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## **Coming Thursday**

The Observer's new Weekly Real Estate section

IKEA sets grand

opening June 7

BY CAROL MARSHALL

A mild winter and absence of

construction snafus will mean that

the much-awaited Canton IKEA

store will open sooner than most

store would open sometime

Roth. "It'll just be closer to

home furnishings retailers,

announced Thursday that its

Canton store will open on June 7.

IKEA Canton will be the Swedish

fourth in the Upper Midwest, and 28th in the U.S. (The closest IKEA

stores are in the Chicago area and

tination for shoppers throughout the Midwest, it's also expected to

bring traffic – lots of traffic. Canton

Police Lt. Bob Kerr met Thursday

enforcement agencies throughout the region, and was able to get

agreements to supply an additional

"Everybody's on board with us to

The Michigan State Police will

patrol the freeways and help with

handling backups if they occur, he

Sheriff, Plymouth Township Police

Van Buren Township Police

Department, Wayne County

Department and Northville

20 officers per day from outside

with representatives from law

Because it's expected to be a des-

company's first store and restau-

rant destination in Michigan,

in greater Toronto.)

Canton.

said.

help out," Kerr said.

"We had said all along that the

between Memorial Day and Labor

Day," said IKEA spokesman Joseph

IKEA, one of the world's leading

anticipated.

Memorial Day."



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"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 dur-

In addition to the traffic control

ing the first week of its opening.

plan, IKEA has been focused on

making sure things run smoothly

So far, the company has hired

who will staff the store. More than

150 have already begun working at

the site. The rest will be hired and

"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

Canton. "Right now, our primary

objective is to continue hiring and

Michiganders who will be iconing

the IKEA co-worker family before

In preparation for the store's .

opening, IKEA will be paying for

road improvements along north-

bound I-275, where the ramp to

Ford Road will be widened to allow

for an additional turn lane. There

added to Ford Road, and the com-

improvements that will benefit the

pany will pay for signal improve-

will also be a deceleration lane

ments at Ford and Haggerty.

The practice of paying for

manager of the future IKEA

training the almost let

we open."

trained during the upcoming

some 300 of the 400 employees

inside the store.

months, Roth said.

75 cents

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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, includ-

ing 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.

#### Township Police Department will company is not unusual, accordingsend officers on motorcycles and to Roth. Northville Township will also provide a patrol car, according to Kerr. cmarshall@hometownlife.com | (734) 459-2700 'Mom ... it's Jill'

#### Journalist's release ends family's ordeal

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

PLEASE SEE JILL CARROLL, A4



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

As a 2005 graduate of Divine



experience is one that will benefit him if elected to the

school

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



up when it comes to funding for public edu-

Township

sees it,

Lansing

lawmakers

need to step

cation. "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,"

PLEASE SEE NICHOLS, A5

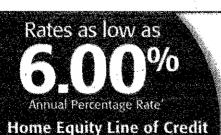
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#### **Coming Thursday** in Filter



**Hot Spot** Northern Lights helps revive New Center area as trendy place

#### 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.

The studio is now taking registrations for everyone, preschoolers to teenagers. Preschool camps are filling fast, so register now. Take advantage of a 15 percent discount for early art camp registration, if tuition is received by May 31.

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 work-

shops, which cost \$30 each, the

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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.dmartstudio.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

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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.

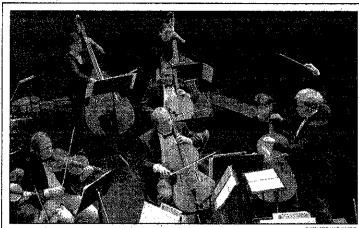
#### Relay for Life

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.

Member's 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.acsevents.org/relay/mi/can ton; 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

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Going away party Canton Township trustee Todd Caccamo, who recently re-

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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.

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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.

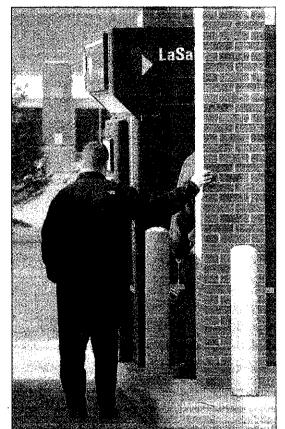
An hour and a half later, a customer, who had pulled up to use the ATM machine, heard the woman inside. Police officers responded to the scene, and used the Jaws of Life to extract the woman from the ATM machine.

"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



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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.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE

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."

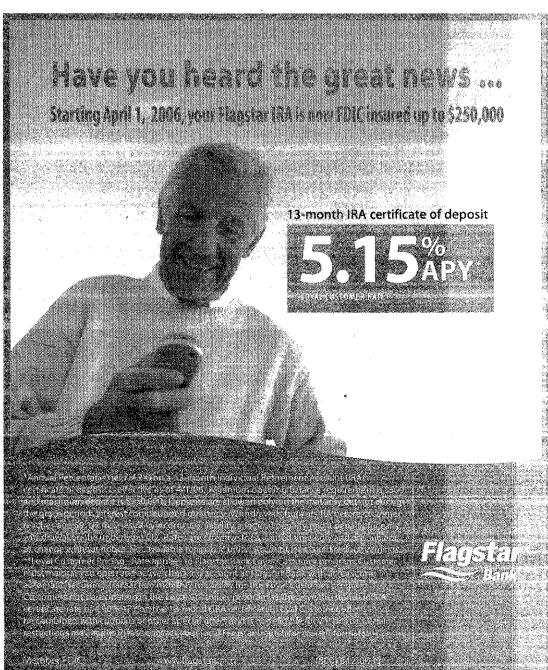
Convertino continues his claim the indictments stem from his 2004 whistleblower lawsuit against then-Attorney General John Ashcroft, claiming gross incompetence and mismanagement of the war on terror.

"There were people in the

"There were people in the U.S. Attorney's Office and the FBI in Washington that were of the belief, and belief and belief, and belief and belief, and belief and belief and belief and belief. Convertino. "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."

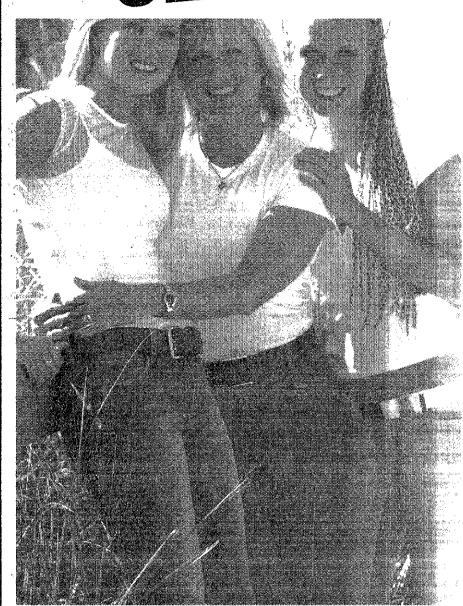
Convertino said there has never been an offer to drop his lawsuit in return for the disappearance of the indictment.
But, it has been intimated.

"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 new 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."

#### **FINALLY FREE**

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.

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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 (exhusband) 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

The kidnappers 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 kidnappers 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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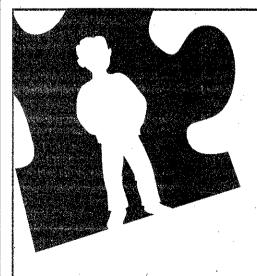
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The idea behind a CAP,

according to Loveland, is to

teers with at-risk families. It

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gram to help families choose

non-violent behaviors in their

homes, and he said such pro-

grams have a 90 percent suc-

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responsibility of the communi-

ty to keep it going," he said.

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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

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

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#### **NICHOLS**

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said Nichols. "Lottery revenues have gone up tremendously from year to year, to the tune of \$25 million, and most of that is supposed to come to the schools. I don't understand why some districts in Wayne County get a certain amount of funding, and some get more. In the 34 districts in the county, we're about the eighth lowest in the state for mandated funding.

"The district has done everything it possibly can without laying off people," Nichols said. "We need help from the state, and we need it now."

Nichols has a kindergartner and fourth-grader attending Fiegel Elementary. The University of Michigan electrician said he's running for the school board "to preserve the quality of education the district currently experiences.

Nichols and his family relocated from Pennsylvania seven years ago and - like many said the school district is the main reason he ended up in

"The MEAP scores are excellent, and I don't think anybody can complain about the level of academics," said Nichols. "We're well-respected in that aspect."

As for the upcoming twomaterial." question bond issue on the May 2 ballot, Nichols said he's

"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

voting for both.

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.

other schools, because we can't

"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

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 faceto-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 elec-

Candidates will be allowed a one-minute opening state-



ment, one-minute responses to the questions and a twominute 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.lwvnww.org and elicking the "Contact us" button.

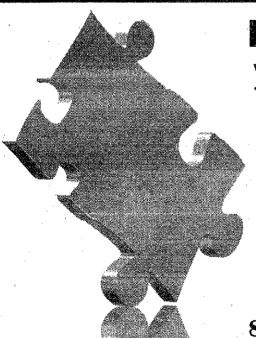
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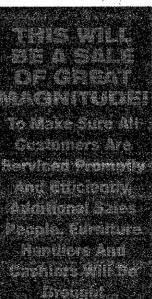
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Charna Bloom Segal Segal, 50, of West Bloomfield, died

March 23. Chester H. Sowinski

Sowinski, 92, of Rochester Hills, died March 27.

Virginia "Jean" Tessmar Tessmar, 87, of Rochester, died March

Norman A. Zawislak Zawislak, 59, died March 28.

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

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## Best-selling author to visit Canton library

STAFF WRITER

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, April 2, 2006

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 communitywide Everyone's Reading selection for 2006, which kicked off

About 20 area libraries par-



ticipated in this year's Everyone Reading program, but Kurson will In addition to Canton.

only visit three. 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.

## 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.

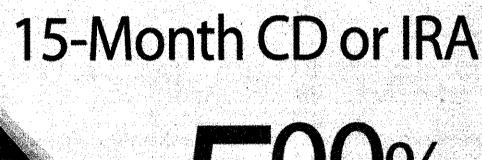
During the April 4 meeting, residents will receive a project overview with preliminary plans, as well as a road, grading, drainage and sidewalk improvement overview. The meeting is open to members of the public, who are invited to make comments and ask questions about the project.

"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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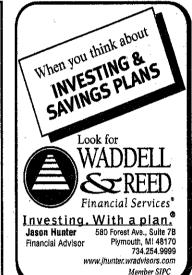




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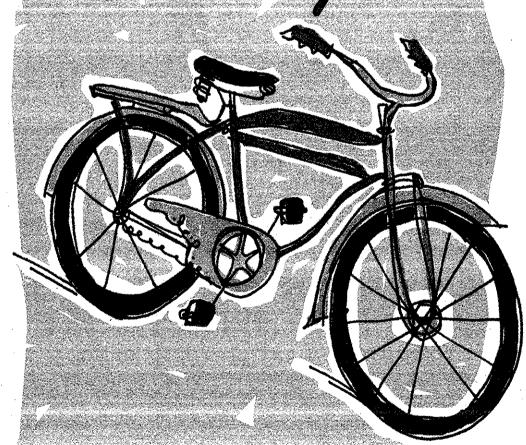
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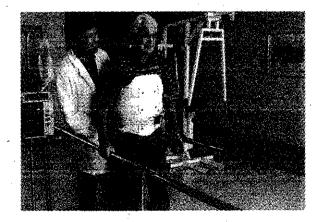
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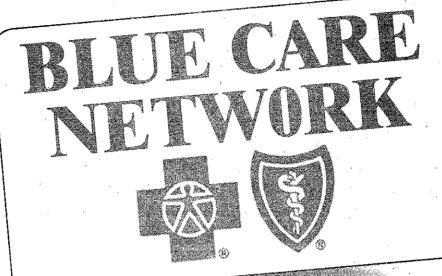
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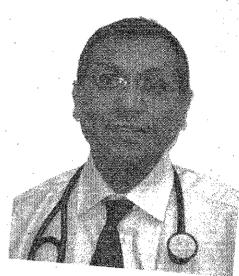
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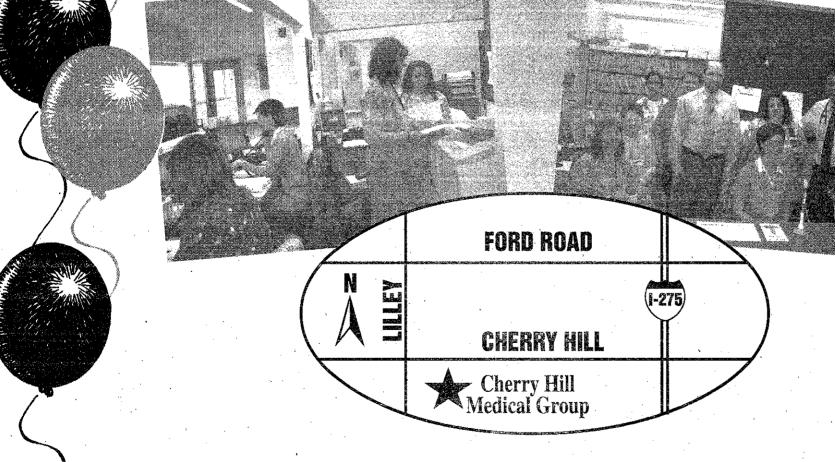


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Substitute "Michigan" for "Rome," and you have a precise description of our political system, now totally in partisan gridlock over what to do about the Single Business Tax.

The Republicans who run the Legislature are hell-bent on passing legislation that would repeal the SBT, taking effect, most likely, a year

from October. The tax, now widely reviled as a "job killer," brings in \$1.9 billion a year to the state's treasury.

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 with-

out 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

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

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

■ 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 brawndependent 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

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 out-

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

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.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan, He would be pleased to

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

he 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.

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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

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!)

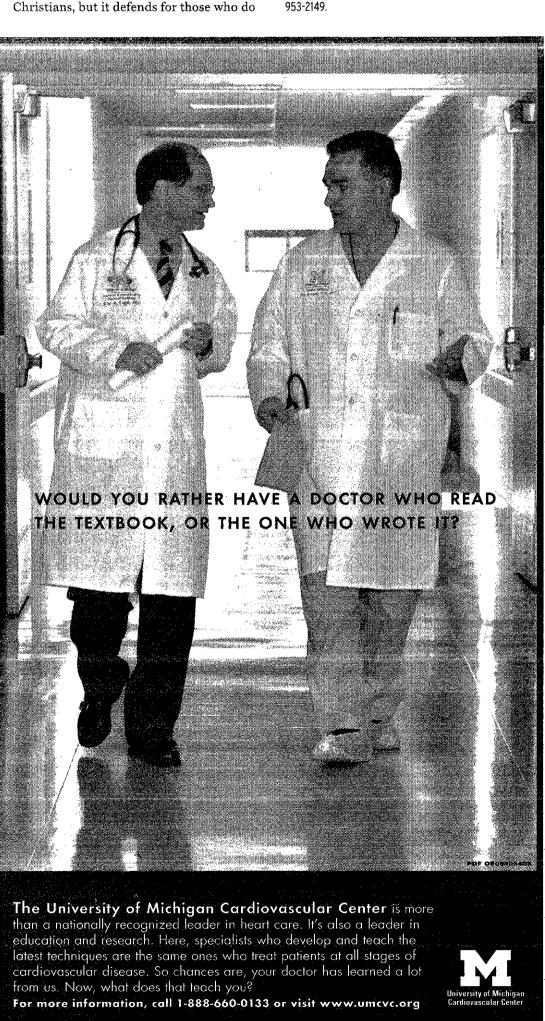
Today we have a much broader base of residents - Protestants, Catholics (who seem to have amnesia about their own struggles as a minority), Muslims, Hindus, sects within sects and nonbelievers. It is important to recognize the rights of people to believe what they want, to espouse their beliefs in their 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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## Hiller: Ethics remain a vital part of business

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

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 familyowned, six-store chain. Retailers such as Wal-Mart have moved away from unionization, which has implications for medical



wages. Hiller, however, is unsure he could maintain good customer service without his longtime unionized

insurance and

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 perform-

"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 gov-

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 Komulus. "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.

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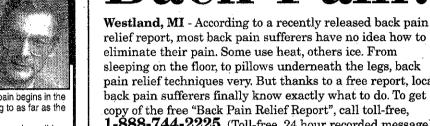
Often, you can make a diagnosis of sciatica without a doctor. Sciatic pain begins in the

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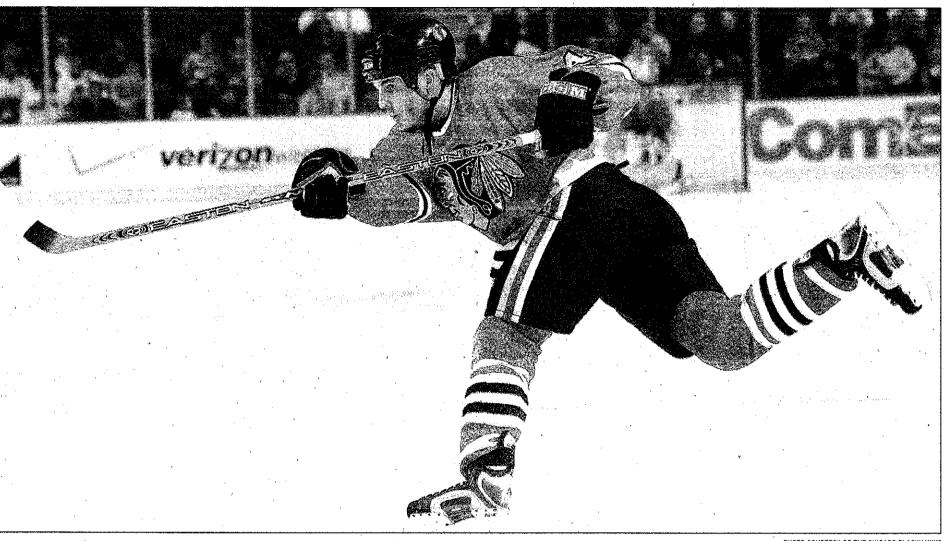
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Section B

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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.

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## 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

nity for a long time, and it's finally here. I'm just trying to make the best of it." CHANGE OF PLANS

about this opportu-

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

"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 PLEASE SEE DREAM, B2

#### THE WISNIEWSKI FILE

NAME: James Wisniewski

**M 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.





## 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-

Led by the arms of pitchers Shawn Little, Corey Lewis and Caleb Larner, 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 Chiefs handed 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 mercyrule-shortened victory by throwing a one-hit fifth. The junior then pitched the first two innings of the nightcap before giving way to Larner, who pitched the final two

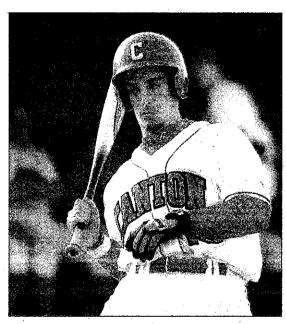
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Latin went 4-for-7 in the two games, compiling three RBI and a pair of doubles. Drew Rambo provided the biggest fireworks

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 Larner to close it out.

The Chiefs put the first game away with a sixrun 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 runscoring 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 doubleheader that is set to begin at 4 p.m. ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108

#### 'Cats in 'Showdown'

The Plymouth High 7% School football team has been selected as one of eight teams to particing pate in the 2006 "Big Day Prep Showdown II" set for Saturday, Aug. 26 at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium.

Plymouth, which fin ished 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**

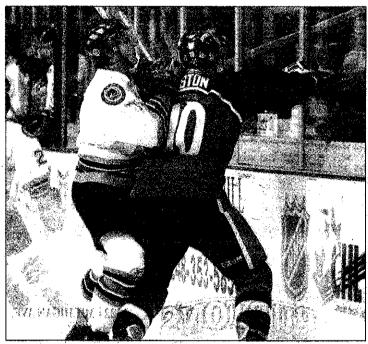
Madonna University women's soccer coach Mark Zathey announced the signing Wednesday of Hartland High School standout Kati Germane, who has 37 career goals heading into her senior year.

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

"We extremely happy to sign a player of Kati's caliber," Zathey said, !! 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

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



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

## **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

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 expe-

#### A GAME LIKE NO OTHER

Jim Wisniewski joined a contingent of 14 family members and friends, including Lames' mom and his two sisfers, 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

"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

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After three games with the Blackhawks, Wisniewski was dispatched back to Norfolk because of the NHL's twoweek 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 play-

"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-theice lifestyle has improved dramatically since getting called

"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 onice 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 play-

ing.
"If they love it and they work hard, you never know. Their dream could come true, just like mine did."

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

See All-Area boys swim team, B3.

**BY BRAD EMONS** STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson's thirdplace finish at the Division I boys swimming and diving state championships certainly raised the bar and some eye-

It was the culmination of another stellar season for the Spartans, who captured the Western Lakes Activities Associatión 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.

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.

Saturday, April 8

Salem at Taylor Tournament, 184 GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Thursday, April 6

Canton at Plymouth at P-CEP JV football stadium, 3:30 p.m.

Canton and Salem at A.A. Pioneer

"All-Comers" Invite, 10 a.m. Plymouth vs. Farmington Hills Mercy Stevenson school records also fell during the meet held at the University of Michigan's Canham

Shoemaker

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

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Stevenson's 200-yard freestyle relay team of seniors David Gosdzinski, 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."

the first time.

FROM PAGE BI

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 Brophey 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-toend 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 retied 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 gamewinner 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 Or cross-checking at 19:37. But the Whalers couldn't find the equalizer.

Windsor outshot Plymouth, 37-26.

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

do well at the state level."

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.
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at Dunham Hills G.C., 9 a.m. Saturday, April 8 Salem at Grosse Ile Invite at Riverview Highlands, 9 a.m. **BOYS LACROSSE** 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 doubleheaders) 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 (III.) at Ilitch Ballpark, 1 p.m. Sunday, April 9 Madonna vs. St. Xavier (III.) at liitch Ballpark, 1 p.m. COLLEGE SOFTBALL (all doubleheaders) Sunday, April 2 at Ladywood H.S., 1 p.m. Thursday, April 6

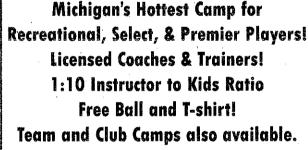
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5	7/10-14	Walled Lake	W.L. Northern HS	9:30-12:00	\$139
6	7/17-21	Canton	Independence Park	9:30-12:00	\$139
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The next meeting of the Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will be held at 7 p.m. 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.

**SPORTS ROUNDUP** 

#### **ANN ARBOR RUN**

Online registration is open for the 33rd annual Dexter-Ann Arbor Run, presented by Comerica Sunday, June 4.

The featured race is the RRCA Michigan Half-Marathon Championship.

Other runs include 10K and 5K run and walks. All races follow picturesque Huron River Drive to the finish on Main Street in downtown Ann Arbor.

Madonna at Saginaw Valley St., 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

Madonna at Siena Heights, 1 p.m.

Madonna vs. Aquinas College

at Ladywood H.S., 1 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the Champions for Children Campaign, spearheading fund raising for the new C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

Honorary chair Tyrone Wheatley will walk the 5K in support of the fund. Complete information is available at www.dexterannarborrun.com.



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## All-Area swimmers

FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUAL Derek Schmitt, Sr., Canton, 200 freestyle: The senior went out in style, qualifying for the Division 1 state meet in the 200 and 500 freestyle. To qualify in the 200, the hardworking Schmitt chopped a second off his time at the season-ending Western Lakes Activities Association meet.

"Derek has spent just two years with us, but we've enjoyed every swim," said Canton coach Ed Weber. "I wish him the best of luck next

year swimming in college." Travis Hatt, Jr., Liv. Stevenson, 200 individual medley: The junior finished third in Division I in the 200 IM with a time of 1:55.06 and also finished third in the 100 butterfly (51.06).

His school-record time in the 100 butterfly earned him All-American recognition.

Hatt was also WLAA champ in the 200 IM and runner-up in the 100 freestyle (48.34).

"Travis continues to dominate in his events for us this year," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "He can and will swim anything. I expect big things from Travis next year. He's a hard worker and will make a great leader next

year.' Matt Massman, Sr., Liv. Stevenson, 50 freestyle: The senior finished third in Division I with a school-record and All-American time of 21.35 (set in the prehms).

At the WLAA meet, Massman was champ in the 50 freestyle and added a third in the 100 freestyle (48.53).

matt will be missed next year," Shoemaker said. "He is the fastest freestyler in the history of Stevenson swimming. He is a Division I-caliber swimmer. He was a great

leader for us this year." Jon Whitt, Jr., Westland Glenn, diving: The junior earned a 15th-place finish at the Division I state meet with an 11-dive total of 324.90 points.

He added an eighth place at the regional and was fourth in the WLAA meet (296.10).

"Jon finished the season very strong," Glenn coach Jim Daniel said. "He did a great job down the stretch this year. He has great potential and will be a tough competitor in his senior year."

Steve Bruestle, Sr., Liv. Stevenson, 100 butterfly: The senior earned a fourth-place finish in the Division I state meet with a time of 51.72.

The WLAA runner-up is also the third fastest butterfly swimmer in school history.

"Steve is also a Division Icaliber swimmer," Shoemaker said. "He was the driving force behind our third-place finish at the state meet. He's a great team leader and will do great things for the rest of his life. This program will miss Steve

Nick Stone, Sr., Westland Glenn. 100 freestyle: The senior earned state qualifying cuts in all four freestyle events.

At the Division I state meet, Stone took 27th in the 200 freestyle and 28th in the 100 freestyle.

His season best in the 200 freestyle was 1:47.57, while he posted a 49.15 in the 100

At the WLAA meet, Stone took fifth in both the 50 freestyle (22.58) and 100 freestyle (49.15).

"Nick had an outstanding season," Daniel said. "He's one of the best swimmer ever to come through John Glenn High School. He'll be greatly missed."

Jeff Pauza, Jr., Liv. Stevenson, **500 freestyle:** The junior wound up eighth in the Division I state meet with a time of 4:46.81 (set in the prelims. He also added a 17th in the 100 backstroke (55.39).

In the Western Lakes meet, Pauza took third in the 500 freestyle (4:48.05) and sixth in

"Jeff was a solid performer for us this year and will scored in four events at the state meet next year," Shoemaker said. "Jeff has unlimited talent and has the ability to swim in any

tains next year and will lead this team to more great

Robert Luke, Soph., Llv. Stevenson, 100 backstroke: The sophomore came through with a 14th-place showing in the Division I meet (55.0).

Luke also took 16th in the 100 butterfly in 54.47 after

In the WLAA meet, Luke took third in the butterfly (54.16) and fourth in the back-

sophomore year making the state meet and scoring in two events, which is an awesome feat," Shoemaker said. "We're looking for some great things from Robert the next two

Stevenson, 100 breaststroke: The senior wound up fifth in Division I with a time of 1:00.47 (after going 59.58 in the prelims).

the WLAA champ in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.58) also added a third in the 50 freestyle (22.42).

swimmer for us this year, Shoemaker said. "Dave is going relay. He did an excellent job as the team leader for us this university and will continue to do great things."

wound up runner-up with a clocking of 1:36.17.

Stevenson (Travis Hatt, Jr.; David Gosdzinski, Sr.; Steve Bruestie, Sr.; Matt Massman, Sr.), 200 freestyle: The Division I state champions went 1:25.61 in the finals after a state and school-record record 1:25.4 in the prelims.

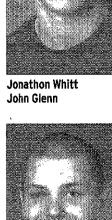
This All-American foursome also set three pool records, including their own. They also

finals (3:12.08) after clocking a 3:12.04 in the prelims, secondfastest in school history and an

(3:21.13) and set a Stevenson pool mark.

SECOND-TEAM INDIVIDUAL freestyle: The junior excelled in 100 butterfly. He was voted the freestyle. This year's accomplishments — both in the pool ers - earned Leone a nod as captain for the 2006-07 sea-

"The past three years Nick has shown amazing improvement in all of his strokes," said Salem coach Chuck Olson, "He



Nick Leone Salem



Canton



Jon Templeton Canton



Jarett Machovec Wayne Memorial



Canton



Kyle Erdmann **Wayne Memorial** 



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Robert Blaesser Canton



**Andy Knisely** Plymouth



Chris Marinica Canton

200 freestyle: 1. Derek Schmitt. Sr., Canton; 2. Nick Leone, Jr., Salem.

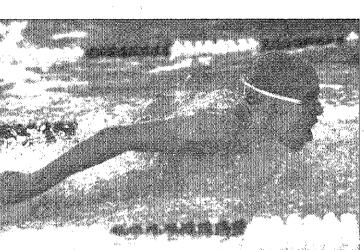
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100 freestyle: 1. Nick Stone, Sr., John Glenn; 2. Kyle Erdmann, Sr., Wayne. 500 freestyle: 1. Jeff Pauza, Jr., Stevenson; 2. Nick Landis, ??, Canton.



**Nathan Phillips** Canton



Stevenson's Matt Massman was first-team performer in the 200-yard medley relay, 200- and 400 freestyle relays, along with the 50 freestyle.

heen a strong force in f practice and competition as his teammates look on how to get it done."

Matt Carlson, Jr., Canton, 200

IM: Carlson was a two-time qualifier for the Division 1 state meet, where he turned in personal-best efforts in the 100 breaststroke and 200 IM. 'Matt has always been a competitor," said Weber. "Each

year he has gotten stronger.

I'm sure next year will be very favorable for him." Jon Templeton, Jr., Canton, 50 freestyle: Templeton proved to be a consistent point-earner in the 50 freestyle this past season for the Chiefs and he was also an instrumental compo-

nent in the team's three statequalifying relay squads. 'Jon understands what it takes for him to be successful at swimming," said Weber. "So I'm excited about what's down

the line for him next year." Jarett Machovec, Sr., Wayne, diving: The senior earned a trip to the Division I state meet where he was second alternate (18th) after placing seventh at the Division I regional. He was also runner-up in the WLAA meet (313.35).

His best 11-dive total was 338.65, while he posted a season-best 238.65 for six dives.

Machovec, a four-time regional qualifier, also won the Wayne Invitational title.

"Jarett is the most talented diver I've ever worked with," Wayne coach Mike Grueber said. "He was always striving for perfection and was diligent in his practice regimen."

Machovec was also a member of Wayne's sixth-place 200 medley relay team in the Western Lakes meet.

Shogo Uno, Sr., Canton, 100 butterfly: The four-year letter-winner closed out his high school swimming career with a bang this season, especially in the 100 fly, where he qualified for the D1 state meet for the second consecutive season.

"Shogo has been a major contributor to our team during the past four years," said Weber. "His butterfly stroke has been fun to watch. He's been a two-time state qualifier in the butterfly and will be greatly missed. I wish him

### 2005-06 TOP BOYS SWIM TIMES

200-yard mediey relay Livonia Stevenson, 1:36.17 Canton, 1:43.79 Salem, 1:47.55 Livonia Churchill, 1:48.43 Wayne Memorial, 1:48.53 Redford Thurston, 1:54.97 Garden City, 1:57.64 Plymouth, 2:01.04 200 freestyle

Travis Hatt (Stevenson), 1:44.42 Derek Schmitt (Canton), 1:46.57 Jeff Pauza (Stevenson), 1:47.60 Steve Bruestle (Stevenson), 1:47.70 Nick Stone (John Glenn), 1:47.82 Nick Landis (Canton), 1:49.61 Nick Leone (Salem), 1:49.70 Matt Carlson (Canton), 1:50.61 Matt Underhill (Salem), 1:51.83 Kyle Hermann (Stevenson), 1:52.66

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Matt Massman (Stevenson), 47.78 Travis Hatt (Stevenson), 48.24

good luck as he goes to col-

freestyle: The senior clocked a

50.97, along with a 22.44 in

the 50 freestyle.

Kyle Erdmann, Sr., Wayne, 100

Erdmann also went 1:05.0 in

the 100 breaststroke and was a

member of Wayne's sixth-place 200 medley relay squad in the

WLAA. He also was a member of Wayne's state qualifying 200 freestyle relay team which set a school record. Erdmann also earned Wayne's Hardest

100 backstroke: 1. Robert Luke, Soph., Stevenson: 2. Robert Blaesser, ??, Canton. 100 breaststroke: 1. David Gosdzinski, Sr., Stevenson: Andy Knisely, Sr., Plymouth. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Matt Massman, Sr.; Steve Bruestle, Sr.; Jeff Pauza, Jr., Travis Hatt, Jr.), 2. Canton (Matt Carlson, Jon Templeton, Shogo Uno, Derek Schmitt).

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jeff Shoemaker, Stevensor

2005-06 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS SWIM TEAMS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Livonia Stevenson (Robert Luke, Soph.; David Gosdzinski, Sr.; Steve Bruestle, Sr.; Matt Massman, Sr.); 2. Canton (Nathan Phillips, Matt Carlson, Shogo-

Diving: 1. Jon Whitt, Jr., Westland John Glenn; 2. Jarett Machovec, Sr., Wayne Memorial 100 butterfly: 1. Steve Bruestle, Sr., Stevenson; 2. Shogo Uno, ??, Canton.

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Canton, 1:32,79

Salem, 1:34.32

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Worker Award in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

"Kyle was one of the hardest working athletes I have ever had," Grueber said. "He led by example and earned everything he has gotten. A kid like him is very hard to replace."

Nick Landis, Sr., Canton, 500 freestyle: Landis was one of the hardest-working Chiefs duning his high school career, setting a positive tone for the rest of the squad in practice and in meets

Because Nick was on 🗸 🎜 f our most consistent trainers, he was able to develop into a great distance freestyler," said Weber. "Nick had a career state qualifying swim in the 500 free at the WLAA Conference Met, dropping six seconds. He also came within nano seconds of a state-qualifying time in the 200 freestyle. His work ethic will be missed.".

Robert Blaesser, Jr., Canton, 100 backstroke: The versatile junior excelled in several events this season for the Chiefs.

"Rob had a great season", said Weber. "He brought it all together, swimming personal bests at the WLAA Conference Meet in the 200 IM and the 100 backstroke." Andy Knisely, Sr., Plymouth, 100

breaststroke: The senior has set

a standard for future Plymouth

swimmers to try to match as be

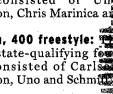
qualified for the state meet in all four years of the school's existence. This past season, Knisely provided his team with the majority of its bright spots, qualifying for the post-season in the 100 breaststroke (he fin-

the 100 butterfly (he finished 36th in 55.83). SECOND-TEAM RELAYS Canton, 200 medley: The Chiefs' state-qualifying foursome consisted of Nathan Phillips, Carlson, Uno and

ished 18th in 1:02.38) and in

Templeton. Canton, 200 freestyle: The Chiefs' state-qualifying foursome consisted of Uno, Templeton, Chris Marinica and Schmitt

Canton, 400 freestyle: Chiefs' state-qualifying foursome consisted of Carlson Templeton, Uno and Schmitte



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"He will be one of our cap-

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David Gosdzinski, Sr., Liv.

He also tied for 11th in the 50 freestyle (21.91).

"David was a very powerful to be almost impossible to replace next year in the medley year. He'll go to a Division I

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS Stevenson (Robert Luke, Soph.; David Gosdzinski, Sr.; Steve Bruestle, Sr.; Matt Massman, Sr.), 200 medley: This quartet broke three pool record including a school-record and All-American time of 1:36.5 in the state prelims. They eventually

At the WLAA meet, Stevenson was runner-up to Northville in 1:36.71.

captured the Western Lakes title in 1:27.21. Stevenson (Matt Massman, Sr., Steve Bruestle, Sr., Jeff Pauza, Jr., Travis Hatt, Jr.), 400 freestyle: The two seniors and two juniors placed fourth in the state

automatic All-American cut. They added a runner-up finished in the WLAA meet

Nick Leone, Jr., Salem, 200 all four freestyle events for the Rocks and was also versatile enough to earn points in the team's MVP after earning WLAA honors in the 100 and as one of the team's lead-



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## Rocks should benefit from sweat equity

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 con-

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.

#### PREP BASEBALL PREVIEW

"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 sea-

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

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. 1ranked 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:

shortstop Kevin Weingrot and third baseman Joe Maltese.

second baseman Kyle Kelly,

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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## 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 fouryear institution. We had to cut

PREP BASEBALL PREVIEW

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

"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 bréak 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 Rebain and junior Mike Michno.

There is a traffic jam at first base, where Kyle Feldscher, Max Vaughn, Alex Mihelick and Tim Kwiecien 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 Kosmalski 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 Rebain.

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 pitch.

"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 WLAA'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. ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108 4

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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

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other RBI, while Crystal Little (Wavne 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

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 dou-

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.

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## Junior Classic scores continue to soar

estland'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 perfecto, 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 wristwatch for his honor score perTen Pin Alley

Harrison

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

ing 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.

Most bowlers dream of shooting a 300 game somewhere in their lifetime.

The story of Canton's Otto Sash shows that we should never

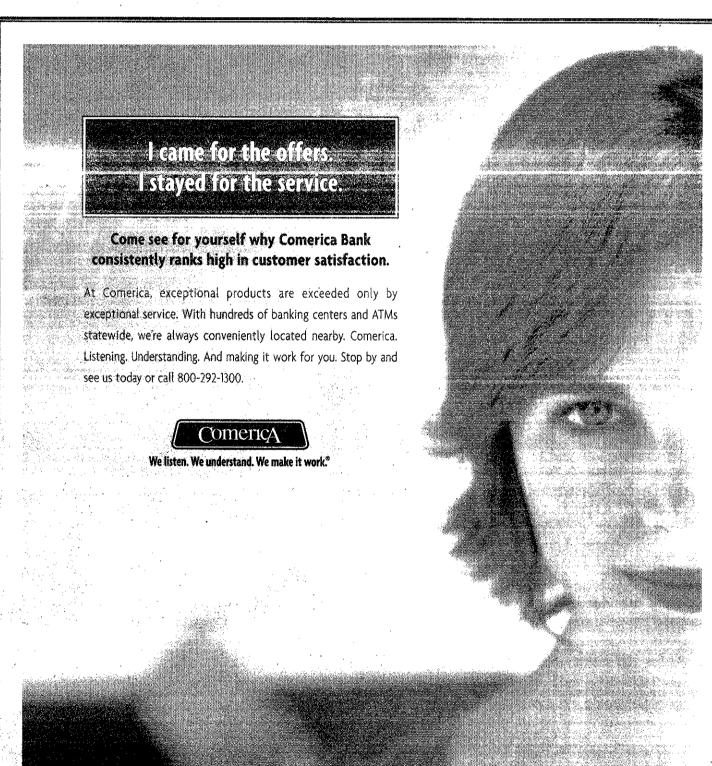
Bowling for 66 years, Otto finally reached his goal at age 82. Sash began his quest at age 16 in 1940. He served four years in

World War II, then resumed bowling after the war while raising a family and working at On March 28, he rolled a per-

fect game to go along with a 686 series at Cherry Hill Lanes. And he had just purchased a new ball the day before and only threw three games with it prior to his successful night.

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 tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net.



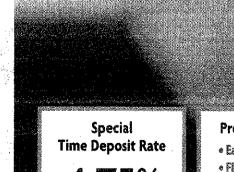
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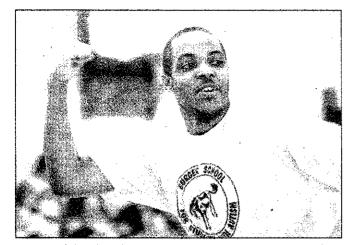
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Broncos' Chris Colemn flexes toward the Cougars and the crowd after making a basket.



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



Renee Mills, Burger junior varsity cheerleader, performs at halftime

# March Madness



 ${\bf Opening\ tipoff,\,Burger\ Broncos'\ Chris\ Sheppard\ (left)\ and\ Garden\ City\ Cougars\ Anthony\ Dixon.}$ 

# Burger Broncos win the 'Big Game' again

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

he 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.

#### 'TERRIFIC EXPERIENCE'

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."

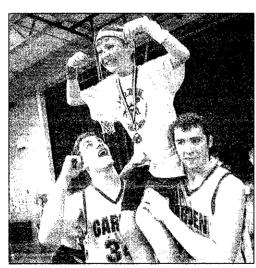
Bronco coach Mary Jiminez is proud of her players as well as the rest of the school. Ten days before they all turned out for the rivalry between the varsity (ages 15-26) and junior varsity (ages 10-14) teams at Burger which began the basketball program seven years ago to give students an opportunity 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

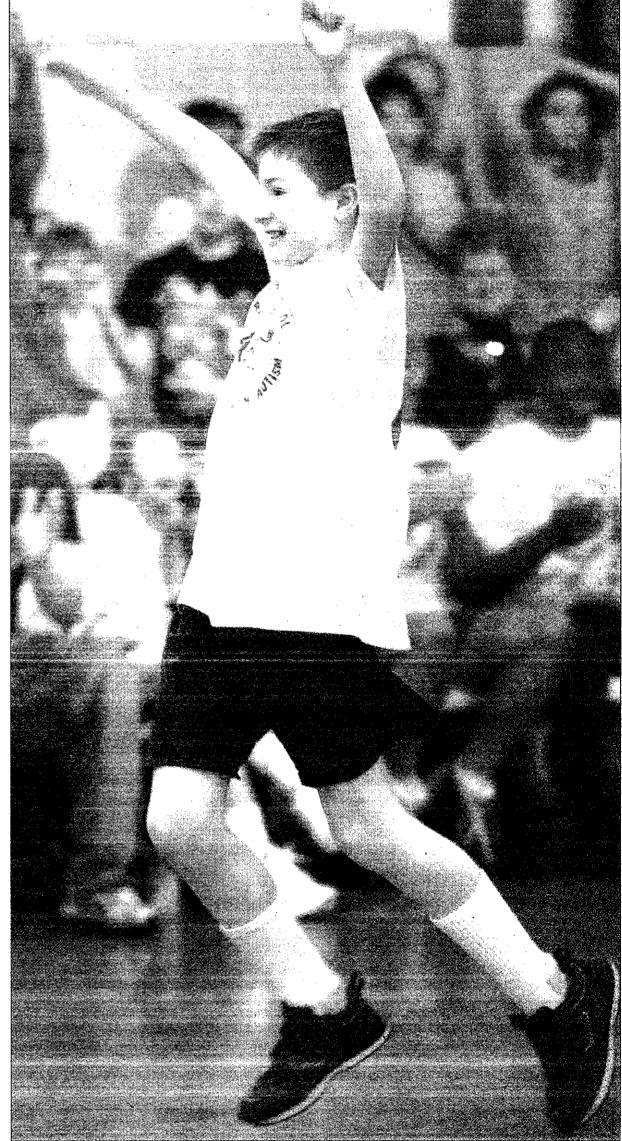
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Bronco Co-Captain Jason Phelps drives past the Cougar bench, behind for the Cougars is Mike Shaw.



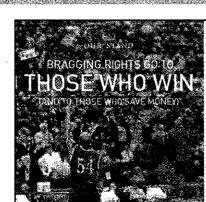
Bronco Jonathan Walker shows off his medal as Cougar seniors Mike Nasierowski (left) and Brandon Craft carry him off after the big game.



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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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## Online dating site seeks to connect Chaldean singles

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER STAFF WRITER

I love your site. Its a great way to meet new people. I am telling all my friends about this site.

This site is soo cool....l didn't know

there was a Chaldean dating site. I just registered and created my profile, it is very easy and lots of fun!

I read about your site, even though I am married I just wanted to check your site out. I must say nicely done. It's so wonderful to see something like this starting for our people. Not all girls like to go to church to show themselves off, or go to the bar this is better and more private. God bless you and bless your work.

Donna Kassab, the creator of an online dating site for Chaldean singles, says these are just a couple of testimonials she has received since starting www.chaldeandating.com a few months ago.

She's thrilled with such comments, which show that her new business is already beginning to fulfill it's mission of providing a virtual central place for Chaldean singles to meet each other.

"I love the idea of bringing the community together," said Kassab, of West Bloomfield. "I always wanted to start my own business, and other sites such as Jewish, Indian and Arabic dating sites have been successful."

The site is also intended to promote the common values and interest of the Chaldean community as a whole.

"Family is at the center of our Chaldean identity, and when it comes time to date most people would like to meet other Chaldeans with similar interests. It's really hard to meet other single Chaldean people, but at the end of the day, you still want to marry somebody with your own culture. This will help the Chaldean community do

Kassab, 25, is a graduate of West Bloomfield High School and Wayne State University, where she majored in interdisciplinary studies.

As with others of her gener-

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

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 mem-

bership 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 notso-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

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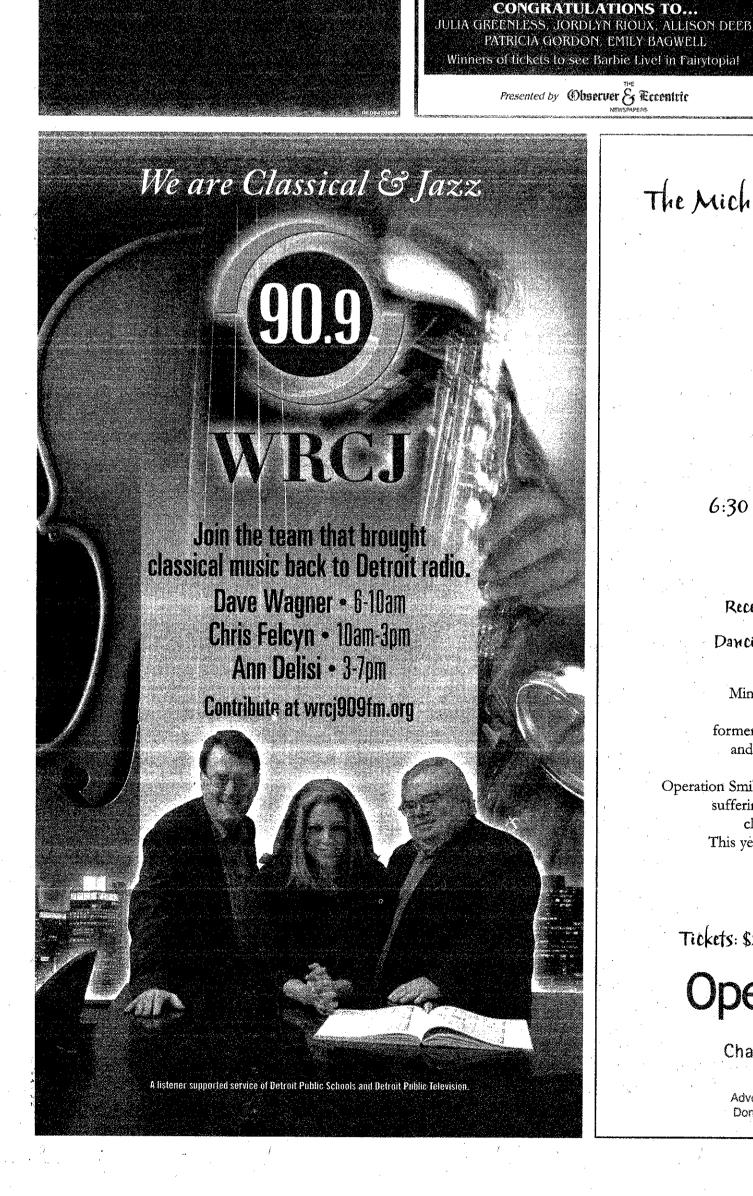
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#### BURGER

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Jiminez. "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 McGahamn, 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



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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 coteacher 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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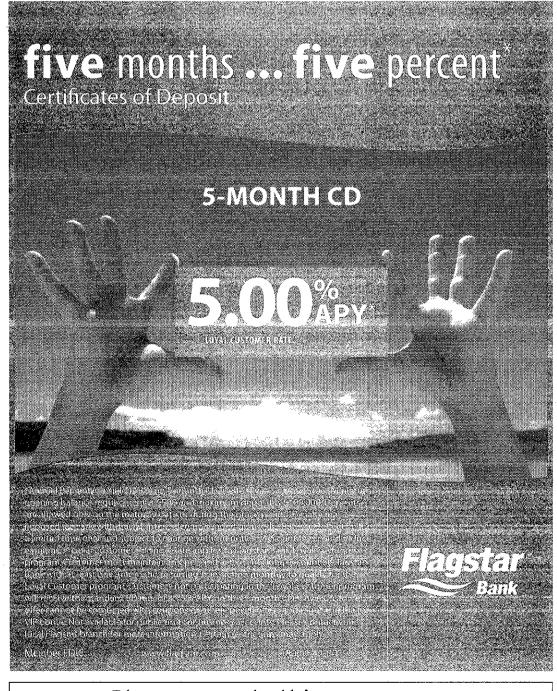
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#### Heidi Nita Likeric

Joshua and Michelle Likeric of University Place, Washington, announce the birth of their daughter Heidi Nita Likeric, May 9, 2005.

Grandparents are Debbie and J.B. Likeric of Garden City, Mich. and Dave and Wendy Marsden of North Carolina. Heidi has a 5-year-old sister

Mikaylah Rain Likeric. Joshua and Michele are graduates of Garden City High School.



#### Charles Robert Schleicher Paul and Elizabeth

Schleicher of Livonia announce the birth of their son, Charles Robert Schleicher, on Feb. 28, 2006, at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces.

Charles's grandparents are Tom and Sharon McConaghie of Farmington Hills, and Paul and Carol Schleicher of Farmington Hills.

His great-grandmothers are Elma Schleicher of Warren, and Irene Nicol of Dearborn



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#### JAMES ALLEN BIGHAM

Age 59, of Plymouth and Grosse Pointe, passed away March 29, 2006, surrounded by family and friends. Beloved husband of Nancy, and devoted father of Amy and Nick. Jim's family was the center of his life; his children the sparkle in his eyes and wife, Nancy, his life's love of 19 years. A professional educator dedicated to teaching, coaching, and mentoring young people for over 40 years. He was committed to the craft of teaching physical education throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit, and for the last 28 years in the Woodhaven-Brownstown school district. Jim was a positive influence on many, many peoole young and old through his teaching and coaching career. He will be sorely missed by his friends and family. He is also survived by his mother, Mary Bigham; his sister, Barbara (Skip) Luther; and his brothers, Robert (Mary), William (Maureen), and Tim (Deborah) Bigham, Services were held Saturday, April 1, at St Kenneth Church, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Benedict Monastery, 2711 E. Drahner Rd., Oxford, MI, 48370. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-



#### RICHARD A. FEMMEL March 31, 2006, age 79. of West

Bloomfield, formerly of Birmingham. Retired Vice President of Corporate Communications for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan. Former Vice President of George Pierrot Productions and former News Director for WXYZ-TV and Radio. Beloved husband of Jane and the late Bobbi. Dear father of Gwen McGlade (Alan). Grandfather of Rachel and Christopher. Also survived by his step-children Steven McCready (Crystal), Karen Currier, Susan O'Hara (Stephen), Michael McCready (Yvonne) and step-grand-children Steven, Jennifer, Cheryl, Sean, Tim, Christie, Madison and Louise. Memorial services have been held privately. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Parkinson's Foundation, 30161 Southfield Rd., Ste 119, Southfield MI 48076. For information, call A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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#### ANGELICA MOSER,

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March 29, 2006 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL Age 86 formerly of Birmingham, A humanitarian who was a strong cham-pion of higher education, a deep belief in her religion, but a good sense of humor. Beloved wife of Bruno for 62 years. Dear mother of Natalie Stoner (Gary) and George Moser, MD. Grandmother of Sean Stoner, Esq. and Jason Stoner, DDS. Sister of the late Momeilo Konstantinovic. Aunt of Zine Milic, MD. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Sunday (today) 2:00-8:00pm. Pomen 7:00pm. Funéral service Monday 11:00am at St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Church, 4675 E. Outer Dr., Detroit, MI 48234. Visitation begins at church 10:00am. Interment White Chapel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorials to St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Church. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com.



Of Wixom, MI, age 45, passed away suddenly March 30, 2006 at Providence Park Medical Center in Novi. MI. She was born August 6, 1960 in Detroit, MI the daughter of James and Bernice (Brown) Milner. On February 2, 1985 in Farmington, MI Elizabeth married her loving hus-band of 21 years Gregory Fluegel. Elizabeth was employed as a head cook and baker for Millennium Middle School and South Lyon High School. She is described by her family as an upbeat, positive girl who adored her family. Elizabeth loved gardening, crafts, bingo, bowling, shopping, antiquing and auctions. In addition to her husband Gregory, survivors include her two children. Sarah vivors include her two children; Sarah Fluegel of Redford and James Fluegel of Wixom, her father James Milner of Farmington Hills and her brothers; Russel Milner of TN, Peter Milner of Redford and Paul Milner of Pontiac. A Celebration of Elizabeth's life will be held 3:00 PM Sunday, April 2, 2006 at Chilson Hills American Baptist Church in Brighton with Dr. David Swink officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to the family for future designation. Envelopes will be available at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel where the will receive friends on Saturday from 4-8 PM and on Sunday at the church from 2:00 PM until time of service. Please share your condolences with Erizabeth's runtity at: www.borekjennings.com

#### LOUISE M. LINDER,

Age 90. March 31, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Wilhelm Linder. Loving mother of 3 and stepmother of 3. Also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral service at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City, Wednesday at 11:00 am. Visitation Tuesday from 1 to 8 pm.



ANTOINETTE M. MUNFAKH

Age 86, of Plymouth, died March 29 She was born September 14 in Syria. She came to the United States in 1973 from Syria, and became a United States citizen in 1979. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. She was a devoted mother who stressed the importance of education to her sons, two of whom became doctors and three of whom are engineers. Survivors included her sons, Abe (Darlene) Munfakh, George (Jimmie) Munfakh, Robert (Brooke) Munfakh, Nasri (Therese) Munfakh, and Nabil (Paula) Munfakh; her grandchildren, Laila (Michael) Carr, Jennifer (Scott) Shaw, Antoine George Munfakh, Antoine Munfakh, John Paul Munfakh, Mark Munfakh, Lt. Antoine Nasri Munfakh, Andrew Munfakh, Sarah Munfakh, and Matthew Munfakh; her great-granddaughter, Emily Carr; her brothers, Joseph and Maurice Maghamez; and her sister, Joan Maghamez. She is preceded in death by her husband, Antoine Munfakh. Funeral from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Territorial, Plymouth Tuesday, 10:30am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am. Visitation at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Monday, 6-9pm. Rosary Monday, pm. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



#### CHARNA BLOOM SEGAL

March 23. An attorney, Charna graduated MSU and DCL. She was the Director of the legal depart-ment at Baker College and also was a teacher at Temple Beth El. Charna also volunteered throughout the community. She is survived by her loving husband Randy, daughters, Amanda & Jennifer and mother in law Lorraine. Charna was the only daughter of the late Beril Bloom. Contributions may be made to offset Charna's medical expenses, checks should be made out directly to Charna Segal family, P.O. Box #252493, West Bloomfield, Mi. 48325.



AMY WEBER 1974 - 2006

Age 31, Of Farmington Hills, MI, died Monday, February 20, 2006. Amy was form on November 21, 1974, in Ames. IA. (he daughter of Charles and Sharon (Frantzen) Weber, When Amy was just two years old, she was diagnosed with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex. The condition would prove to be a lifelong challenge. Always a fighter, Amy never let her life challenges slow her down. She was always full of energy and ready to go. Amy was a student in the Special Education Program of the Farmington Public Schools. She completed her education in 2001 when she graduated from the Oakland Schools Autistic Program. Amy then went on to work at the adult day program at the Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) in Southfield, MI. She is survived by her parents, her grandmother Helene Weber of Independence, IA; aunts and Connie Weber Independence, IA, Cathy and Rick Hagan of Novi, MI, Dave Frantzen of Altoona, IA, Diane and Tim Wheeler of Jacksonville, FL, Judy Frantzen of Bountiful, UT, Kim and Joe Frantzen of Lincoln, NE, Jerry Frantzen of Jacksonville, FL, Kim Frantzen of Des Moines, IA, and Laura and Ron Frantzen of Ames, IA. Amy was preceded in death by her maternal grand-Leonard Frantzen, formerly of New Hampton, IA area, and her uncles, Dennis Frantzen and Patrick Weber. Funeral services were held February 25, 2006, at Holy Family Catholic Church, Novi, MI. Burial services were held at St. John Cemetery, Independence, IA, on Wednesday, March 1, 2006. Memorials may be sent to the Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance, 801 Roeder Rd., Suite 750, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (800) 225-6872

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#### NORMAN A. ZAWISLAK

Died suddenly March 28, 2006 at the age of 59. Long time dedicated employee of Detroit Diesel. Enjoyed traveling, all sports and exercising, Norm was most passionate about spending time with and supporting his family. He is survived by his beloved wife Joan (Kava). Loving father of Jeff (Amy), Andrea (Matt) Scoles, Michelle (Bill) Griese, and Brian (Joanne). Grandfather of Miranda and Emily. Brother of Geraldine. Also survived by sister-in-laws, brother-inlaws and many nieces & nephews. Visitation was held at Fred wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel) in Livonia on Thursday & Friday, A funeral mass was held at St. Edith Catholic Church, Sat. at 10:00 pm. Memorials to the American Heart/Association, Eastern Michigan Soccer Program.

#### **CLASS REUNIONS**

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

#### REUNIONS

#### **Andover High School Jills**

The Jills of Andover High School in Bloomfield Hills are celebrating 50 years. A reunion is planned for Memorial Day Weekend. Friday, May 26, a reception will be held at Pine Lake Country Club. On Saturday, May 27, the attending Jills will rehearse 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Andover Auditorium. An afterglow reception will follow. For more information, contact Dorothe Patterson at (248)737-8407 or at Jills50th@comcast.net.

#### Bishop Borgess Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion is planned for May 20. For more information, e-mail Bishopborgess86@gmail.com or call (734)762-5186

#### Cass Tech High School Class of 1955-57

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 15-17, 2006, at St. John's Armenian Church, Southfield, Contact Rich Baylerian (248) 735-4495, Barbara Grajek Schanfrankek (248) 543-6353, Joann Ellison Armistead (248) 533-9525, Susan Wilmot Hitchcock at hitchcocksw@hotmail.com.

#### Central High Class of 1946

A 60-year reunion is planned for June 4, 2006, at Glen Oaks Country Club. Both January and June classmates will celebrate over dinner and dancing. January grads contact Al Weiss (248) 737-9313 or Esther Bornstein (248) 851-6625. June grads contact Barbara Keidan (248) 646-7199 or Saul Saulson (248) 932-5177.

#### Clarenceville High School Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Sept. 29 - football game and party; Sept. 30 - banquet at Vladimirs of Farmington, \$45/person, open bar; Oct. 1 - breakfast at Leon's in Livonia. For more information call Sharon Byrnes Hawk at (248) 529-3016.

#### Denby High School

Class of 1956 A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2006, at the Club Venetian in Madison Heights, Contact Doreen (McClennan) Weber at dajweb@juno.com or Jerry Love at

#### (586) 739-3840. Detroit Chadsey Class of 1956

Looking for classmates. A 50-year reunion is planned for October 2006. All alumni from other years welcome. Contact Ted at (734) 462-2411 or Lillian at (734) 326-1324.

#### Detroit Cody Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion is planned for Sept. 30, 2006, at Summit at the Park in Canton, \$60. Make check payable to Cody '76 Reunion and send to Laurene Craig, 6736 Elizabeth, Garden City 48135. Contact Pat (Pletzke) Wauford at Swaulor@aol.com; OR Laurene (Zywica) Craig at (734) 536-3195 OR Harry Werwinski at bognutz@yahoo.com or (313) 274-7763.

#### **Detroit Cooley** Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Farmington Hills. Buffet dinner, music, dancing, and a souvenir booklet. All interested January and June graduates please contact Julie (McLean) Work at (248) 477-6802 or email: iwork2friends@yahoo.com/

#### Detroit Henry Ford Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion will be held 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006, at the Troy Hilton. Anyone who attended Ford is welcome. Contact Ron Grant (home 248) 288-9376 OR (cell 586)-663-8844. Detroit Mackenzie

#### Classes Jan. June and Summer 1956

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16. 2006, at the Novi Sheraton. For more information, call Harold Kappen at (734) 261-0325 or okappen@earth-

#### Detroit Salesian High School Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion is planned for July 15, 2006 at the Royal Oak Elks Club. Contact Tom Connelly (248) 546-4536 or Ron Altwies (734) 421-7143.

#### **Detroit St. Theresa** Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion is planned for June 10, 2006, at the Holiday Inn West, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. N. in Livonia. A brunch is planned on June 11, For more information, call Mary Monroe at (734) 427-4526.

#### Edsel Ford High School

A 50th anniversary will be held over the next year with a series of special events. Final activity will be a "Black and White Ball" on Saturday, May 20, 2006. About the activities www.geocities.com/edsel50th. To contact the committee email edsel50@gmail.com.

#### **Epiphany Grade School** Class of 1966

#### **ENGAGEMENTS**

#### Moore-Noe

Dr. Charlene Moore and Louis J. Mika of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter Shannon Lee Moore of Redford Township to Ryan Dennis Noe of Redford Township. Ryan is the son of Dennis and Tania Noe of Flushing, Mich.

Shannon is an accounting manager with Hammell Music. Ryan works in logistics and

warehouse management. Attending the bride will be Maya Morkgan, Tracie Lang, Sherry Kendall and Lynn Girist. Attending the groom will be Rolly Noe and Dennis Noe.

A Nov. 11 wedding is planned



at the Henry Ford Fairlane Estate.

#### **Braidech-Rossetti**

William and Veronica Braidech of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Sheila Veronica Braidech of Livonia to Brian Jon Rossetti of Ferndale, son of Joan Rossetti of Dearborn Heights and Remo Rossetti of Redford.

Sheila is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Central Michigan University. She works as a purchasing specialist with ACRD Corp.

Brian is a graduate of Crestwood High School in Dearborn Heights and has an associate's degree from Henry Ford Community College. He is a senior design engineer with Ricardo Engineering.

An April 29 wedding is planned at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia followed by a reception at Doubletree Hotel in Novi.



Attending the bride will be Kristin Carter, matron of honor, Lisa O'Neill, Mary Deschenes, Robin Ash, Brooke Hoover and Kyle Misiak.

Attending the groom will be Eric Syzmaniac, best man; James Rossetti, Brett Sadler, Jerry Brown, Kevin Hofmeister and David Dexter.

The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii.

#### Robords-Vinciguerra

Jessica Robords and Eric Vinciguerra announce their engagement.

The bride to be is the daughter of Alan and Cindy Robords of Charlotte, MI. She is a 2001 graduate of Charlotte High School and will earn her bachelor of science in music degree from Central Michigan University this Max

Eric is the son of Bill and Nancy Rowell of Lowell. He is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and pursuing a degree in music education at Central Michigan



University. A summer 2006 wedding is planned in Charlotte.

#### Gromek-Blythe

Robert and Kathleen Gromek of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Lynn of Livonia to Jonathan Blythe of Ferndale, son of William and Linda Blythe of Westland. Lynn is a 1999 graduate of

Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan. She works as a claims analyst for the Social Security Administration.

Jonathan is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and 2004 graduate of Michigan State University. He works as a tax associate with Grant Thornton.

An Aug. 5 wedding is planned for St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia. A reception at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor will follow.

The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii.

Attending the bride will be Julia Arciero, Linda Boudiab and Bethany LaLaonde. Attending the groom will be Scott Risner, Christopher Harkins and Sean Gallagher.

#### Baughman-Maltese

Mr. and Mrs. Dominic J. Maltese announce the engagement of their son Andrew D. Maltese to Melissa Ann Baughman, daughter of Randy Holland of Jonesville and Mr. Dale Baughman of Litchfield.

Andrew is a 1997 graduate of Dearborn High School and is currently employed with the family construction business, D.J. Maltese in Plymouth.

Melissa Ann is a 1999 graduate of Hillsdale High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology.

She is currently employed at



Northville Physical Rehabilitation as a physical therapy technician. A summer 2006 garden wed-

ding is planned.

#### Schmidt-Palm

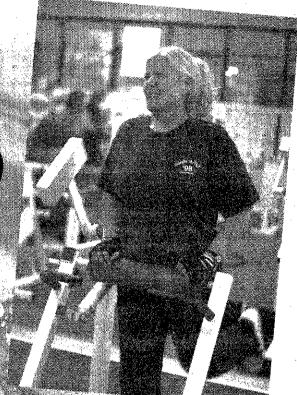
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hauchen of Garden City and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schmidt of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter Julie Marie Schmidt of Dearborn Heights to Michael David Palm of Dearborn Heights.

Michael is the son of Ellen Palm of Gaylord, Mich., and Joseph Palm of Ellington, Fla. Michael is employed with Benkins Trucking.

Julie is employed with ACC Penske Logistics. A wedding is planned for July 8 at Riverview Golf Course. The couple will reside in Dearborn, Heights.

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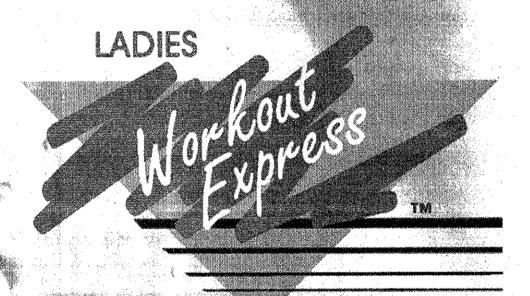
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If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers,

e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. 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





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

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

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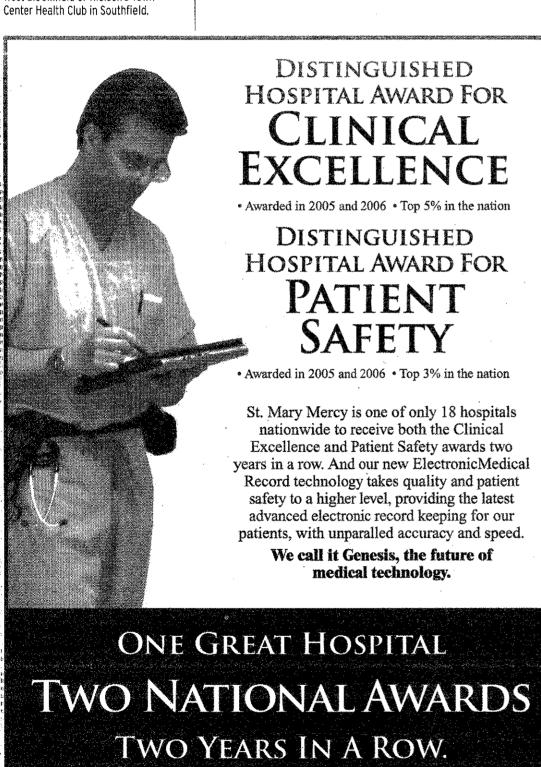
May 19-21 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township and is sponsored by a grant from the National Institutes of Health, in cooperation with Karmanos Cancer Institute, Henry Ford and University of Michigan health systems, and Wayne State and Oakland universities. Presenters' topics range from holistic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

## **MEDICAL DATEBOOK**

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@wowwav.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.

Assistance available on Medicare prescriptions

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-

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 effexor, call (313) 916-3938.

#### sought. This clinical trial is testing acupuncture versus what to expect during pregnancy, labor

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-.

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

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). 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 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

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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 acupressure, 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 a 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 prefer ences.

"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.

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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 ill-

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.

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#### 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 marsh-

mallows 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.

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

CPR 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

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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 volunteertraining is approaching. For more information contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones at (888) 973-1145. Wizard of Oz

Center Stage Dance Company's inhouse 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 or fax (248) 380-1597.

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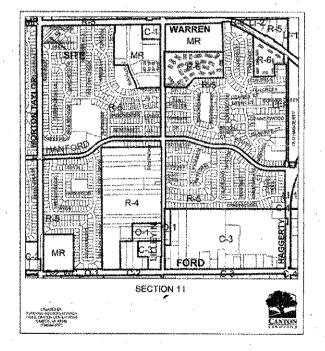
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#### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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American Association of Retired Persons offers a two-day program, "AARP Safe Driving," 12:30-4:30 p.m. May 23-24. Attendance at both sessions is required. It's an eight-hour classroom refresher course for experienced motorists age 50 and older. There is a \$10 fee payable to AARP, and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8950.

#### Ann Arbor Women

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 16th annual Tables and Tea event, displaying elégant 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 Hopl 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. 1411.

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

Help!

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.

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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. 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 or by

calling (800) 723-0360. Summer internships Want to gain valuable knowledge through internship experience while being immersed in a vibrant creative setting? If so, the Ann Arbor Art Center is the place for you. Applications are now being accepted for internships during summer 2006 at the Ann Arbor Art Center. Internships include positions in Education, Exhibitions, the Gallery Shop, marketing, graphic design, special events, development and operations. All internships at the Ann Arbor Art Center are unpaid. Additional detailed descriptions of all internships available can be found at www.annarborartcenter.org. To apply for an internship, forward all resumes to info@annarborartcenter.org with "Internship" in the subject heading. Alternatively, mail a resume and cover letter to Marsha Chamberlin at

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

#### **Giristown Foundation**

Girlstown Foundation is looking for foster parents to provide care to males and females from 10 to 17 years of age in need of safe and loving homes. For information, call (734) 697-4804.

#### 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 bachefor'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 arieving 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.

#### 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 Beck 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

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

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#### WAYNE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES IN COOPERATION WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ANNOUNCES A

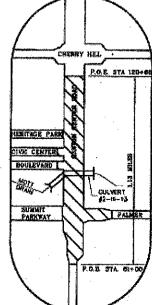
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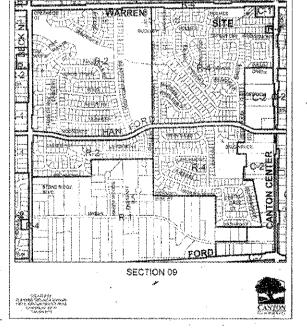
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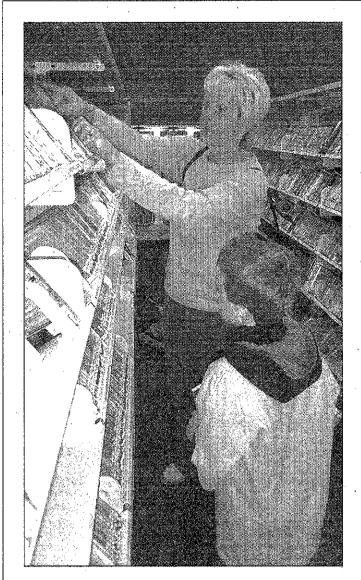
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#### **Reading round-up**

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

#### **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
- 3. "Manhunt," James Swanson
- 4. "The Year of Magical
- Thinking," Joan Didion 5. "Misquoting Jesus," Bart D. Ehrman

#### PARENTS' CHOICE **NEW CHILDREN'S** PICTURE BOOKS

- 1. "The Lemon Sisters," Andrea Cheng
- 2. "Tiger Can't Sleep." S.J.
- 3. "The baabaasheep Quartet," Leslie Watts
- 4. "You and Me," Martine Kindermans
- 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 regionwide plan to effectively make progress on those key issues.

"Our goal is to involve local residents in the process of addressing both short and longterm 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 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.

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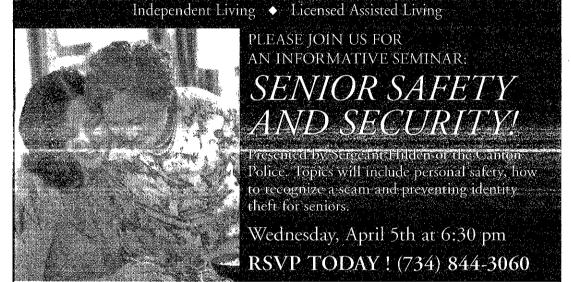
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## **Self-esteem** need not be all or nothing

elf-esteem can be described as how one feels about himself or herself as a person. There may be feelings of worthlessness/uselessness vs. feelings



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of acceptance and "getting along with oneself," no matter

what age. At the extreme end of poor self-esteem would be selfhatred (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 selfesteem 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 dietr weard melt tion 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. it apy, 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 8year-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

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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

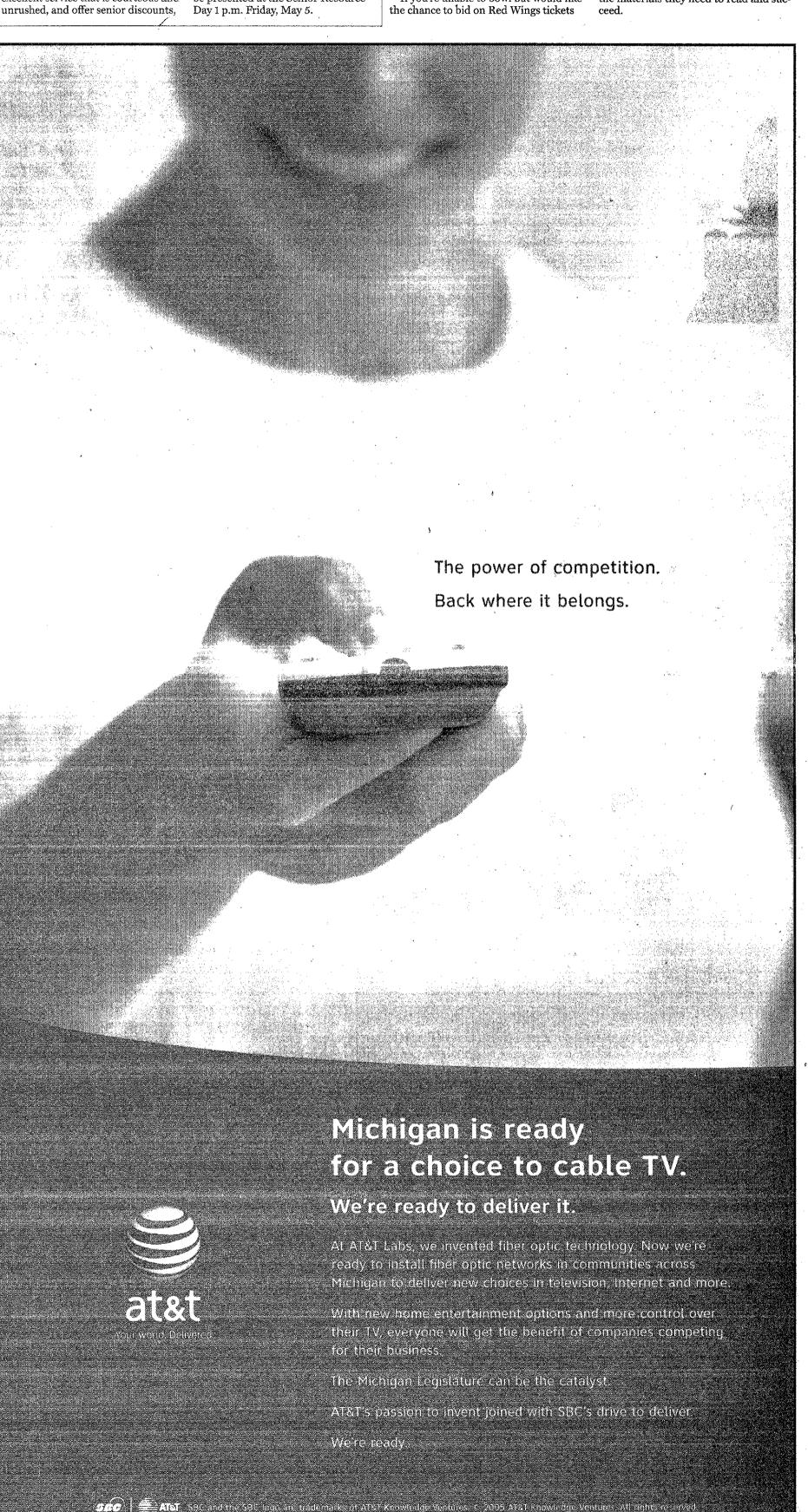
Spend the afternoon bowling with WNIC celebrities and help Seedlings put Braille books into the hands of blind children Sunday, April 2, at the Super Bowl in Canton. There will be raffle prizes, trophies for high game/high series, and prizes for those who raise the most pledges, including round-trip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

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 suc-



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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

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

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 multiportfolio 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 fulltime 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 profession al teaching knowledge.

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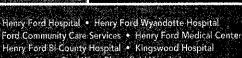
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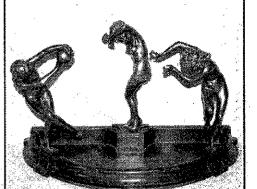
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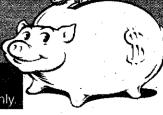
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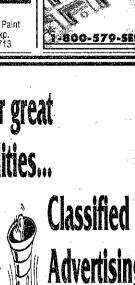
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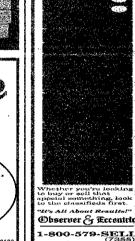


















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## Parade of Homes

estates."

## Showcase has something for all

New homes of every shape and size - and price range are being honored by the **Building Industry Association of** Southeastern Michigan (BIA) as part of its 17th-annual spring Parade of Homes architectural judging.

Parade of Homes is a monthlong 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 mas-

Pontiac, built by Saylor Building ■ Attached Condominiums Priced Under \$200,000: Midtown, priced at \$155,900, in ter builders have built homes for Southgate, built by ADCO Group. Also, Fairview, priced at \$159,900, in Canton, built by Woodbridge Estates Builders.

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Housing: The Hawthorne,

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Housing: Village Colonial,

\$400,000: Abbey Woods, priced at \$278,900, in Canton Township, built by Abbey Woods L.L.C.

■ Homes and Detached Condominiums Priced Under \$300,000: Wellington Colonial, priced at \$230,000, located in Village of New Haven, built by Lassale Homes

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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 Nosan 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.

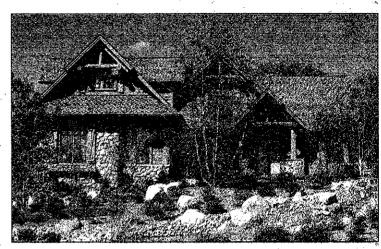
■ Homes Priced Over \$1 million: Bayshore, priced at \$1,5 million, located in Northville Township, built by Curtis-Estate.

■ Blue Ribbon Award For A "One Of-A-Kind" Home: Up Northville, priced at \$2,45 million in Northville, built by Michael Moceri Design/Build.

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the

The 106 Spring Parade of Homes models are located

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



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

throughout southeastern Michigan and can be viewed via open house tours or on-line at 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. 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

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



The Columbia Lexington, a Toll Brothers-built home in Oakland Township, was

named best home or condo over \$400,000 to \$560,000.

Realtor

Michael Aldouby

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

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

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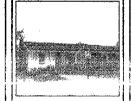
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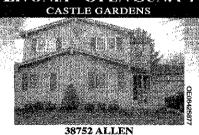
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The point of the seminar is to educate attendees about the real estate, financing, tax and investment issues relating to the rapidly growing condo hotel market. Participants will discuss the variations in ownership and cost structures. Cocktails and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

#### **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.reiawanecounty.org or call (313) 386-7228.

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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 16hour 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.

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Education. (248) 837-8900. **■** Birmingham Community Education in cooperation with the institute will offer a 16hour 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 subcontract construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople. Cost is \$190 plus \$20 for the textbook 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. HomeOffice Center

The HomeOffice Center offers a number of sessions,

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(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.

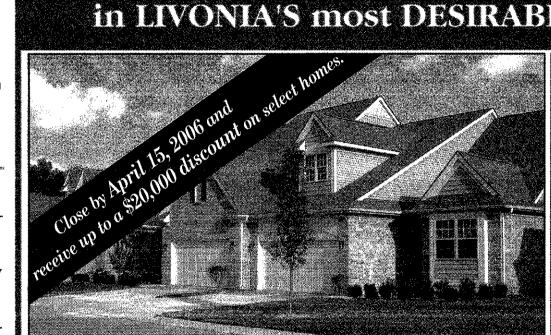
Cartwright, technical representative of Syngenta, a manufacturer of professional pest control products. "This can be difficult work, and is best done by a licensed professional."

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.

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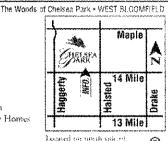


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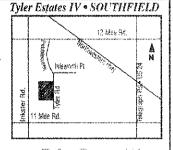
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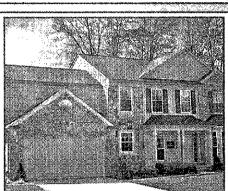
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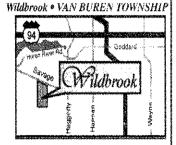
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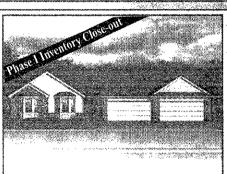
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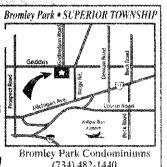
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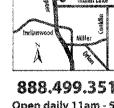
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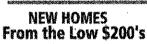
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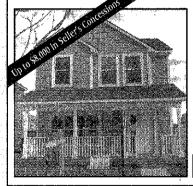
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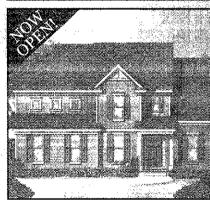
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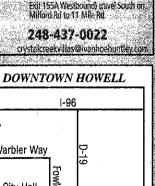
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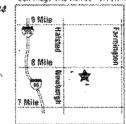
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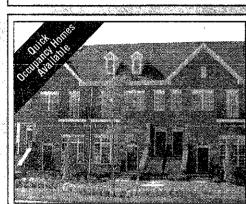


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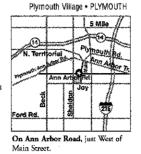
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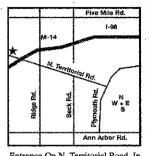
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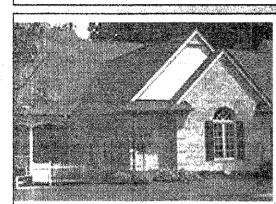
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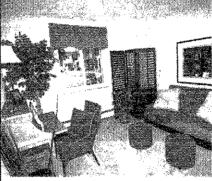


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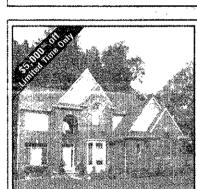
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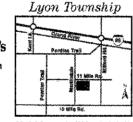






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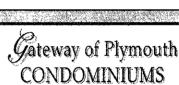
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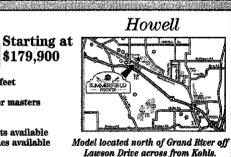


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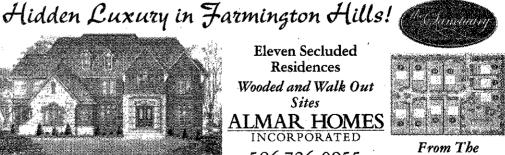


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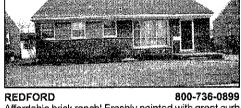
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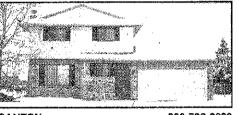
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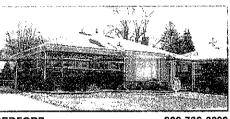
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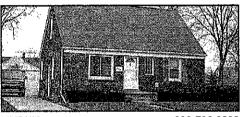


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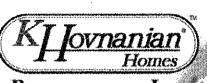
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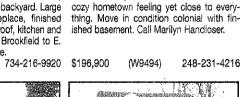
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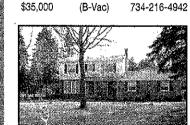
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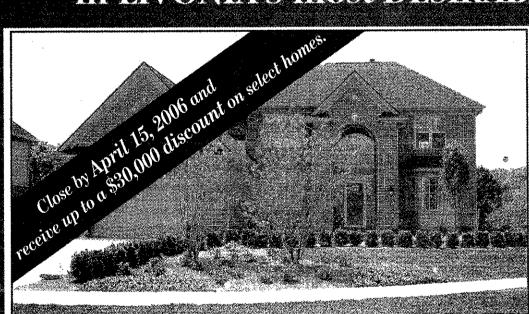


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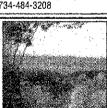
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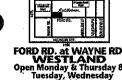
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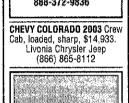
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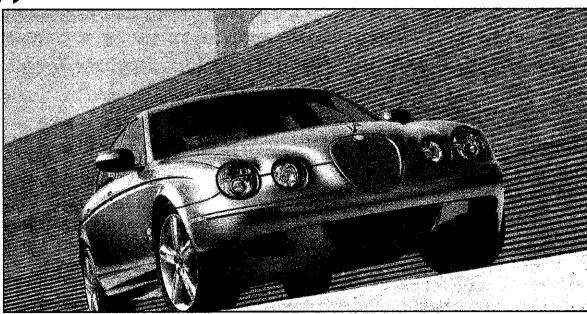


When a Jaguar shows up in your driveway, expect different reactions from the people in your life. My wife, for instance, worries someone will steal or vandalize it. My next door neighbor finds more reasons to be out when I pull in the driveway - he wants to know if he can drive it (uh...no). My daughter 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 Base price: \$63,030. Price as tested: \$66,645.

 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

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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Jag in the first place, chances are gas prices aren't the first thing on your mind, right.

As you would expect, the S-Type R is a fun car to drive, with exceptional handing and ride. The R comes with Dynamic Stability Control and a Computer Active Technology Suspension (eCATS), a two-stage sport suspension. On a twisty, bumpy road, eCATS maximizes comfort, handling and driver control by switching the system's dampers from the normal 'soft' setting to 'firm' in milliseconds, which improves vehicle stability, particularly during cornering or braking. Road noise is not an issue and the ride is smooth. Power-assisted steering is standard and the brakes are excellent; so good, in fact, that when I drove my own car it felt like I had to really slam down my brakes to stop.

The R also comes with parking alert (to let you know if you're coming too close to another object), front and side airbags, side-curtain airbags, and anti-theft engine immobilizer. Adaptive cruise control is available to adjust your speed to traffic condi-

The 2006 Jaguar S-Type R starts at about \$63,000. Add the adaptive cruise control and satellite radio and you'll pay about \$66,000. But think of all the different reactions you'll get when it shows up in your driveway.

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