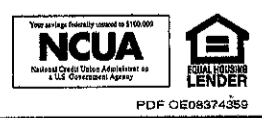
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Toarminas join crowd in protesting war in Iraq

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Lou Toarmina and his wife, Gina, made a quick trip to Washington, D.C., last weekend. They saw a few monuments, even the Capitol Building, but they weren't there as tourists.

The Westland couple were in the nation's capital to protest the war in Iraq.

"We flew out Saturday and back on Sunday," Toarmina said. "There were people shoulder to shoulder as far as you could see."

He found a strong feeling of patriotism, although the protesters believe U.S. involvement in the Iraq war should end. Toarmina, 42, saw some pro-Bush demonstrators, but feels the media coverage was biased, not reflecting the greater number of antiwar protesters.

"We were in The Mall at noon and there was nobody there," Toarmina said of the "pro-troop" rally set for Sunday. He wonders about media coverage and how much people really are learning about their government.

He's against U.S. involvement because he believes the country's reasons for going to war have proven to be incorrect and that no more should die "for reasons we know never really existed."

He saw Cindy Sheehan, antiwar activist and mother of a slain soldier, one of the speakers. Sheehan was arrested for her involvement in the protest. Toarmina believes Americans should consider the soldiers in Iraq as their own sons and daughters.

Toarmina, owner of a local pizza business, didn't worry about negative reaction from business associates.

"We were wearing shirts



Lou Toarmina, who attended last weekend's rally in the capital, questions media coverage of the war. Shown are rally participants.

saying 'Peace Is Patriotic,' he said. "Everybody there was grateful to be American. They just wanted the war ended and people to come home."

The Wayne Memorial High graduate is too young to have participated in Vietnam-era protests, but recognizes their significance.

"Those protests actually did make a social change," he said.

'We were wearing shirts saying 'Peace Is Patriotic.' Everybody there was grateful to be American. They just wanted the war ended and people to come home.'

Lou Toarmina

RACE

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always talking about the issues, why don't you run?" Lamar said.

The issues for Lamar include education, particularly funding, and health care. She was part of a march on Lansing earlier this year that drew some 12,000 people concerned about education funding.

"We had this march and no one (in government) responded to that, which was really frustrating," Lamar said. "Instead of being frustrated by it, why not go up and stir the pot about it? I figured I'd go to Lansing and support education and health care as much as I can."

Lamar, a nurse manager at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, said she'd like to see Medicaid kept safe, but she's worried about potential cuts. While she isn't ready to discuss specifics right now, Lamar, a 30-year nurse, said she'd talk to contacts in the medical community to develop a plan.

"Everyone who works in this venue always has suggestions," Lamar said. "There should be ways to adjust things, some wellness programs and things of that nature. I don't think we can put Band-aids on these things. It's too easy to say 'cut spending.' Let's fix the system and the things around it."

Stewart wouldn't confirm her candidacy, although her husband has been promoting it for some time now. She said there are issues in terms of running the museum to be worked out before she makes the final decision.

However, she did admit she's "giving it serious consideration." Like her husband, who chairs the House subcommittee on higher education funding, Stewart is concerned about education.

"I think I have a lot of defi-

Stewart will run as a Republican and Lamar will run as a Democrat.

nite issues with public education, making sure we can support our school district and our kids, and give them the resources they need to keep our school district great," Stewart said. "Those are major issues with me, as they were with John. We both have the same kinds of ideas about how our state funding should be used."

Beth Stewart, who has been the museum director for some 16 years, is also concerned with funding for the arts. She's very active in the arts community in Plymouth, and worries about shrinking budgets.

"History, art and library budgets keep getting slashed every year, more and more," said Stewart, who has a master's degree in historic preservation from Eastern Michigan University.

Stewart will run as a Republican as her husband

always has, though she's admitted in the past "for the most part, our opinions are the same. But I'm more liberal than he is."

"My background is working with people and organizations and bringing people together to address issues and make the place we live and work and raise our children a better place," Beth Stewart said. "I'm hoping I can bring that same spirit to working with people in Lansing."

Lamar will run as a Democrat, giving herself a tough road to hoe in a largely Republican district. She remains undaunted.

"I'm not worried about it," Lamar said. "President Bush was so unhumanistic to hurricane victims; I can't abide by that philosophy. I've been a nurse for 30 years and I'm aware of being good and caring to folks. To ask people who are thirsty and hungry to be patient is very unhumanistic, and I can't put my name behind that philosophy at all."

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We can't ignore concerns that keep us separated

Several weeks ago, I wrote a column about the controversy over the Wonderland Village development in Livonia.

Some people agreed with the column and called or e-mailed to say so. Others have demanded that I retract what I wrote and accused me of stirring up the race issue in Livonia. Still others called with racial comments that confirmed that race is an issue for some people.

What bothers me most is that many readers are reacting to a column I didn't write.



Hugh Gallagher

I didn't write that Livonia was a "racist" community; I didn't write that race was the main issue in opposition to Wonderland Village; I didn't support the proposed development, only the need for commercial development in that area.

The Aug. 21 column followed a news story by reporter Dan West about comments made at public meetings held by developer Robert Schostak to present plans for the development at Plymouth Road and Middlebelt. The plan calls for three big box stores — a Wal-Mart, a Target and another store not yet signed — and several small retail stores in a "village setting" that would front on Plymouth Road. Most of the controversy has centered around the plan for a super Wal-Mart that would replace its store on Middlebelt and I-96.

West's story accurately reported comments made at the meetings and reaction to those comments by supporters and opponents of the project.

A letter writer objected to West's story and wondered why we would report these comments in the paper. The answer to that is simple — we're a newspaper, this was a public meeting, this is what happened.

The column acknowledged that for "many" race did seem to be an issue and that when that does become a focus for complaints it overshadows other, more legitimate concerns being made by opponents of the project. The column also noted that Livonia had been unfairly labeled "the whitest" city in America because of a statistical blip that had nothing to say about the character of the people in the city. It concluded with Mayor Jack Engebretson's passionate defense of his city and the people who live in the city.

I would also defend the character of this city and its residents. I have worked in Livonia for almost a quarter of a century. I have relatives who live in the city and others who have lived in the city. I know many people who live here. This is a well-run, attrac-

tive suburban community that offers its residents a high quality of life.

In a meeting between Wal-Mart opponents (as Wal-Mart is the central concern) and *Observer* editors, there was a real effort to distance their views with those made at the public meeting or the perception of some of those views. They had a detailed presentation of concerns about traffic, size of the building, proximity to the residential neighborhood and a water retention pond.

Jump ahead several weeks. A daily newspaper ran a story Sept. 20 that dragged up the comments made weeks prior to their story. That story drew a sharp comment from Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick (who is in a desperate re-election campaign) and a flood of talk radio comment; and it also drew out the television stations in their react mode to that night's planning commission meeting.

Meanwhile, the *Observer* covered the current story, which was the meeting of the planning commission Sept. 20 at which virtually no racial comments were made and comments all centered around concerns about the proposed project. We had previously run detailed stories on the Schostak plan and the concerns raised about the plan.

The original column concluded that making race an issue "inadvertently cast a sheen of nobility on Wal-Mart."

It is not enough to say a few "hotheads" made racial statements at a public meeting, because some people like to spout off whenever a microphone is available, as one daily columnist wrote recently, or that it's better to just ignore it.

The issues raised in these last few weeks are not unique to Livonia.

We need instead to understand what people are talking about when they say, "I'm not a racist, but ..." as many callers said to me over the last few weeks. They would then repeat a history I knew well from personal and family experience, and their despair and apprehension was palpable. Others spewed ugly racial epithets and advised me to "wise up."

The hearings over the future of the Wonderland Village proposal were not the time or place to delve into our complex racial problems.

But neither can we continue to ignore what is obviously a concern for many people — that the problems of the city, the problems some of them left behind, will follow them to the suburbs.

Pretending these concerns don't exist isn't an option.

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Vicious cycle of prejudice can be broken with effort

Virtually anyone who is reading this column will readily admit they live in the greatest country in the world, at a time when natural and social forces have converged to provide a unique opportunity in time and circumstance for any one person to achieve the wildest dreams of mankind — or to plummet to the depths of human despair.

The events of the last century have witnessed both the highest triumphs of the human spirit, as well as the lowest depths of which man is possible.

Certainly, many factors have shaped the course of history, both good and bad. Politics, religion, tribalism, sexism, patriotism, economics and geography have all played a role in delivering us to where we sit today, in 21st century America. But who could argue that the one defining factor of where we've been and where we're headed — individually and collectively — is race. And just like thunder comes with lightning, just as heat is borne from fire, with the recognition of race comes prejudice.

Generations of people have wrestled with the inescapable reality of race. More than a few prominent scientists have determined that all modern humans were germinated in Africa and spread through evolution to populate the far corners of the Earth. Despite overwhelming evidence that we share far more in common than that which divides us, mankind continues to discriminate, oppress, offend, segregate and even kill over the color of a person's skin.

Not a month goes by — nay, a week — when the ugly specter of race and prejudice doesn't rear its disgusting double-headed presence. If it's not Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, it's nameless citizens in Livonia or Southfield who, unwittingly or not, keep the issue of black and white in front of us — like the sun, rising and setting with a regularity that breeds not only familiarity, but a certain *fait accompli*.

Race and prejudice is the elephant sitting in the corner that no one wants to acknowledge, let alone confront. But if I've learned nothing else in my limited time on this planet, it's that race is a fact of nature and prejudice is a behavior taught as surely as survival itself. Not a single person has any control over the color of their skin, yet every person spawned since Adam and Eve has had some instruction in the art of prejudice.

As painful as it is to admit, I've been schooled relentlessly in the latter. At the risk of sounding boastful, I've made it one of my life's goals to instill in my children the former.

Just like many of you, I am only a couple of generations "off the boat." I have grandparents who were born elsewhere, people who came to these shores in search of a better life. I do not, however, have in my lineage ancestors who were kidnapped, bought, sold or otherwise arrived here entirely of someone else's action.

Given a choice of how to begin describing oneself, who among us could resist the urge to use color as the No. 1 priority? There is a reason every personal ad starts with the acronym "SWF" or "DBM" or any other coded-signal that identifies us as "white" or "black." The government asks us to label ourselves every 10 years in the census; pop charts separate us into "R&B" or "rap" or "country" audiences. When recorded music was in its infancy, any record aimed at other than white consumers was labeled "race" music.

There was a time in this country — and not that long ago, either — when there were two separate sets of laws, one governing white people and another for blacks. Of course, most of those laws were designed to keep people of color in their place. Although I don't consider myself old (my children, undoubtedly, would beg to differ), in my lifetime it was virtually impossible for a person with dark skin to vote in large parts of the U.S.

But despite bigoted claims to the contrary, no one is born with an inbred prejudice. When we are infants just removed from the womb, our minds are a blank slate, an unpainted canvas, an empty vessel, waiting and eager to be filled with whatever knowledge we can accumulate from our experiences. All too often, those entrusted to nurture us and guide us instead fill our hearts and minds with false ideas and bogus concepts of prejudice.

I've been around the block enough times to know that this type of thinking is just plain wrong — and hurtful. It's awful tough to go through life with that much resentment bubbling under the surface, and I decided long ago to try to end the vicious cycle with my children. Two recent incidents indicated that it's not only possible, but that it's working.

At a recent soccer tournament, with hundreds of players milling about the various fields, my 10-year-old daughter suddenly turned to my wife and I and, pointing to a team gathered a few yards away, exclaimed, "That's what I was talking about! She's got the shoulder straps I want." Which girl, we asked. "The one in the red jersey." They're all wearing red jerseys. "The one with the black hair." Um, a whole bunch of them have black hair. "The girl wearing number 10," she said, exasperated. It never struck her that No. 10 was the only black girl in the group. Most anybody else I know would have said that right off the bat.

A few years back, my son came home from school and announced that a classmate had been sent to the principal's office. What was the reason, my wife and I asked. "He called K.J. (the only black kid in his room) a name." Uh, oh, I thought to myself. Here it comes. What name did the boy use? The answer: "I think he called him a 'nigger'."

It was then that I allowed myself a small smile on the inside. *He doesn't even know the word, I thought to myself. He's never heard anyone use it.*

And if I have my way, he never will.

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Experts gather to discuss cyber extortion

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

In the old days, extorting protection money from a business was performed by a large man threatening to start a suspicious fire in a stockroom. Today, it's likely to be perpetrated by someone in their basement threatening to turn a company's computer system into an expensive paperweight.

Cyber extortion and other computer security issues will be discussed at the Fourth Annual IT Security Summit Oct. 6 at the Sheraton Hotel, 2111 Haggerty Road, in Novi. The daylong event will feature discussions of financial security, cyberterrorism, homeland security and how best to protect against the various predators attempting to hitch rides on the Information Superhighway.

Event Host IT-Harvest General Manager Karen Ethier said the race to stay ahead of crime is never-ending.

"It changes daily," she said. "Once a company gets one problem licked the bad guys change tactics."

More than a trade show, the seminar will have panel discussions and Q and A sessions along with keynote speakers

Author speaks at WSU series

As part of the newly created Conversations with Authors series, the Wayne State University Library System will bring Charles Johnson, African-American novelist, short story writer, essayist and cartoonist, to the Community Room in the David Adamany Undergraduate Library on the campus of Wayne State University 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3.

Johnson will lead a panel of campus and community speakers to discuss other authors, as well as his own literary works. He will sign books at the end of the program.

"We are thrilled to host this world-renowned author. Charles Johnson will lead a riveting panel discussion affording a rare opportunity for the Wayne State and Detroit communities," said Sandra Yee, dean of the Wayne State University Library System.

Johnson first came to distinction in the 1960s as a political cartoonist, a time when he was also involved in radical politics. In 1970, he published a collection of cartoons, which led to a PBS television series about cartooning. Johnson's first novel, "Faith and the Good Thing" was published in 1974.

In 1990, he was awarded the National Book Award for "Middle Passage." Johnson is currently the Pollock Professor in Humanities at the University of Washington. He received the MacArthur Fellowship in 1998, and also a Guggenheim Fellowship. In 2003, he published "Turning the Wheel," a collection of essays about his experiences as an African-American Buddhist.

The Wayne State University Library System consists of the universities' five libraries: The David Adamany Undergraduate Library, the Purdy/Kresge Library, the Shiffman Medical Library, the Arthur Neef Law Library and the Science and Engineering Library, the Library and Information Science Program and the Office for Teaching and Learning.

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involved in real life information security.

Vice-President of Threat Research for Webroot Software Richard Stiennon said cyber crime is fairly new but the bad guys are making up for lost time. There's the better known offense of identity theft, less well-known is cyber extortion.

"Some criminals are watching financial transaction sites (like Ebay and Amazon) and they threaten to shut them

down unless they get paid," Stiennon said.

It's a version of the classic protection racket — pay up or something bad will happen to you. If the extortionists aren't paid, the company's servers are subjected to a massive attack, spyware bots installed on thousands of computers send packets of information and the computers shut down like a vacuum cleaner clogged with pet hair. The servers shut

down and no one can use the site.

He said consumers can protect themselves by using antivirus software, firewalls and spyware blockers. Companies have to spend more on technology.

"You've got to buy lots of bandwidth and multiple servers. If you're a big target you need to purchase specialized routers that can detect and deflect these attacks,"

Stiennon said. "This is expensive, often more than the extortion. But even if the extortionist stays bought, that's just one kid in Romania."

The costs are rising all the time. He said extortion via the Internet is a \$2.4 billion a year business for spyware writers and more than \$200 million a year in extortion payments get made. But the risks and damages aren't only in dollars.

"For a big company like

General Motors or a bank," he said, "if people can't use their sites there's more damage to their reputations than anything else."

The event will feature exhibitions by ArcSight, iPolicy, Webroot Software, Reflex Security, Teros, Fortinet, BigFix, Whale Communications, Websense and Greenborder. Registration for the event is \$55 in advance, \$75 at the door. There is a continental breakfast, lunch and wine and cheese afterward. For more information, call (248) 709-4774.



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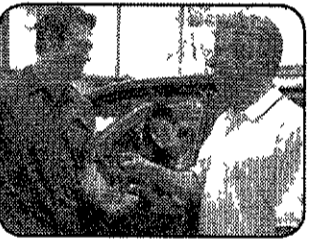
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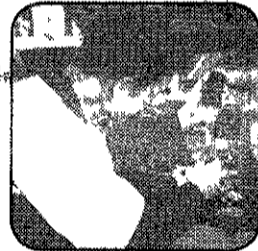
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Northville edges Canton, 1-0, on Acevedo goal

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Northville's Enrique Acevedo managed to do something Wednesday night that only a handful of people have accomplished in the past month — kick a soccer ball past Canton goal-keeper Ryan Laabs. The senior mid-fielder's clutch left-footed kick from 22 yards out 15 minutes into the second half resulted in the only goal in the Mustangs' 1-0 victory over the Chiefs in a match

played at the P-CEP soccer stadium. The game was a key showdown in the hunt for the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division title between the long-time rivals.

Northville is now 10-2-2 overall, 6-1-1 in the WLAA and 3-0-1 in the division. Canton dropped to 9-2-3 and 3-1 in the division.

Seconds after a restart, Acevedo secured a pass from teammate Chris Leonetti and drilled a missile-like shot just

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over the outstretched hand of Laabs and just under the cross-bar.

"We knew Canton was very strong and that it would take our best effort to win," said Northville coach Henry Klimes. "We played more of a possession game while they used speed and control. I thought both teams squandered opportunities to score in the first half (which ended 0-

0), but we were able to take advantage of our best chance in the second half."

Canton coach George Tomasso was satisfied with his team's performance in the first half. The same couldn't be said for the final 40 minutes.

"Northville had a lot of intensity for the entire game," Tomasso said. "I thought our boys played well throughout the first half, but in the second half, I thought we had a lack of effort and our leadership was non-existent.

"We actually came out of halftime raring to go, but after about five minutes, we stopped playing as hard."

The game's all-important first goal was nearly scored by Canton's Keith Campbell, who fired a shot that rang off the left post with 21:25 remaining in the opening half. Two minutes later, Leonetti had a near-miss for Northville, rocketing a shot off the cross-bar.

Canton nearly tied the match with 17:50 left when Eric Pwovar weaved through the

Mustangs' defense before threading a pass to Garrett Fishaw, whose shot from just inside the box was stuffed by Northville goal-keeper Ryan Pratt.

Laabs was brilliant over the final 25 minutes, making five sparkling saves to keep the Chiefs in the game. His best effort may have come at the 15:35 mark when he went parallel to the ground to snare a hard shot off the foot of Northville's Alex Wood.

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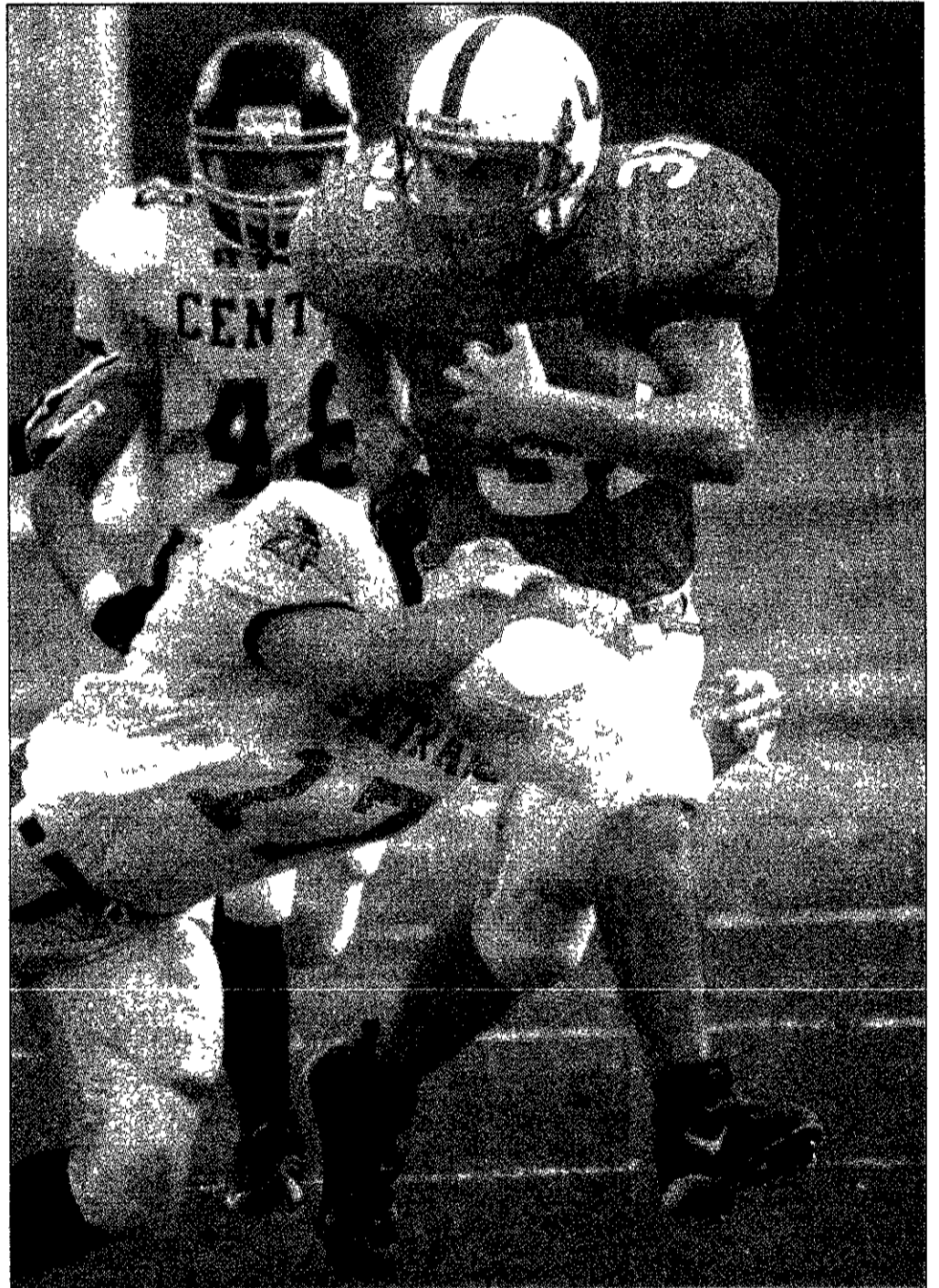
Collision course

Canton, Plymouth roll to easy wins to set up Friday showdown



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Plymouth running back Anthony Green churned out 62 yards on 14 carries Friday night in the Wildcats' 37-14 homecoming victory over Wayne Memorial.



Canton's Andy Rossow rushed for two of the Chiefs five touchdowns in their 35-0 rout of Northville.

Wildcats' variety too much for WM

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If variety is the spice of life, then Plymouth's offensive gameplan Friday night came right out of the spice rack.

During stretches of their 37-14 homecoming victory over Wayne Memorial, the Wildcats played starting QB Brent Jones at running back, starting tight end Josh Le Duc at quarterback and — for

most of the night — back-up running back/quarterback Jeff Harrison at quarterback.

The variety added more life to a Wildcats' offense that went into the game averaging a robust 33.2 points a game.

"We feel like we have a lot of offensive weapons and we wanted to use them in different ways tonight," said Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock. "We

PLEASE SEE PLYMOUTH, B8

McClendon-led Chiefs win 35-0

Canton's offense and defense were running on all cylinders Friday night in the Chiefs' 35-0 victory at Northville.

Led by quarterback Shawn Little and running back Deshon McClendon, Canton's offense amassed 335 total yards compared to Northville's 222.

The victory improved Canton's record to 4-2 overall and 2-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The struggling

Mustangs slipped to 1-5 and 1-3, respectively.

McClendon, a junior, opened the scoring with a one-yard plunge with 7:21 remaining in the opening quarter. Colin O'Shaunnessy's extra point — his first of five on the night — made it 7-0.

Canton doubled its lead to 14-0 with 28 seconds left in the first half when Little ran a keeper in

PLEASE SEE CANTON, B2

Stronger than ever

Diabetes can't slow down high school golfer

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Sooner or later, all golfers encounter a "life's-not-fair" moment on the golf course.

There's the perfectly straight, 250-yard drive that somehow settles in an unrepaired divot in the middle of the fairway.

And everyone's had a dead-on birdie putt that is knocked off course by a spike mark on the green.

Canton High School golfer Ben Underwood has experienced his share of these moments since he started playing the sport at the age of 8, but they all paled in



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton senior golfer Ben Underwood has been a key member of the Chiefs' successful squad this season. His career-best round of 37 at Hilltop Golf Course came against cross-campus rival Salem.

comparison to an off-the-course life's-not-fair episode he experienced two years ago this fall.

"I started feeling really run down," Underwood said, recalling a two-week peri-

PLEASE SEE UNDERWOOD, B8

'Juice' squeezes Whalers, 4-2

Sault Ste. Marie goaltender Kyle Gajewski is known by his teammates as "Juice."

Gajewski put the squeeze on the Plymouth Whalers Friday night with a 42-save performance in the Hounds' 4-2 victory in an Ontario Hockey League game played at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Sault Ste. Marie improved to 3-1-0-0 while Plymouth fell to 1-2-1-0.

Gajewski was particularly impressive in the second period when the Whalers outshot Sault Ste. Marie, 24-10, to keep the Hounds in the game. In all, Plymouth outshot Sault Ste. Marie, 44-35.

Tyson Aitchison, Tyler Cuthbert, Kyle Wharton and Jacob King (empty net) scored for Sault Ste. Marie, while Dan

Collins (now five goals in four games) scored both Plymouth goals.

The key point in the game came in the third period with the game tied 2-2. Whaler right wing Gino Pisellini was coming back on the ice after serving a penalty and with the play still in the Plymouth zone, Wharton scored with a shot from the high slot at 13:01 that beat Plymouth goaltender Justin Garay, who was screened on the play. The goal came six seconds after Pisellini's penalty expired.

Plymouth pulled Garay in the final minute of regulation, but could not find the equalizer.

OTTERS PREVAIL

On Thursday, the Whalers dropped a 4-3 decision at Erie before 4,201 at the Tullio Arena.

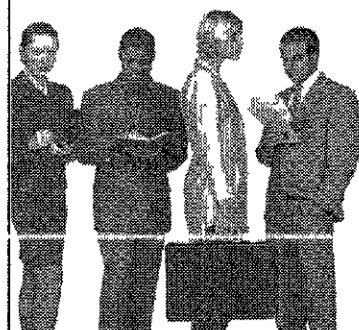
Vince Scott was the Otters' catalyst, tallying two goals and an assist.

Sean O'Connor and Brett MacLean also found the back of the net for the winners. Andrew Hotham added two assists for the Otters, who improved to 2-1.

Chris Terry, John Vigilante and Mike Letizia scored for the Whalers, who led 2-1 after the opening period. Erie enjoyed a 3-2 advantage heading into the third stanza.

Jhase Sniderman started in net for the Otters, turning away 19 of 22 shots. Garay recorded 32 saves for Plymouth.

The Whalers are off until Friday when they host the Sudbury Wolves at the Compuware Sports Arena at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, Plymouth will host Windsor.



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 have some big games coming up and we don't want to be too predictable." The victory improved Plymouth's record to 5-1 overall and 3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The Zebras fell to 1-5 and 0-4. The Wildcats entered the night with slim hopes of a Western Division crown. Those hopes evaporated, however, with Livonia Franklin's 29-19 victory over Walled Lake Western Friday night. "This was the best game we've played all year," said Wayne coach Craig Hnatuk. "It was drastically different from last week when we lost to Canton (55-6) on this field. Even though we're losing, no one on this team is quitting. Plymouth has some great athletes. They're a darned good team. But I thought we were more physical than they were tonight." When Plymouth switched up its offensive backfield, good things happened. On one play in the third quarter, Le Duc, a 6-foot-4 tight end, spiraled a 28-yard completion to Jones, who normally lines up under center. The versatile Le Duc also hauled in a 53-yard touchdown pass from Harrison. The Wildcats finished with 349 total yards compared to the Zebras' 257. Wayne's Andrew Crushshon was the night's brightest star, rushing for 258 yards on 15 carries. The senior two-way player accounted for both Wayne TDs — a 92-yard sprint mid-way through the first quarter and a 69-yard rumble during the game's waning moments. "He's a fantastic running back, but he'd be even better if he didn't have to play linebacker for us on defense," Hnatuk said. "That kid is a warrior. It takes a lot to get him down." The bad news for the Zebras was that their four ball-carriers besides Crushshon were held to a combined minus-one yard rushing on 13 attempts. Jones led the Wildcats with 101

yards on 10 carries. Nathan Gholston produced 74 on 13 rushes and Anthony Green churned out 62 on 14. Harrison was solid behind center, rushing for 23 yards and completing 1-of-2 aerials for 53 yards. "I thought Jeff did a great job back there, just like he's done all year when he's come in for Brent," Blaylock said. "I'm glad we got a chance to get him a lot of reps." The fact that the Zebras outweighed the Wildcats across the front line didn't slow down Plymouth. "A lot of the conditioning we do is all about explosiveness and getting off the ball," Blaylock said. "Plus, you know what they say: It's not the size of the dog in the fight that matters, it's the size of the fight in the dog." Jones started the scoring less than two minutes after the opening kick-off when he dashed 48 yards to paydirt. Jeff Lucco added the first of his four extra points to make it 7-0. Two minutes later, Plymouth linebacker Nick Rosochacki made it 14-0 when he scooped up a fumble at the Wayne 41 and rumbled untouched to the end zone. The Zebras cut their deficit in half on their next possession when Crushshon scored from 92 yards away. Plymouth came right back, however, on a 32-yard keeper by Jones. Some special-teams trickery by Wayne failed on its next drive when a botched fake punt gave the Wildcats the ball at the Zebra 27. Eight plays later, Lucco booted a 26-yard field goal to make it 23-7. Plymouth closed out the first-half scoring on Jones' three-yard run with 47 seconds left in the half to go up 30-7. The Wildcats' final tally came on Green's one-yard TD run with 10:03 remaining in the game. Plymouth received strong defensive play from Taylor Fox (fumble recovery, several tackles), Mike McIntosh, Mohamed Hakkani, Theo Braboy and Spencer Tobin. Hnatuk praised the effort of defensive lineman Mike Pitts. ewright@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2108

Trenton ruins Tigers' homecoming, 35-13

Trenton crashed Belleville's homecoming party Friday night, using a balanced offensive attack to steamroll the Tigers, 35-13. The loss dropped the Tigers to 1-5 overall and 1-4 in the Mega Red. The Trojans improved to 5-1 and 4-1, respectively. Trenton found the end zone on its second possession to go up 7-0.

Undaunted, the Tigers clawed back on their ensuing drive to knot the score at 7-7 on Josh Lemons' 30-yard TD pass to Matt Pinter and Jacob D'Onofrio's extra point. Unfortunately for Belleville, the momentum shifted quickly back to Trenton, which scored the next time it had the ball on a 33-yard run to go ahead 14-7.

Trenton padded its lead to 21-7 mid-way through the second quarter on a 25-yard TD pass. The Trojans' advantage grew to three TD's on the last play of the first half when they hooked up on a 10-yard scoring pass. Trailing 35-7, Belleville scored with 45 seconds left in the game on a strike from Lemons to Mike Donaldson.

The extra point was wide left. Waseem El Awadi was the Tigers' top ground gainer, picking up 41 yards on eight carries. Carlos Clark contributed 27 yards on nine carries. Lemons completed 8-of-24 passes for 128 yards. Life doesn't get much easier for the Tigers, who travel to Dearborn Fordson Friday to take on the Tractors.

UNDERWOOD

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 od toward the beginning of his sophomore year at Canton. "It was a struggle just walking between classes, especially right before lunch." Along with the fatigue, Underwood was urinating much more than usual and his weight was dropping at an alarming rate. "I weighed right around 100 pounds when I had my sports physical in August of that year," he remembered. "A few weeks later, I had lost about 15 pounds."

WARNING SIGNS

"When we talked to the school nurse about the symptoms, she said it could be diabetes," said Doug Underwood, Ben's father. "When we took him to the doctor, the first thing they did was test his blood sugar. It was so high they said we had to get him to the University of Michigan right away. They told us if it had gotten much higher, he could have went into a coma." The diagnosis: Type 1 juvenile diabetes, a disease that is caused when the body's pancreas stops producing insulin. The treatment: a restricted

diet and a daily regimen of self-delivered shots of insulin to the arm. Underwood's response: incredibly courageous. "At first, he was like, 'Why me?' and 'What did I do to deserve this?'" Doug Underwood said, reflecting on his son's initial reaction to the life-altering diagnosis. "But after we talked to the doctors and we learned more about diabetes, Ben accepted it as part of his life, and he's come through it very well. He can do whatever he wants now. There are no physical restrictions." That is evident by Underwood's flourishing golf skills, which helped the Chiefs compile a solid 8-4 dual-meet record this season. The senior has carded nine-hole rounds consistently around 40, including a career-best 37 Sept. 7 against Salem. **NEARLY PAR-FECT** On Friday, he fired an 87 in the Division 1 district tournament at Whispering Willows Golf Course, qualifying him for next week's regional tourney. "Ben is a very steady, intelligent player," said Canton golf coach Tom Alles. "He has great course-management skills and he is one of our most consistent players."

"He hadn't earned a varsity letter until this year, but he worked very hard to improve his game and become a varsity-calibre player." Underwood has honed his swing at Hilltop Golf Course, the home course for the Chiefs and the place he has worked the past two summers. On average, he played three to four times a week from June through August. **IF IT'S NOT BROKE...** "I'm constantly tinkering with small things with my swing," Underwood admitted. "But I try not to make too many major changes during the high school golf season. I figure my base swing is pretty good or I wouldn't be playing high school golf, so I don't want to mess with it too much." Underwood's life became relatively easier in August when he was fitted with an insulin pump, a computerized, pager-sized device that eliminates the need for the four-times-a-day insulin shots. Several professional athletes use the pump, including Detroit Tigers pitcher Jason Johnson and professional golfer Scott Verplank. "There is a little IV-like tube that is connected from the

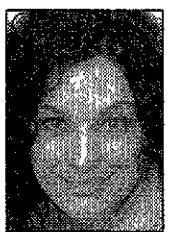
pump to my abdomen," Underwood explained. "Every time I eat, I dial into the pump how many carbohydrates I had. Then the pump delivers the right amount of insulin my body needs. It's a lot easier than getting shots four or five times a day, especially when we go out to eat or when I'm golfing." **WORDS OF WISDOM** What advice would Underwood give to a young athlete like himself who just found out he or she has diabetes? "I'd tell them if they keep up with it and do what the doctors tell them to do, good things will happen," he said. "The most important thing is to stay active and keep doing what you always did." There was a silver-lining to the timing of Underwood's diagnosis. "The doctors told Ben that because he was diagnosed at such a young age, there's a good chance there will be a cure for diabetes in his lifetime," Doug Underwood said. That's great news for someone who's already had one too many life's-not-fair moments. ewright@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2108

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Secret causes rift with friend

I told my best friend a secret about my guy friend. The secret was that he was adopted, and my mom said never to mention it in front of him in case he didn't know. Well, my best friend asked him (And yes, he did know). Now she doesn't get that I'm furious at her because she asked him. He's my oldest friend, and she's only talked to him a few weeks and she's acting as though she's closer to him than I am. I was never supposed to even talk about it. Should I be angry? Confidential in Canton, 16

First of all, you should be mad at yourself for sharing personal information about your oldest and best guy friend, especially, regarding adoption. What if he didn't know? You need to think about why you told your other friend about his adoption. Did you want to feel like you knew more about him? Are you feeling some jealousy surrounding their relationship? Remember you told the secret first and she was just clarifying it. I do think you should talk with her about how this has turned out. Be honest with her and admit you shouldn't have told her in the first place, but she shouldn't have confronted him. What if he didn't know?

I just found out that my best friend since first grade has been going behind my back and dating the guy that I like! I'm so mad and hurt that I don't know if I can ever talk with her again. Feeling Betrayed in Redford, 16

What kind of best friend goes after the guy that you like? You need to sit and have a long talk about why there has been a breakdown in trust and communication. If you value her friendship and want to work through this, you are going to have to be honest when communicating that she has hurt you and you are angry. It will take time to get over this and move on, but you will get through it as long as you let it go! Before you talk with her make sure you think out exactly what and how you want to express how you're feeling. I am sure she will be receptive and feel awful that she has hurt you!

My problem is that I'm a first generation U.S.A. citizen, the rest of my family being from the Middle East. I'm 18 years old and at the point in my life where I feel I need to get away from my family. Cut the umbilical metaphorically speaking, by deciding to move to a city 14 hours away. I have friends in the vicinity, and have in essence made every necessary arrangement, from a job to living places, etc. My problem is my parents, they don't seem to think it is real and have forbid me to move away. I don't know what to say to them anymore. Lifting the Anchor in Livonia, 18

This must be a very difficult time for you and your family. I understand your need to break free and become an independent adult, but you need to figure out how to communicate your needs to your family. Let them know that you need to do this for yourself and if it wasn't supposed to happen this way. It wouldn't have come together so easy, such as getting a job, a place to live and you already having friends in the area. Have them come visit you as soon as you get settled, so they feel more comfortable knowing exactly who you're living with and where you are living. Show them that this is the life that meant for you. If they are still upset, then you must follow your heart and do what is best for you, they will come around! Good luck!

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kindergartners Jacob Villacorta, Matthew Donehue, and Billy Peralta listen to Marybeth Dillon-Butler talk about healthy eating and fitness.

Myrtle the hurdler

Turtle teaches children to eat well and exercise

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

When Marybeth Dillon-Butler takes on a challenge, nothing can stop her from reaching the goal. She's kind of like the character in her children's book, Myrtle the turtle doesn't quit jumping hurdles until she's won the race.

Dillon-Butler isn't about to stop promoting healthy eating and nutrition until the epidemic of obesity in children ends. Since Myrtle the Hurdler and Her Pink and Purple, Polka-Dotted Girdle was released this summer, Dillon-Butler's run a marathon from school to school to present the facts.

In the book, Myrtle overeats until she's out of shape. A friend suggests the girdle but it isn't until Coach Davey asks her to run 100-meter hurdles that she begins to lose weight. As Myrtle trains, her craving for candy bars is replaced by veggies that "tasted better than ever."

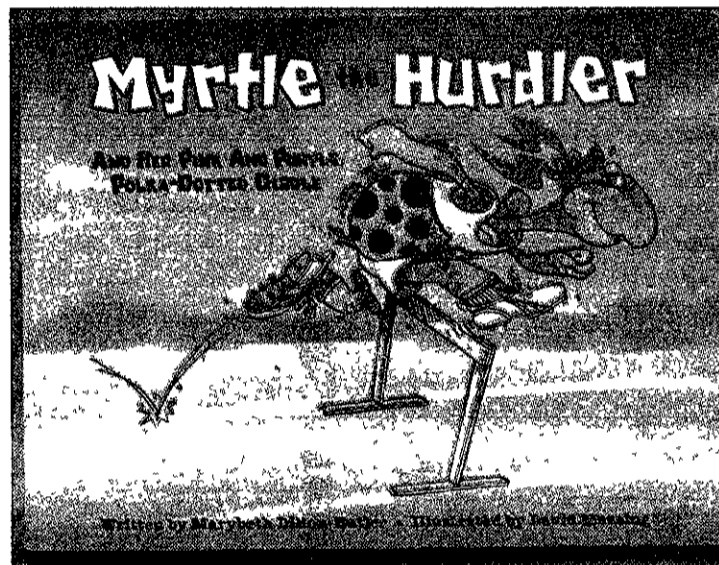
"I wanted it to not only be fun but focus on nutrition and exercise to prevent obesity

and eating disorders," said Dillon-Butler, a Livonia resident. "In the presentations I show a photo of tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams so kids know they don't need to be toothpick thin, why it's smart to eat lots of fruits and vegetables. First I read the book and then talk about nutrients, the dangers of sugar. Healthy eating habits need to be established when young."

MARATHON RUNNER

Dillon-Butler didn't start running until after graduating from Our Lady of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills but hoped to run at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor until learning there was no women's cross country or track team. At age 51, she's completed 35 marathons, hundreds of half-marathons and several times crossed the finish line first.

"The book is a product of a lot of life experience, dragging myself out to run and finding I ended up with an extra two hours of energy I didn't have," said Dillon-Butler. "The book teaches children to take care



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Myrtle the Hurdler is Marybeth Dillon-Butler's first book.

of their body, and about empowerment. Lasting happiness does not come from scoring high on a video game. It comes from pushing ourselves to keep fit and exercise."

David Messing related to Myrtle the first time he read the story. In grade school, he was the heaviest child on the playground. Dillon-Butler didn't know that when she asked him to illustrate the book. She knew about Art 101 in Livonia because her nephew takes lessons there. When she went in to find out if owner Scott Messing would be interested in doing the drawings, he recommended his father, who teaches one night a week at the business formerly owned and run by

David for 25 years as Art Store and More.

Dillon-Butler remembers David Messing from the early 1980s when he was writing a column for the *Observer Newspapers*. She was the Farmington reporter who went on to win awards while editing the Canton newspaper. She left in 1997 to raise her children, Maureen and Sean, with husband Patrick but continues to freelance stories for Hour Detroit and Metro Parent magazines among others.

Dave Messing drew his first cartoon 40 years ago so sketching Myrtle was easy for the 57-year-old Livonia resident. Messing's worked many years in the art field creating



David Messing

everything from sets for the North American Auto Show and films such as Hoffa to covers for Sports Illustrated and print advertising for Ford, General Motors and Chrysler.

Messing colored the illustrations on computer after sketching them on paper then scanning them into the system. He laughs now about spending eight hours to put pink socks on every drawing of Myrtle, but at the time it was a lot of work to honor Dillon-Butler's request.

'FEELING FOR TRACK'

"I walk three miles at the track at Emerson Middle School every morning so I had a feeling for track even though I don't run track," said Dave Messing. "Marybeth gave me a ton of freedom. I can draw Myrtle 15 different ways, but she ended up with pigtails and a pink and purple, polka-

PLEASE SEE TURTLE, C3

If they call, this Plymouth High School grad will be there

When Peggy Wingard, one of my classmates at Plymouth High School, called and asked me to join a group in the early stages of planning our 50th class reunion, I was, for some reason, reluctant.

"I haven't seen these people in half a century, why would I want to get together with a group of old people I no longer know?" I said to friends, family and anyone who would listen. It was pointed out (sometimes with thinly disguised sarcasm) that I am the same age and if they are "old," so am I. "Besides," they said, "you'll have fun. Just do it."

So I did it and it was fun. I'll always remember the meeting when Peg couldn't find her glasses. We were meeting in the home of Terry West, our reunion treasurer. His little dog had removed Peg's glasses from her purse on the floor beside her and was using them as a chew toy



Glenn Merillat

underneath the table. Or reminiscing with Chuck VanVleck, our reunion secretary and my chauffeur to the meetings at Terry's, about our school days, life in Plymouth and his years as a firefighter. He was there when the old Penniman Allen theater burned.

Or the night when Lee Juve and Geoff Hubble, sure that they'd entered Terry's house only to be confronted by one of Terry's neighbors. I guess their hasty exit rivaled their high school track days.

And so it went, meetings and plans that took the better part of a year. With a suddenness that surprised us all, the big day had arrived. Class members from



Observer writer Glenn Merillat recently attended the 50th reunion of her graduation from the old Plymouth High School.

California, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Arizona — all over the U.S. and Canada — arrived at the Hilton Garden on Sheldon Road.

"You haven't changed a bit!" could be heard over and over again. Funny, I don't recall having gray hair in high school. I told Jane Nulty she looked just like her mother,

who was a lovely lady, but she said no, she looked more like her grandmother. It was great to see her after 50 years no matter who she looked like.

Wayne Smith, our senior class president and my playmate when we were about 9, told us in his opening remarks he had always enjoyed his school days and had anticipat-

ed each day with its promise of learning something new.

At some point in the evening, Wayne returned to the podium and I discovered why he had been racing around the banquet room placing bingo cards and pencils on each table, with the exception of the reunion committee table. We were going to play "Surprise Bingo." Whoever filled their bingo card first would receive a surprise if they leaped to their feet and shouted "Class of '55!"

Not playing, and facing the tables filled with heads intently bent over bingo cards, no one was more surprised than I when Wayne called the last number and the entire class was on its feet shouting, "Class of '55!" "That's your surprise," Wayne said.

Two of our high school teachers joined us, Fred Nelson, longtime music

PLEASE SEE GRAD, C3

Benefit celebrates hospice

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

As Clare McAuliffe's husband Jack lay dying of lung cancer, she was in desperate need of support. The hospice movement was relatively unheard of 20 years ago but the Livonia resident had read about end-of-life care and reached out to Sister Mary Giovanni. The Felician nun had just begun to offer in-home patient care after founding Angela Hospice in Livonia.

McAuliffe had raised nine children by the time her husband took ill, but had no idea of how to care for him during the three-month journey from life to death.

On Oct. 16, Sister Giovanni, McAuliffe and the rest of the volunteers, staff and supporters of Angela Hospice celebrate two decades of compassionate service at the Light Up a Life benefit to raise money for programs to assist terminally ill patients and their families. The event begins at 4 p.m. with a silent auction and music by the Steve Wood Jazz Duo followed at 6 p.m. by dinner, a live auction, and music by the Grace Notes Quintet at Laurel Manor Special Events Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. One of the highlights of the evening is sure to be the chocolate fountain.

Tickets are \$75 and available by calling (734) 953-6018.

"Sister was spiritual support," said Clare McAuliffe, 73. "The emotional support was the most important, being able to talk with someone, to have that voice on the other end of the phone to be available 24 hours a day."

McAuliffe was grateful for the support not only while Jack was dying but as she grieved afterward. When Sister Giovanni called to ask her help in addressing envelopes, McAuliffe began volunteering to handle everything from medical records to phone calls. She was often the first person to talk with patients or their families. After 10 years as an admissions counselor, the 73-year old Livonia resident retired seven years ago but continues to volunteer and serve on the ethics committee.

"Here staff is almost like family," said McAuliffe. "There's laughter because it's part of life. Death is only one moment. We have music, a soup night, family dinner night, high tea on Thursday. Just because people are terminally ill, doesn't mean they stop living. It's good to celebrate life."

Sister Giovanni can't say enough about the volunteers who help make Angela Hospice programs possible. Last year, 1,200 patients received services from the nonprofit that



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Hospice staffer Joan McElmeel (left), volunteer Betty White, Sister Mary Giovanni, and volunteer Clare McAuliffe.

offers in-home and in-patient hospice, pediatric and prenatal programs, and bereavement and spiritual care as well as grief support groups for the community.

"I never expected this to be a huge success," said Sister Giovanni. "It's been a journey of faith. We knew God was leading us in a certain direction. It's very humbling to look back on all that's been accomplished."

Sister Giovanni was a registered nurse in charge of the infirmary at the Felician Mother House when the community sent her to a conference in 1974 to hear Dame Cicely Saunders speak. Inspired by the woman who founded the hospice movement and inpatient St. Christopher's Hospice in London, Sister Giovanni returned from Missouri ready to build a facility but it wasn't realized until November 1993.

"After I got my RN degree I could see something was missing, the caring for the physical and spiritual. I wanted lay people to have the same opportunities as the sisters. We started with a two-year grant and now we're up to \$8 million in operational costs."

Betty White began volunteering to help as many of them as she could. Her commitment to answer phones and handle other tasks lasted 18 years.

White, a Plymouth resident, thought she had a lot to offer after caring for her husband, a bed-ridden stroke patient. It was during this time she learned how to bathe a patient in bed and care for him or her.

"I had been through it," said White, 86. "No matter how good you take care of them, you lose them a little every day. To have somebody say, 'yes, you're doing good' meant a lot. We helped them get through it."

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Ask questions, visit college before making a choice

If you are a gambler, you may want to send your son or daughter to a university or college without a visit.

However, with the current cost of tuition it is probably wise to find out as much as you can about the college or university in the dreams of your young person. You need to make a visit for several reasons.

Four years of a post-adolescent's life is a crucial time for moral, mental and emotional development. In addition, two of my five children found their outstanding spouses in college - and one found her wonderful husband during graduate study!

While I don't agree with Brian Greenberg, a CPA and certified college planning specialist, that "The only thing that matters is 'will this school provide me with the tools I need to survive after graduation'" (I assume he is referring to a job), I am sure you are thinking he has a point. Especially, if you are planning to invest upwards to a quarter of a million dollars in your son's or daughter's education.

What is important? My daughter-in-law, who has successfully accompanied three children to many colleges and universities in the East and Midwest, says, "The colleges are obviously putting their best foot forward; student guides and professors are primed to make a fine impression. It is often hard to obtain accurate information." She suggests the following:

1. Have your student ask the high school guidance counselor for names of students from their high school or in your community who attend the college or university. Have your student talk to them. Often this will get a "straight story."
2. Spend a night at the college or university and attend a class to see if your student feels



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comfortable. This affords an opportunity to ask more questions.

3. Visit during high school spring break in order to see the campus in action and talk to students. Take a good look at students. Are these the kind of people with whom your adolescent will want to spend time?

4. Ask questions that really matter: What is the social life like? How is the food? Are the professors friendly and accessible? How much homework is given? What kind of projects are required? What are the sizes of the classes? Are the students friendly? Do they leave on weekends? (If so, this is a good indication that there is not an engaging extracurricular or sport life at the college.)

Greenberg (brian@greenbergcpa.com or (856) 596-7800) has two excellent questions that I would put on a list:

1. Do students apply what they are learning in class to real-life settings through internships and community service?
2. Do students participate in honors courses, learning communities, and work with a faculty member on a research project?

With five undergraduate degrees and several graduate degree certificates lining the walls in my kids' homes, I believe these months of decision making are of crucial importance. As the then-principal of Seaholm High School, Dr. Helene Mills, said to me about Michigan State University, "Your son will be

well-counseled at State." This came after raised voices from three siblings who were attending the University of Michigan. Another son left a small denominational college saying, "I can't even find *The New York Times* in this town."

Two of my children rejected Cornell, their parents' alma mater, because it was "too far away" and "the professors are unfriendly." My son who graduated from MSU had a fabulous experience and invited his favorite professors to his wedding!

Make college visits and try to ask your most important questions. Don't forget that high school counselors know a great deal and can be very helpful. The effort you make now will pay off a thousand-fold.

If you missed previous columns, you can access them at www.hometownlife.com/Livonia/News.asp. Type "Alice R. McCarthy" under "Keyword Search" for a list of her most recent columns. Columns, written weekly, remain only a short time on this site. All of her columns for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* are on www.bridge-comm.com.

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teacher who led us in singing our class song and fight song ("smash right through that line you Blue, watch the points keep growing...") and John McFall, athletic coach of so many in the room. He was there with his wife, who delighted us when she stood up and told us, "John was really a big wuss." She received a roar of laughter from those who remember John McFall as a fair but very tough coach.

At some point in the evening, everyone who had attended school from kindergarten through 12th grade gathered for a group picture. Many more than I would have thought stood there saying "cheese" into the flashing camera.

In the days following the reunion, I have had time to reflect on my school years.

As Wayne said that night, he was born in Plymouth Hospital on Main Street (as I was), just a block from the only school building we ever new. It was 1942. At the reunion, I heard people asking, "Were you in Miss Hadley's class?" and "What was our fifth-grade teacher's name?" Junior high quickly followed elementary school and then we were true high school students, looking down on those young inexperienced junior high kids. All too soon we were wearing caps and gowns and marching two-by-two down the aisle in the gymnasium to strains of *Pomp and Circumstance*, which may or may not have been played by Fred Nelson.

And that, I think, is what brought people back for this reunion. The bond of having grown up together in a small town and in a quieter, more predictable time. A time when we played outside until dark and no one worried about us. A time when you asked permission to use the one phone in the house. A time when the second World War was fresh in the memory and we knew, just knew, there would be no more conflict in the world. A time of peace and a sense of new beginnings.

There was a suggestion that we meet again in five years.

If they call me, I will come.

Glenny Merillat is a creative services manager at the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. She lives in the city of Plymouth.

Church will host icon

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Christian Church has been chosen to house the early 19th century Sitka Icon of the Mother of God on Wednesday-Thursday, Oct. 5-6, at 36075 W. 7 Mile, Livonia. The parish is one of 64 Orthodox Christian churches to host the icon as its taken on its first pilgrimage throughout the U.S.

The priceless image was commissioned more than 150 years ago for the Archangel Michael Cathedral in Sitka, a small seaside town on the outer coast of Alaska's Inside Passage. Vladimir Borovikovsky, a leading Russian painter of that time, is said to have created the beloved work of art.

In 1966, a fire destroyed the original cathedral, but the icon remained unscathed.

An Akathist (a special, lively service) will be celebrated at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, and a Divine Liturgy (the main liturgy of the Orthodox church) at 9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 6.

For more information, call (248) 476-3432.

TURTLE

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dotted girdle. It takes a long time to develop 28 to 30 cartoons, a couple of months, about a year and a half before it was on bookstore shelves."

Myrtle was a book 20 years in the making for Dillon-Butler who had written children's stories before but never had any success publishing them. Then she heard about First Page Publications in Livonia and decided to self-publish with the company which provides marketing services. Myrtle Hurdler is available in major book stores, Running Fit stores, on the Web site

www.amazon.com, from First Page at (800) 343-3034, or from the author at (734) 751-2645.

EDUCATIONAL ROLE

Institutions interested in preventing obesity in children have taken note as well. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services purchased 50 copies for children on Indian reservations, and a Chicago elementary school principal ordered 25 books, one for each of her classrooms. In March, Dillon-Butler's been invited to speak at the Michigan Reading Association's 50th annual conference at Cobo Hall. One of the reasons she wrote the book

was to promote reading.

"To be successful in life, children must be good readers," said Dillon-Butler. It opens the door to success."

For more information about school presentations, call Marybeth Dillon at (734) 751-2645. For a sneak peak at Myrtle the Hurdler, go to amazon.com and click on children's books.

A portion of sales go to a special fund at the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in her brother's name. Dillon-Butler writes in the introduction that John Dillon is the bravest, strongest hurdler she knows. John underwent a stem cell transplant in 2002 to battle leukemia.

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 at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at www.plymouthlibrary.org

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2. "Chill Factor," Sandra Brown
3. "The Historian," Elizabeth Kostova
4. "Thud," Terry Pratchett
5. "The Widow of the South," Robert Hicks

NON-FICTION

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- Bishop Borgess**
Class of 1985
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- Central High**
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A 30-year reunion is in the planning stages. Contact Bob Sheets (248) 437-9131, BKS1957@aol.com; Cori Cann (Barach) (248) 960-8910, canlady441@comcast.net; Tim Preville (248) 478-0212, tpreville@hotmail.com; or Barb Resetar (Hill) (248) 478-2004, babs357@sbcglobal.net.
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A 20-year reunion is planned for 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 25, 2005, at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn. For information, send e-mail to Crestwoods1985@aol.com or call (248) 842-0510.
- Denby High School**
Class of 1975
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005, at Zuccaro's Holiday House, 20400 South Nunnéley (S.W. corner of Metro Parkway and Groesbeck), Clinton Township. (586) 791-7760. Cocktails at 6:30, strolling dinner from 7:30-9:30, DJ. Attire: after five - no jeans. Send check to Linda Bahr, 632 Lochmoor Blvd., Grosse pointe

- Woods, MI 48236. For information, call (313) 881-0920.
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A 40-year reunion is planned for Oct. 22, 2005. For more information, call Nancy (Horn) Catalogna at (248) 332-7438 or e-mail: toBbytheC@msn.com.
Class of 1955
An early fall reunion is planned for graduates of Denby High School-Detroit. ASAP (248) 349-6354.
Class of 1956
Jan., June & Summer School 1956 is seeking graduates for 50th year Golden Jubilee Reunion, in the fall of 2006. Contact Doreen (McClennan) Weber at dajweb@juno.com or Jerry Love at (586) 739-3840.
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Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion will be Oct. 15, 2005, at the Greektown Casino in Detroit. Tickets are \$50. For more information call (810) 227-7167.
- Edsel Ford High School**
A 50th anniversary will be held over the next year with a series of special events. Festivities begin this fall with a "tailgate" reception in the cafeteria prior to the school's Homecoming game on Friday, Oct. 7. Final activity will be a "Black and White Ball" on Saturday, May 20, 2006. About the activities
www.geocities.com/edse150th. To contact the committee email edse150@gmail.com.
- Franklin High School**
Class of 1975
A 30-year reunion is planned for Nov. 26, 2005, in Livonia. Please update address or send inquiries to: livfhs1975@yahoo.com
Class of 1969
Is planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.
- Grosse Pointe North**
Class of 1991
Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylor-reunions.com or e-mail: info@taylor-reunions.com.
- John Glenn High School**
Class of 1985
A 20-year reunion is planned for Oct. 28, 2005, at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. For more information call Tracy Dunsmore at (734) 394-0429 or

- tracy1420@wideopenwest.com or http://jghs1985.tripod.com.
- Livonia Bentley**
Class of 1970
A 35-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, (grounds of former Bentley High School) 15100 Hubbard Road, Livonia. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. \$30/person. Contact Vicki (Sneath) Lawrence at vicki0850@sbcglobal.net or (248) 380-0121.
- Livonia Franklin**
Class of 1969
A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363-5679. or Email: Kaynini@aol.com.
- Melvindale High School**
Class of 1965 is hosting an "all class reunion" on Oct. 8, 2005. Contact Kathy Baiocco at (248) 476-5057 or email www.mhsreunion.info.
- Novi High School**
Class of 1985
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- Oak Park High School**
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A 30-year reunion will be Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, at Burton Manor in Livonia. Contact Alyse Cash Hydell at Alysehydell@hotmail.com.
- St. Francis de Sales**
Class of 1965
A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005, at AMVETS Memorial Hall on Merriman Road in Westland. Also invited are classes 1964 and 1966. contact Pat (Leach) Stoll at (248) 471-9241 or email: rarie50@hotmail.com.
- St. Ladislaus High School**
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A 50-year reunion is planned for Oct. 16, 2005. Contact Joan at (248) 471-5315 of Jean (248) 446-0112.
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10 a.m. Saturdays Bike rides are geared toward the tourist-level rider, however all ability levels are welcome. Helmets mandatory.

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■ P.A.C.S. - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays in Room C309.
■ Praying Together - 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church.
■ Learner's - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in Room A101.

Showcase
Friday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m. - Singer and song writer, Mark Schultz, will be in concert in Ward's Sanctuary. Tickets \$10. Pre-concert dinners for singles 6 p.m. in Parlor C317, \$5 in advance. Free child care provided.

Thinking Remarriage
"Rethinking Marriage When Thinking Remarriage" Workshop ... 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 8. Presented by Paul and Cathy Clough, \$5 at the door includes workshop material and continental breakfast.

Crosstalk ... New
Friday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in Knox Hall. Rev. Paul Clough will be discussing an issue in a current news article from a Christian perspective in a secular world. Open discussion. Free child care.

Third Friday
Friday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m. Bowling at Superbowl, 45100 Ford Road in Canton. Cost \$13 includes bowling, shoes, pizza and pop. Please supply your own transportation.

Fall Retreat 2005
Oct. 21-23, at Gull Lake Bible and Missionary Conference Center near Kalamazoo. Topic, "The Faithfulness of God: New Every Morning" will be presented by Ellie Lofaro. Cost \$199 cover transportation, accommodations, and all meals.

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Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Grapes are good for your health

Jim from Garden City e-mails asking about the health benefits of red wine for the heart. He's curious about ways to get all of the great benefits without drinking alcohol. Jim, skip the wine glass and go straight to the vine! Eating red grapes or drinking grape juice can also work health wonders. The heart protecting pigments present in wine are also found in plums and blueberries. They work by preventing platelets in the blood from sticking to artery walls, a process which can later lead to heart diseases. Drinking non-alcoholic wine is also effective. In fact, studies show that the pigments found in non-alcoholic wine stay in the bloodstream up to an hour longer than fermented wine. Enjoy!

Joan from Southfield e-mails asking whether it's a good idea to carry weights while doing her daily walking routine.

Joan, weights can help you burn more calories while increasing oxygen consumption and your heart rate. At the same time they can also help to build muscle. But, while carrying weights does have its benefits, there are also many guidelines you should follow: 1) Purchase weights made especially for walking (they have special grips). 2) Begin with one-pound weights, then work your way up to about three pounds (never go over three pounds because it can hurt your shoulders). 3) Start by swinging your arms to chest level, while walking in a controlled motion. 4) Try wearing a weight vest with additional weight as an alternative to hand weights. 5) Finally, never wear ankle weights during walking. They can hurt your knees and actually force you to take a step backward as you walk forward toward your health goals!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

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Talk therapy

Psychologist uses unorthodox approach to mental disorders

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

An underlying sadness plagued Dr. Charmaine Schulman. For 20 years, the psychologist known as "Charli" was able to help patients overcome mental disorders yet there was something amiss in her own life. Then in the early 1990s depression left her unable to do more than drag herself to a psychiatrist five days a week and return to bed.

"It was my norm," said Schulman. "As an adult I heard people say I had so much fun. I would say that was nice or pleasant. I decided my definition was something different. I don't know if I was expecting the thrill of a roller coaster ride. Then I became sadder and sadder. Socially, I would make a commitment then didn't want to go. People with emotional imbalance become great actors and superb liars. I can't tell you how many family emergencies I had. If I did go I was most often the belle of the ball because I could act."

BLACK HOLE

Schulman felt like she was in a black hole the rest of the time.

There's a difference between being depressed and having depression. Everyone has "blue days" but when Schulman's behaviors changed she knew there was a problem. She started to cry frequently for no reason. Schulman vowed to either die or find a

way back. Her participation in a self-help group led to the discovery of a method combining the cognitive behavioral therapy and personal training techniques she now uses to coach clients suffering from depression, anxiety and panic disorders. Schulman refuses to call them patients as the term produces an image of someone with a serious illness. She believes, "if they work very hard and are in charge of handling this disorder," the client eventually becomes self empowered.

Schulman's personal life-coaching method is unorthodox. Instead of a couch, she uses the telephone to set clients at ease. Without the ability to read their body language, she must listen closely to pick up deep breathing patterns or rapid speech. Schulman makes herself available 24 hours a day so clients can call when they feel themselves faltering. For more information about the self-help method, visit www.personal-lifecoach.com or call (248) 647-9624.

NO BLAME GAME

"The goal is not to play the blame game," said Schulman. "The past brings pain and you can't unring a bell. The future is fearful. Keep in the moment. The goal is to make you symptom free. Step out of your comfort zone a little bit at a time. You need to applaud yourself. Applause says you are worthy, capable."

One of the reasons Schulman decided to go public with her illness was to remove the stigma attached to mental illness. While the phone provides a safe environment for clients it also enables them to hide the sessions from employers and family members.

"There's a stigma to anything mental," said Schulman. "We can't relate to anything mental. We can relate to diabetes, heart disease but unless you've walked that path you can't relate to that."

"I form a partnership with clients. I share a lot of me during sessions. I use



Dr. Charmaine 'Charli' Schulman coaches clients by phone. The Birmingham psychologist combines cognitive behavioral therapy and personal training techniques to help clients suffering from depression, anxiety and panic disorders.

a simple method but it's not that easy when you're in discomfort."

According to the University of Michigan Depression Center, 18 million adults in the United States are affected by the disorder annually. In order to educate people about symptoms and available resources Laura Nitzberg gives a lectures 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, in the Ann Arbor Public Library's Multi-Purpose Room, 343 S. Fifth. For more information, call (734) 763-7495.

Afterward, participants receive a free confidential screening for depression with individualized feedback from a health care provider.

Nitzberg, a senior clinical social worker in the department of psychiatry at the University of Michigan Health System's Depression Center, uses psychotherapy to help patients, couples and families.

The U-M Depression Center, created in 2001, offers free family educa-

tional workshops 6-8 p.m. Oct. 5, and on the first Wednesday of every month in the Commonwealth Building, 2001 Commonwealth Blvd. off of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor.

Support groups for persons with depression and mood disorders, adolescents and college-age persons with depression and bipolar illness, and family members meet 7-8:15 p.m. Oct. 19, and on the third Wednesday of every month in the same location. Call (734) 764-0267 or visit www.depressioncenter.org.

LOTS OF INFORMATION

"I urge people to go on the Web site," said Nitzberg. "There is lots of information about depression and the programs."

"We'll be screening in an attempt to help see if they're in trouble. We're not giving a diagnosis. If it looks like

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Walkers join breast cancer fight Oct. 8

Women and men across metro Detroit will continue Making Strides Against Breast Cancer by raising funds during the American Cancer Society's 8th annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Belle Isle in Detroit.

Registration for the 3.5 mile noncompetitive walk begins at 7:30 a.m. Anyone

interested in joining the fight against breast cancer and participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk as a walker or a volunteer, is encouraged to call (248) 557-5353. Donations may also be made at www.acsevents.org/strides/mi/detroit. For more information anytime, call (800) ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

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Parenting classes
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Red Cross blood drive
8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at St. Thomas A Becket Church, 555 Lilley, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call Marion at (734) 981-3433 or Peggy at (734) 397-8495 for an appointment. The National Bone Marrow Donor Program will be at the drive. donors must be between 18 and 60 years of age and in general good health with no history of cancer, diabetes, heart disease or heart attack. There is a \$25 tax deductible fee to register. The fee will be waived for Spanish, Asian and African Americans. Only a finger prick drop of blood is needed.

Memorial service
For those who have experienced a pregnancy or newborn loss a memorial service will be held 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, in the chapel at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5301 East Huron River Drive. The non-denominational service provides a setting where family and friends, including siblings, can gather to remember their infants who were lost through newborn death or pregnancy losses such as ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage or stillbirth. The service provides a time for healing, praying and sharing with others who have experienced similar losses.

Alzheimer's workshops
Co-sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting a two-part workshop on Alzheimer's 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4 on Family Dynamics, and Tuesday, Oct. 11, on Advanced Dementia: Quality of Life, in the hospital's Auditorium, 34675 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use Five Mile entrance. Pre-registration required for this free workshop. For more information or to register call (734) 655-8950 or (800) 337-3827.

Flu shots
St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer priority flu shots to community members, who meet the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines until Oct. 24. Afterwards, the flu vaccine will be available for all those requesting it. Priority flu vaccinations will be given to persons aged 65 years and older, with and without a chronic health condition, residents of long-term care facilities, persons aged 18-64 with chronic health conditions, pregnant women, health-care personnel who provide direct patient care, household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children aged 6 months. Cost is \$20. Appointments required. Call (734) 655-8950. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. For directions or additional information please visit the Web site www.stmarymercy.org.

Beginning cooking series
Learn to cook whole grains, beans, tofu, tempeh, vegetables and sugar-free desserts, Tuesday, Oct. 4, in Garden City. Class is \$30. Call (734) 261-2856.

Recovery Inc.
The mental health support group meets 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, the group meets every Friday, in the Southfield Parks & Recreation Building on Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile. For more information, call (734) 464-0027.

Flu shots available at several area sites

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that "priority groups" who are at high risk for getting the flu be vaccinated prior to Oct. 24 and that generally healthy individuals wait until Oct. 24.

The CDC defines priority groups as:

- people aged 65 years and older, with and without chronic health conditions
- residents of long-term care facilities
- people aged 2-64 years with chronic health conditions
- children aged 6-23 months
- pregnant women
- health-care personnel who provide direct patient care
- household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children less than 6 months of age

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan will be at the following area locations this flu season. A complete listing can be found on the organization's Web site at www.vna.org and weekly listings are available by calling (800) 296-8660.

9 a.m. to noon, Oct. 12 - Redford Community Senior Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford

8:30-10:30 a.m. Oct. 15 - Redford Aldersgate Methodist, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 30 -

Our Lady of Loretto, 17116 Olympia, Redford

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 1 - Holiday Market, 520 South Lilley Road, Canton

1-3 p.m. Nov. 5 - Art Van Furniture, 29905 W. 7 Mile, Livonia

9 a.m. to noon Nov. 12 - AAA Insurance, 37383 Six Mile, Livonia

Cost is \$22 per flu shot and \$35 per pneumonia shot. VNA of Southeast Michigan accepts Medicare Part B, HAP, Care Choices, cash or check. Homebound service is also available (service fee applies) by calling Holly Coppiellie, RN, at (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8752.

Clinic locations are subject to change. Individuals are recommended to call the location prior to visiting to verify date and time. Individuals must also bring insurance cards and photo ID at time of vaccination. Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan does not immunize children under 14 years of age, but will vaccinate children ages 14 to 17 with signed parent/guardian approval.

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is the state's largest nonprofit, independent provider of home health care and hospice services, serving Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Livingston and Washtenaw counties.

DEPRESSION

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they're having a problem we tell them they need to see a professional."

Nitzberg invites anyone feeling depressed or family members with concerns about changes in a loved one's sleep patterns, appetite, grooming habits, the ability to function and work, or symptoms such as being irritable, withdrawn or crying to attend the screening and lecture.

"Depression is very common and it's the second most costly illness in the world in terms of loss of time at work," said Nitzberg. "Women are twice as likely to get the disease. There are many factors involved such as hormones, family history, pregnancy and postpartum. Depression hits across the lifespan. There are children we treat. People need to be educated about the illness. Treatments are not always medications, although helpful. There's cognitive behavioral therapy, interpersonal therapy. Here and now therapy works on communication and transition issues in life. Support

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Laura Nitzberg
senior clinical social worker

groups are extremely helpful to family members to recognize they're not alone."

According to figures from St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, 16 percent of Americans will experience depression in their lifetime. In an effort to understand the disorder, Darlene Doute, an adult psychiatric mental health nursing and clinical nurse specialist, presents a lecture 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 21, at the Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main St. Registration is required. Call (248) 349-4140.

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Clues that help decide the reason for the flare include: (1) presence or absence of joint pain elsewhere, (2) if there is fluid in the painful joint, and (3) recent activity on your part that may have strained the joint. The nature of the pain is also helpful. A sudden and intense pain accompanied by fluid, indicates another condition such as injury or gout. A slow but steady increase in pain over several days is in keeping with the inflammation of rheumatoid arthritis.

Despite the most logical thinking, your doctor's conclusion and subsequent action, may not be correct. Therefore, follow up is part of treating a flare. Contact either by phone call or appointment is in order to confirm that the treatment you received achieved the result intended.

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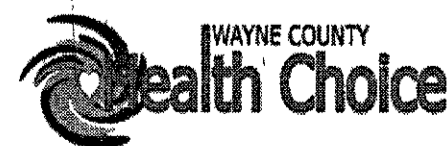
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Do I even have to say it? *Desperate Housewives!*

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Whole Food's coconut macaroons

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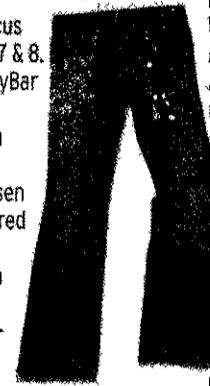
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pink list

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View the Charles Nolan Fall 2005 Collection at the 30th Annual Holiday Tables event to benefit Cranbrook House & Gardens at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5 at Saks Fifth Avenue Somerset Collection. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the designer following the show. Call (248) 643-3149 for more information.
Chocolate Anniversary
Marshall Field's is celebrating its 75th anniversary with three limited-edition chocolates. To commemorate Marshall Field's 75th anniversary, Marshall Field's created a limited Frango mint chocolate package inspired by an original 1929 box. In addition, Marshall Field's will offer a collector's two-pound box of Frango mint chocolates. The 75th anniversary boxes of Frango mint chocolates are available now in stores and online at fields.com or by calling 1.800.5FRANGO.

can be extremely uplifting. Although I am shy about making too loud of a statement, I find with the right shoes and jewelry, I can look pulled together at any time in an instant, with very little effort.

Where are your fave places to shop in metro-Detroit?

Because so much of my time is spent in the Bloomfield Hills district, I love shopping the bargain stores at Square Lake and Telegraph. I also like Loehmann's, Nordstrom Rack for the most amazing selection of shoes, and the little 'bohemian' shops in Royal Oak and Birmingham.

What are you hoping to add to your wardrobe this season?

A girl can never have too many pairs of French earwire earrings for that dressed-up feeling. Maybe I'll look for a new bracelet or two, too!

Do you commit any fashion faux pas?

Perhaps not caring what anyone thinks about the way I dress. Maybe I don't come across the way I think I do.

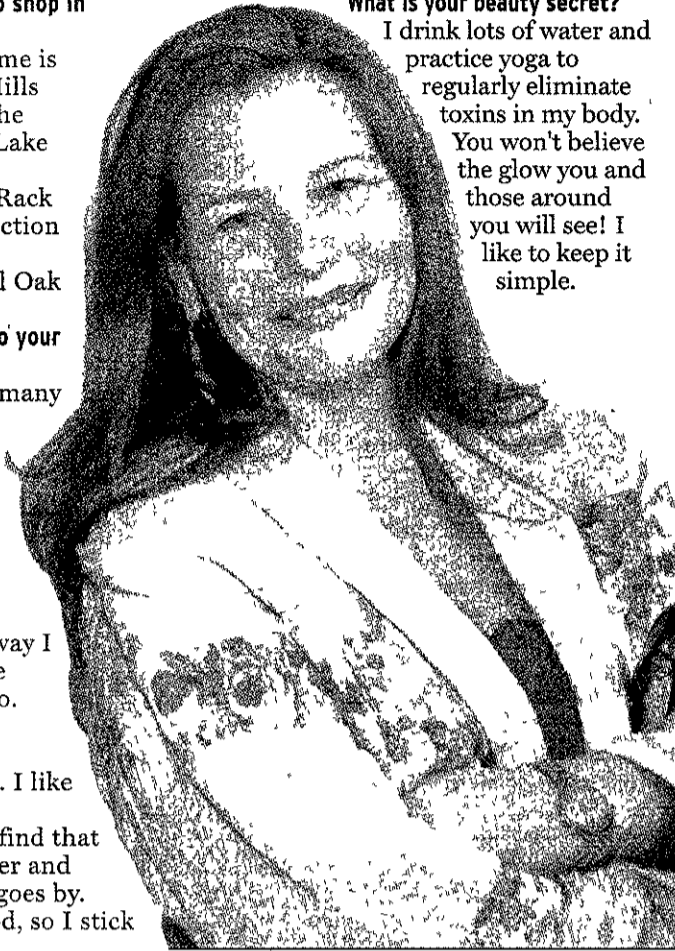
Do you have a signature fragrance?

I love to use essential oils. I like layering almond, sesame, patchouli, nag champa. I find that they all build on each other and work together as the day goes by. People tell me I smell good, so I stick with it!

What is your favourite item in your wardrobe?
An ankle length camel suede skirt. Any time of year, even in the heat of summer, it can be paired with any top and coordinating shoes. I think every girl needs one.

What is your beauty secret?

I drink lots of water and practice yoga to regularly eliminate toxins in my body. You won't believe the glow you and those around you will see! I like to keep it simple.



DAVID REED

profile: Jannell Eagen
Mother of four, artist, yoga teacher

What does style mean to you?

To me style comes from within. It is a natural energy that we each have and exude just by being ourselves. Clothing, our homes, and the different things we surround ourselves with are decorations for our physical body.

How would you describe your style?

My style is a pretty clear reflection of my life and lifestyle. I guess you could call it 'new age gypsy.'

How does your lifestyle reflect your style?

Having four active kids keeps me going in four different directions and makes it seem like our main time together is in the car. Therefore, my Volvo station wagon, along with my purses and bags, are probably the most important items in my repertoire.

Also, dressing in layers allows me to be flexible throughout the day, no matter where I find myself. I start with a good foundation — a supportive tank top, then layer it with a T-shirt, sweater and coat. I keep my yoga mat in the car, as well as a pair of jeans and a belt, so I can be ready for just about anything as long as I have my trusty lipstick, and forgiving sunglasses. Since Michigan can be dark and cold, color is of the utmost importance. I am very particular about certain colors during the seasons of the year. Adding a splash of violet around February, or a new shade of green during the spring



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U.S. soldier in Iraq clicks toward dream career

(NAPSI) — When U.S. Marine Capt. Kimberly Johnson arrived in Iraq, she knew a lack of sleep would be an inherent part of her tour of duty. But it wasn't the gunfire, mortars, airplanes or giant camel spiders that kept her up late at night — it was the Gemological Institute of America's (GIA) School of Business.

While serving an eight-month deployment with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit in 2004, the 29-year-old Johnson was also working toward achieving a dream.

"I've always had a passion for jewelry," she said. "So I decided to get a head start on my next career."

GIA, the world's leading educator to the gem and jewelry industry, made it convenient for Johnson. Through the online learning environment GIA embedded in its School of Business curriculum, she could attend lectures, complete her assignments and participate in classroom discussions — all at the click of her fingertips from across the globe.

"I couldn't have asked for anything better," Johnson said. "I could do the work at my own pace, get instant feedback and move on after I checked my answers."

For more than 70 years, GIA has helped to professionalize the jewelry industry through worldwide education. Known primarily for its renowned gemological training, GIA branched out and opened the world's first jewelry-oriented business school in 2002. The GIA School of Business teaches real-world business skills that apply specifically to the jewelry industry.

The program can be completed online or on campus.

While taking her business courses in

Iraq, Johnson was also learning how to grade diamonds through the Institute's Graduate Gemologist (G.G.) diploma program. Suddenly, she found herself the resident gem and jewelry expert in Iraq.

"People in my squadron would ask me to examine gemstones and give jewelry recommendations," she said. "I was teased about finding diamonds in the desert."

During her time in Iraq, Johnson's unit lost 14 Marines in combat, including an intense battle against members of a radical militia group.

"Losing these Marines was very difficult for us," she recalled. "And GIA was very flexible and supportive during hard times like that. Everybody was absolutely great, and that speaks highly of GIA's staff."

In February 2004, Johnson finished a Diamond Grading and Colored Stone Grading class to complete the practical lab Extension portion of the G.G. diploma program.

"I love being behind a microscope looking at gems," Johnson said. "And GIA has set up an excellent balance between book study and hands-on learning."

So what, exactly, is Capt. Johnson's dream?

"In a perfect world, I would be designing my own jewelry," Johnson says with a smile. She is planning to take the Jewelry Design class at the Institute's Carlsbad world headquarters once her military term ends. The program annually boasts award-winning designers.

For more information about GIA's education services, both online and on campus, call (800) 421-7250, ext. 4001. Visit www.gia.edu or e-mail eduinfo@gia.edu.



Marine Capt. Kimberly Johnson (left) practices grading diamonds using a loupe with GIA instructor Louisa Turner.

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Developer targets Baby Boomers for latest development

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Staying put is the desire of some, while others who still view retirement as a dream are opting for an easier lifestyle that doesn't include cutting the lawn and shoveling snow.

Builders, such as Windmill Homes based in Farmington Hills, are meeting those needs by designing upscale detached condominium communities in peaceful, maintenance-free environments with special amenities including spacious garages and small gardens for those that like to putter.

Bordered by a 22-acre forest preserve off Beck Road in Novi, Windmill Homes has designed Kirkway Place, a 30-unit detached condo community, which has ranch and story and a half

style homes ranging from 2,175 to 2,750 square feet and are priced at \$445,500 and up. Some feature walk-out lower levels, all have decks and three-car garages are available.

Windmill Homes partner Stuart Michaelson said when he learned the 40-acre parcel was on the market, he knew it was the perfect location for Windmill Homes' next project.

"The idea was to create a tranquil community atmosphere where residents can sit on their decks and enjoy the protected area," he said.

And when his attention was drawn to an 100-year-old Butternut tree on the property, he set his sights on "preserving" it in his plans.

A brick wall outlines the complex along Beck Road.

"You feel like you're in a little town in England," Sales Consultant Dianne Hagan said of the complex.

"This is definitely a new way of life."

Hagan said she is very impressed by the special amenities Michaelson includes as standard that other builders would consider extras. Kirkway Place boasts minimum 9-foot coved and tray ceilings, crown molding, granite countertops, wider stairways to the lower level, wood burning fire places, soaking or Jacuzzi tubs and oak flooring in the kitchen, powder room, nook and foyer.

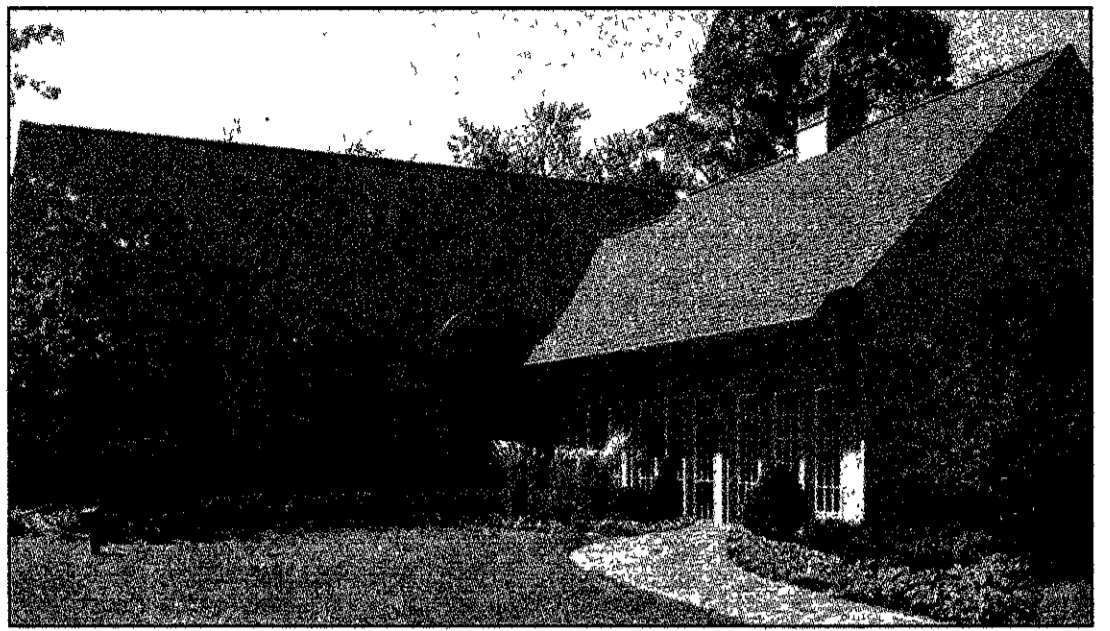
The lower levels are dry walled, painted and prepped for a full bath.

And while buyers are supplied with a basic blueprint, Hagan said Windmill Homes will personalize it to suit their needs. For example, if a customer has no use for a dining room, the walls can be moved to either enlarge another room or create a new space.

When would-be buyers tour the models, Hagan said their enthusiasm sometimes turns to concern as they contemplate leaving their homes.

"Their concern quickly changes to excitement Hagan said, when they realize the garage will no longer be filled with yard maintenance equipment, making way for bicycles and other sports equipment."

Hagan also likes to emphasize the small gar-



dening area for those with a penchant for planting flowers, vegetables or herbs.

Kirkway Place is located about 1.5 miles from I-696, four miles from M-14 and close to Providence Hospital, shopping and entertainment venues.

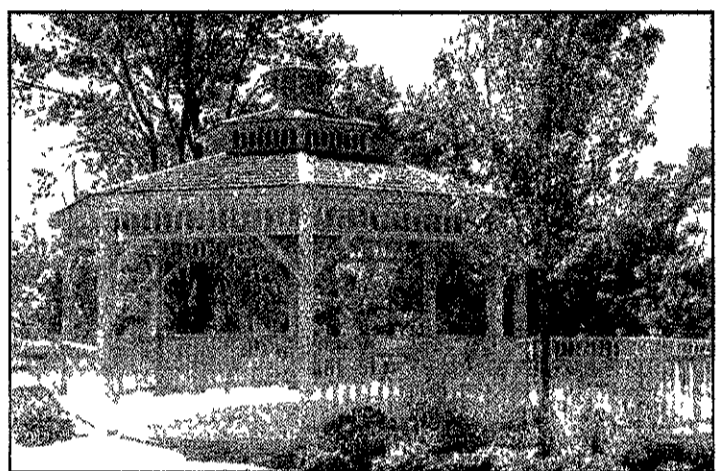
"Buyers get excited when they see how quickly they can get to almost anywhere," she said.

Along with the stone wall and Butternut tree, outdoor amenities include a gazebo that leads to a path through the forest preserve. A water retention pond on each side of the complex fitted with a fountain adds to the aesthetics. Windmills Homes has joint-ventured with Sherr Development in bringing you this fine community.

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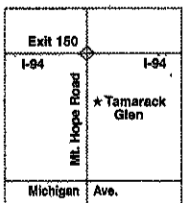
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■ 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3 — "Contact/Time Management" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday, Nov. 4 — Super Leasing Extravaganza seminar at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$69 for Property Management Council members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and \$99 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday,

Nov. 7, or 6-9 p.m. Nov. 10 and 17 and Dec. 1 and 8 — Builder's License Preparation Course at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$200. (248) 862-1033.

■ noon to 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 9 — "Building the Dry Basement" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. Bring your own bag lunch.

■ 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9 — "Land Acquisition and Development in a Changing Market," at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30-4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 9-10 — Seminar on "Essential Closing Strategies" at Charter One Bank, 1250 W. 14 Mile, Troy. Registration fees are \$149 for SMC members, \$169 for BIA

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■ 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 — General Membership meeting and discussion at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$60 for guests.

■ noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 — Roundtable discussion featuring 2005 Remodeler of the Year and industry veteran, Robert Johnson of Johnson Building Company, BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Cost is free to Remodelers Council Members and \$15 for guests. (248) 862-1008.

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■ 8 a.m. noon Tuesday, Nov. 22 — "Budget Management and Cost Control" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$145. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29 — "Quality Construction" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$140 for Remodelers Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry to Partner with Baker College
Building Industry of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) has announced a partnership with Baker College Corporate

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Prudential Great Lakes Realty now offers a state-approved 40 hour pre-license class through its Web site www.prudential-michigan.com. The course is provided by Thomson CompuTaught, a national leader in online real estate training classes.

"Thomson CompuTaught is pleased to be the first to receive approval for an online real estate pre-license course offering individuals in Michigan the convenience of online learning for a successful start in real estate," said Bud Hunsucker, senior vice president and general manager for Thomson CompuTaught, an imprint of Thomson Business and Economics.

The online pre-license real estate course, Salespersons Fundamentals of Real Estate, fulfills Michigan's real estate education requirement, providing 40 hours of real estate training. The online course is custom-designed to cover fundamental real estate topics including contracts, property ownership, finance, as well as Michigan's real estate laws, rules and regulations. After completing the course's 40 hours of lessons, students may take the final exam. Successfully completing the program qualifies would-be real estate professionals to sit

for Michigan's real estate salesperson examination.

Real Estate Expo
More than 1,000 real estate professionals are expected to attend the 5th Annual Realcomp "Tools of the Trade" Expo from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 20 at Ford Field. The event, hosted by Realcomp II Ltd., the state's largest real estate Multiple Listing Service (MLS) provider, is free to Michigan Realtors.

In addition to exhibits from nearly 60 real estate exhibitors, this year's event features a special Dale Carnegie Training® presentation delivered by Dale Carnegie Training® Managing Director Susan Dooley.

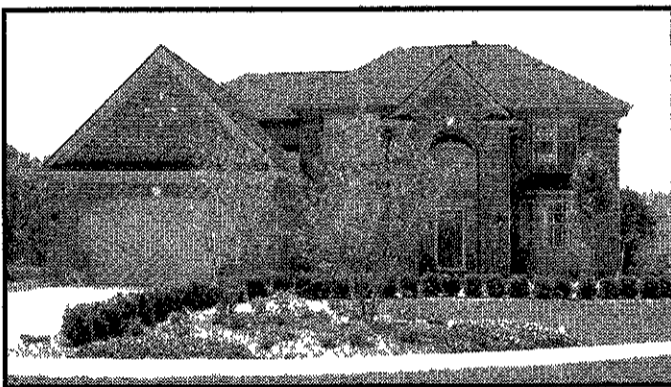
"This year's expo not only enables us to educate and equip Michigan Realtors with the tools to better serve their clients, but affords us an opportunity to do it in a very unique venue," said Karen Kage, CEO of Realcomp II Ltd. "In the competitive real estate industry today, having the knowledge and training for success is the key to staying ahead in the game." Last year's event drew more than 700 real estate professionals.

Attendees will be provided with access to a free cyber café and will be eligible to win prizes, including a free Dale Carnegie Training Course and tickets to a Detroit Lions game. A complimentary lunch will be provided.

To learn more about the 2005 "Tools of the Trade" Expo or to register for the event, visit www.realcompexpo.com.

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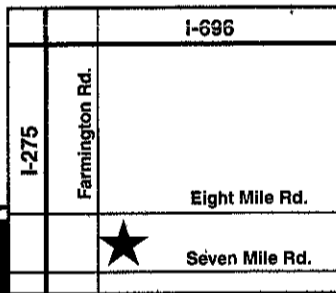


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Realtors have new top exec

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"Dale brings outstanding leadership skills, exceptional knowledge of the real estate industry and proven abilities to the most important job at NAR. We're delighted that Dale will be at NAR's helm in the years to come. No one could be more qualified," said NAR President Al Mansell. Stinton was the unanimous choice of NAR's leadership team.

Stinton joined NAR 24 years ago and became CFO in 1991. He served as acting CEO and executive vice president in 1996 and became CFO/CIO in 1998. In that role his duties include oversight of the association's finances, including its political action committee, RPAC, and its Web site, Realtor.org.

Stinton is a Certified Association Executive (CAE), a certified public accountant (CPA) and a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation. He earned his M.B.A. from DePaul University and his B.S. from Western Illinois University.

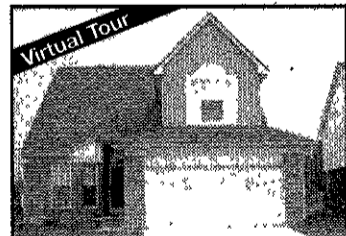
He lives with his wife, Maryann, and his children, Brad, Ashley, and Greg, in Saint Charles, Ill.

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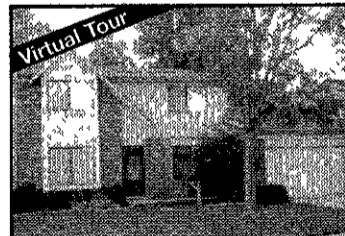
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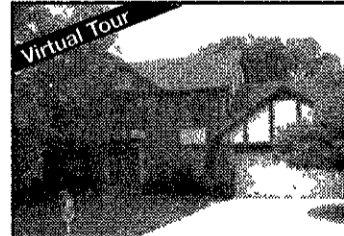
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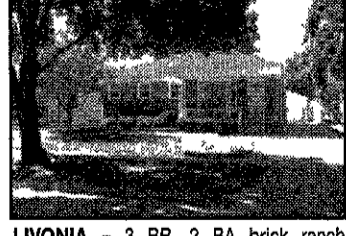
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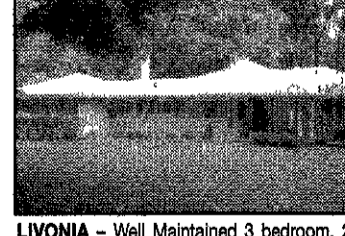
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Location matters most in determining home costs

PRNewswire — What's the difference between La Jolla, Calif., and Killeen, Texas?

About 1,350 miles and \$1.7 million. The annual Coldwell Banker Home Price Comparison Index (HPCI), which is an "apples-to-apples" comparison of homes sold in typical, middle management neighborhoods, found that the seaside community of La Jolla topped the charts at \$1,875 million, while Killeen was the most affordable area at \$131,328.

The HPCI evaluated average home values for a single-family dwelling measuring approximately 2,200 square feet with four bedrooms, two and one-half baths, a family room (or equivalent) and two-car

garage. The snapshot study examined 344 total markets across the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada.

"The HPCI reinforces what we have been saying all year — the real estate market remains strong," said Jim Gillespie, president and chief executive officer of Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corp. "Millions of consumers are on the move, trading up and seeking new opportunities. In fact, the National Association of Realtors predicts that more than 7 million homes will be sold in 2005, making this the top year on record. With the rapid price appreciation we have seen in housing over recent years, the HPCI has become an even more valuable tool. By

helping Americans gauge the value of their home in new markets, it takes some of the guesswork out of the stress of moving."

Gillespie noted that through an enhanced HPCI section on <http://www.coldwellbanker.com>, consumers can calculate what their homes might be worth in other areas and gather preliminary guidance about the affordability of housing from one market to another.

Nine of the country's top 10 most expensive markets are in California. Greenwich, Conn., rounds out the top 10 list. Other high-ticket areas outside of California are along the East Coast.

Among the top 10 most affordable markets, three are in Texas.

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- Property tax assessment. Municipal real property assessors often conduct "blanket assessments" or mass tax appraisals that group statistically similar properties rather than conduct individual physical inspections. Appraisers can not only help a homeowner determine if an assessment is off target, they can supply independent documentation to help the homeowner build a case for appeal.

- Preparation For Sale. Wondering what steps to take to maximize your property's "buyer appeal"? A qualified appraiser can help you anticipate issues of likely concern to prospective buyers so that you can respond appropriately. To learn more, or to find a designated appraiser in your area, visit www.appraisalinstitute.org.



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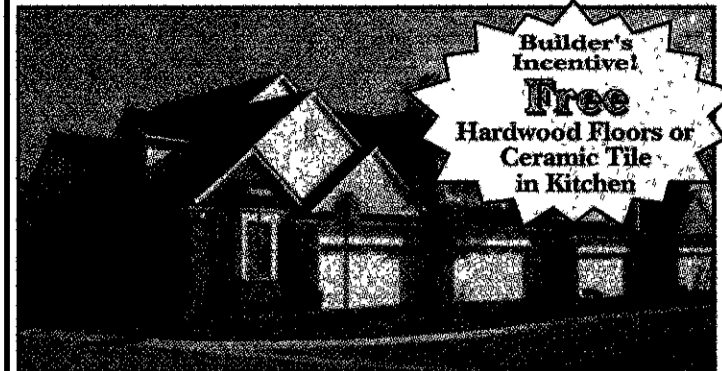
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\$170,000	\$1,019.24

I am looking for a new home. Should I rent or am better off buying? Also, if I buy should I purchase a house or a condo?

There are positives and negatives to both renting and buying. Here are some things to consider as far as renting:

- You are not responsible to pay property taxes. This could save you a few thousand dollars a year.

- If you have a repair problem usually your landlord fixes it and there is no additional cost to you.

- You are usually at your landlord's mercy. If you want to repaint, add a porch, or change something within



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your rented home you often must get the permission of your landlord.

- When you pay your rent, you are paying for the opportunity to live in that home, however, you are not gaining any equity in that home.

Remember than when you buy your home, you are gaining ownership in your house

or condo. When you are renting you are paying your landlord's mortgage and when you buy you are paying your own mortgage.

If you purchase a condo, you don't have to worry about the exterior. This is usually attractive for those people who find it difficult to shovel snow and mow lawns. Often you also don't have to worry about repairs to the roof, which could be costly.

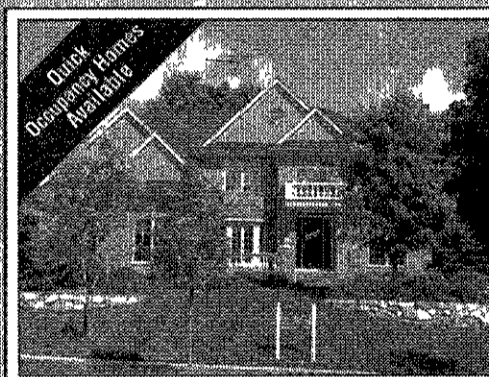
What you must pay though is a monthly association fee to the condo association to do these things for you. The fee can range from anywhere from approximately \$100 a

month to \$800 a month. These days interest rates are so low that the cost of renting and making a mortgage payment is very similar.

Michael Aldouby is a columnist and a Realtor with Real Estate One. He has an MBA with a concentration in marketing. He is happy to answer any real estate questions you may have or to receive any comments about the column. Please feel free to call him at (734) 748-9621 or e-mail him at michaelaldouby@hotmail.com. The views expressed in the column are solely those of the author.

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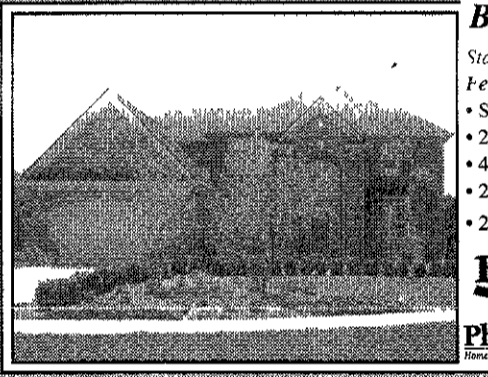
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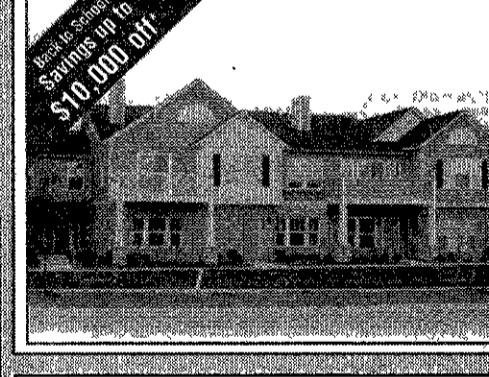
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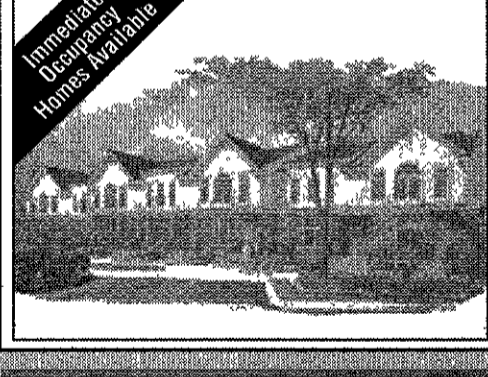
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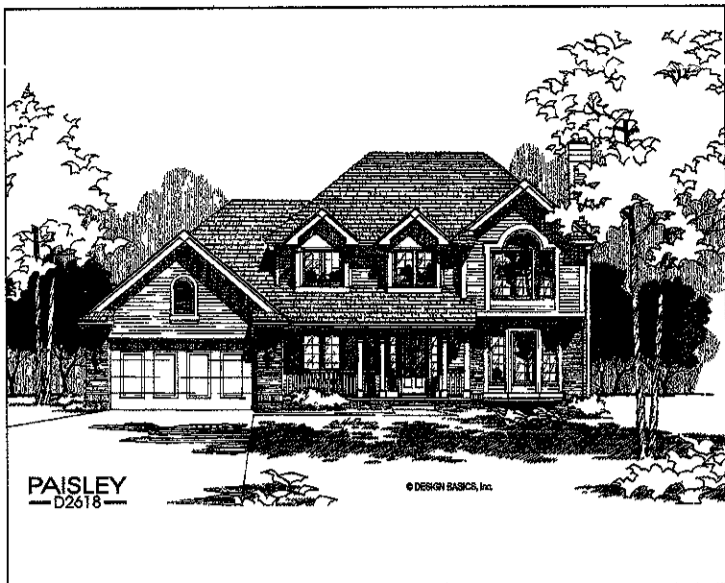
This Paisley exudes quiet elegance

Windows and dormers accent the face of the Paisley (D2618), providing the classic yet elegant look of a traditional two-story home. Columns add to the look of the covered porch. The large bay window provides an eye-catching focal point and finishes off the look of quiet elegance.

Once inside this home, the entry area has access to the dining and living rooms, along with a half bath, and the stairs to the second floor. The formal dining area has a coffered ceiling and such amenities as a built-in hutch and curio cabinet.

Beyond the formal dining area is the open kitchen with the utility room to the left. A door to the backyard along with one to the two-car garage allows entry into the kitchen from two different directions. A sink and large counter is handy for cleanup from working outside.

The L-shaped kitchen has an island containing the cooktop, a garden window over the sink, large counters, a storage closet, along with a pantry. The open-



ness of the kitchen and nook area is accented by the large family room. It has a fireplace that sets on the sidewall, with windows on each side. The large rear window bathes the room with sunlight, giving the feeling of open space. Through a set of French doors is the living room, which enjoys the bay window's extra light and window seat.

Upstairs houses three bedrooms along with the master suite. The vaulted master suite is large and spacious. A door separates the bathroom from the main suite. There is a shower, his and her sinks, and a corner spa tub. Through large sliding doors is an enormous walk-in closet.

Each of the three bedrooms has large wall closets. One of

the rooms faces the front of the home and has a window seat in the dormer area. The other dormer is over the entry and the area is open from floor to ceiling. The bath for the three bedrooms has a tub and two sinks. Also on this floor is a linen closet.

Many optional touches such as a new style of garage door, the many different shapes to the windows, and the combination of wood and brick add to a great look for this two-story home. Interior openness and gracious living areas invite family gatherings.

For a study plan of the PAISLEY (D2618), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, Inc., 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for you dream home (\$5 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at www.ldpians.com. Save 15 percent on construction plans online, mailing, or calling (800) 562-1151.

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