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Canton's olympic stars Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto receive flowers as they enter the party Thursday at the Summit.

## Canton hails its heroes

The Canton community threw its collective arms around conquering heroes Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto during a special ceremony Thursday afternoon at the Summit.

More than 300 American flag-waving people turned out to greet the Olympic silver medalists, who train at Canton's Arctic Edge.

Canton officials, including Supervisor Tom Yack and trustee Karl Zarbo, who helped Belbin obtain her U.S. citizenship prior to the Olympics, took turns honoring the pair, the first Americans to medal in ice dancing in 30 years. The township also honored fellow Olympians Jamie Silverstein and Ryan O'Meara as well as several



Ryan Puvalowski and his mom, Anne, who were among more than 300 people to attend the event, helped sing in the national anthem.

other skaters who train at Arctic Edge.

Because of a flight delay from New York, Belbin and Agosto were about an hour

late for the ceremony, which Yack said turned out to be a good thing. It allowed officials to get the larger than expected crowd in the doors

and situated.

Belbin and Agosto said they were honored and thanked the Canton community for its support. Yack said it is refreshing the two have remained humble despite all the attention they've received.

"I hope they never change. They are modest and approachable. They are like the kids we all wish we could have," he said.

Township officials also announced they have renamed the road leading into Victory Park as Tanith and Ben Avenue. The new signage will be up within a month.

"They put Canton on the map. Millions and millions of people saw and heard Canton because of them," Yack said.

## IKEA sets grand opening June 7

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

A mild winter and absence of construction snafus will mean that the much-awaited Canton IKEA store will open sooner than most anticipated.

"We had said all along that the store would open sometime between Memorial Day and Labor Day," said IKEA spokesman Joseph Roth. "It'll just be closer to Memorial Day."

IKEA, one of the world's leading home furnishings retailers, announced Thursday that its Canton store will open on June 7. IKEA Canton will be the Swedish company's first store and restaurant destination in Michigan, fourth in the Upper Midwest, and 28th in the U.S. (The closest IKEA stores are in the Chicago area and in greater Toronto.)

Because it's expected to be a destination for shoppers throughout the Midwest, it's also expected to bring traffic - lots of traffic. Canton Police Lt. Bob Kerr met Thursday with representatives from law enforcement agencies throughout the region, and was able to get agreements to supply an additional 20 officers per day from outside Canton.

"Everybody's on board with us to help out," Kerr said.

The Michigan State Police will patrol the freeways and help with handling backups if they occur, he said.

Van Buren Township Police Department, Wayne County Sheriff, Plymouth Township Police Department and Northville Township Police Department will send officers on motorcycles and Northville Township will also provide a patrol car, according to Kerr.

"The reason we're bringing in so many motorcycles is we feel they will have more mobility," he said. In addition to patrolling Ford and Haggerty, officers will also patrol the subdivisions north of IKEA.

IKEA has agreed to pay overtime for officers patrolling the area during the first week of its opening.

In addition to the traffic control plan, IKEA has been focused on making sure things run smoothly inside the store.

So far, the company has hired some 300 of the 400 employees who will staff the store. More than 150 have already begun working at the site. The rest will be hired and trained during the upcoming months, Roth said.

"Due to the significant progress made before winter and the accomplishments so far this year, we are confident our remaining milestones and interior buildup process will be complete by early June," said Mark McCaslin, store manager of the future IKEA Canton. "Right now, our primary objective is to continue hiring and training the almost 100 Michiganans who will be joining the IKEA co-worker family before we open."

In preparation for the store's opening, IKEA will be paying for road improvements along northbound I-275, where the ramp to Ford Road will be widened to allow for an additional turn lane. There will also be a deceleration lane added to Ford Road, and the company will pay for signal improvements at Ford and Haggerty.

The practice of paying for improvements that will benefit the company is not unusual, according to Roth.

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## 'Mom ... it's Jill'

Journalist's release ends family's ordeal

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Mary Beth Carroll was expected to be in the Plymouth/Canton area next weekend to visit close friends with whom she used to teach in the Plymouth-Canton school district, as well as friends in Ann Arbor, where she formerly lived.

Instead, the retired Salem High School English teacher is changing her plans - to reunite with her daughter, Jill Carroll, the American journalist released Thursday morning by Iraqi extremists who'd held her hostage since Jan. 7.

"I was sound asleep when the phone rang about 5:15 in the morning," said Mary Beth Carroll, who now lives in suburban



Christian Science Monitor reporter Jill Carroll, kidnapped in Iraq in January and released Thursday, is the daughter of retired Plymouth-Canton teacher Mary Beth Carroll.

## Teen thinks young voice is needed on P-C board

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

As a 2005 graduate of Divine Child High School in Dearborn, Canton resident Brandon Hynes believes the private school

experience is one that will benefit him if elected to the

Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

"I don't feel like the youth of our district are being represented on the current board," said Hynes, 18. "It's about a young voice and a young vision the school board needs."

And, when it comes to diversity on the school board, Hynes believes he's at the top of the list among the eight candidates vying for the two four-year seats

PLEASE SEE HYNES, A5

## School hopeful wants state to step up funding

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

As John Nichols of Canton Township sees it, Lansing lawmakers need to step up when it comes to funding for public education.

"I'm not a supporter of cutting any core value pro-

grams for our kids," said Nichols. "We've cut enough. It's time Lansing helps us out. The money is out there, and it's in somebody's pocket. And, I think it's in the wrong pockets."

Nichols is one of eight candidates vying for the two four-year seats on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education in the May 2 election.

"I have some questions the state needs to answer,"

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PLEASE SEE JILL CARROLL, A4

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**Art camp**

D & M Studios, in cooperation with Canton Leisure Services, presents "Under the Sea," which is the theme for the 16th annual Summer Art Camp Mania.

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Summer art camps will be held at three area locations: D & M Studios at 8691 N. Lilley Road, The Summit at 46000 Summit Parkway, and Frameworks at 833 Penniman Avenue, in Plymouth.

D & M will also be holding a number of Spring Break workshops, which cost \$30 each, the

week of April 17-21.

For more information on the summer art camps, the ceramic workshop, or the Spring Break workshops, please call D & M Studios at (734) 453-3710 or visit the Web site at www.dmart-studio.com.

**Council looking for members**

Canton's Council for Community Excellence is currently looking for new members to help promote and publicize projects that support the vision of excellence for the community as well as acknowledge projects that further enhance the quality of life in the community.

The council meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Canton Township Administration Building in the lower level, and

all meetings are open to the public. Goals discussed at monthly meetings include exploring what other communities are doing to enhance their community, planning an annual awards design excellence program, reviewing Canton's programs and providing recommendations for improvement, and looking for ways to promote excellence in the community.

For more information on the council visit www.canton-mi.org, go to "Quick Links" and click on Community Excellence. For those interested in becoming an active member please call Kris Sanders at (734) 394-5165.

**Strategic meeting**

Van Buren Public Schools officials will hold a long term strategic planning meeting 7 p.m. on

Monday at the Belleville High School Food Service Center, which is located at 555 W. Columbia Avenue in Belleville. Officials will concentrate on goals in four areas: academic achievement, business practices, district growth, and communication.

"We're trying to get a better handle on where the district is going," said district spokesman Paul Henning.

**Relay for Life**

The Canton Chamber Of Commerce hosts a Relay for Life team called "Fishing for a Cure." The team is made up of Canton Chamber members who want to get involved in Relay but cannot (for whatever reason) make the full 24-hour commitment to the event, which will take place May



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**Toon fest**

Orchestra Canton, under the direction of Nan Washburn, will present 'Toon Tunes: Cartoon Music Favorites' 4 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The show features orchestral music that has been featured in popular cartoons. Classical gems like Rossini's Barber of Seville (from 'Bugs Bunny' in 'Rabbit of Seville'), Johann Strauss' Blue Danube Waltz (from 'Daffy Duck,' 'A Corny Concerto') and Edvard Grieg's 'Morning Mood' from Peer Gynt (featured in countless cartoons) will be alongside theme music from cartoons like 'The Pink Panther,' 'The Flintstones' and 'The Jetsons.' Tickets, which can be bought at the theater's box office, are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and \$11 for children. For more, visit www.orchestracanton.org.

20-21 at Heritage Park in Canton.

Members can be part of the chamber team in several ways: You/your company can raise money in the form of cash/checks and/or pledges via the Web site at www.acevents.org/relay/mi/canton; participate in the event by walking; sell or purchase luminaries; sell suns and moons; or just give a donation.

If your company is interested in signing up for the chamber team, call the chamber office at

(734) 453-4503.

**Going away party**

Canton Township trustee Todd Caccamo, who recently re-enlisted in the Marines, will be having a going away party from 7-10 p.m. on April 20 at Bailey's Pub and Grille of Canton, located at 1777 N. Canton Center Road. Caccamo will be deploying to Iraq in the coming weeks. Appetizers provided and cash bar.

Proceeds raised at the event will go to the Canton Police Benevolent Fund and the Canton Firefighter Charity Foundation. These charities help with families of fallen police officers or firefighters, as well as help citizens who have been affected by local tragedy. Suggested donation at the door is \$10-\$20 per person. You pick the charity: either Canton Police Benevolent Fund or the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation. Please send RSVP to Caccamo's e-mail at TCaccamo@aol.com.

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# Woman trapped in ATM during armed robbery

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Canton police have found the car that was stolen from a woman who was locked inside an ATM machine Thursday morning. A \$20,000 reward is being offered for anyone who can help police find the man who robbed the bank and locked her in the machine.

According to police, the woman is a contractor who was servicing the ATM machine at the LaSalle Bank in the 45000 block of Michigan Avenue, near Canton Center.

A man approached her and showed her a handgun before demanding that she open the ATM machine door. Once she did, he told her to pull the machine mechanism out and told her to get inside the machine, and he followed her inside.

"The way an ATM machine works is that when you walk in it, you roll out the machine inside. There's room for maybe three people to stand in it, but it would be crowded," said Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

She then took the machine's money safe out, and put the money into a brown satchel, which the thief had brought with him. He bound her arms and legs with tape. He then got out of the ATM machine and pushed the mechanism back inside, pinning her in the machine. He shut the door and drove away in her vehicle.

An hour and a half later, a customer, who had pulled up to use the ATM machine, heard the woman inside. Police officers responded to the scene, and used the Jaws of Life to extract the woman from the ATM machine.

"She's doing OK, other than the fact that it's pretty traumatic," Pomorski said of the woman. "But she wasn't physically injured."

Police are reviewing surveillance video from the scene, but don't have any clues to who would have robbed the ATM machine in this fashion.

"People steal for a whole host of things," Pomorski said. "But we haven't had any cases that are like this, and there haven't been any in other communities, at least none that we've heard about."

Canton police recovered the woman's car Thursday afternoon. The Ford Escort was found



The victim of the robbery was duct-taped and locked in this ATM where she remained for an hour and a half.

abandoned near Sheldon and Van Born roads. An anonymous donor is offering \$20,000 for information leading to the arrest of the man who committed this crime. The victim described him as a white male in his early 20s, about 5-foot-5 to 5-foot-7 and weighing about 150 pounds. He also had facial hair at the time of the robbery.

Reward information can be obtained at (800) 422-6835, Ext. 4702. Anyone with tips or information on the robbery is asked to call Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

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# Lawyer: Indictment driven by lawsuit

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Former federal prosecutor Richard Convertino and a former State Department official were formally indicted Wednesday on charges they conspired to mislead the jury about evidence in the nation's first terror trial after the 9/11 attacks.

The four-count indictment charges Convertino, who lives in Canton Township and has a private law firm in downtown Plymouth, and Harry Raymond Smith for allegedly misleading the jury in a case that won two convictions, which were later overturned.

Two men were found guilty in June 2003 on terrorism charges; however, the convictions were thrown out after the U.S. Justice Department claimed prosecutors suppressed evidence.



Rick and Valerie Convertino.

The Justice Department has declined comment on the charges, which could land Convertino in prison for up to 30 years and cost him a \$1 million fine if convicted.

Convertino, 44, said the handing down of the indictments "wasn't unexpected, but still a shock."

Convertino continues his claim the indictments stem from his 2004 whistleblower lawsuit against then-Attorney General John Ashcroft, claiming gross incompetence and mismanage-

ment of the war on terror. "There were people in the U.S. Attorney's Office and the FBI in Washington that were of the belief, and I said so, that this is all driven by a lawsuit against Ashcroft," Convertino said. "The fact that a citizen has filed a lawsuit against our government is such a basic right of redress, and to think that in return for that a criminal investigation probe of every professional aspect of my career, and personal corner of my life, is a concept that is simply un-American."

Convertino said there has never been an offer to drop his lawsuit in return for the disappearance of the indictment. But, it has been intimidated.

"People would tell me all the time that this lawsuit would go away," Convertino said. "But, no one in authority at the Department of Justice has ever said it to me."

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## JILL CARROLL

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Chicago. "I quickly thought 'maybe it's Jill,' and didn't have much time to think if it could be good news or bad news. When I answered I heard, 'Mom ... it's Jill.'"

"I can't even tell you what happened after that," Carroll said. "I must have screamed about 10 times and I had to calm down. Jill sounded great, and said she just wants to come home and be with her family."

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Carroll, who taught in the district for 33 years, said there are plans in the works for the family to reunite with Jill soon (for obvious reasons she declined to be more specific). "We just want some privacy and time with Jill," she said.

Carroll said they've had invitations to be on "every possible program" to tell their story of the past three months, but said "Jill will make those decisions."

Jill Carroll, 28, was dropped off near the Iraqi Islamic Party offices before dawn Thursday (local time). Officials there called American authorities. An Italian news agency reported Carroll was taken to an American hospital for a medical checkup.

Carroll, working for *The Christian Science Monitor*, was kidnapped Jan. 7 in a western Baghdad neighborhood on her way to interviewing a Sunni Arab politician. Her translator was killed in the attack.

In a brief interview on Baghdad television, Jill Carroll said, "I was treated well, but I don't know why I was kidnapped."

### TAPED MESSAGES

In two of three videotapes her captors, the Revenge Brigade, threatened to kill her. However, Jill Carroll said, "They never hit me. They never threatened to hit me."

Jill Carroll said she was kept in a furnished room with a window and a shower; however, she didn't know the location where she was being held.

Concerning her release, Jill Carroll said, "They just came to me and said we're going. They didn't tell me what was going on."

Carroll's father, Jim, told the Associated Press he was waiting to learn more about Jill's release before making plans to reunite with his daughter.

"Obviously, we are thrilled and relieved that she has been released," Jim Carroll said. "We want to thank all that have supported and prayed for her. We especially want to thank *The Christian Science Monitor*, who did so much work to keep her image alive in Iraq."

### STAYING STRONG

Mary Beth Carroll said it was the strength of her family and friends that kept her strong throughout the three-month ordeal.

"My mother, who is 84, has been a pillar of strength," Carroll said. "And I felt if (ex-husband) Jim and (daughter) Katie could be strong, then Jill is staying strong because it must be in her genetic stock."

That helped keep me positive. "And there were the e-mails, cards, gifts, prayers and visits from people, all those things kept me positive," she added. "People I haven't talked to in 25 or 30 years contacted me. That's been the wonderful side, renewing those relationships. I'm so grateful we had so much support; most people don't get this."

The kidnapers released three videotapes of Jill Carroll as a hostage. While sometimes they were disturbing, especially one in which Jill was seen crying and pleading, Mary Beth Carroll said she viewed them as positive.

"I just thought 'at least she's alive' and the kidnapers were trying to communicate with us," she said. "In the third tape she looked very well cared for, so I was hopeful. The third tape had a deadline for killing her, but I was confident because I knew she had at least had another two weeks to live. We would worry about the end point later."

When asked if the Carroll family was involved in negotiations to free Jill, Carroll was vague.

"I shouldn't comment on that, right now," Carroll said. "We certainly weren't involved in negotiations that got her out. It's (Jill's release) a mystery to us, a bolt out of the blue."

### MYSTERY RELEASE

Carroll said despite the speculation there was a ransom paid for Jill's release, she's not aware of any money exchanging hands.

"They didn't get a cent out of us, or anybody I know," Carroll said. "That should be a message, loud and clear, to people who kidnap in Iraq."

Carroll said she had some reservations about Jill working in Iraq as a free-lance journalist, but also knew her daughter felt it was a calling.

"I was really proud of her," Carroll said. "I knew she was doing what she wanted to do, and the only thing she didn't like about her job was that her family was worrying about her."

Carroll isn't sure how she would feel if Jill decided to go back to work in Iraq.

"Not for a while," Carroll said. "Let's cross that bridge when we come to it."

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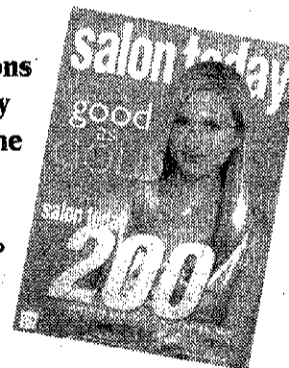
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## Exchange Club advocating need for child abuse center

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

By some estimates, the cost of child abuse nationwide is some \$94 billion a year. That's the cost of treating the children - physically and emotionally - as well as court costs, and other indirect costs like special education. Closer to home, the cost is much greater because it's measured in the loss of children - babies even. In the last 18 months, four Canton children - each of them infants - have been killed by their abusers.

To help stop the abuse, the Canton Exchange Club is conducting its annual blue ribbon sale at local supermarkets during the next few weekends. The club's goal is to raise the \$30,000 necessary to open up a Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) center in Canton.

The blue ribbon program started in 1989 when a Norfolk, Va., grandmother was working through her grief after her infant grandson was murdered by the mother's live-in boyfriend.

"She tied a blue ribbon on the antenna to her van," said Canton Exchange Club Secretary David Loveland. The color blue was to remind her of her grandson's bruises, he said.

"Then she started tying blue ribbons on other peoples' cars and when police stopped her to question her, they wound up helping her cause rather than arresting her," Loveland said.

In Canton, the club has been

raising money for a CAP since its inception in 2002. Currently, the closest CAP is in Saginaw. So far, the group has raised more than \$13,000, half of which they've earmarked to open a center.

The idea behind a CAP, according to Loveland, is to have programs that pair volunteers with at-risk families. It works like a mentoring program to help families choose non-violent behaviors in their homes, and he said such programs have a 90 percent success rate.

Once the center is up and running, it's no longer the club's center.

"At that point it becomes the responsibility of the community to keep it going," he said. "That's when you really find out a community's commitment to stopping child abuse."

The Exchange Club of Canton will be selling blue ribbons for \$1, and will sell blue ribbon car magnets for \$3. They will be at Holiday Market on Lilley and Cherry Hill April 1, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. They'll also be at Kroger on Michigan Avenue and Canton Center, and at Farmer Jack at Canton Center and Cherry Hill from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. on April 15. The club will be selling ribbons at Sam's Club on Ford road 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on April 29. For more information, contact David Loveland at (734) 207-8943 or by e-mail at dloveland@sbc-global.net.

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## HYNES

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in the May 2 Board of Education election.

"I'm running against people who are all saying the same thing," said Hynes. "My age is a benefit to me, I'll bring a different perspective to the board."

In fact, Hynes said his Catholic school education is an advantage when it comes to dealing with Plymouth-Canton's budget shortfalls.

"At Divine Child, we ran almost half the budget on alumni funds," Hynes said. "Let's start tapping these kinds of alternative sources for our schools. We graduate a lot of people each year."

While he didn't attend

Plymouth-Canton Schools, his sister will be attending Salem High School next fall.

"To be able to go to a school that has so many resources, it's priceless," said Hynes, a sophomore in his first year at Wayne State University as a result of taking Advanced Placement courses. "Plymouth-Canton offers more AP classes than my school did, and their theater program is much better funded than mine. And, they have so many clubs."

When it comes to funding, Hynes said he's ready to take the issue to Lansing for more money.

"There are quite a bit of inequities in our state, and I would be an outspoken advocate to our state legislators," Hynes said. "It's time we really start funding public schools, keeping our promises to them."

Hynes has attended state Senate committee hearings on the stricter high school graduation requirements, and doesn't see them as a hindrance to high school graduates.

"I think if you raise the bar, the students will follow suit," said Hynes. "But, you just can't shun the kids who don't get it. You need support systems set up, and they currently have those at the high school."

However, what Hynes doesn't like about the new requirements are a dictated curriculum and a lack of funding.

"It's true, we need to have standards across the board, but it's about respecting the teacher's individuality in how they teach," Hynes said. "And, I don't like the fact they are bureaucratic mandates sent down with no funding to back

them up. We're not giving teachers adequate time to revamp their curriculum, and not giving the district enough time to handle it."

Hynes said he'll vote in favor of the \$120 million in bond proposals May 2, but that doesn't mean his votes are a full endorsement.

"I think it's terrible that we always have to appeal to our residents for more money, and I'm not positive that we really looked into all options," Hynes said. "Why not build up on some of the schools, instead of building new ones? We are in tough economic times, and to ask residents to foot the bill for that ..."

"Look what happened to Livonia (where the district is closing schools)," he said.

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## NICHOLS

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As for the upcoming two-question bond issue on the May 2 ballot, Nichols said he's voting for both.

"We need building space for the kids," he said. "I think the district's doing a wise thing with the new elementary and middle schools, and adding onto existing classrooms at other schools, because we can't outgrow ourselves in 10 years."

Nichols added he's in favor of the new Career and Technical Education Center planned for the high school, if the first bond question passes.

"As a tradesman, myself, I benefited from vocational training in high school, and I'll support any trade or vocational training there is to offer," Nichols said.

However, Nichols said he has mixed feelings on the new graduation requirements being handed down by the state.

"For the college-bound student, I think it's excellent for the extra math, science and foreign language," Nichols said.

"But, not everybody is college material."

Nichols has seen the effect of Proposal A on schools, and said while the tax break for property owners was a positive, "now we're paying for it."

"I think we're stuck with what we've got, but we have to find some sources of revenue, tackling pork barrel spending in the state and reallocating that to our schools," Nichols said.

Nichols said it's fairly simple why he should be elected to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

"I'm the average citizen, like most of us who live around here," he said. "I'm a team player, and not running this race on a one-issue agenda. I'm looking at what's best for kids as a whole."

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## Candidates face off in school forum

Candidates vying for two open seats on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education come face-to-face April 4, thanks to the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

The League sponsors a 7 p.m. candidates' forum that night in the E.J. McClendon Educational Center on Harvey in downtown Plymouth.

The forum is scheduled to last some 90 minutes, and will feature questions asked by members of the audience. The event will be videotaped and broadcast on both Comcast and WOW cable outlets several times prior to the May 2 election.

Candidates will be allowed a one-minute opening state-

ment, one-minute responses to the questions and a two-minute summation.

Citizens who cannot attend the forum but would like to ask a question of the may submit it on-line by going to the League's Web site at [www.lwvnmw.org](http://www.lwvnmw.org) and clicking the "Contact us" button.

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- T**  
**Virginia "Jean" Tessmar**  
Tessmar, 87, of Rochester, died March 27.
- Z**  
**Norman A. Zawislak**  
Zawislak, 59, died March 28.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page C4.

Recycle this newspaper

# Best-selling author to visit Canton library

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER



Kurson

Reading lovers will get a chance to meet New York Times best selling author Robert Kurson when he visits the Canton Public Library Wednesday to discuss his book, *Shadow Divers: The True Adventure of Two Americans Who Risked Everything to Solve One of the Last Mysteries of World War II*. Representatives from Barnes and Noble will also be on hand selling copies of Kurson's book. Part of the proceeds from the sales will be donated to the library. *Shadow Divers*, which details the story of two divers who found a sunken Nazi submarine off the New Jersey coast, was the community-wide Everyone's Reading selection for 2006, which kicked off March 2.

About 20 area libraries participated in this year's Everyone Reading program, but Kurson will only visit three. In addition to Canton, Kurson will visit libraries in Birmingham and West Bloomfield on Tuesday. According to library spokesperson Laurie Golden, Canton has participated for several years in the Everyone's Reading program, which promotes community-wide reading. She said more people have participated this year than in the past. Interest in Kurson's work may be the reason. "This is the best year we've had with the program," she said. "There were a lot more men participating this year. Usually at a lot of these events are attended by women."

The library circulated about 100 of Kurson's books for the program. Kurson, who grew up near Chicago, is a journalist who has written for numerous publications, including Rolling Stone, The New York Times Magazine, Esquire, and the Chicago Sun-Times. Golden said there has already been a lot of interest in Kurson's visit, which is in conjunction with National Library Week (April 2-8). About 65 people have already signed up to attend, and there is only enough room for 100, she said. "This is a big deal for us. He's a big-time author. Plus, we've heard they are turning the book into a movie. How many chances to you get to get to read a book, meet the author and then go see the movie?" Golden said. Copies of *Shadow Divers* are available at the library on book, large print, CD and cassette. To register for Kurson's visit, call the library at (734) 397-0999. To learn more about Kurson and his book, visit his Web site at [www.robertkurson.com](http://www.robertkurson.com).

## Canton Center widening project to be discussed

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Canton and Wayne County officials will meet with Canton residents this week to give them a peek at how road projects will affect them. A public meeting has been scheduled for April 4 to discuss the Canton Center Road improvement project. Construction on a \$4 million project that will widen Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer was scheduled to begin this year, but has been put off until after July 4, 2007. The project will widen the road to five lanes, according to Tim Faas, Canton Township Municipal Services director. During the April 4 meeting, residents will receive a project overview with preliminary plans, as well as a road, grading, drainage and sidewalk improvement overview. The meeting is open to members of the public, who are invited to make comments and ask questions about the project.


"It's Wayne County that's running the meeting, but we always meet with residents before major projects like this. We like for them to have information about detours and lane closures to help them get around during construction," Faas said. The project is being funded by Wayne County. The road improvements are part of a long-term plan to widen Canton Center, a major north-south corridor, through the entire township. The project was delayed due to a shortage in federal highway money allocated to Michigan. The meeting is being hosted by the Wayne County Department of Public Services and Canton Township. It will begin at 7 p.m. in the PDC Room at Canton's Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. For more information, call Wayne County Department of Public Services at (313) 224-7758 or Canton Public Works at (734) 394-5150.

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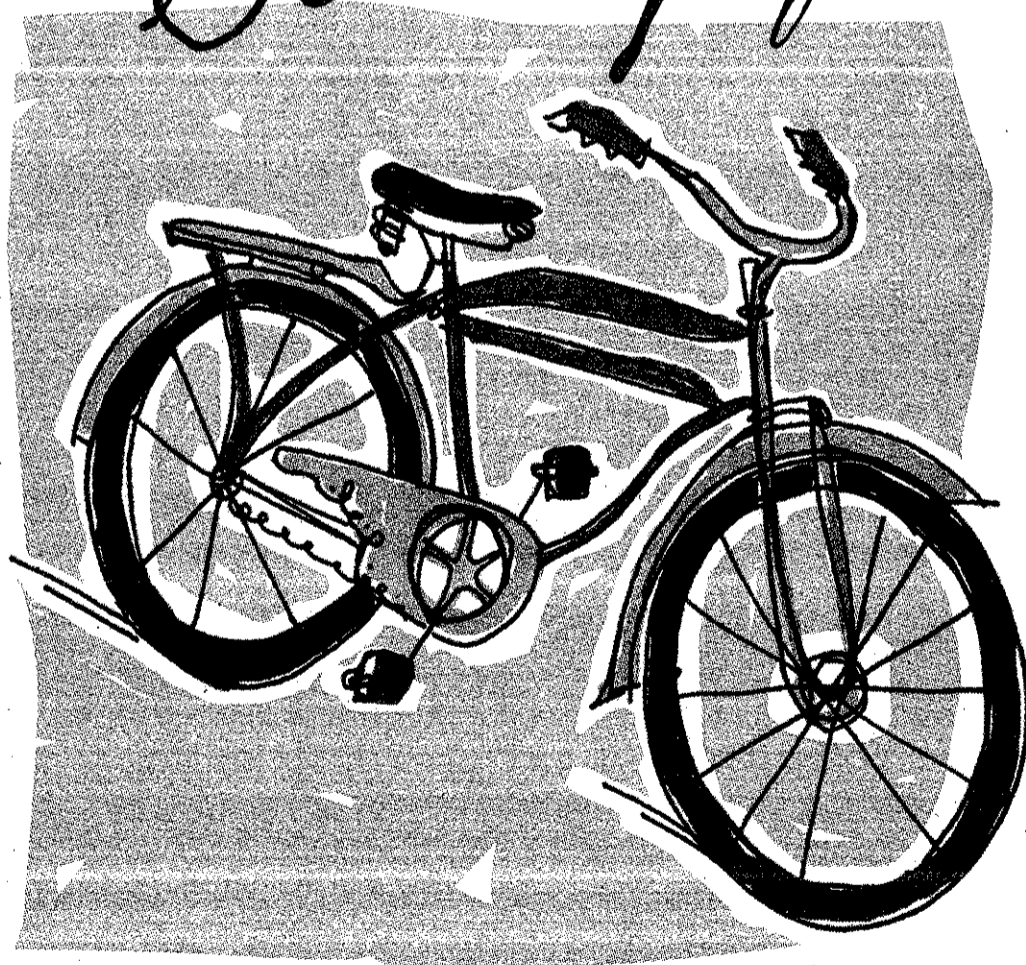
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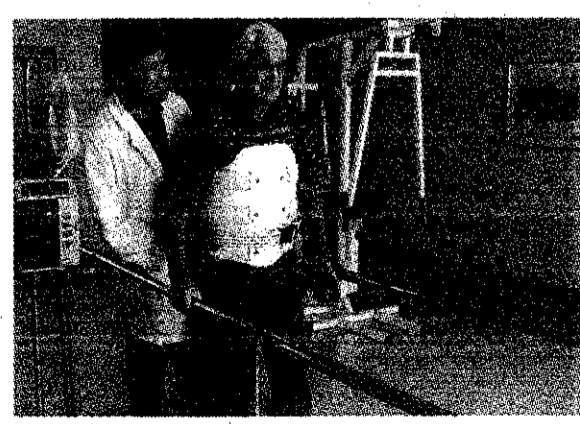
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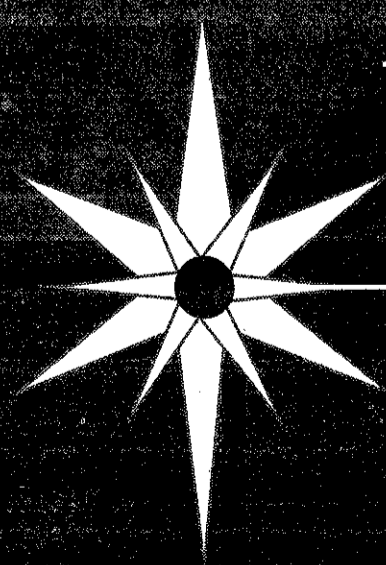
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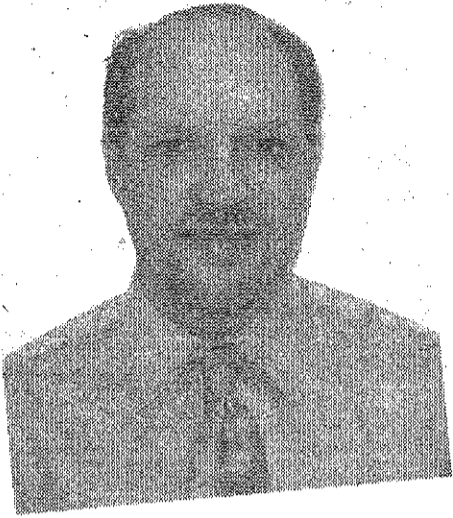
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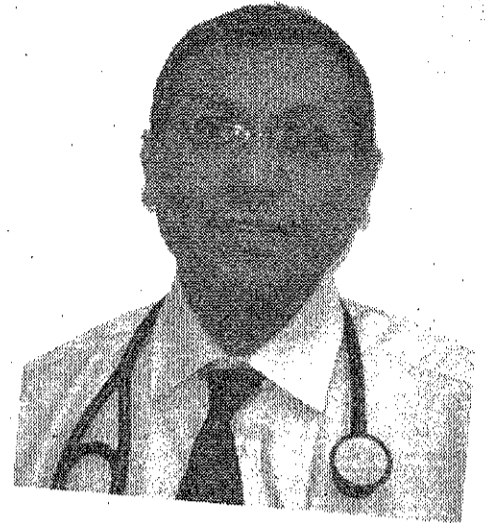
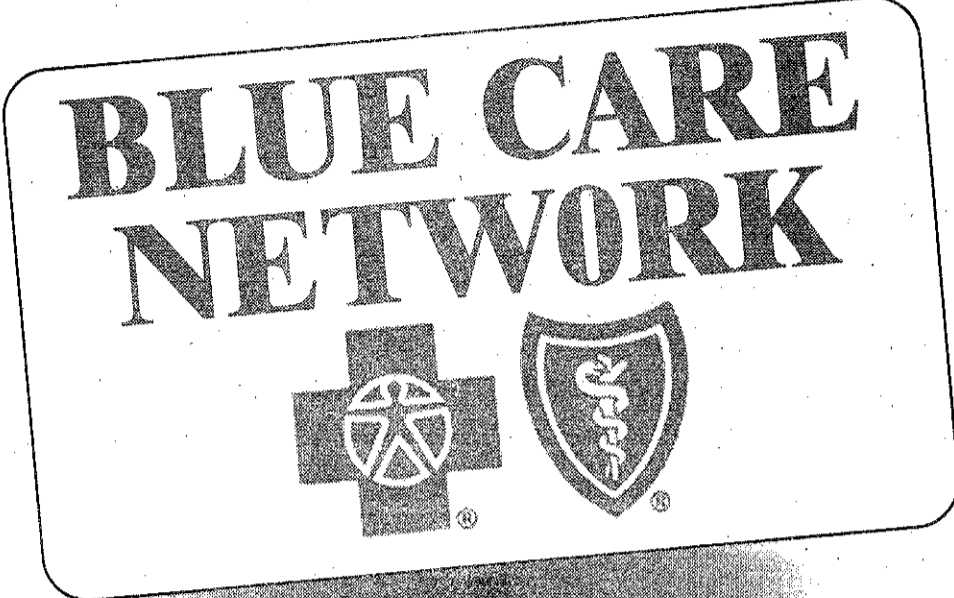
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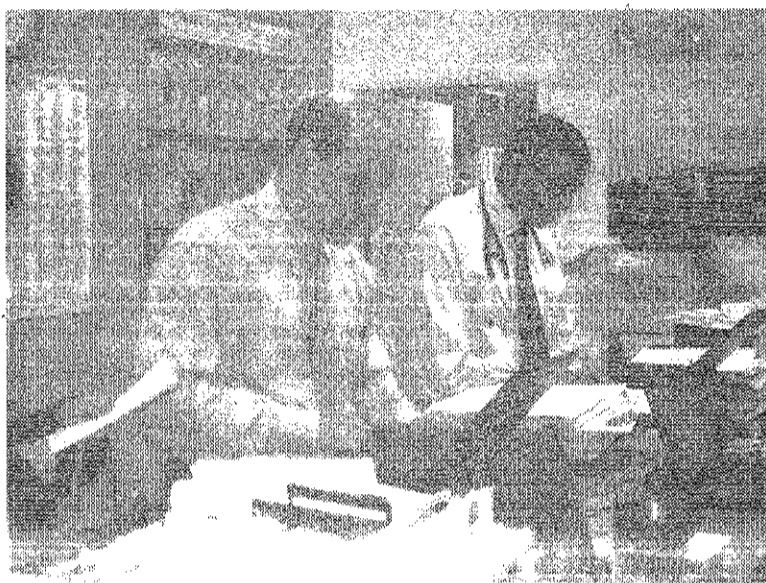
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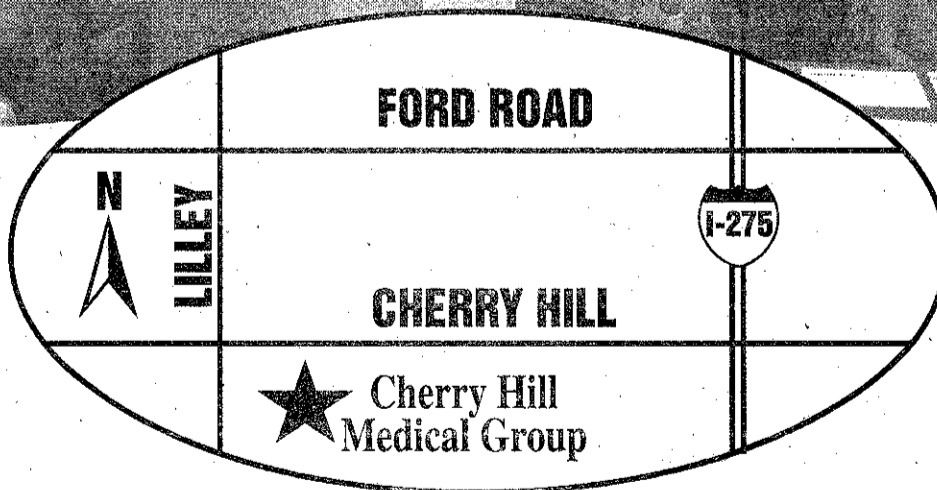
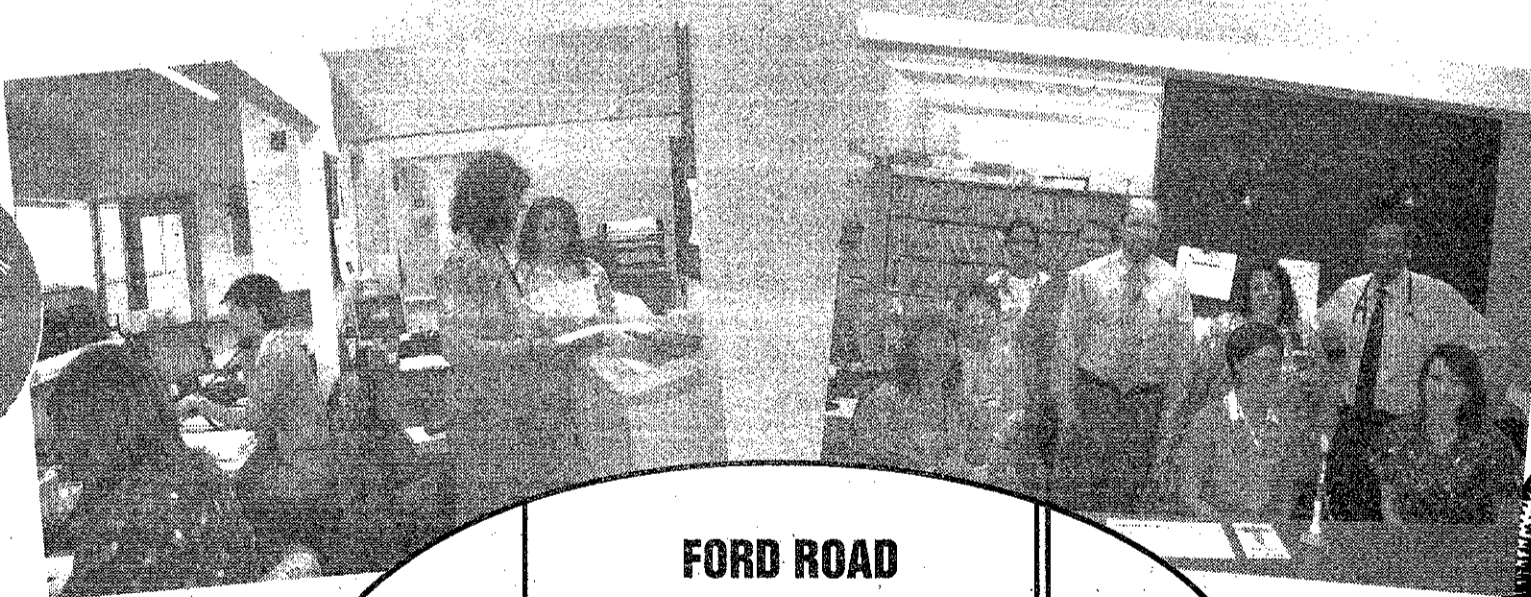


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Gov. Jennifer Granholm, having tried and failed to get the Legislature to consider her 2005 proposal to cut the SBT rate from 1.9 to 1.2 percent, now says she'll veto any outright repeal.

Why? On the grounds that it's financially irresponsible to blow a \$1.9 billion hole in the state's \$9.3 billion general fund without replacing that money — or showing how that much spending can be cut without destroying essential services, like our universities.

But the Republicans are chortling. They think they've put Granholm into a difficult political situation, forcing her to veto repeal of an unpopular tax. So legislative Republicans have clammed up, and aren't talking about what replacement tax on business they'd favor or how they'd cut the state's budget.

Doing the latter would not be pleasant — \$1.9 billion is about what the state spends on our colleges and universities or on the entire prison system. Show me a lawmaker who wants to eliminate either and I'll show you a lawmaker with a very short political future.

And just to be cute, GOP lawmakers tossed into the bill to repeal the tax instructions for the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers. They want them to come up with a replacement plan by Jan. 1, 2007.

That council is composed of 47 members drawn from every possible interest group. It has as much chance of coming up with a broadly acceptable tax plan as the Detroit City Council has of being declared a major league baseball team.

This time, I'll side with Granholm. It's just outright irresponsible to even talk about eliminating one of the biggest sources of state revenue without a serious plan to replace it — or specific ideas about what cuts you're going to make to save \$1.9 billion.

By the way — all the easy cuts were already made, long ago. It is cheap and easy to let the partisan rhetoric fly. But here are a few uncomfortable facts that most of the blowhards would prefer to avoid.

■ Michigan is generally regarded as a high tax state. Not true. We were 29th in the nation in state and local taxes as a percentage of personal income in 2004, the last year for which data are available.

■ There is no evidence whatsoever that cutting taxes alone produces economic growth, as some ideologues claim. The states with the highest growth rates tend also to be relatively high tax states.

■ Forget all the propaganda — Michigan's government is, in fact, undernourished. The state has run a \$1 billion-plus operating budget deficit for the past six years. The politicians have plugged the hole so far by selling off assets, cannibalizing rainy day funds and accounting gimmicks, but the fact is that state income today is far below what it was six years ago. And the piggy bank is just about empty.

■ Michigan today faces a supremely difficult and supremely necessary transition from brown-dependent manufacturing to a brain-based knowledge economy. Yet state spending on higher education has been cut repeatedly over the past four years, while our political masters spend more and more on the prison system and Medicaid.

Other than mere irresponsibility by our politicians, the underlying reason for all this gridlock is Lansing's supposed Iron Rule that any politician who can be labeled (fairly or unfairly) as being for increasing taxes is toast. And to be fair, most voters, when facing proposals to increase taxes with no clear idea what for, will find themselves somewhere between skeptical and outraged.

I don't blame them. But lots of voters are willing to tax themselves for specific purposes, such as fixing the potholes in the street in front of their house or making sure their kids get a decent education.

So here's a modest suggestion to get out of the gridlock: repeal the SBT. How do you replace the money the state needs? Simple. Take the monkey off the lawmakers' backs, and let the voters decide. Put something on the ballot that gives us a choice:

A) Either replace the SBT by broadening the sales tax to include services (like haircuts, for example) and lower the overall tax rate from the present 6 percent.

B) Increase the state income tax by a large enough amount to make up the money.

In either case, earmark a specific part of this revenue stream to create a system of lifelong learning. As part of that, provide vouchers for each Michigan citizen that would cover either an associate's degree from a community college or a four-year degree from a state university. And provide serious job retraining for the thousands of workers who are taking buyouts or permanent layoffs from General Motors now — and, inevitably, the other auto companies soon.

If the lawmakers have a better idea, let's hear it. But we need action, now. And most of all, we need for our leaders to quit fiddling.

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## Defending freedom of belief is America's true heritage

The sign read: "Even the ACLU doesn't hate Christians this much!"

The sign was carried by an American Christian in Afghanistan. He had traveled to that troubled land to protest the threat of execution for a man who had converted from Islam to Christianity.



Hugh Gallagher

Abduhr Rahman was released last week "for lack of evidence" and under pressure from Western governments (who have soldiers dying in that country in the name of freedom). In Afghanistan, many clerics and their followers were decrying the release and the interference of the West in the affairs of Afghanistan. They wanted blood, they wanted this man to die for changing his mind.

In their view, Western governments were interfering with their "democracy."

The sad thing is that the Christian with his sign and the Afghans who wanted to kill an apostate were not so far apart.

We would like to believe that we have come a long way from a time when people were placed on a rack or crushed with boulders to "make them believe" or burned at the stake when they wouldn't admit the error of their ways. We certainly have a right to a smug sense of superiority.

In Afghanistan and throughout the Muslim world, many believe that Christians are trying to worm their way into their culture and convert everyone. Of course, from a Western point of view, Christians, Hindus, agnostics, atheists, animists and anyone else should have a right to proclaim their views and let the chips, or the converts, fall where they may. From our view, the freedom to believe what we want to believe is what matters most. We would argue that if Islam offers spiritual strength and truth to people they won't be swayed by another religion, and if they are swayed to change, then in a free world they should be allowed to do so and live in peace with their neighbors.

All the stretching on a rack, all the lashings with a whip, all the flames of a thousand fires cannot make people believe something they don't believe. A religion that holds its believers through the threat of death, holds only their fear-based spoken proclamations, not their heartfelt beliefs.

This is at the core of the First Amendment, the amendment that the American Civil Liberties Union defends time and again to the dismay of that protesting Christian. The ACLU does not hate Christians, but it defends for those who do

not follow Christianity the same rights as those who do. Many of its lawyers are Christians. It also defends Christians when their religious rights, rather than assumed privileges, are under attack. In 2004, the ACLU of Michigan won a settlement with the Utica Community Schools district in defense of a student whose yearbook entry was deleted because it contained passages from the Bible.

Many argue that the First Amendment "establishment clause" is not about separation of church and state but rather about the establishment of a "state religion." They cite chapter and verse, historical not biblical. They will argue that Christianity has a special place in American culture and other Americans need to just accept that.

Christianity does have a special place in American history, for good and ill. Obviously, the first Europeans in the New World were Christians. Though at that time and right into the 20th century, Protestant Christians and Roman Catholics were often antagonistic. And many Christians are leery of those they regard as "lesser Christians."

I was raised Catholic and taught that I belonged to the one true church. I was also taught that freedom of religion is a good thing in the United States, but it would be better if the Catholic church was the state church as in Franco's Spain. (I also heard from my Protestant schoolmates that they were told that Catholic children were learning military maneuvers during catechism to serve in the pope's army. Ha!)

Today we have a much broader base of residents — Protestants, Catholics (who seem to have amnesia about their own struggles as a minority), Muslims, Hindus, sects within sects and nonbelievers. It is important to recognize the rights of people to believe what they want, to espouse their beliefs in their churches and in publications and to be free from government influence in favor of one religion or another.

I think some people go too far in objecting to religion in the public forum or to long existing cultural language, as the ACLU's defense of the Utica student attests. But a religion neutral government is the best defense of religious freedom.

And as long as American soldiers are dying for "freedom" in Afghanistan or Iraq, our government is duty-bound to defend Christians, Jews and atheists alike against deadly intolerance.

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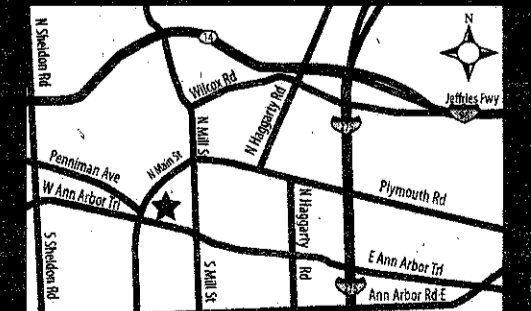
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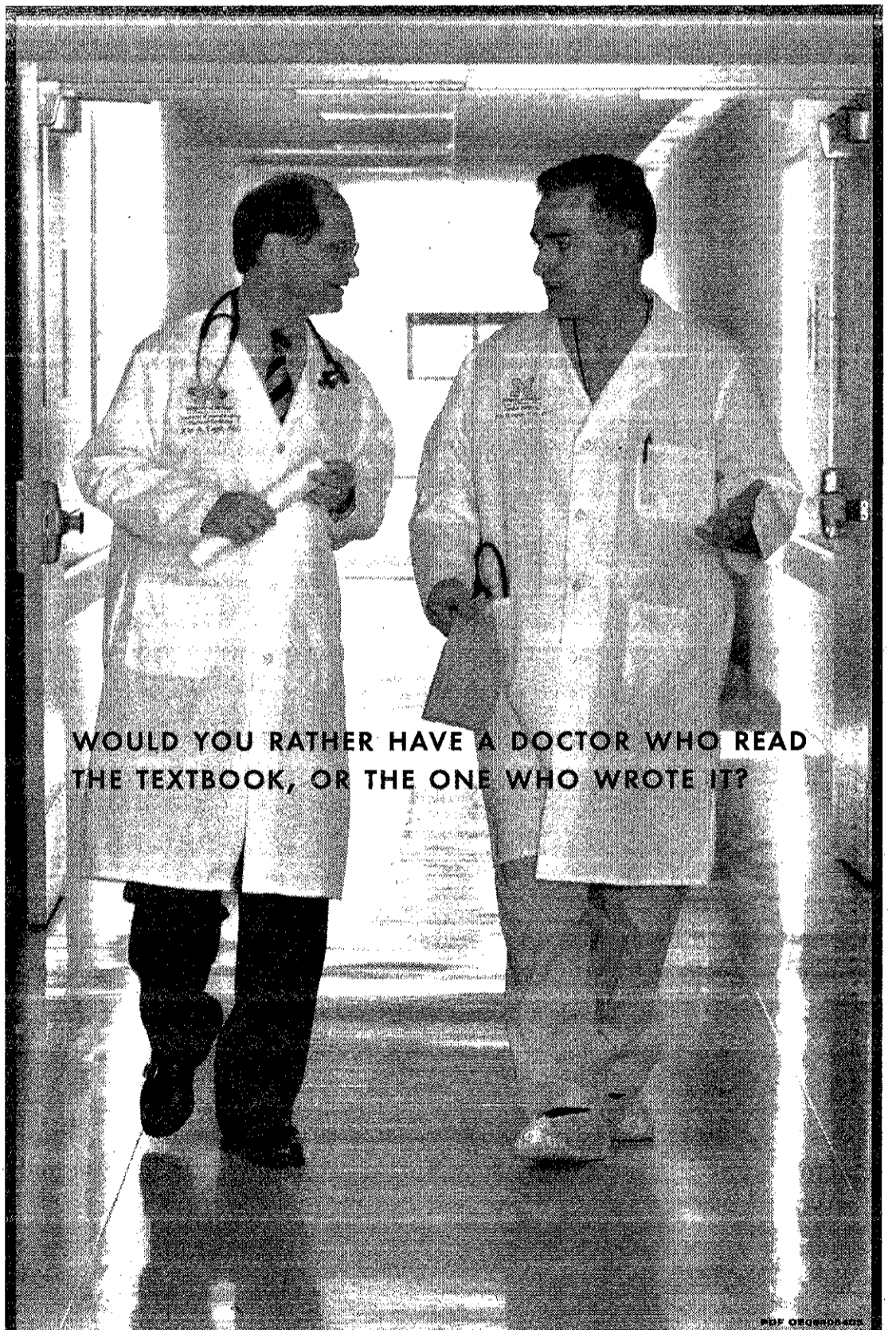
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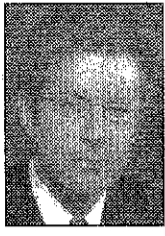
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# Hiller: Ethics remain a vital part of business

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER



Hiller

Jim Hiller faces tough competition in his grocery business. Even so, he's sticking with the United Food and Commercial Workers union and his loyal workforce. Hiller is president and CEO of Hiller's grocery store chain. He spoke on "Integrating Your Ethics with Your Business" Wednesday, March 29, during the Madonna University School of Business McManus Distinguished Business Lecture Series. "Hiller's is a unique company," he said of the family-owned, six-store chain. Retailers such as Wal-Mart have moved away from unionization, which has implications for medical

insurance and wages. Hiller, however, is unsure he could maintain good customer service without his longtime unionized employees. Hiller is a Detroit native and a graduate of the University of Detroit Law School. The lecture series at Madonna was established by Michael F. McManus Jr., founder and CEO of Header Products Inc., in memory of his father. Hiller's does \$175 million of business a year. Hiller became CEO in 1987 after leaving the law. He had thought his career shift into the family business would be

an intellectual step down. "It did not take me long to learn how wrong I was," he told the Madonna audience, describing the "real job fallacy" and noting the importance of good work performance. "There is no excuse for a poor performance at one's current vocation." His work at Hiller's has engaged his mind and enriched his knowledge. He's found family ownership key to identity of the business, and that its leader must be concerned with ethics. High quality products are vital, as is a competent and inspired workforce. "It is ethical to make money," he said, noting that it supports his family and philanthropy. Perhaps most important at Hiller's is the

relationship with customers. "It means creating an environment in which the customer is comfortable," and service is the cornerstone of identity. Hiller's now requires ID on all alcohol purchases. "Thus far, the issue has sparked a great deal of criticism," the CEO said. "I know that I've lost customers because of the policy." He considered the need never to sell to minors and the implications of what could be lost, up to life. Removing all judgment from the process has helped Hiller's, and he doesn't have to worry about losing his license to sell alcohol. Hiller also mulled selling alcohol and cigarettes at his stores. "I have concluded that our own free will should govern here."

Trudy Bonk of Livonia, who shops regularly at the Five Mile-Haggerty store, had kind words for Hiller. "I really enjoyed it," she said of his speech. "I was impressed by all the things he said." Bonk likes that Hiller treats his customers and staff well. "It's what you look for in a store," she added. Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, Madonna president, was also pleased. "We as often as possible like to have local people," she said, adding that ethics discussion fits well with the university's mission. "We're very pleased he was able to take the time to be with us," Sister Kujawa said. "I thought it was superb." A McManus family member, William Harahan of Beverly Hills, attended. "He leads by example, which is

nice," Harahan said of Hiller. Harahan is vice president for operations for Header Products Inc. of Romulus. "My uncle started this in memory of my grandfather," he said of the series, adding the family likes to emphasize good business opportunities remain in Detroit, even as the auto industry struggles. "It was interesting to get that approach," said Elizabeth Hanlon of East Lansing, a first-year medical student at Michigan State University. As a consumer, you may not realize the way business people care, she said. Hanlon attended with Stephen Brooks of Ypsilanti, a Hiller's store manager. Hiller's is large enough to impact people, he said, but small enough to have a recognizable identity.

## Oh, goody: Marshmallow Drop set for April 14

Wayne County Parks will hold its annual Marshmallow Drop 11 a.m. Friday, April 14, at Nankin Mills Park on Hines Drive in Westland. More than 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped from a helicopter as children scramble to collect them. Children will be divided by age, to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate fully. The Marshmallow Drop is co-sponsored by Clear Channel Radio and Mike's Modern Classics. This is the 22nd annual Marshmallow Drop. Nankin Mills is on Hines just

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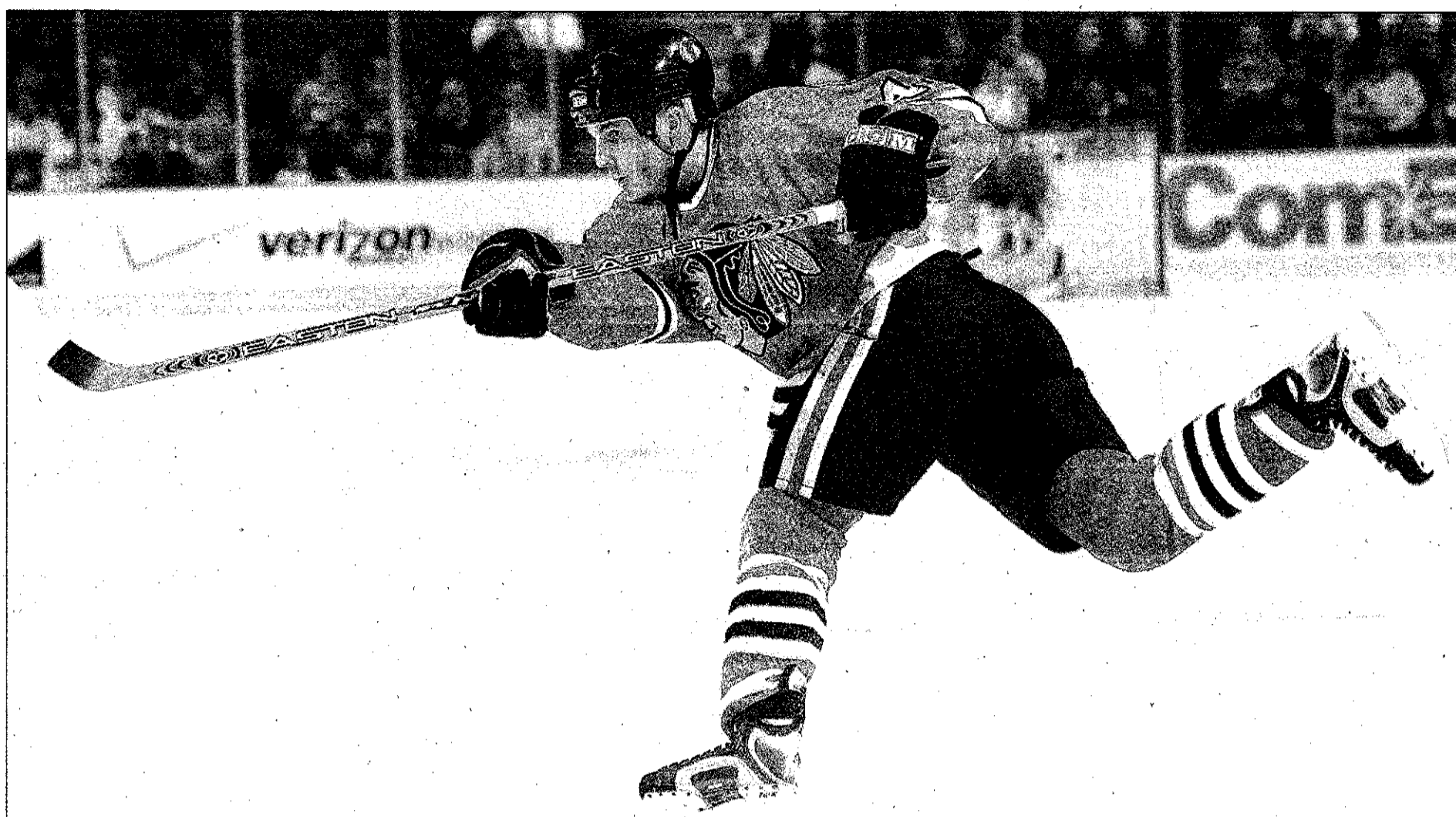


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Canton native James Wisniewski blasts a slapshot during a game earlier this season. The Canton High School graduate and former Plymouth Whaler made his National Hockey League debut in January. On Friday night, he played his first professional game at Joe Louis Arena.

## Sidelines

### 'Cats in 'Showdown'

The Plymouth High School football team has been selected as one of eight teams to participate in the 2006 "Big Day Prep Showdown II" set for Saturday, Aug. 26 at Eastern Michigan University's Ryneearson Stadium.

Plymouth, which finished 7-3 and qualified for the Division 1 playoffs in 2005, will take on state power Hudsonville at 2:30 p.m. at EMU.

The day will open at 11:45 a.m. when Allen Park tangles with Trenton. Following the Hudsonville-Plymouth showdown, Flint Carman-Ainsworth will play Saline at 5:15 p.m. The day will be capped with the 8 p.m. match-up between Chelsea and Novi.

The event will be hosted by the Detroit Metro Sports Commission.

"The feedback in the local prep athletic community from the inaugural 'Big Day Prep Showdown' was tremendous," said DMSC executive director Dave Beachnau. "For 2006, we have added teams from outstate Michigan, including seven 2005 state playoff teams and one state finalist. We look forward to a big day of football for the players and the fans."

Tickets to the games are available at the participating schools. Advance tickets prices are \$9 for adults and \$7 for students. Children 6 and under are free.

All game-day tickets are \$10 at the gate.

THE DMSC is a subsidiary of the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau that was formed in 2001 to bring regional, national and international amateur sporting events to metro Detroit.

### MU signs Germane

Madonna University women's soccer coach, Mark Zathay announced the signing Wednesday of Hartland High School standout Kati Germane, who has 37 career goals heading into her senior year.

Germane earned honorable mention All-State honors in 2004, as well as All-Region, All-District and All-Kensington Valley Conference accolades.

"We're extremely happy to sign a player of Kati's caliber," Zathay said. "I feel she can step right in and be an immediate impact player for us — and more importantly, our returning players flat-out told me I had to get her after they had a chance to compete with her."

Germane plans to study Elementary Education with a Learning Disability concentration at MU.

"I fell in love with the coaching staff, the players, the program, the total package," said Germane, a four-year honor roll member and scholar-athlete. "I think that I fit in very well with the personalities of the returning players and that was a big factor for me."

# THE SHOT OF A LIFETIME

## Wisniewski's dream of playing in NHL is reality after promotion

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

James Wisniewski's incredible journey from Canton to the National Hockey League started 15 years ago in a pair of pint-sized hockey skates and an over-sized "Ya-Ya's Chicken" mini-mite uniform.

It came to fruition on the night of Feb. 2 when the 22-year-old defenseman pulled on a Chicago Blackhawks uniform and joined his teammates for a pre-game skate an hour before their game against the St. Louis Blues.

"I'm living every kid's dream," Wisniewski said Friday afternoon, a few hours before he contributed an assist on the goal that lifted the Blackhawks to a 3-2 overtime victory over the Detroit Red Wings at Joe Louis Arena. "I've been dreaming



James Wisniewski

about this opportunity for a long time, and it's finally here. I'm just trying to make the best of it."

### CHANGE OF PLANS

Wisniewski's NHL dream was realized Jan. 29, less than an hour after he helped lead the Norfolk Admirals — the Blackhawks' top minor-league team — to an American Hockey League victory over Hershey.

"It was our last game before the (AHL) All-Star game, and a couple of teammates and I were planning on going to New York City for a few days," Wisniewski recalled. "My coach called me into his office and said, 'You're not going to New York

— you're going to Chicago. He told me I was being called up and I'd be playing in the Blackhawks' next game.

"I didn't sleep very well that night with all the emotions what were going through me."

It didn't take long for Wisniewski to share the news with members of his family, including his father Jim, who was relaxing with a group of his 50-and-over hockey league teammates when his cell phone rang.

"The funny thing is I had just told one of the guys that I thought James was going to get called up because I knew one of Chicago's defensemen had been hurt," said Jim Wisniewski. "Then my cell phone rings and I saw it was James calling. When I answered, he said, 'Guess

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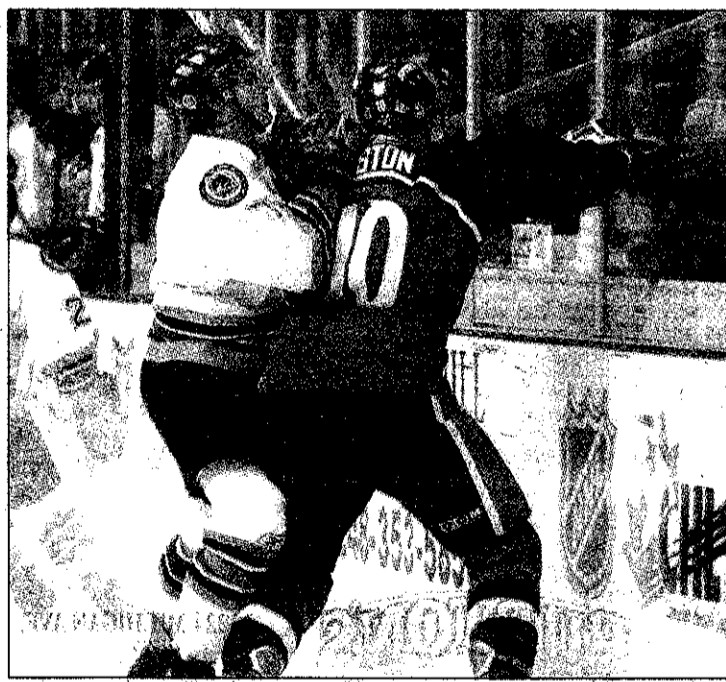
### THE WISNIEWSKI FILE

■ **NAME:** James Wisniewski

■ **AGE:** 22

■ **BACKGROUND:** Born and raised in Canton, Wisniewski excelled on the ice from an early age. He was drafted by the Plymouth Whalers in 2000 and immediately earned the team's "Rookie of the Year" award. He was drafted by the Chicago Blackhawks in the 5th round of the NHL Entry Draft.

■ **MOMENTS OF TRUTH:** He made his NHL debut Feb. 2 in St. Louis. His first NHL goal came March 23 in a 4-3 loss to Phoenix. On Friday, while playing in his first professional game at Joe Louis Arena, Wisniewski assisted on the Blackhawks' game-winning goal in overtime.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Jared Boll (light uniform) checks Windsor's Peter Aston into the boards during Tuesday night's Ontario Hockey League game. The two teams will battle in Game 6 of their first-round OHL best-of-seven series tonight in Windsor.

## Last-minute goal evens Whalers-Spitfires series

Cal O'Reilly's goal with 49 seconds remaining in regulation lifted the Windsor Spitfires to a 4-3 victory over the Plymouth Whalers in Game 4 of the Ontario Hockey League first-round playoff series Thursday night at Windsor Arena.

Plymouth and Windsor were tied 2-2 in the best-of-seven

OHL Western Conference quarterfinal playoff series heading into Saturday night's Game 5. The sixth game of the series is set for tonight in Windsor. If a Game 7 is necessary, it will be played Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, B2

## 'L'-ectric start Canton baseball team sweeps pair from Lakers

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

If your last name started with an "L" and you were wearing a Canton baseball uniform Thursday afternoon, the chances are good that you contributed to West Bloomfield's quiet bus-ride home.

Led by the arms of pitchers Shawn Little, Corey Lewis and Caleb Lerner, and the bat of Justin Latin, the Chiefs handed the Lakers a pair of "L's" — 13-3 and 5-3 — in the season-opening double-header for both teams.

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Little, a senior, earned the win in the opener of the twinbill, yielding just four hits in four innings of work. Lewis closed out the final inning of the mercy-rule-shortened victory by throwing a one-hit fifth.

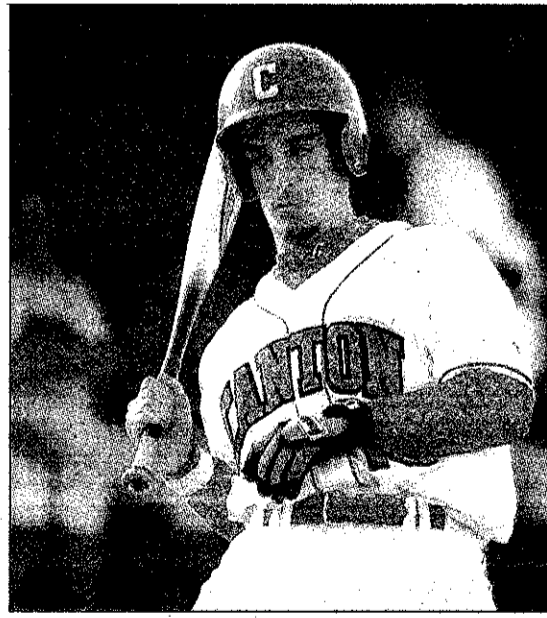
The junior then pitched the first two innings of the nightcap before giving way to Lerner, who pitched the final two frames of the four-inning, darkness-shortened game.

Latin went 4-for-7 in the two games, compiling three RBI and a pair of doubles.

Drew Rambo provided the biggest fireworks for the Lakers when he blasted a three-run home run in the first game.

"In the first game, I was very pleased with our defense and the way we swung the bats aggressively," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "In the second game, we took advantage of their errors (three) and walks (eight) and we got great pitching from Caleb Lerner to close it out."

The Chiefs put the first game away with a six-run second inning. Joining Latin in the hitting



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Tarik Khasawneh leans back to avoid an inside pitch during the first game of the Chiefs' double-header sweep of West Bloomfield Thursday afternoon.

parade were Kyle Gring (2-for-3, two RBI), Blaine Paden (2-for-3), Keith Campbell (RBI single), Brad Barath (1-for-3, two RBI), Little (RBI single) and Jon Puskar (2-for-3, RBI).

The game-two hitting stars were Gring, Chris Woudstra and Latin, all of whom ripped run-scoring singles.

Ben Weiner and Tashiro Fukui stroked RBI doubles for the Lakers.

Canton returns to action Monday when they travel to Dearborn Divine Child for a double-header that is set to begin at 4 p.m.

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**DREAM**

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What? I got called up and I'm heading to Chicago. "I got goosebumps. I don't even know how to describe the feeling I got when I heard those words. It's something I wish every parent could experience."

**A GAME LIKE NO OTHER**

Jim Wisniewski joined a contingent of 14 family members and friends, including James' mom and his two sisters, who made the trip to St. Louis so that they could see his NHL debut up close and personally. "We had great seats for the game, but they were at the end that St. Louis was warming up in," Jim Wisniewski said. "So when the Blackhawks came out for their pre-game skate, we all moved down to the other end. I was in awe when I saw James skate out there for the first time. "As soon as we saw him, my daughter elbowed me and said, 'Dad, do you believe it? Your son is in the NHL.'" Wisniewski nearly scored that night, but his only shot

hit the cross-bar and bounced away. After three games with the Blackhawks, Wisniewski was dispatched back to Norfolk because of the NHL's two-week hiatus during the Winter Olympics. He was recalled again on March 19 and four days later he lit the lamp for the first time as an NHL player. "We were in Phoenix, which was neat because we have a lot of family and friends down there," he said. "I was trailing the play on a 3-on-3 break and they dumped the puck back to me to make it a 4-on-3. I skated in and fired a shot glove side. It hit the cross bar and went in. It was an awesome feeling." Wisniewski said his off-the-ice lifestyle has improved dramatically since getting called up. "In the minors, we'd stay at Holiday Inns," he said. "Now, I'm staying in the Ritz-Carlton. In the minors, we could choose between pasta and chicken for dinner. Now, there's wheat pasta, white pasta, four different kinds of chicken — the food is unbelievable."

"Another thing that's different is the schedule. In the minors, I played eight games in 10 nights once. In the NHL, we're not allowed to play three games in three nights." **THE EARLY DAYS** Jim Wisniewski can still vividly recall his son's first on-ice experience at the Westland Ice Arena in 1990. "His first mini-mite team was 'Ya-Ya's Chicken,'" the proud father remembered. "The first time he tried to skate, he could barely stand up. But two weeks later, he was one of the best players on the ice." Now, 15 years later, Wisniewski has reached a plateau that few athletes reach. "If I had to give some advice to young players that want to get to the NHL, the first thing I'd tell them is that you have to love the game," he said. "You have to love coming to the rink every day, or it's no use playing. "If they love it and they work hard, you never know. Their dream could come true, just like mine did."

**'Shoe' fits for Stevenson's best swimming team**

See All-Area boys swim team, B3.

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER



Shoemaker

Three Stevenson school records also fell during the meet held at the University of Michigan's Canham Natatorium in

Stevenson's 200-yard freestyle relay team of seniors David Godzinski, Steve Bruestle and Matt Massman, along with junior Travis Hatt, won the event and set a Division I state record in the prelims with a time of 1:25.61. A total of four school marks were established this season including the 200 medley relay (1:36.17), 50 freestyle (Massman) and 100 butterfly (Hatt). "It took five years to be where we wanted to be," said the fifth-year coach, a former Division I All-America swimmer at Eastern Michigan University (1992) and mathematics teacher at Stevenson. "And in the foreseeable future I think we can keep it there if we continue to get that leadership from the juniors and seniors."

Livonia Stevenson's third-place finish at the Division I boys swimming and diving state championships certainly raised the bar and some eyebrows. It was the culmination of another stellar season for the Spartans, who captured the Western Lakes Activities Association Relays and finished runner-up to Northville in the WLAA meet. The Spartans scored 201.5 points to Northville's 200 at the state finals to gain third. Only perennial powers Ann Arbor Pioneer and Birmingham Brother Rice placed ahead of Stevenson.

Ann Arbor. "It obviously was our best season ever," said Stevenson's Jeff Shoemaker, who was named as Observerland Coach of the Year. "Our success was a combination of our kids trying harder than they ever had before, along with the fact that we had experienced talent. And it was also the way our captains led our team. They were not only committed to the team, but they also wanted to do well at the state level."

**WHALERS**

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Township. James Neal scored twice for Plymouth — his second and third goals of the playoffs. Jared Boll added his first goal of the post-season for the Whalers, while Evan Brophy added two assists. Besides O'Reilly, Cory McGillis (1), Bryan Bickell (4) and Patrick Davis (2) added singles for Windsor. There was never more than a one-goal differential in the game. Boll appeared to score a spectacular goal on an end-to-end rush for Plymouth late in the third period that would have given the Whalers a 4-3 lead, but referees Ian Smith and Darren Price waved the goal off with no explanation

given to the crowd or to Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci. McGillis scored on a scramble in front of the Plymouth goal to give Windsor a 1-0 lead at 9:00 of the first period. Plymouth tied the game at 1-1 at 14:04 of the first period when Neal ripped a shot from the right face-off dot by Windsor goaltender Anthony Guadagnolo. Neal gave Plymouth a 2-1 lead on a power play at 10:01 of the second period when he tipped Steve Ward's shot from the point by Guadagnolo. But Windsor tied the game at 2-2 at 12:29 of the second period on a power-play goal by Bickell, who ripped a shot from the slot by Plymouth goaltender Justin Peters. Boll gave Plymouth a 3-2 lead at 3:07 of the third period

when he took Chris Terry's pass from behind the net and jammed the puck by Guadagnolo. But Windsor tied the game at 3-3 when Davis intercepted a Plymouth clearing pass at the blue line and beat Peters with the shot at 8:51. After Boll's goal was waved off, O'Reilly scored the game-winner off a face-off in the Plymouth zone. O'Reilly followed the puck in the middle of a scramble and stuffed the puck by Peters. Plymouth called a time-out and pulled Peters with 41.2 seconds left in regulation and had a two-man advantage when Garlock was penalized for cross-checking at 19:37. But the Whalers couldn't find the equalizer. Windsor outshot Plymouth, 37-26.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- PREP BASEBALL**  
Monday, April 3  
Canton at Divine Child (DH), 4 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 4  
Plymouth at A.A. Huron (DH), 4 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 5  
Canton at Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
Livonia Franklin at Salem, 4 p.m.  
Plymouth at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.  
Thursday, April 6  
Lutheran Westland at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
Friday, April 7  
Canton at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.  
W.L. Northern at Salem, 4 p.m.  
Plymouth at Northville, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, April 8  
Swartz Creek at Canton, 1 p.m.  
Salem at Flagstar Tournament, 9 a.m.  
W. Bloomfield vs. Plymouth at EMU, 11 a.m.  
PCA at Franklin Road, 9 a.m.
- PREP SOFTBALL**  
Monday, April 3  
Canton at A.A. Pioneer, 4 p.m.  
A.A. Huron at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
PCA at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 4  
PCA at Canton Agape, 4:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 5  
Livonia Stevenson at Canton, 4 p.m.  
Salem at Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.  
W.L. Northern at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
Thursday, April 6  
Macomb Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
Friday, April 7  
W.L. Western at Canton, 4 p.m.  
Salem at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.  
Northville at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, April 8  
Salem at Flagstar Tournament, 9 a.m.
- GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**  
Thursday, April 6  
Canton at Plymouth at P-CEP JV football stadium, 3:30 p.m.  
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 3:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 8  
Canton and Salem at A.A. Pioneer "All-Comers" Invite, 10 a.m.  
Plymouth vs. Farmington Hills Mercy
- at Novi Catholic Central, 2 p.m.  
**BOYS TRACK & FIELD**  
Thursday, April 6  
Plymouth at Canton at P-CEP varsity track, 5:30 p.m.  
Salem at Livonia Churchill, 3:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 8  
Canton at Pioneer Tri-Meet, 11 a.m.
- GIRLS SOCCER**  
Monday, April 3  
Canton at Troy, 7 p.m.  
South Lyon at Salem, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Central at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
PCA at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 4  
PCA at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 5  
W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, April 6  
Salem at Howell, 7 p.m.  
PCA at Zoe Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 8  
B'ham Seaholm at Canton, 2 p.m.
- BOYS TENNIS**  
Tuesday, April 4  
Milford at Canton, 4 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 5  
Canton at Salem, 4 p.m.  
W.L. Central at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
Friday, April 7  
W.L. Western at Canton, 4 p.m.  
Salem at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.  
Plymouth at Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, April 8  
Salem at Essexville-Garber Invite, 9:30 a.m.
- GIRLS GOLF**  
Friday, April 7  
Salem at Marquette Invite at Dunham Hills G.C., 9 a.m.  
Saturday, April 8  
Salem at Grosse Ile Invite at Riverview Highlands, 9 a.m.
- BOYS LACROSSE**  
Thursday, April 6  
PCS at Ypsilanti, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, April 8  
PCS at Flint Powers, 3:30 p.m.
- MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
Sunday, March 26  
Madonna at Spalding (Ky.), 1 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 28  
Madonna at Ohio Dominican (2), 1 p.m.  
Saturday, April 1  
Madonna at Siena Heights (2), 1 p.m.  
Sunday, April 2  
Siena Heights vs. Madonna at Ilitch Ballpark (2), 1 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL**  
(all double-headers)  
Sunday, March 26  
Madonna at Ohio Dominican, 1 p.m.  
Thursday, March 30  
Rochester College vs. Madonna at Ladywood H.S., 3 p.m.  
Saturday, April 1  
Madonna at Concordia, 1 p.m.  
Sunday, April 2  
Siena Heights vs. Madonna at Ladywood H.S., 1 p.m.  
**COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
(all double-headers)  
Sunday, April 2  
Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Ilitch Ballpark, 1 p.m.  
Thursday, April 6  
Madonna vs. Tiffin (Ohio) at Ilitch Ballpark, 1 p.m.  
Saturday, April 8  
Madonna vs. St. Xavier (Ill.) at Ilitch Ballpark, 1 p.m.  
Sunday, April 9  
Madonna vs. St. Xavier (Ill.) at Ilitch Ballpark, 1 p.m.  
**COLLEGE SOFTBALL**  
(all double-headers)  
Sunday, April 2  
Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Ladywood H.S., 1 p.m.  
Thursday, April 6  
Madonna at Saginaw Valley St., 3 p.m.  
Saturday, April 8  
Madonna at Siena Heights, 1 p.m.  
Sunday, April 9  
Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Ladywood H.S., 1 p.m.

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**SPORTS ROUNDUP**

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The next meeting of the Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, in Room 401 of Plymouth High School. The club will be awarding two \$500 scholarships, applications for which can be downloaded from www.football.plymouthwildcats.com. The deadline for applying for the scholarships is Monday, April 24.

The completed applications must be mailed or delivered to: Counseling Office of Scholarships, Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187.

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# Rocks should benefit from sweat equity

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

It's too early to tell if this season's Salem baseball team has the potential to match the achievements of the Rocks' 2005 squad, which pushed No. 1-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer to the limit before falling, 2-1, in a Division 1 Regional final contest.

But veteran coach Dale Rumberger is certain of at least one thing when it comes to his 20th team at Salem.

"This is a great, hard-working group of kids," asserted Rumberger, who has led the Rocks to nine district titles, a pair of Regional crowns as well as the 1991 Class A state title since taking over the program in the spring of 1987. "They're a lot of fun to be around."

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"Every team comes after us like we're the Yankees, so who knows how we'll do. We're just going to try to improve every game so we're playing our best baseball at the end of the season."

That was the script the Rocks followed last year when they took a sub-.500 record into the post-season coming within a big hit or two from securing Rumberger's third Regional trophy.

The key losses from last year's squad are starting shortstop Dave Cardenas and starting pitcher Nic England, who set the school record for career victories.

Filling England's No. 1 starter's shoes will be senior

Josh Ritter, who excelled as the team's No. 2 hurler in 2005. Ritter, who can hit the upper-80s on the radar gun, was the primary reason the Rocks were able to make Pioneer shed some serious sweat last June.

"All you need to know about Josh is that he held the No. 1-ranked team in the state to one run last year," Rumberger said. "He's bigger than he was last year, too, and he throw harder. He should have a big year."

The Rocks' rotation will be filled out by senior Bill Leddy, who will patrol the outfield when he's not pitching, and junior Brad Way, who will also see a lot of time at first base.

Junior Mike Myers will share the team's catching responsibilities with senior Dave Leone.

Joining Way on the starting infield will be three seniors:

second baseman Kyle Kelly, shortstop Kevin Weingrot and third baseman Joe Maltese.

Along with Leddy and Ritter, Salem's outfield duties will be shared by seniors Ryan Rowe and Jon Pomorski, and junior Dan Cassidy.

Junior Mike Marek (infield/pitcher) and sophomores Dana Lorber (infield) and Justin Horger (outfield/pitcher) will give the Rocks depth.

The Rocks open their 2006 campaign Wednesday when they host Livonia Franklin. The opening pitch is set for 4 p.m.

In two weeks, the Rocks will travel to Cincinnati for their annual "Spring Break" trip, during which they will take on several of southern Ohio's top teams.

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Salem senior pitcher Josh Ritter is pictured throwing out Livonia Stevenson's Luke Knochel in a game last season. Ritter will succeed the graduated Nic England to become the Rocks' No. 1 starting pitcher this season.

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# Wildcats should improve with senior class

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Following a season filled with growing pains, the Plymouth baseball team is hoping for a season jammed with just plain old growth in 2006.

Plymouth coach Chuck Adams knew last year was going to be rough, but not 2-21-2 rough.

"Having seniors this year should make all the difference in the world," said Adams.

"Last year, the school was only three years old, so we had to bring a lot of kids up to levels that they wouldn't have played at if they were attending a four-year institution. We had to cut

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our teeth last season, but now that we have a full complement of classes, we should be a lot better.

"Last year, we'd get down seven or eight runs after two or three innings and we'd be pretty much out of it. This year, it's the same group, but we're a year older and a year better. The kids put a lot of time in during the off-season in the weight room, and a lot of them played in summer and fall leagues. Hopefully, we'll see the results of all the hard work this year."

The Wildcats' pitching staff will be anchored by seniors Bryan Stotz, Alex Harvey and T.J. Downey, and junior Tyler Locklear. All three seniors racked up a considerable number of innings in 2005.

"Our pitching is what is going to make or break us," said Adams. "We don't have a true, No. 1 starter like most teams, but we have a group that is solid."

Senior Brandon Winowiecki will head the Wildcats' trio of catchers. He'll be joined by sophomore Garrett Reban and junior Mike Michno.

There is a traffic jam at first base, where Kyle Feldscher, Max Vaughn, Alex Mihelick and Tim Kwicien will all battle

for playing time. Feldscher, who is strong defensively, should get the most time, Adams said.

"Kyle has really good hands at first," Adams said. "Max will get his share of at bats and Alex and Tim are consummate team players."

Junior Ben Kosmalki and senior Alex Harvey will handle the two middle-infield positions — Adams just isn't certain which one will be at second and which one will play shortstop.

"It might take a few games to get that totally resolved," Adams said. "No matter where they play though, they'll do a good job. Alex hit .403 last year

and was All-Division. He's a five-tool guy who could play at the next level, Ben puts the bat on the ball and is a gamer. He's a coach's dream. I'm confident he's going to have a very, very solid season."

Junior Steve Lozier will serve as a middle-infield reserve.

Third base will be shared by Downey and Reban.

Several players will be vying for time in the outfield, including Stotz, senior Ryan Valle, junior Matt Barrera, freshman Ronnie Goble and Locklear.

Senior Nate McManus will serve as a designated hitter as well as pitcher.

"We have 12 or 13 guys who we have to find time for, which

is a good thing," said Adams. "Our goals will never change: No. 1, we want to play as a team. After that, it's win the division, then play for a conference championship and see how deep we can go in the playoffs."

Adams mentioned Northville and Wayne Memorial as teams that should be strong in the WLA's Western Division.

"Northville has two solid pitchers returning and Wayne Memorial has Justin Collop, who's a pretty good pitcher."

Plymouth opened its season with a Saturday double-header at Belleville. Check Thursday's Observer for results.

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### ADULT SOFTBALL

■ The Canton Softball Center is now accepting registrations for its Session 1 adult softball leagues. Over 25 competitive and recreational men's and co-ed softball leagues will be offered this spring.

Registration started March 1

and is based on a first-come, first-served basis.

Leagues are offered Sundays through Fridays and will begin in early- or mid-April and conclude in early-July, depending on the day the league is held.

All leagues will have a doubleheader schedule format. Friday leagues will have a 12-

game schedule; Monday through Thursday leagues will play 18 games; and Sunday night leagues will play 16 games.

Registration for Session II will begin June 1.

For more information, contact the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600; or visit

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# 19-1 Crusaders pull off 2 sweeps

The Madonna University women's softball continued to improve on their best start in school history by sweeping a pair of doubleheaders.

MU ran its overall record to 19-1 on Friday by downing visiting Shawnee State (Ohio), 4-0 and 8-2.

In the opener, MU pitcher Erin Brockert (12-1) faced just 23 batters, allowing one hit to shortstop Tammie Joe Coleman to go along with four strikeouts. Brockert also got it done at the plate, going 2-for-4 with a pair of doubles and three RBI.

Stacey Sexsmith had the

## COLLEGE SOFTBALL

other RBI, while Crystal Little (Wayne Memorial) and Hannah Godfrey added two hits apiece.

Shawnee State pitcher Lori Harmon gave up 10 hits in the opener and 16 more in the nightcap.

First baseman Alison Grant went 4-for-4 with three RBI to pace the Crusaders, while Brockert went 3-for-4 with an RBI.

Catcher Stephanie Day (Livonia Ladywood), Little and Heather Richardson added two

hits apiece. Day also knocked in one run.

Liz Ballinger started on the mound for MU, allowing one earned run on three hits. Shannon Noder (2-0) finished up to pick up the win, allowing four hits and three walks while striking out four.

Emily Furhman went 3-for-4, while Katie Wade added two hits for Shawnee State (13-6).

On Thursday, MU took a pair from visiting Rochester College, 14-0 and 4-1.

Brockert threw five perfect innings (mercy rule) in the opener, retiring all 15 batters she faced to go along with

seven strikeouts against the Warriors. She also went 3-for-4 at the plate with an RBI double.

MU belted a pair of grand slams, one each by Richardson and Day. Kathleen Smiley also contributed an RBI double.

In the nightcap, Noder had a career-high 15 strikeouts while allowing just two hits, both to Nancy Chiles.

The Crusaders collected five hits off losing pitcher Julie Puggini with Brockert knocking in a pair of runs. Mary Kate Setta and Grant also collected an RBI apiece.

Rochester falls to 1-7.

# Junior Classic scores continue to soar

Westland's Town 'n' Country Lanes is the home of the Tuesday Junior Classic League where high scores and lofty averages are the norm.

In recent action, Matt Wisniewski started the night with a 300 game, followed it with another perfect, before slipping to a 248 in the third game for an amazing 848 series.

Harley Duke also had a hot hand with scores of 235-300-236 for a 771 set, while Steven O'Harris came close to perfection with a 299 game.

His name is Gregory Brown, but everybody calls him Lefty.

The 41-year-old from Southfield bowls Mondays in the TCAC League at Cloverlanes in Livonia.

On Feb. 6, Lefty rolled a 299 game, leaving only a 7-pin on the 12th shot.

Last Monday, I presented his award, which he opted for the U.S. Bowling Congress wrist-watch for his honor score per-



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formance.

Brown will also be receiving a 300 game ring, taking advantage of a second chance when he rolled a perfect game the following week.

Lefty is employed as a maintenance technician at Coach House.

Livonian Bob Ostler, 80, recently was the oldest bowler to receive the prestigious Jack Dahlstrom Award.

Bob recently rolled a perfect game in the Friday Men's Senior League at Mayflower Lanes.

His next game was 176, which was 100 pins or more below his first game. As Jack's rule states, 100 pins under the first game to

qualify, and enough for his award.

Perhaps Dahlstrom should have another award for 100 pins over in the following game became Ostler came back with a flourish, finishing with a 278 game and a fine series of 754.

His third game was 102 pins over his second-game score.

If you watched the Pro Bowlers Association event last Sunday on TV, you saw Walter Ray Williams, Jr. beat Pete Weber in the championship match to win his 41st pro title.

Williams has finally caught up with the late great Earl Anthony for the most pro bowling titles. It was gratifying to see this, as he has been knocking at the door for over a year without success.

This event was the PBA World Championship and Walter Ray earned \$100,000 for his efforts. Maybe now that the monkey is off his back he will again dominate the PBA Tour.

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Otto had 11 pocket hits, then captured the last strike on a Brooklyn hit.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be contacted at (248) 477-1839 or by e-mail at tempinalley@sbccglobal.net.

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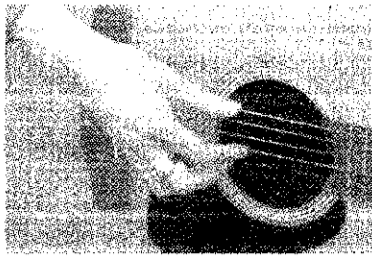
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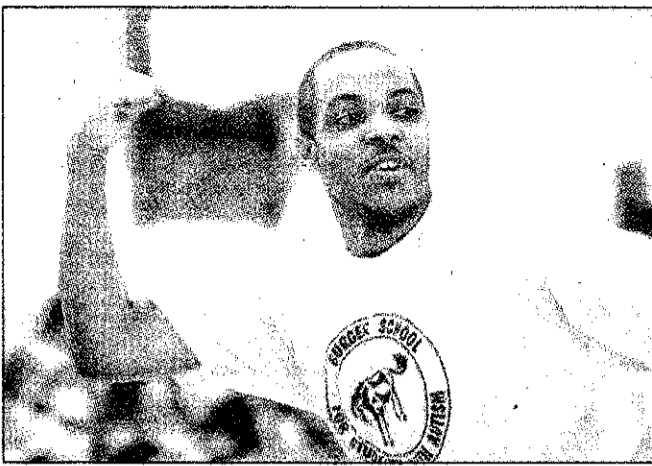


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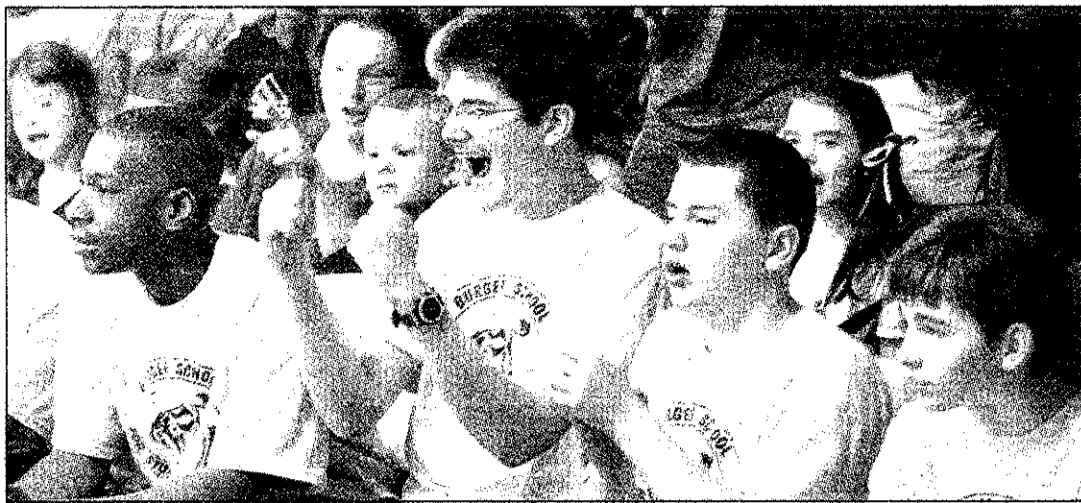
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Broncos' Chris Colemn flexes toward the Cougars and the crowd after making a basket.



Burger Broncos' Tony Ardinger (center) reacts after his teammates scored a basket.



Renee Mills, Burger junior varsity cheerleader, performs at halftime.

# March Madness



Opening tipoff, Burger Broncos' Chris Sheppard (left) and Garden City Cougars Anthony Dixon.

## Burger Broncos win the 'Big Game' again

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

The cheering grew louder with each passing quarter as the Burger Broncos varsity took on Garden City High School's varsity basketball team on the Broncos home court at the Burger School on Friday, March 24. It was a close game and a fun one especially for Burger players who look forward to the Big Game all year long. It's all part of the March Madness at the Garden City school for students with autism.

Here, things aren't always what they seem to be as the high school's cheerleaders root for the Broncos. It seems everyone wants Burger to win including Cougars' captain Brandon Craft, who gives a wink and a nod when asked before the game if he'll be giving it his all.

"It's a nice atmosphere to see the kids make a basket. It's not about winning or losing," said Craft, an 18-year-old senior who volunteered his time to play the Broncos for a third year.

"It's fun seeing them enjoy themselves," said Cougars' player Michael Shaw, 17. This was his third year as well.

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Cougars coach Greg Williamson said, "It's a terrific experience for both teams."

"Originally there were a lot of misconceptions about what autism is," said Williamson. "This dispels those myths."

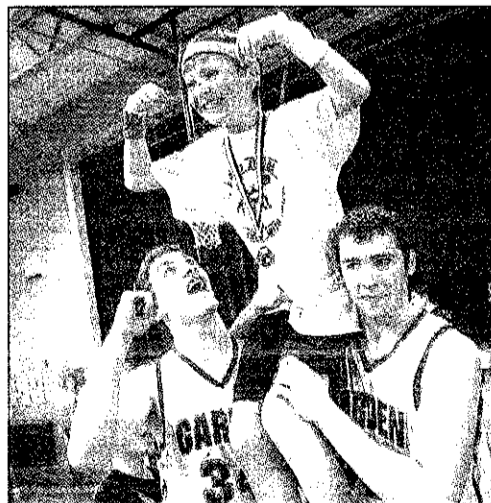
Bronco coach Mary Jiminez is proud of her players as well as the rest of the school. Ten days before they all turned out for the rivalry between the varsity (ages 15-26) and junior varsity (ages 10-14) teams at Burger which began the basketball program seven years ago to give students an opportunity to play. The game is a big deal for Burger students whose autism affects their ability to communicate, reason and interact with others.

"Our students love basketball," said

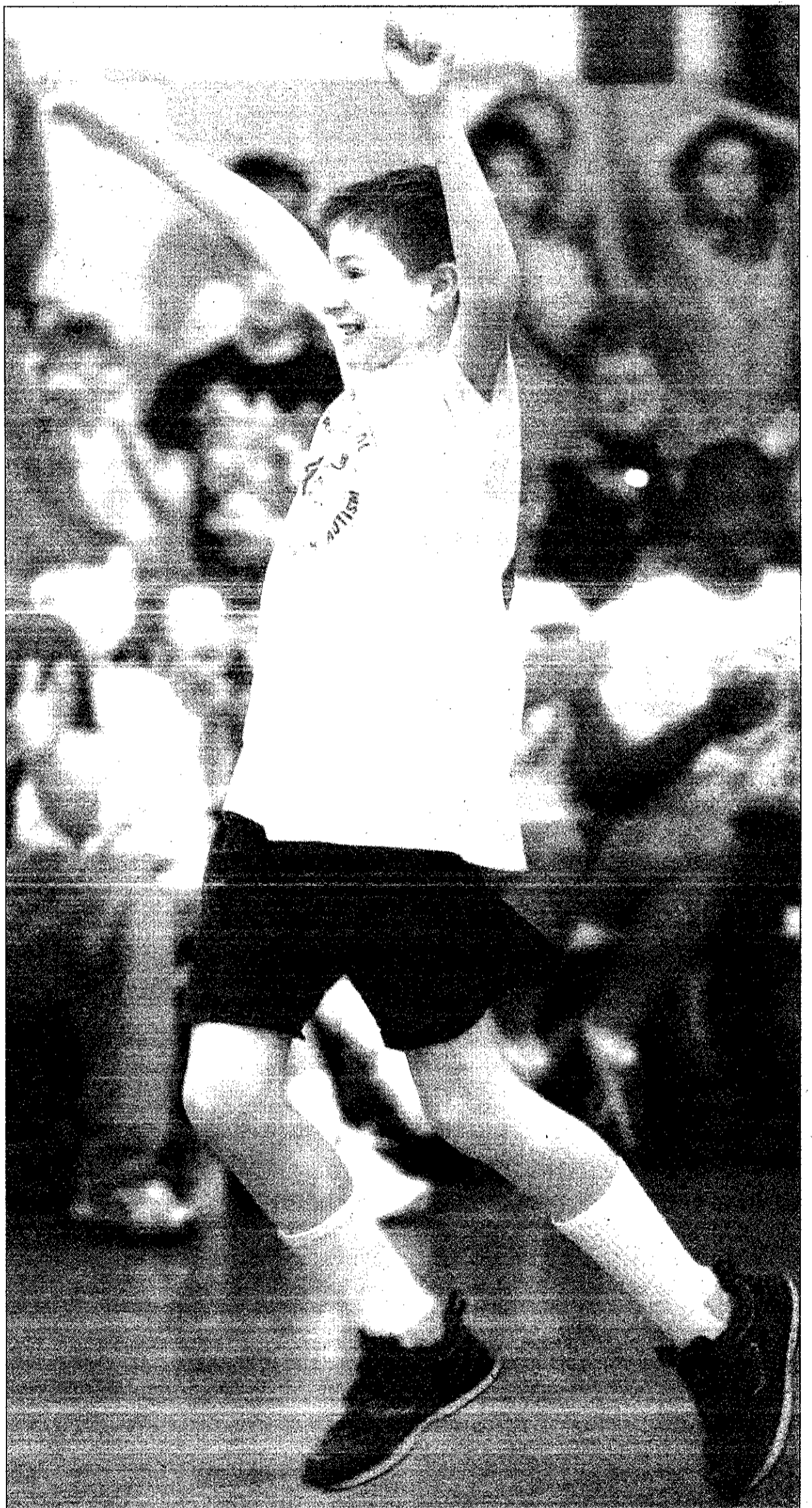
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Bronco Co-Captain Jason Phelps drives past the Cougar bench, behind for the Cougars is Mike Shaw.



Bronco Jonathan Walker shows off his medal as Cougar seniors Mike Nasierowski (left) and Brandon Craft carry him off after the big game.



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Josh Wizinsky runs the full length of the court with his arms raised after scoring a basket for the Burger Broncos.

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BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

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ation, computers are second nature. "It's like we're always online, always checking our e-mails."

So, her own online dating business seemed like a natural choice, and, "Everyone I talked to loved the idea."

To get started, "I worked really closely with a Web site developer and designed it myself."

The attractive home page invites those viewing to log on and enter their profile and photo for free.

To initiate contact with someone else, there is a membership fee of \$19.95.

"I approve every profile," she said. "It's safe, it's fun."

Of course, as with any online dating site, good common sense when meeting others should be considered.

To date, she said, "I'm getting a lot of great response. We get a lot of views a day. We are getting paid membership."

But she admits it will take time as this "modern answer to dating" is very different from traditional ways. In not-so-recent history, Chaldeans had arranged marriages. Currently, singles mainly meet others through friends, families and weddings.

"I think it's just kind of new so far. I think its going to take time for more people to put their profiles up," she said.

"Now I am getting lots of people finding out about it through 'word of mouth.'"

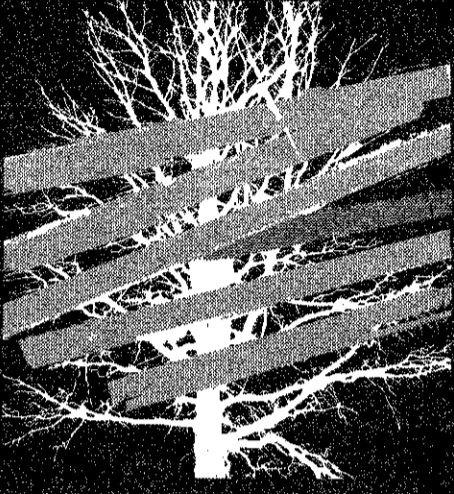
Eventually, she hopes to have not only a large network of members, but paid advertising on the site, too.

As for her own dating life? "To be honest, it has not been my priority to date," said

Kassab, who wants to establish her career first. But when it does become a priority, her own Internet site shows the potential to provide all the "connections" she needs.

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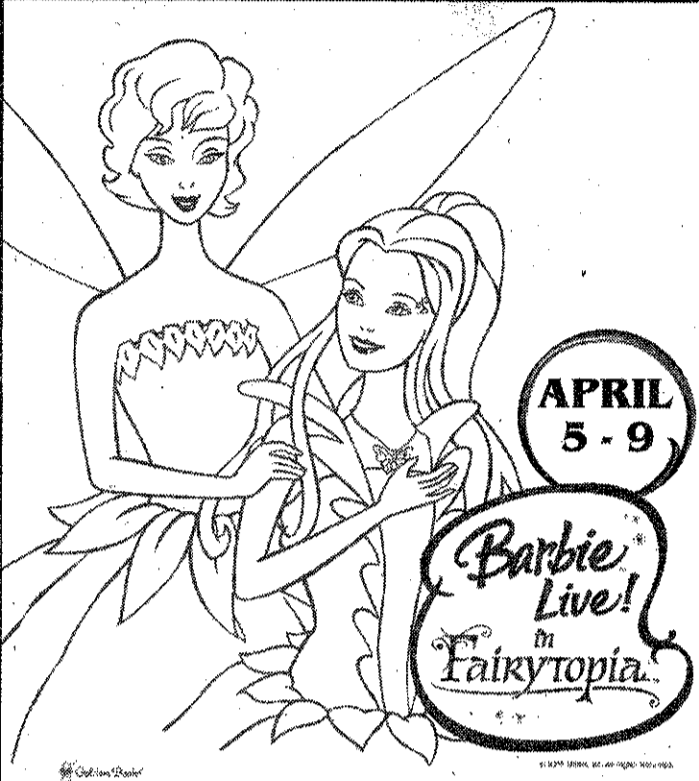
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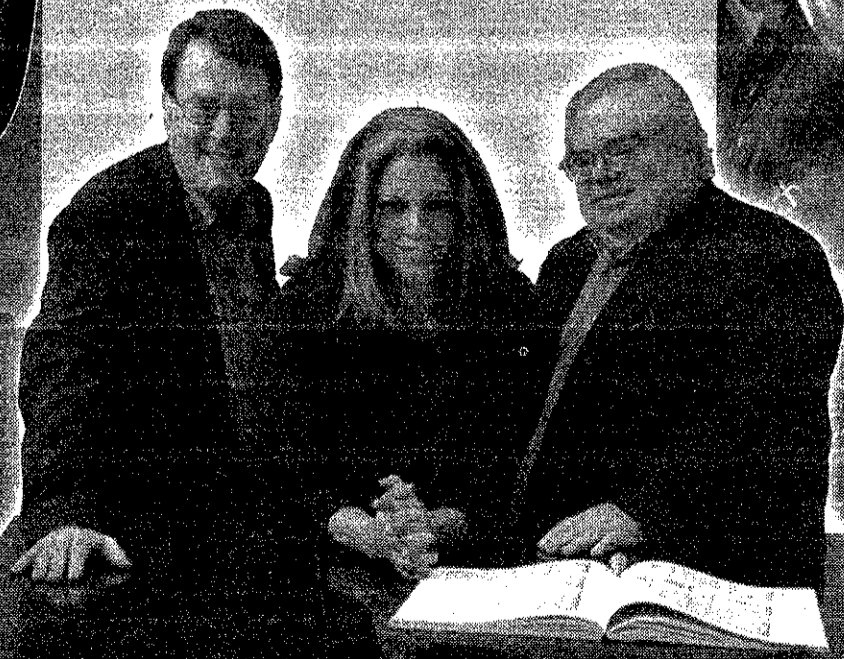
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Jimenez. "They have very good basketball skills. They see it on TV but we want them to be able to play with people in the audience. Everyone does get to play an equal amount of time. We've been practicing since January. There's always basketball going on here after lunch."

John Walker thinks son Jonathan's head probably won't fit through the classroom door after the 13-year-old made two baskets for the Broncos.

"He's been looking forward to the big game," said Walker of Garden City.

"It's fabulous," added Paula Walker, Jonathan's mother. "It's unbelievable. The high school kids give all their time to make this possible."

**MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY**

Garden City High School cheerleaders Courtney McGaham, Carly Stanley, Haley Sneath, and Emily Harding wouldn't think of missing the Big Game and disappointing the Burger students because the event makes the kids happy whether they're on the floor or in the stands. The Big Game not only involves the players but students who hand out programs, set up water stations for both teams, and wash uniforms.

"We do it to watch their faces light up and it's fun," said



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Burger Center Boy Scouts presented the American flag as the Broncos lined up before the big game.

Carly Stanley, a Garden City High School junior.

"I like to see how excited they are after they work so hard to accomplish their goals," added Haley Sneath, a junior who volunteered for a third year.

At halftime, the Burger cheerleaders stole everyone's hearts as they encouraged the Broncos to "Go, Fight and Win." Then the Churchill Stomp percussion group amazed the crowd by playing

on cans and buckets. It took the cooperation of schools and the community to make the Big Game a success.

"It's a collaboration between Garden City High School, Churchill High School, Burger and members of the community," said Sue Helmkamp, a Burger music teacher who lives in Livonia. Helmkamp and co-teacher Michelle Brown led the school's choir in a rousing rendition of the national anthem before the game. Burger Boy

Scouts presented the American flag.

As bench coach, Helmkamp's son Matt made sure all of the Broncos remained seated until it was their turn to play.



Burger Broncos coach Mary Jimenez looks to call a time out.

"I like helping the kids and it's usually a good game. It's close for the most part," said Matt Helmkamp, a varsity football player at Catholic Central High School in Novi. Helmkamp was back for a third year as a volunteer because of the joy the game brings to Bronco players like James Sears.

"It's a very important game," said Sears, 15. "It's the best of both worlds. You've got two of the greatest teams from Garden City and the best players. It will be a tug of war."

By the end of third quarter it was still close with 71 points for the home team, 70 for the Cougars. By the end of the fourth quarter with four minutes to go it was 94 to 83 and at that point the highest scoring game in Burger Bronco history. The crowd cheered when the final score lit up the board 102 to 94. Every player on the Burger team received a medal to remember the Big Game.

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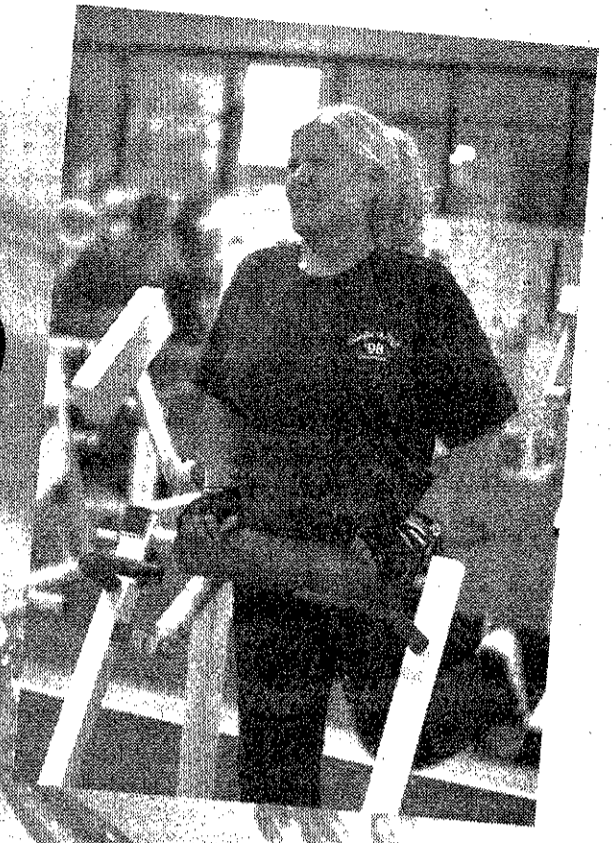
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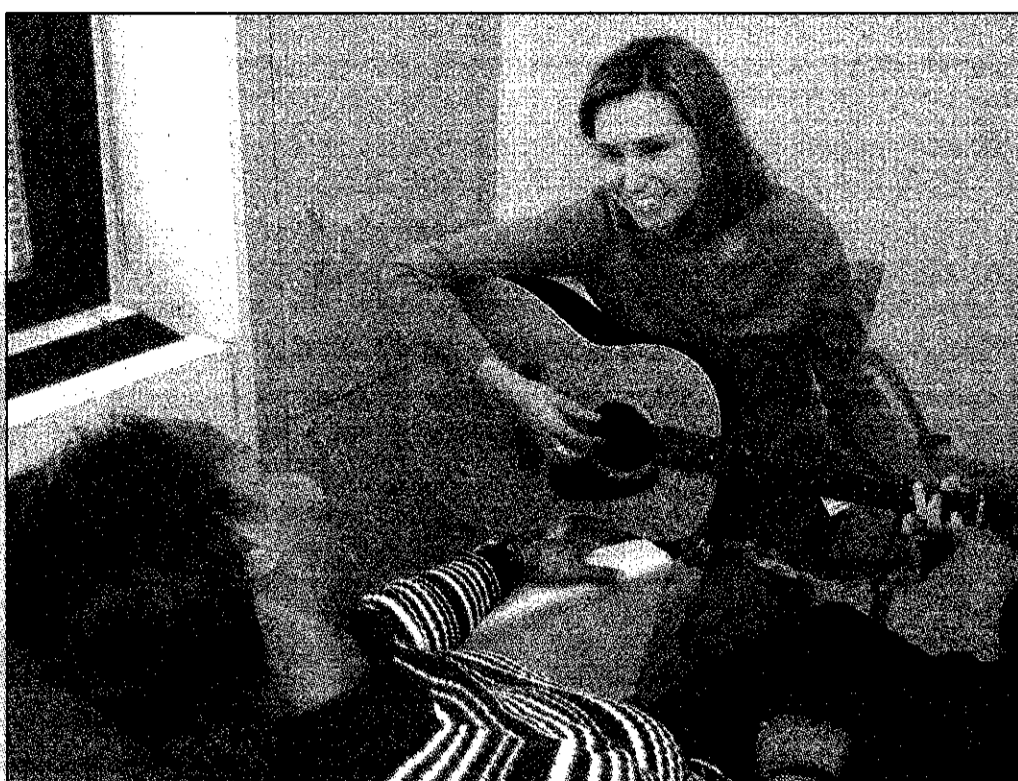
Research shows that phytochemicals in vegetables boost enzymes that protect against cancer. Cruciferous vegetables are best when it comes to phytochemicals. They include broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts and cabbage.

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If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter at [www.peternielsen.com](http://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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Kristine Frias, board certified music therapist at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center, uses music to help a patient with anxiety and pain control.

## New Beginnings

### Integrating complementary and alternative medicine in end of life care

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

For too long, the health care profession avoided the issues of death and dying. Today, that's changing with a movement to integrate complementary and alternative therapies in end of life care.

New Beginnings, a conference thought to be the first of its kind in the nation, researches options such as acupuncture, music therapy and guided imagery to make the journey as peaceful and painless as possible. It takes place

May 19-21 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township and is sponsored by a grant from the National Institutes of Health, in cooperation with Karmanos Cancer Institute, Henry Ford and University of Michigan health systems, and Wayne State and Oakland universities. Presenters' topics range from holistic interventions for patients and families to spiritual assessment at end of life.

"We began planning the conference two years ago to create a research agenda on complementary and alternative medicine. We have to publish this at the end and hope it will stimulate

further research," said Megan Gunnell, committee chairwoman and an integrative psychotherapist who uses the arts to treat clients of the Center for Creative Living in Royal Oak.

Too little research is being done on complementary and alternative medicine for end of life care, according to Robert Levine. The director of complementary and integrative medicine research for Henry Ford Health System says their studies prove the effectiveness. Levine

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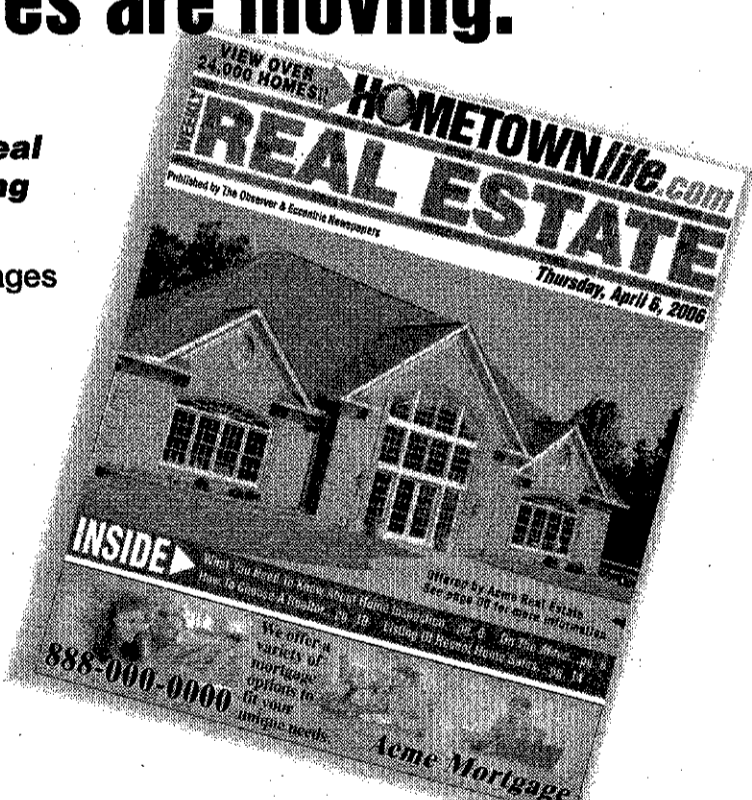
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## APRIL

## Family fitness day

Care Choices is teaming up with St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the Livonia Recreation Center to offer free fitness activities and health education noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the rec center, 15100 Hubbard, one half mile east of Farmington Road, south of Five Mile. Call (800) 852-9780 or visit [www.carechoices.com](http://www.carechoices.com). All youths ages 17 and under participate for free. Children under 11 must be accompanied by adult. Admission free for adults who show their Care Choices or Preferred Choices card. Admission \$3 for all others.

## Musicians for HOPE

A benefit concert with members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra to benefit autistic children's programs by providing scholarships for children at Beaumont Hospitals Center for Human Development 3 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at

First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. Tickets \$25. Call (248) 691-4757, also available at the door.

## Bocce for Bucks II

Indoor bocce ball play and an Italian dinner buffet 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at Palazzo di Bocce, 4291 S. Lapeer Road, Orion Township. Soft soled shoes required for play. Demonstrations provided. Tickets \$100 per person, \$50 youth, free for under age 5. Proceeds support homecare and hospice services for the uninsured in metro Detroit. Call (248) 760-2654 or send e-mail to [bocce4bucks@wowway.com](mailto:bocce4bucks@wowway.com).

## Weight loss secrets

Workshop 7 p.m. Monday, April 3, at the Livonia Civic Center Library on Five Mile between Farmington and Merriman. No charge. Call (734) 425-8588.

## Childbirth Education

7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, April 4 to May 16, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor

and delivery. These classes are based on the "Lamaze Method" and include exercise, relaxation, breathing techniques and comfort measures to assist expectant moms through the different stages of labor. Classes also include information on anesthesia options, medication, nutrition, family adjustment. There is a fee, registration required. Call (734) 655-1162.

## Volunteers wanted

Henry Ford Health System is looking for volunteers for two clinical trials. On trial for chronic low back pain compares acupuncture to conventional therapy. For information, call (248) 380-6203. Breast cancer survivors who are taking hormone suppression therapy and experiencing hot flashes are also sought. This clinical trial is testing acupuncture versus effector, call (313) 916-3938.

## Assistance available on Medicare prescriptions

If you have questions about the new Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit, the Area Agency on Aging 1-B is offering free assistance in Oakland County.

Nearly half a million Medicare beneficiaries in Southeast Michigan began enrolling in the new prescription drug benefit on Nov. 15, 2005. Individuals with Medicare were eligible for the new prescription drug plans as of Jan. 1. Beneficiaries should enroll by May 15, to avoid paying a higher premium, unless they have current prescription coverage as good as the Medicare benefit.

Assistance is available at the following locations by appointment only, call 1-800-803-7174.

Sessions take place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at the Clarkston Health Center, 5625 Water Tower Place; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, April 10, in the lower level of the Huntington Woods Library, 26415 Scotia; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday, April 17, Older Persons Commission, 650 Letica, Rochester, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at Area Agency on Aging 1-B, 29100 Northwestern, Suite 400, Southfield, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, LaAmistad Senior Center, 990 Joslyn, Pontiac.

Area Agency on Aging 1-B is a nonprofit agency responsible for providing services to more than 435,000 older adults in six counties in southeastern Michigan. It offers these tips for choosing a Medicare Part D Plan.

If you're not sure if your coverage from your past employer is as good as Medicare's benefit, be sure to call them before enrolling. If your coverage is as good as Medicare, ask for a letter stating this and keep this letter in your files.

Don't enroll in a plan before doing a comparison. This should be done with the search tool on Medicare's Web site ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)). Otherwise, you may enroll in a

plan that doesn't provide adequate coverage, or you could find yourself paying two to three times more than you need to. Plans can vary significantly.

If you are eligible for Medicare by February 1, 2006 and do not have current prescription coverage as good as Medicare, you must join a Medicare Part D plan by May 15, or may be charged a penalty of 1 percent per month for each month following that you do not enroll in Part D.

Once you join a plan you should receive a card a few weeks after enrolling. Until you receive a card be sure to keep all of your enrollment documentation in the event that you need to have a prescription filled and do not have your card.

Your prescription coverage is effective the first of the month after you enroll. For example if you join in April, your prescription coverage will start on May 1.

## Weekend workshop to focus on grief and loss

Madonna University's Orchard Lake Center is hosting a weekend workshop on Grief and Loss 6-10 p.m. Friday, April 7, and 8-30 a.m. to 5-30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake.

This workshop will focus on the grief and loss issues faced by an individual in recovery, particularly for the person who has had chemical dependency

and/or psychological problems combined with family dysfunction, suicide, unemployment, financial concerns, legal involvement, and physical illness.

Bill Vanderwill, director of addiction studies at Madonna University, is the instructor. Vanderwill holds a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan and is a

certified therapist with the State of Michigan and a certified advanced social work case manager by the National Association of Social Workers.

Cost for the workshop is \$170 for noncredit, \$340 for credit. For online registration, go to [www.madonna.edu](http://www.madonna.edu) or call Ann Valentino at (248) 683-0523.

## BEGINNINGS

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talks about the roll of research in the welcoming keynote speech on Friday, May 19.

## 'MAKE A DIFFERENCE'

"CAM (complementary and alternative medicine) therapies can make a difference," said Levine of Farmington Hills. Levine co-directs the Henry Ford Center for Integrative Medicine which offers herbal therapies, acupuncture, massage, guided imagery and Feldenkrais at its office in Novi. "We use acupuncture to help people release certain types of pain, nutritional and supplemental approaches to have more energy and vitality. We collect health outcomes data on everyone who comes into the center. We can reliably relieve pain in people who've been through conventional medicine and come to us not being able to be helped."

Beth Kohn gives an overview of traditional Chinese medicine before talking about the benefits she first witnessed in patients while working at San Diego Hospice. The Farmington Hills resident practices acupuncture at Henry Ford Center for Integrative Medicine.

"There's a variety of ways acupuncture supports the system," said Kohn. "It can be used for everything from anxiety to sleep issues, constipation, nausea, depression, and to make someone comfortable physically, emotionally and spiritually."

Kristine Frias knows firsthand that her guitar playing eases the anxiety of patients at the Karmanos Cancer Institute. The Birmingham music therapist serves on the committee presenting the conference.

"We want to improve quality of life and allow a person to develop and express themselves as fully as possible until their death," said Frias, who coordinates complementary therapies including art, music, reiki, yoga, spiritual and nutritional counseling at Karmanos.

At Hospice of Muskegon, medical director Dr. Leonard

Wright regularly explores possibilities for patients. He'll speak on the topic at the 6:30-9 p.m. dinner on Saturday, May 20, as well as tell about his experience using acupuncture, meditation, and nutrition to survive a health crisis 17 years ago. Wright looks for effective options that are free of side effects.

"We're offering patients options, motion sickness bands for wrists (Seabands) for nausea," said Wright, an M.D. "We're currently doing a study to look at Korean hand therapy, a form of acupuncture to relieve pain. We utilize a lot of herbal teas. Patients love them. There may be nothing we can do for them but we can make a cup of tea. Ginger-based tea can help control nausea. Senna relieves constipation, chamomile relaxes."

## CULTURAL INFLUENCES

When it comes to end of life decisions, one person's cup of tea may taste bitter to another. Frances Jackson, an R.N. and associate nursing professor at Oakland University in Rochester, says there is only one area that everyone agrees on - the disparity in end of life care. Jackson presents a breakfast keynote speech on the subject Sunday, May 21. The day

before she talks about cultural influences on end of life preferences.

"We haven't done a good job of communicating with people about end of life period," said Jackson.

"In the 1970s, I had a Native American patient who had certain cultural rituals. The hospital had no ability to respond to what he needed. It seemed wrong to me. They seemed more concerned about rules and regulations. This was end of life. This would make him comfortable."

Years later, Jackson would use guided imagery to help a patient at Hospice of Michigan.

"He wanted to make one last trip up North to see his cottage, but he was too ill. Through guided imagery we made that trip," said Jackson. "I got babbling brook music with birds chirping and we made the long drive using our imaginations."

Cost for the New Beginning in End of Life Care Conference is \$225 until April 14, \$275 after, \$125 for students. For more information, call (313) 916-8354 or visit [www.eol.wayne.edu](http://www.eol.wayne.edu).

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**AROUND TOWN**

**Genealogical society**

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. April 6, when guest speaker Milton Charbonneau will talk about "Information from Land Use Records." A help session starts at 6 p.m. The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. The public is invited. For details, call Margaret at (810) 227-7745.

**Telephone retirees**

Telephone Retirees from SBC, Ameritech and Michigan Bell are invited to the group's monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 10, at Archies Fine Dining, 30471 Plymouth Road between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads (586) 268-1613.

**Marshmallow drop**

Wayne County Parks presents Marshmallow Drop 2006 Friday, April 14, when kids from all over will have the chance to turn in marshmallows for a prize. More than 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped from a helicopter at the two county parks locations: 9 a.m. at Elizabeth Park in Trenton and 11 a.m. at Nankin Mills in Westland. Elizabeth Park is located on Jefferson, east of I-75 and south of West Road, in Trenton. Nankin Mills is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For additional information, call (734) 261-1990.

**CPR classes**

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers two free "Friends and Family" cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes

Saturday, April 8. One class runs 8-10 a.m., the other 10 a.m. to noon in the Community Outreach Department, Classroom 11. To register, call (734) 655-8950.

**Hospice training**

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Spring volunteer training is approaching. For more information contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones at (888) 973-1145.

**Wizard of Oz**

Center Stage Dance Company's in-house ballet company, comprised of dancers ages 9-18, presents a ballet to the much-loved music of *The Wizard of Oz* 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8 in the Northville High School Auditorium. The performance will include dancing to songs such as *Over the Rainbow*, *Ding Dong the Witch is Dead* and *Ease on Down the Road*. Tickets are available at the studio, by mail, e-mail and fax. Tickets are \$8 each and \$6 each for groups of 10 or more. Center Stage Dance Company is located at 43334 W. Seven Mile, Suite 250 in Northville. For more information, call (248) 380-1666, e-mail [csdc5678@sbcglobal.net](mailto:csdc5678@sbcglobal.net) or fax (248) 380-1597.

**Safe driving program**

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the

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**Ann Arbor Women**

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 16th annual Tables and Tea event, displaying elegant and whimsical table settings designed by club members and local retailers. The event takes place at the City Club, 1830 Washtenaw (between Devonshire and Hill) 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 4. Tickets go on sale in mid-May at the Club and at some designated places around town. Tickets will be available the day of the event at the Club. For more information, call Linda Atkins, (734) 741-8032.

**Bunny hop**

Pull out your bobby socks & poodle skirts! Northville Parks and Recreation invites your family to our spring sock hop - The Bunny Hop! Dance to current & classic hits, make crafts, design cookies with Great Harvest Bread Company, savor some delightful treats and visit the spring bunny! It's sure to be an enjoyable evening for the whole family! The Bunny Hop will take place 4-6 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at the Senior Community Center (303 W. Main, Northville). Tickets are \$10 per person, and can be purchased at the Recreation Center at Hillside (700 W. Baseline, Northville). For more information, call (248) 349-0203, Ext. 141.

**Home tour**

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 54th-annual Home Tour, beginning at the City Club, 1830 Washtenaw, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 19. Ozone House has been designated the recipient of a portion of the event's revenue. Tickets go on sale in April at the City Club and in designated places around town. Tickets will also be available the day of the event. For

more information and updates, call Sylvia Stetz, (734) 878-9044.

**Swap Meet**

The Western Wayne County Conservation Association of Plymouth hosts a swap meet noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the WWCCA clubhouse at 6700 Napier Road. The swap meet allows participants the opportunity to bring out items they've been wanting to sell or trade, including guns, knives, reloading equipment and supplies, fishing tackle and other items. Tables at the meet cost \$15 apiece or two for \$25. Someone will be available to handle any transactions required for firearms sales at a nominal cost. All local, state and federal firearms laws will be followed, with no exceptions. The kitchen will also be open. For more information or to reserve tables, call Don McLellan, (734) 591-0247. A limited number of tables will be available and must be paid for in advance.

**Ray of hope**

Organizers of the seventh-annual Ray of Hope fund-raiser are requesting used cell phones that are no longer in service. They should be in good working order and will be donated to an organization that provides them for temporary use by victims of domestic violence. The seventh-annual Ray of Hope event - a Silent Auction, Lunch, and Fashion Show with a guest speaker - will be held on 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 8, at the Four Points Sheraton Inn, 3200 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor. You can enjoy a fun, relaxing, and inspiring morning while lending your support to the fight against women's cancers and the equally serious task of breaking the silence of domestic violence. Proceeds from the 2006 Ray of Hope will provide a significant contribution to the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation, whose mission is their commitment "to battling cancers affecting women and ending domestic violence." Since Ray of Hope's first event in Ann Arbor in 2000, they have raised more than \$60,000 locally. Their goal this year is to raise an additional \$15,000 in support of the foundation's mission.

Tickets to Ray of Hope, \$25 each, may be purchased by contacting Ginger Winter at (734) 429-2433, or by e-mailing her at [gingerw@marykay.com](mailto:gingerw@marykay.com). Individual tickets or small groups of tickets may be purchased.

**Cancer society scholarships**

The American Cancer Society Great Lakes Division college scholarship program is currently accepting applications for the 2006-2007 school year. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18. Since 1997, the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division Foundation has proudly supported young cancer survivors with \$1,000 scholarships as they pursue ambitious career goals. To date, more than 300 first-time scholarships and 200 renewal scholarships have been awarded to students in the Great Lakes area of Indiana and Michigan. To qualify, applicants must be a cancer survivor age 20 or younger (as of April 18, 2006); a U.S. citizen and legal resident of Indiana or Michigan; and attending, or planning to attend, an accredited college or university in Indiana or Michigan in Fall 2006. Those interested may download an application on-line by visiting [www.cancer.org/scholarships](http://www.cancer.org/scholarships) or by calling (800) 723-0360.

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the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117, West Liberty, Ann Arbor 48104 or fax it to 734994-3610.

**Girlstown Foundation**

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**Drawing into painting**

The exhibition "Drawing into Painting" runs through April 8 at the Ann Arbor Art Center Exhibition Gallery, 117 West Liberty Street, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Saturday; noon-5:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information contact Amanda Krugliak, Exhibitions Director at the Ann Arbor Art Center, (734) 994-8004, Ext. 110.

**Literacy Council tutors**

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

**Grief support**

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net).

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the **Management of School Food Service Operations** for the 2006 - 2007 school year. Specifications and bid forms will be available at the MANDATORY "pre-bid" meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at the Plymouth High School located at 8400 Beek Road, Canton, MI 48187. For further information, please phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 17th, 2006. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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**PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Public Act 263 of 2001 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 17, 2006 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

**FLORA FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO LOCAL SHOPPING FOR PARCEL NO. 042 99 0004 000 (43425 WARREN RD).** Property is located south of Warren and east of Morton Taylor Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, April 13, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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**PANKO FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO LOCAL SHOPPING (OFFICE USE RECOMMENDED) FOR PARCEL NO. 033 99 0002 000 (45511 WARREN RD).** Property is located south of Warren and west of Canton Center Road.

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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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**WAYNE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES IN COOPERATION WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR THE CANTON CENTER ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CHERRY HILL TO PALMER) CANTON TOWNSHIP**

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**Reading round-up**

Isbister School first-grader Blake McKolaiczik, 6, and mom Susan McKolaiczik select books during a First Grade Round-Up visit to the Canton Public Library. First-graders throughout the Plymouth-Canton school district boarded buses and headed for a new world at the Canton Public Library where, for the last 15 years, the library has welcomed for the round-up, held during March Reading Month. This year, 14 schools visited the library, bringing some 1,135 students, 22 teachers and parent chaperones. Students got a tour of the Children's Department, saw a puppet show, and learned about good library manners. They also got their own library card and the opportunity to check out a book to take home.

**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](http://www.plymouthlibrary.org)

**FICTION**

1. "The 5th Horseman," James Patterson
2. "The Tenth Circle," Jodi Picoult
3. "The House," Danielle Steele
4. "Cell," Stephen King
5. "The Templar Legacy," Steve Berry

**NON-FICTION**

1. "Marley and Me," John Grogan
2. "You're Wearing That?," Deborah Tannen
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5. "Get Up and Go," Nancy Carlson

**United Way holds survey on needs**

United Way for Southeastern Michigan wants metro Detroit residents to participate in a brief Community Action Survey via telephone or online.

Through April 7, residents of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties are being encouraged to voice what they feel are the top social issues that they would like to see progress on in our region, as well as what are the barriers we need to overcome to achieve success.

According to Michael J. Brennan, president & CEO, United Way for Southeastern Michigan, the community outreach effort is aimed at identifying the most pressing human service issues across metro Detroit, resulting in a region-wide plan to effectively make progress on those key issues.

"Our goal is to involve local residents in the process of addressing both short and long-term issues that affect our children, families, neighborhoods and health, resulting in a com-

munity action plan," said Brennan. "We need to hear from all sectors of our region and work together to achieve regional success. We're urging everyone to participate in the survey, so we can capture the top concerns, as well as aspirations, from the diverse populations that make up southeast Michigan."

United Way for Southeastern Michigan is in the first of a three-phase process that, over the next two years, will step up regional efforts to address core needs through various safety-net services. The organization will also sharpen its focus on the underlying causes of social ills with targeted strategies that prevent problems in the first place.

The Community Action Survey is one way United Way is hearing from the community. The organization is also conducting one-on-one interviews with community stakeholders, as well as facilitating focus groups with diverse public and

private sectors throughout the region. United Way will compile the information, which will be used as a benchmark for regional objectives and goals.

The Community Action Survey seeks to shed light on the general public's top concerns about critical human service issues, asking questions such as how important are thriving families, education, economic vitality, and access to affordable housing, for example; and what are the barriers to overcome in order to achieve success related to those areas.

The survey will be available 24 hours a day concluding at 5 p.m. on April 7. All residents of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties are being encouraged to take the brief survey either online at [www.uwsem.org](http://www.uwsem.org) or by calling United Way for Southeastern Michigan's call center by dialing 2-1-1 or (800) 552-1183.

Additional information is available at [www.uwsem.org](http://www.uwsem.org).

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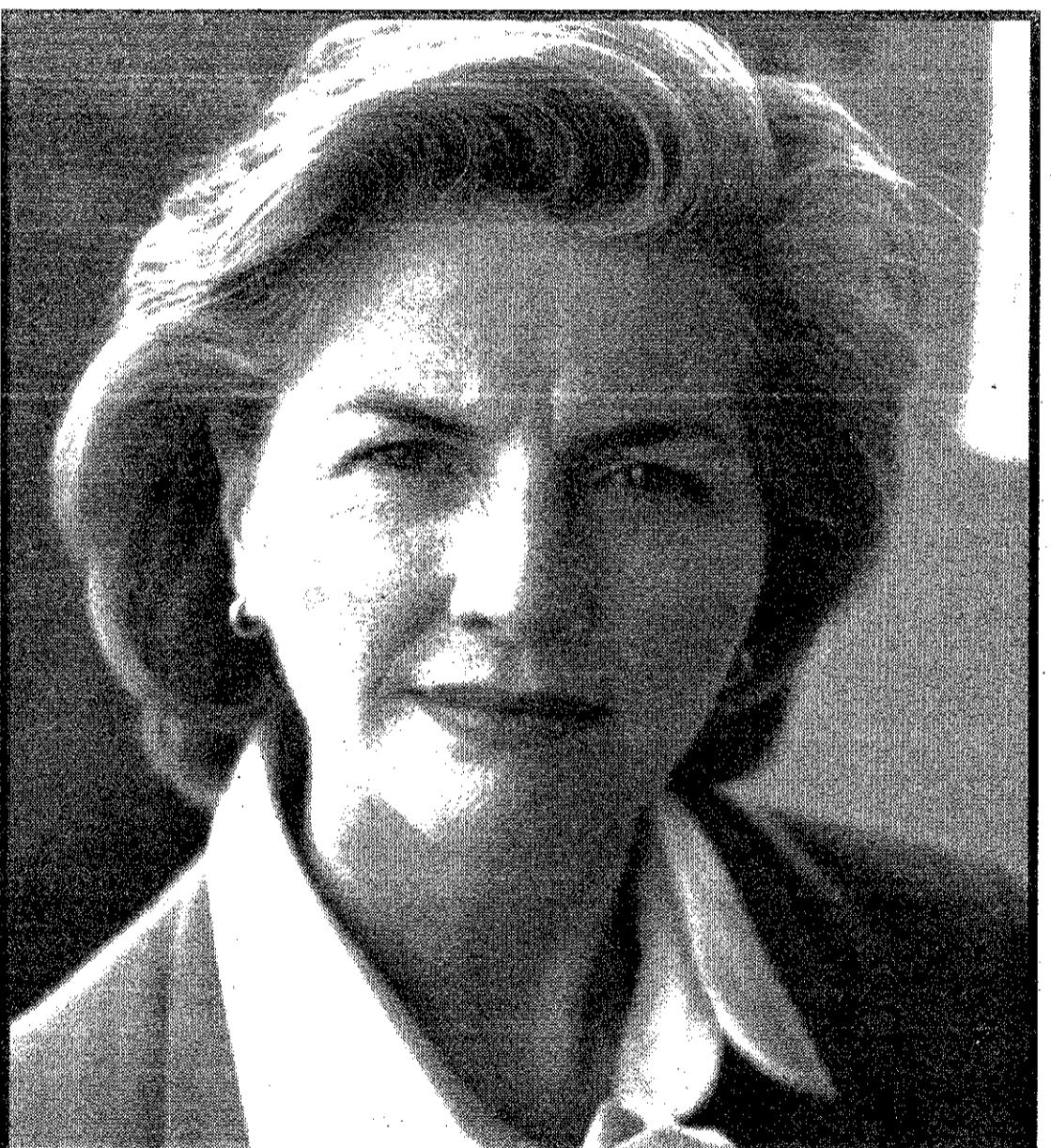
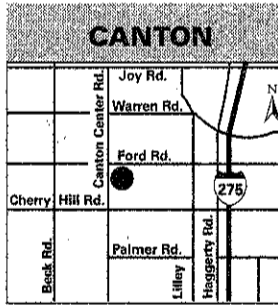
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## Self-esteem need not be all or nothing

Self-esteem can be described as how one feels about himself or herself as a person. There may be feelings of worthlessness/uselessness vs. feelings of acceptance and "getting along with oneself," no matter what age.



Len McCulloch

At the extreme end of poor self-esteem would be self-hatred (masochism) and, at the opposite extreme, high self-regard with grandiosity (megalomania and narcissism). Obviously, it's not good to be one of the extremes.

Self-esteem need not be an all or nothing issue and one might, for example, have good self-esteem about their physical appearance and poor esteem about their intellectual abilities, or vice versa.

Many think that it is during the formative years of childhood that one's self-esteem is constructed. It may begin as a reaction to feedback one is getting from his/her family. Generally, one comes out of childhood with a basic feeling of "I am an OK person" vs. "I am not." It seems that, in childhood, when one is not loved properly or enough (neglected, abused, etc.) the young person does not ask, "What's wrong with these grown-ups for not loving me the right way?"

More often, if asked, the youngster will say, "There must be something wrong with me and that's why I'm being mistreated." Thus, we have the basis for what may become a lifelong attitude toward the self.

Psychotherapy, in very general terms, is a working relationship between two people, one trained by education and experience in how the mind works and one who is in distress, usually in the form of anxiety or depression. Commonly, self-esteem issues are one of the underlying ingredients of the distress and motivation for seeking out a psychotherapist. Or, in the case of the child, being brought to meet a therapist by the parent.

Many years ago I met, in therapy, an 8-year-old girl from a large family of seven siblings whose complaint was "I don't like myself." She was also becoming less social in school and her usual good grades were dropping. Her parents were astute enough to recognize this as a possible sign of depression and brought her for evaluation. This revealed a case of self-esteem that had become problematic, without evidence of much other psychopathology, in a family which seemed relatively intact, but "too crowded" from an 8-year-old's point of view.

Supportive and exploratory psychotherapeutic treatment was conducted twice weekly over a nine-month period. The child formed a positive therapeutic alliance and openly expressed her thoughts and feelings which were accepted and responded to empathetically. Her grades and socialization improved. No further problems surfaced and a planned termination was worked on during the last eight weeks of treatment. This went well and we parted. Her last comment to me, after walking down the hallway away from my office was: "Oh, and Mr. McCulloch, I like myself now!"

About eight years later I was getting popcorn at the movies and the 16-year-old looking girl waiting on me seemed a little too smiley and mildly embarrassed. I made nothing of it, nor did I recognize or remember her. As I walked away she called out to me: "Mr. McCulloch!" I turned and suddenly the memory of our work together returned, although vaguely. She said, "I'm Melissa and you were my therapist when I was 8 years old." We chatted briefly, wished each other well and parted again. As I left the counter, and walked down the hallway away from her, she called out again: "Oh, Mr. McCulloch?" I turned and said "Yes?" She said with a smile, "I still like myself!"

**L.J. McCulloch** is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association, a licensed social worker, and holds various additional certifications in mental health, substance abuse and brain injury. He has published 80 articles and can be reached about his writing at (248) 474-2763, Ext. 22.

## Nominations are wanted for Senior Friendly Business Award

The Community Outreach Department of St. Mary Mercy Hospital in conjunction with the Livonia Senior Center are looking for nominations for Livonia businesses for its first annual Senior Friendly Business Award. Livonia businesses would be nominated based on having accessible facilities that are safe, convenient and comfortable; provide excellent service that is courteous and unrushed, and offer senior discounts,

home delivery, help to the car, or other services to support seniors. The businesses make it a habit to show respect to seniors by listening actively and asking open, positive questions without making assumptions. Nomination forms can be found at the Livonia Senior Center, City Hall, and Livonia Civic, Alfred Noble and Carl Sandburg libraries. Awards will be presented at the Senior Resource Day 1 p.m. Friday, May 5.

## Bowl to help blind children

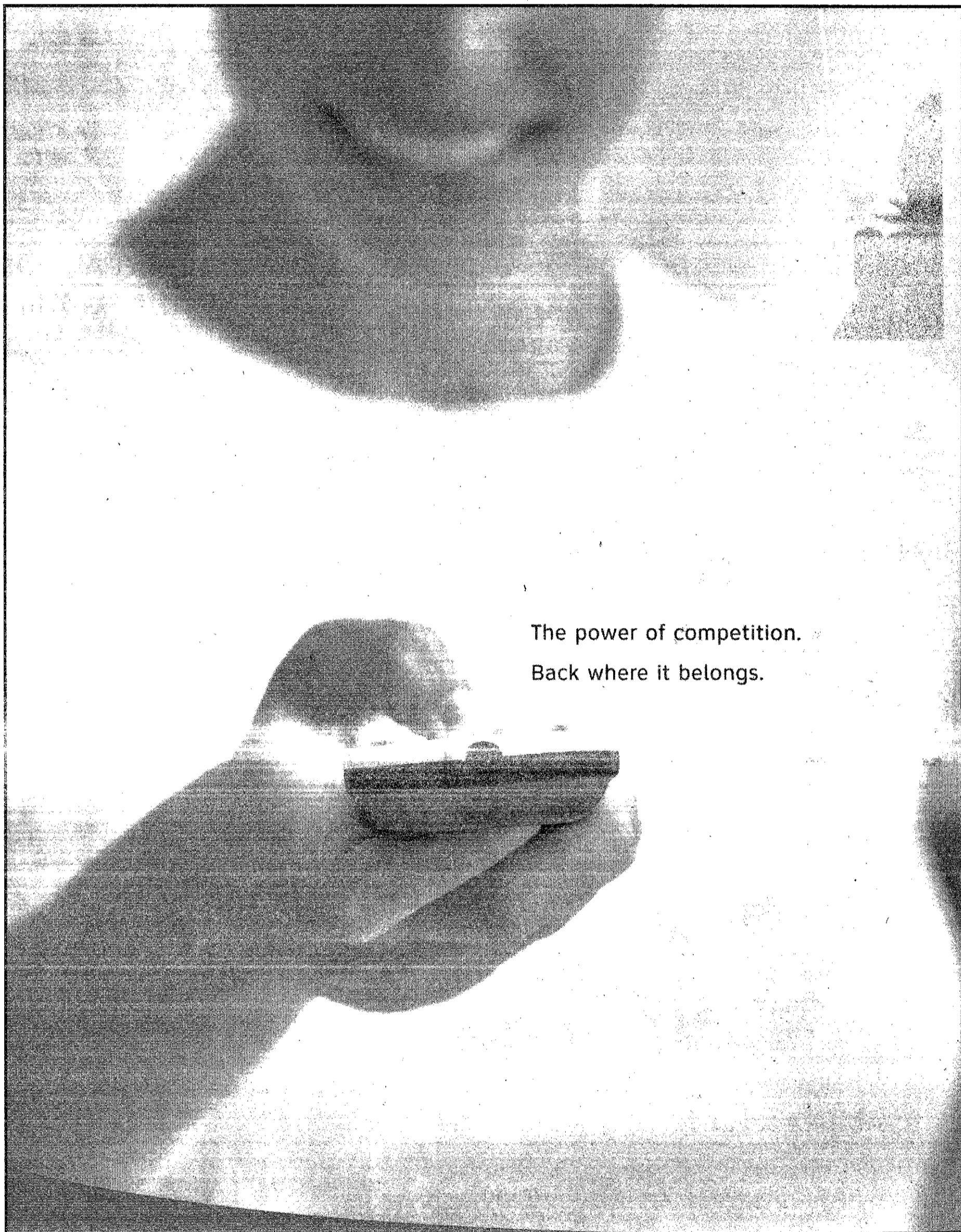
Spend the afternoon bowling with WNIC celebrities and help Seedlings put Braille books into the hands of blind children Sunday, April 2, at the Super Bowl in Canton. There will be raffle prizes, trophies for high game/high series, and prizes for those who raise the most pledges, including round-trip airline tickets.

Call (734) 427-8552, ext. 307 to register and reserve a spot at the event.

If you're unable to bowl but would like the chance to bid on Red Wings tickets

or raffle items, a live auction and raffle will be held throughout the afternoon.

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a nonprofit organization in Livonia dedicated to increasing the opportunity for braille literacy by providing high quality, low cost Braille books for blind children. Every \$10 earned at the Bowl-a-thon will create one more book. Last year, bowlers raised nearly \$22,000 provide blind children access to popular children's book in Braille and to bring them the materials they need to read and succeed.



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## Fresh graduates should fight for their rights

(PRWEB) — Fresh graduates should fight for their rights in the work place to avoid discrimination, according to experts at CvTips.com, one of the Web's leading portals on employment matters.

One CvTips consultant said employers sometimes take advantage of freshers who are unaware of their rights and eager to land a good job.

Low salaries, lack of benefits, long hours working on large portfolios and reduced holidays are some of the ways in which employers use freshers desperate to join the workforce, the consultant said.

Freshers need to know that they have a choice and that with the right negotiation tactics they can score high even at entry level.

It definitely requires a high level of confidence from the candidate, but this is not what today's youth is lacking. What they lack is awareness and belief that it is possible to negotiate right at the beginning of a career and come up out a winner.

He said many companies acquire freshers with the intent of getting more out of their investment in the real sense.

Even big-name companies use their reputation to attract freshers and get the most mileage out of them, he said. These new graduates are so grateful and happy about working for a big-name company that they accept terms that are below industry standards.

The CvTips.com consultant said universities around the world produce qualified graduates, most with master's degrees, at an increasing rate. And with the advent of the Internet, the job market is now a global phenomenon.

As a result, much of the exploitation involves graduates from under-developed countries working for big companies in developed nations at lower salaries.



Freshers need to know that they have a choice and that with the right negotiation tactics they can score high even at entry level.

Freshers have been found working longer, harder and with less remuneration and benefits in the majority of the companies, including giants of the global market, he said.

Under the head of internship, a fresher is often expected to make the rounds in a company with inadequate time to gain hands-on experience in most departments.

They are also expected to put in long hours and become multi-tasking and multi-portfolio holders. They cannot ordinarily say no to any assignment during their internship period.

He said in many cases, an internship or probation period involves the employee

earning much less than what a regular full-time staff member would receive.

During this period, the fresher has almost no rights. They cannot take leave, unless sick and medically approved by company doctors, he added.

They cannot avail themselves of any benefits such as loans, housing and allowances and they cannot apply for a transfer.

CvTips.com says many fresh graduates are willing to undergo hardship early on and consider their sacrifices as an investment in their future careers rather than exploitation.

For more advice on employment matters, visit <http://www.cvtips.com>.

## Move to Florida to teach school

(NAPSI) — Florida's schools need 30,000 new teachers for the 2006-07 school year. Several school districts now offer relocation benefits, signing bonuses and extra incentives to individuals who teach high-need subjects.

The American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE) has partnered with several Florida school districts to help career changers become certified as teachers.

The ABCTE program, Passport to Teaching, is recognized by Florida as a route to state certification. It allows knowledgeable professionals with bachelor's degrees the opportunity to earn certification by demonstrating mastery on demanding examinations of subject area and professional teaching knowledge.

Additional college courses are not required and program participants can earn ABCTE certification before moving to Florida. The program receives federal grant money from the U.S. Dept. of Education. For more information, call (877) 669-2228 or visit [www.abcte.org](http://www.abcte.org).



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Parade of Homes is a month-long exhibition of 106 new model homes and condominiums located throughout southeastern Michigan. The showcase runs through April 16.

The winning homes were selected based on the following

criteria: best value for the price, best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged, participating homes were divided into 12 categories by price.

"This year's Parade of Homes presents a select sampling of what BIA professional master builders are providing for today's discerning and eager homebuyer," said James P. Babcock, president of BIA and Babcock Building Co., Inc., in St. Clair Shores. "BIA's professional master builders have built homes for

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 ■ Unity Park Affordable Housing: The Hawthorne, priced at \$115,000 plus fees, in Pontiac, built by Saylor Building Co.

■ Attached Condominiums Priced Under \$200,000: Midtown, priced at \$155,900, in Southgate, built by ADCO Group. Also, Fairview, priced at \$159,900, in Canton, built by Woodbridge Estates Builders.

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Condominiums Priced Over \$300,000 to \$375,000: Hampshire II, priced at \$339,900, in South Lyon, built by Canzano Building Co.

■ Homes Priced Over \$375,000 to \$400,000: Wilton III, priced at \$379,900, located in White Lake, built by Heritage Noshan Homes.

■ Homes and Condominiums Over \$400,000 to \$560,000: Columbia Lexington, priced at \$557,975, in Oakland Township, built by Toll Brothers, Inc.

■ Homes Priced Over \$560,000 to \$750,000: The Chadwick, priced at \$570,200 in Commerce Township, built by Cohen Homes

■ Homes and Attached Condominiums Over \$750,000 to \$1 Million: The Normandy, priced at \$879,000, in Oxford Township, built by Miller Properties L.L.C.

■ Homes Priced Over \$1 million: Bayshore, priced at \$1.5 million, located in Northville Township, built by Curtis-Estate.

■ Blue Ribbon Award For A "One Of-A-Kind" Home: Up Northville, priced at \$2.45 million in Northville, built by Michael Mocerri Design/Build.

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes.

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The Curtis-Estate built Bayshore in Northville was named best home priced over \$1 million.



Michael Mocerri Design/Build built Up Northville received the Blue Ribbon award for best one-of-a-kind home.



The Columbia Lexington, a Toll Brothers-built home in Oakland Township, was named best home or condo over \$400,000 to \$560,000.

throughout southeastern Michigan and can be viewed via open house tours or on-line at [www.biaparadeofhomes.com](http://www.biaparadeofhomes.com). Featured homes include condominiums and single-family homes ranging in price from

\$80,000 to \$2.4 million. For information on the 2006 Spring Parade of Homes, call (248) 862-1032 or visit [www.biaparadeofhomes.com](http://www.biaparadeofhomes.com). BIA also sponsors a Parade of Homes event in the fall.

## Choose wisely which repairs to make when you put your home on market

How much repairs and remodeling should I do to get my house sold, and can I include the improvement in the asking price?

Your house may need a lot of work. Do you need to make the repairs to get your house sold? That depends. If you want to get more money for your house then it's important that you fix what is needed.

Remember that your house is competing with other houses that are on the market. If all the houses on the



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market need a lot of repair, then you can price your house similar to the other houses.

However, if the competing houses don't need repair and you want to get your house sold, you can choose whether

to make the repairs or be prepared to take less money for the house. Also, you may lose a lot of buyers who may have otherwise made an offer because they will believe that it's not worth the time and energy to make the repairs even if they can recover the loss by getting the house for less money.

Does that mean that if you spend \$20,000 remodeling the kitchen that you can add that amount to your asking price based on the price of

competing houses and similar houses that recently sold in your area? No. Just because you put in a nickel doesn't mean that you will get a dime or even your nickel back.

What repairs should you make? Some of the things that you should consider doing are obviously improvements that don't cost a lot of money. This means getting rid of clutter and painting areas that need it. Putting your mind to it, I am sure you can find many ways to make

inexpensive repairs.

What if you have a major problem, like an issue regarding the foundation or roof? You may have to spend the money to make those repairs. Most buyers will hire a private inspector to do a thorough inspection. Chances are, even if you try to hide it in the Seller's Disclosure Statement, it will be found by the inspector. It then has a great chance of killing the sale.

What may not be worth the

price are expensive upgrades such as putting in granite countertops in the kitchen and bathrooms. Once again, you need to examine what your competition is doing. They are ultimately who you are up against when it comes to getting your house sold.

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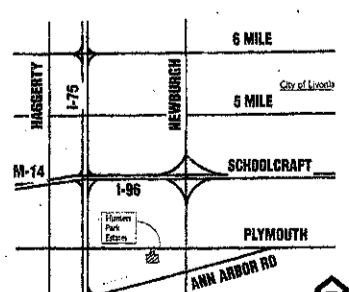


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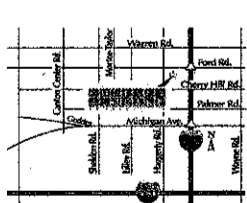
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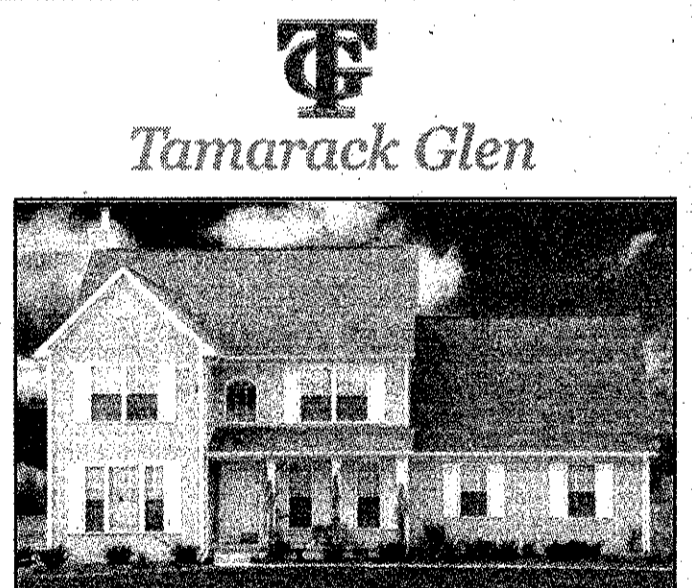
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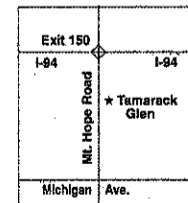
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## Seminar on tap

Vacation Finance, based in Birmingham, will offer a seminar Wednesday, April 5, at the Reserve, 325 S. Eton. It will run 6-8 p.m. Speakers are Bob Waun, CEO of Vacation Finance, and David Disick, the "mastermind" behind the Franz Klammer Lodge in Telluride, Colo.

The point of the seminar is to educate attendees about the real estate, financing, tax and investment issues relating to the rapidly growing condo hotel market. Participants will discuss the variations in ownership and cost structures. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The Web site is [www.vacation-finance.com](http://www.vacation-finance.com).

## Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate (at I-75 Exit No. 37). Mansa Musa will discuss "Credit Score Management for the Real Estate Investor." Meetings are 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For information, visit [www.reiawancounty.org](http://www.reiawancounty.org) or call (313) 386-7228.

## Oakland Builders Institute

Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following classes:

■ Livonia Community Education in cooperation with the institute will offer an eight-hour seminar, "Basement Remodeling," 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, April 24 and 26, at Holmes

Middle School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia. It is designed to help people make better use of space by planning and completing a remodeling. Cost is \$101 plus \$10 for textbook and materials payable to teacher. Spouse's discount is half of the tuition. Pre-registration by Thursday, April 20, to Livonia Community Education. (734) 744-2602.

■ Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with the institute will offer an eight-hour seminar, "Basement Remodeling," 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, April 25 and 27, at the Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail. Cost is \$95 for residents plus \$10 for textbook and materials, or \$104 for nonresidents plus \$10 for textbook and materials. Spouse's discount is half of the tuition. Pre-registration by Friday, April 21, to Henry Ford Community College. (313) 317-1500.

■ Waterford Community Education in cooperation with the institute will offer a 16-hour seminar, "How To Build Your Own Home," 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, April 24, 26, May 1 and 3, at Mott High School, 1151 Scott Lake Road, Waterford. Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction, it is also for those who wish to work with a builder. Cost is \$199 plus \$30 for textbooks to instructor. Spouse's discount is half of tuition. Pre-registration by Thursday, April 20, to Waterford Community Education. (248) 682-1088.

■ Berkley Community Education in cooperation with the institute will offer a 16-hour seminar, "How To Build

Your Own Home," 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, April 24, 26, May 1 and 3, at the Tyndall Center, 14501 Talbot, Oak Park. Seminar cost is \$190 plus \$30 for textbooks to instructor. Spouse's discount is half of the tuition. Pre-registration by Thursday, April 20, to Berkley Community Education. (248) 837-8900.

■ Birmingham Community Education in cooperation with the institute will offer a 16-hour seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builder's license examination. The seminar will be 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, April 25, 27, May 2 and 4, at Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills. The course is for those who want to sub-contract construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople. Cost is \$190 plus \$20 for the text-

book and sample questions. Pre-registration by Friday, April 21, to Birmingham Community Education. (248) 203-3800.

■ Bloomfield Hills Community Education in cooperation with the institute will offer an eight-hour seminar, "Basement Remodeling," 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, April 25 and 27, at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road, Room 133, Bloomfield Hills. Cost is \$95 plus \$10 for textbook and materials payable to teacher. Spouse's discount is half of the tuition. Pre-registration by Friday, April 21, to Bloomfield Hills Community Education. (248) 433-0885. On the Internet, visit [www.buildersinstitute.com](http://www.buildersinstitute.com).

## HomeOffice Center

The HomeOffice Center offers a number of sessions,

most free and at the center, 21500 Greenfield Road, Suite 101 in Oak Park. Upcoming offerings include: Learn the Secrets of Buying Real Estate, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, (248) 967-6920; Real Estate Investing From A to Z, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, and continuing six weeks, (248) 967-6920 or e-mail [info@TheHomeOfficeCenter.com](mailto:info@TheHomeOfficeCenter.com); Future Brokers Training, 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 28,

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Lowe's has information on wallpapering on its Web site, [www.lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com).

These tips include:

■ Turn off electrical power and remove all switch plates and outlet covers.

■ Remove old wallpaper and fill in any holes or cracks with spackling compound.

■ Clean surfaces with a 1 to 4 ratio of ammonia/water for proper adhesion.

■ Cover drywall or newly-painted wall with primer/sealer, and let dry for 24 hours.

■ Before hanging, ensure the pattern and run or dye lot numbers on each bolt are the same.

■ Check each bolt for printing and shading defects.

■ Save packaging information. You may need to buy more.

## Don't let ants spoil your summer months

(NewsUSA) — Summer is here and so are the bugs. While we are planning picnics and firing up the backyard barbecue, ants are moving inside to forage on our countertops and invade our refrigerators.

We all expect to see ants in our backyard; it's a sign of summer. But when they start to move indoors, they become a nuisance.

Ants can often be found around sinks and countertops looking for food and water.

And once they find it, you can be sure they'll be back, bringing others with them. There typically are thousands more with their queen hidden somewhere nearby.

Here are some tips for keeping ants out of your home:

■ Ants travel along odor trails between a food source and their nest. Follow the trail of ants and fill any cracks or gaps at the point of entry.

■ Scrub with dish soap to remove the scent along the trail.

■ Place ant baits next to the trail. Ants will pick up the bait and bring it back to their nest. Not all species of ants respond to baits, so this method may not always work.

■ If the problem is severe, don't try to take it on alone; call a professional pest control company.

"To really control an ant population you have to find and treat the nest," said Dr. Bob

Don't let ants ruin your summer. Treat the problem early and enjoy the season. For more information and to find a pest management professional, visit [www.securechoice.us](http://www.securechoice.us).

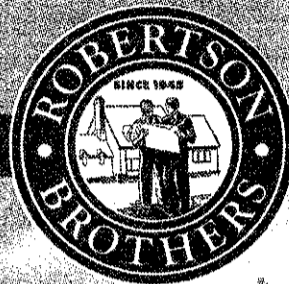
Cartwright, technical representative of Syngenta, a manufacturer of professional pest control products. "This can be difficult work, and is best done by a licensed professional."

Treating around your home will reduce the likelihood of ants returning. Syngenta created a microencapsulated insecticide called Demand CS with iCAP technology. "The microcapsules in Demand CS protect against sunlight and rain and provide longer control of these nuisance pests," Cartwright said.

Because colonies sometimes move into an area abandoned by another colony, maintain a regularly scheduled pest control service to help keep ant problems at bay.

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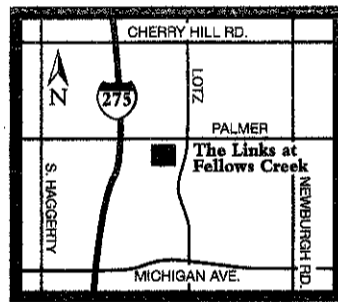
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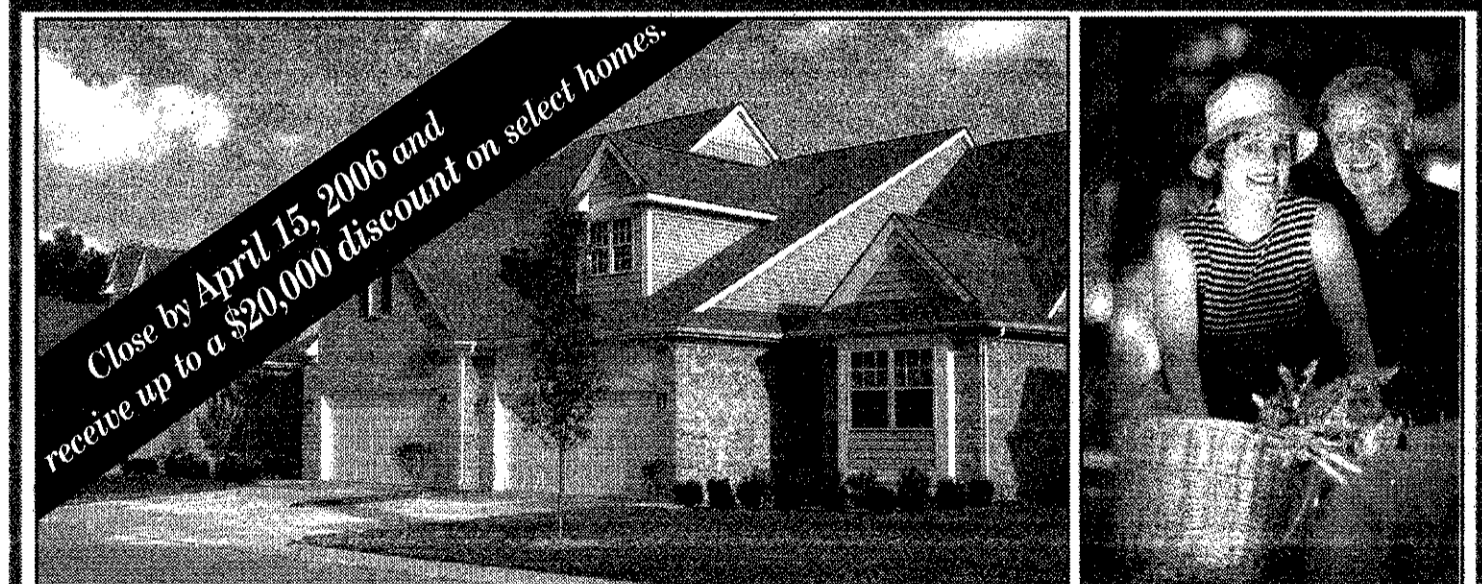
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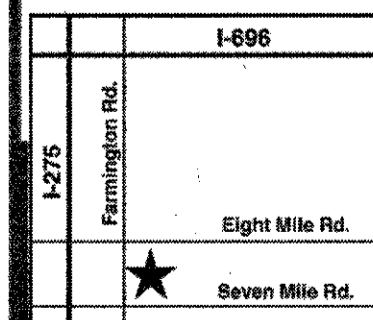
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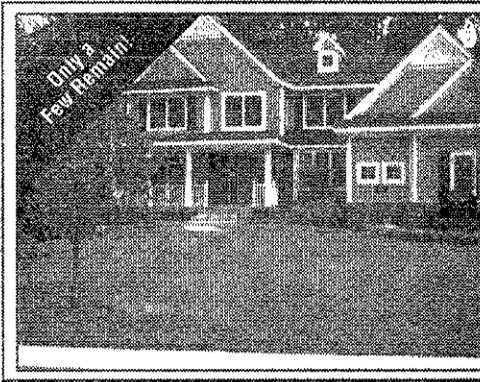
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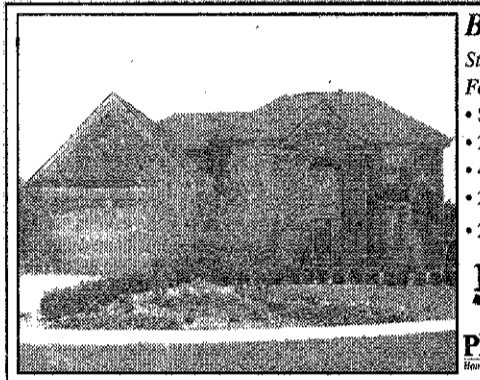
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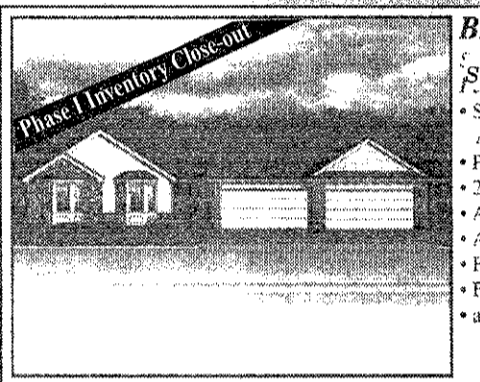
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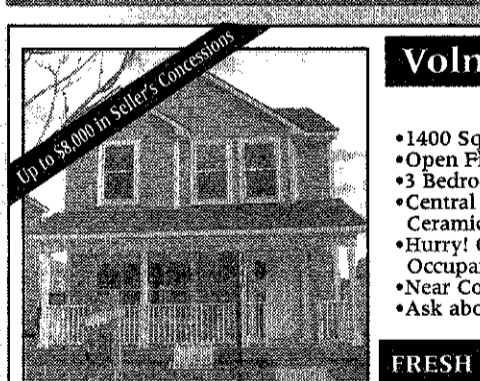
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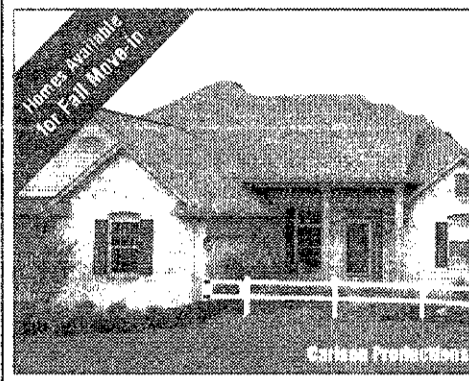


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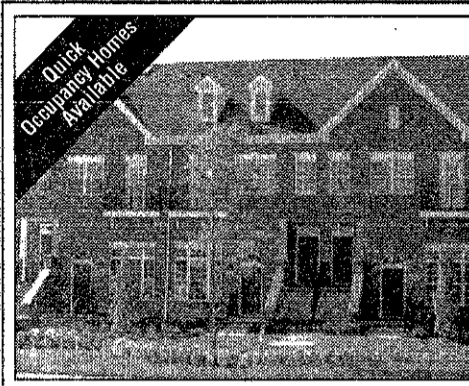
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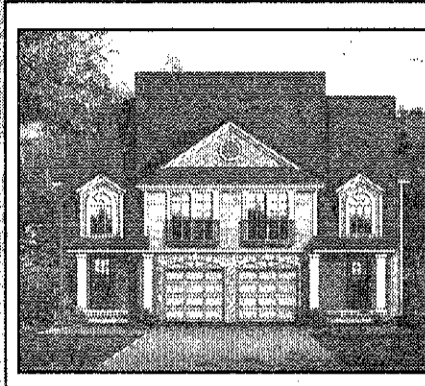
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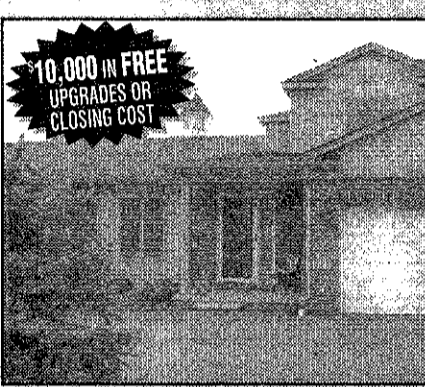
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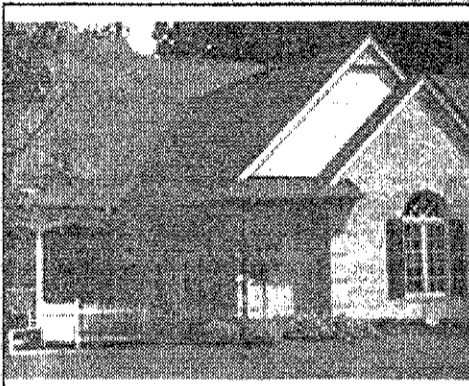
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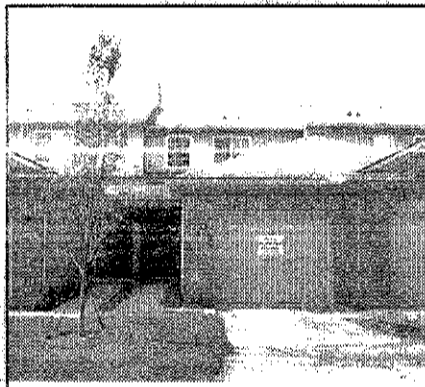
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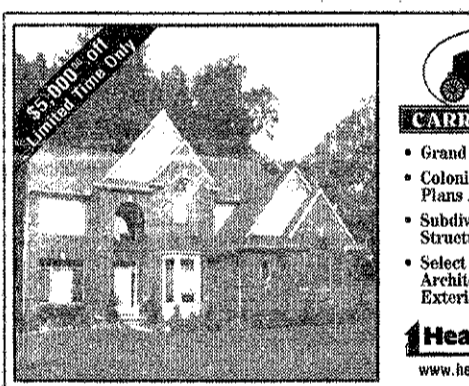
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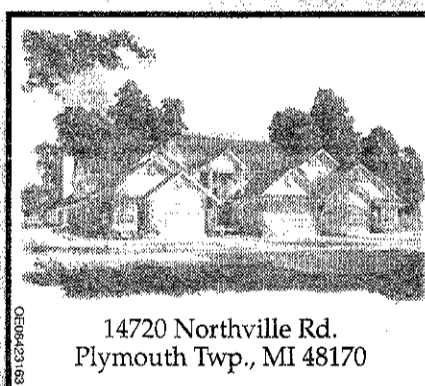
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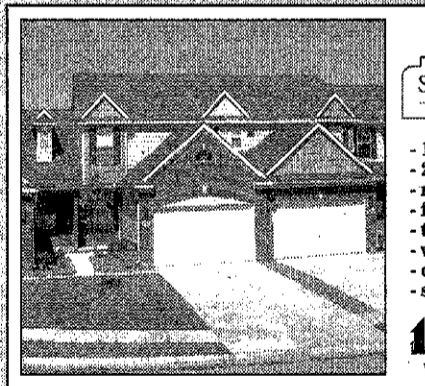
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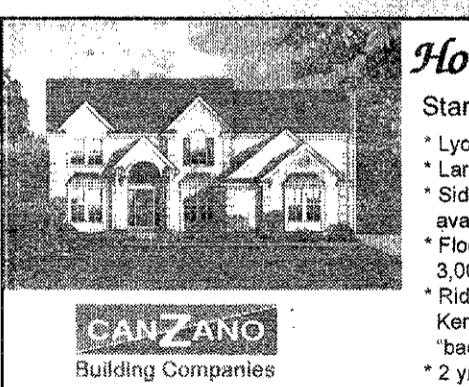
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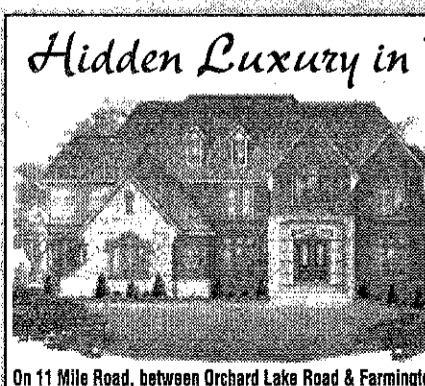
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<p></p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> - Location, quality, value &amp; charm! Attractive 2400 sq.ft. brick colonial, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, family room with fireplace, 1st floor laundry, basement &amp; 2 car attached garage. New roof &amp; doors. All appliances stay. Call Mike Judge.</p> <p>\$309,000 (C31658) 734-591-9200x155</p>	<p></p> <p><b>REDFORD</b> - Location, quality, value &amp; charm. You'll love this brick 3 bedroom ranch. Clean tastefully decorated. Updates include: kitchen, electric, copper plumbing, finished basement w/fireplace. Landscaped yard w/sprinkler system, 2 car garage. Call Mike Judge.</p> <p>\$142,900 (S9012) 734-591-9200x155</p>	<p></p> <p><b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> - Mint Condition. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condominium, a newer complex w/pool, clubhouse w/exercise room, located in Nantucket townhouse complex. End unit freshly painted w/new carpet. Call Mike Judge.</p> <p>\$145,000 (C22150) 734-591-9200x155</p>	<p></p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> - Well maintained 1600 sq. ft. brick ranch on 1/2 acre lot. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, living room w/fireplace, formal dining room, 2 car attached heated garage, large country kitchen, Florida room, central air, landscaped and fenced treed lot. Call Mike Judge.</p> <p>\$202,900 (M16625) 734-591-9200x155</p>	<p></p> <p><b>NOVI</b> - Perfect for the family that desires low maintenance. Over 2500 sq ft buter's pantry, kitchen &amp; nook, 2 story ceilings &amp; windows, open floor plan, hardwood floors throughout 1st floor, backs to protected wetlands.</p> <p>\$369,900 (26046077) 734-591-9200</p>	<p></p> <p><b>REDFORD</b> - 1400 sq. ft. brick ranch completed updates include: new kitchen &amp; bath, furnace w/C/A, electric services, roof, windows, ceramic floor in kitchen &amp; foyer, 2 car attached garage, sun room, brick paver patio &amp; fenced yard. Call Mike Judge.</p> <p>\$154,900 (M16925) 734-591-9200x155</p>

# Gabriel Bay perfect for first-time buyers looking for comfort and ease

The Gabriel Bay (D8013) is a compact home, ideal for the young couple just starting out. It has 1,392 square feet of open living area.

The outside has a brick and wood façade, a covered porch with two pillars, and a decorative window. This home, being only 42 feet wide, would be ideal for any of the smaller lots that have become available for building.

Once in the entry, the Gabriel Bay is open to the great room. A large fireplace is on the rear wall of the great room, ideal for heat and for the aesthetic look. There are windows on each side, bathing the room with light and a feel of spaciousness.

On the left side of the great

room through an archway is the kitchen and nook. The nook has a large window seat across the back wall and a door that opens to the back yard. The kitchen has been designed with a large amount of counter space.

There is an eating bar, dual sinks, a pantry, and walk-in storage closet. On the opposite side from the pantry is the utility room, tucked back between the kitchen and the garage.

For convenience, a door to the two-car garage has been added at the end of the kitchen. This helps with unloading groceries, getting kids in from the car, or coming in from working outside and leaving the dirty clothes in the utility room. The garage is

oversized and has an area that could be used as storage or as a workbench.

The bedrooms are located on the right side of the Gabriel Bay. The master suite is in the rear, with a large walk-in closet and a full bath. Extras have been put into the master bath such as an oversized corner tub, a shower, and "his-and-her" sinks. For convenience, the linen closet is just outside the main suite door.

Bedrooms two and three have a full bath with a tub between them. Each room has a wall closet behind folding doors and large win-

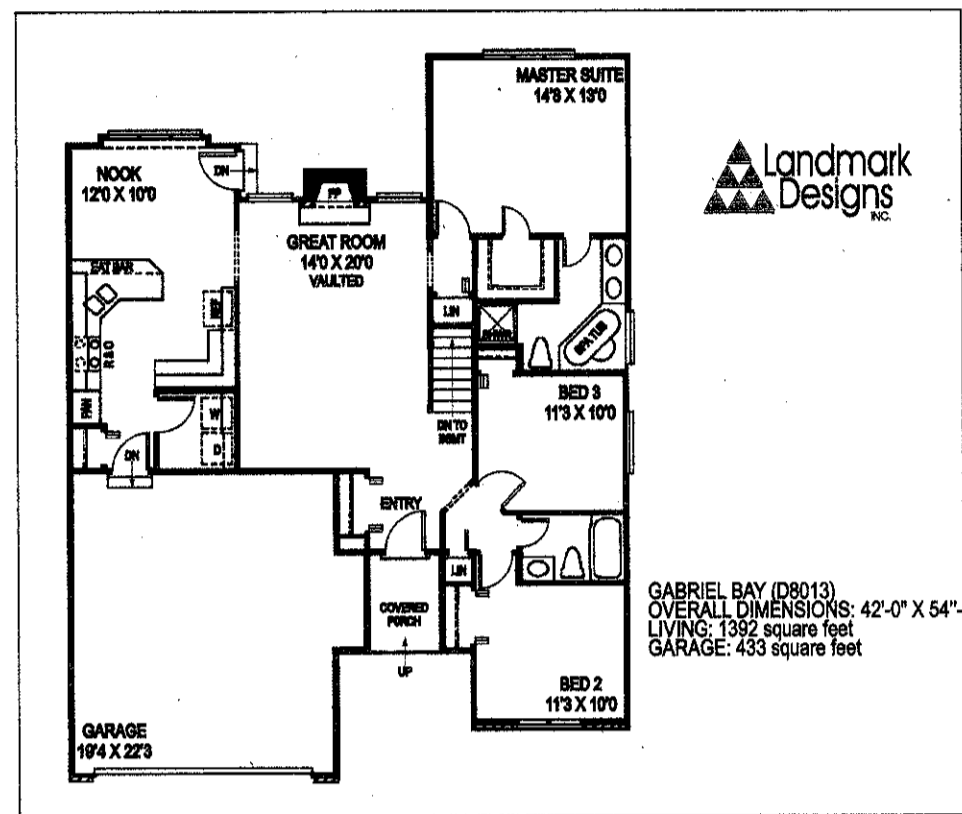
dows for extra light. There is also a linen closet for these rooms. The stairs to the unfinished optional basement is located between the master suite and bedroom three. If a basement is not needed, this area would become part of the Great Room.

Overall, the Gabriel Bay has

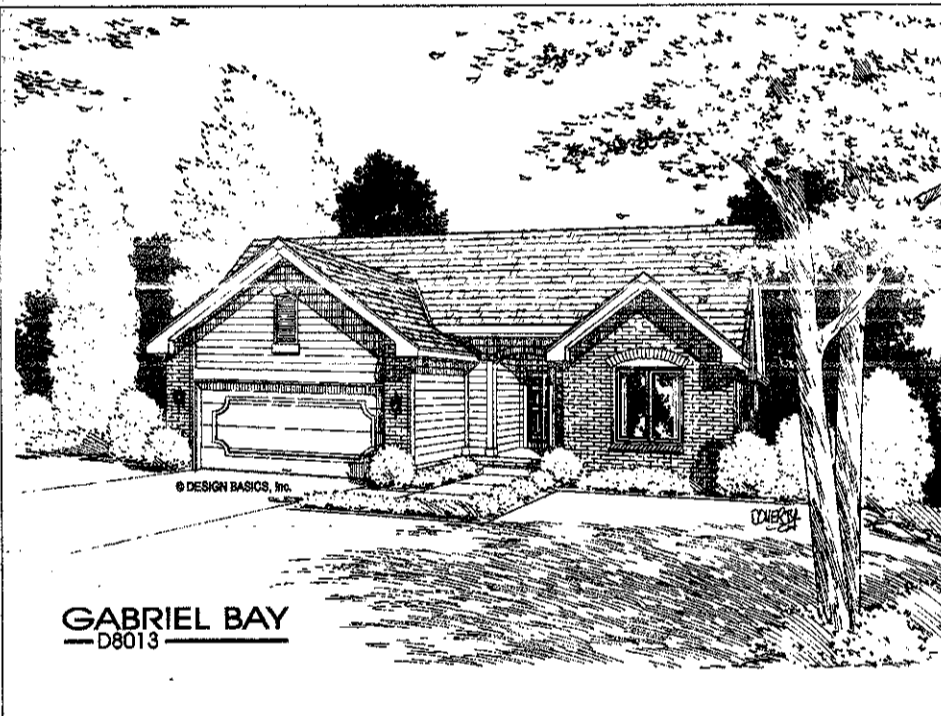
great potential for the new homeowner. It is not small, nor is it too large. It would fit nicely on several of the lots that are available, and would be a pleasant environment.

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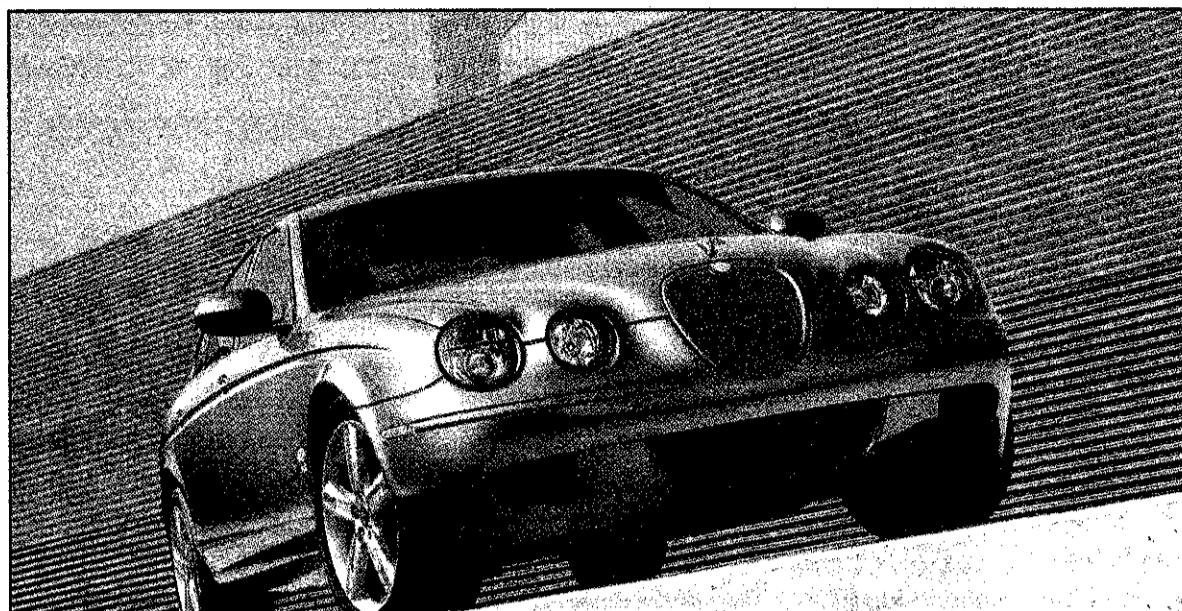
By Dave Menard  
Avanti NewsFeatures

When a Jaguar shows up in your driveway, expect different reactions from the people in your life. My wife, for instance, worries someone will steal or vandalize it. My next door neighbor finds more reasons to be out when I pull in the driveway - he wants to know if he can drive it (uh...no). My daughter wants to make sure all her friends know it's here, and that she got to ride in it. There's just something about a Jaguar sitting in your driveway that's a little different from just about any other car, and there's a reason for that. A Jag in the driveway always meant two things - the driver has money (not true in my case, by the way), and the person who bought this car loves to drive (or at least show off a little).

The 2006 Jaguar S-Type R is really no different. Jaguar made some changes to the look and lines of the S-Type in 2005, making it more slim and sleek; for this year the only real change is a chrome-mesh grille insert. The four headlamp configuration is still there, as are the round tail lamps. The S-Type R comes with a spoiler along the trunk lip, stainless steel exhaust tips, and 18-inch alloy wheels.

Inside, the S-Type R just wraps around you. The standard leather power adjustable "performance" seats give great support and all your seating settings can be saved to memory - the car's, not yours. There's plenty of room to get comfortable, and finding a good driving position is easy. The rear seats are 60/40 split seats with a pass-through to the trunk. The pedals are not too close or too far apart and there's a nice space to rest your left foot. The interior has wood trim, but you can opt for a "wood-free" all aluminum interior, of you desire.

As you would expect, there are plenty of standard features here. Dual-zone climate control, power windows, power moonroof, cruise control, rear defroster



2006 Jaguar S-Type R. Type: mid-size. Where built: Castle Bromwich, England. EPA: 17/23  
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- it's all here. The R comes with Bluetooth connectivity for your mobile phone and an easy to use navigation system.

The standard audio system is an Alpine AM/FM/six-CD changer rated at 320 watts. It sounds great and you can add a Sirius satellite radio receiver to the system, but if you do, beware of this little annoyance - anytime you start the car with the radio already in the "on" position, the satellite receiver comes on, even if you have it set to AM or FM. The satellite receiver must be turned off manually if you're not using it, or all you'll hear is static on the AM and FM bands. Note to Jaguar: an iPod (or other mp3 player) connector would be a nice touch.

Punching the accelerator is where you'll really know this is a Jaguar. The S-Type R comes with a supercharged 4.2-liter V8 rated at a whopping 400 hp and 413 lb.-ft. (SAE) of torque at only 3,500 rpm. It's mated with a six-speed automatic transmission with six ratios and an adaptive Mechatronic shift, which responds to both road conditions and handling of the car. Shifting is smooth and quick and you can go 0-60 in 5.3 seconds. Punch that accelerator - legally, of course - and you'll feel yourself thrown against the driver's seat. Downside, of course, is that the engine requires premium fuel and gets just 17/23 mpg. However, if you're looking at a

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