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Looking for 3 good leaders

Retirements force shake-up in police department

> BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

During the next few weeks, 10 of Canton's most experienced police sergeants will be tested and evaluated to find out if they have what it takes to get one of three promotions to lieutenant. But for those officers, the promotion will be more than just a raise and a bump in rank. They'll join the next crop of leaders who will more than likely one day run the police department.

Three of the department's five lieutenants are retiring this year, and promoting sergeants to fill those positions is crucial to the department's future, according to Public Safety Director John Santomauro.

"It's really our chance to cultivate the next generation of leaders in this department," he said.
"One of them will be chief of police one day."

Sentemours who is now 57 years old said.

Santomauro, who is now 57 years old, said that he won't be on the job for another 10 years. And the two deputy police chiefs – Laura Golles and Alex Wilson – who are positioned to step into the top job in the department, will be eligible for retirement soon. Wilson will be eligible this year and Golles will be within the next three years. Further, as part of a restructuring plan for the township's entire workforce, Santomauro has been asked to transition his duties away from public safety and into the oversight of operations and systems for all of the township's departments.

"If we allow this group (of lieutenants and deputy chiefs) to simply retire out and don't plan for the future, we'll have inadequate leadership," Santomauro said.

Once the lieutenants are selected, it will take two or three years to properly cultivate their talents and prepare them for leading the department, Santomauro added. It has as much to do with style as it does with any specific skill set.

"The assessment process is not like the written sergeants' exam," said 25-year veteran of the department Sgt. Rick Pomorski, one of the officers who is undergoing the evaluation.

Candidates will be evaluated for their leadership styles and aptitudes, then will be interviewed to confirm that the evaluations were

"It establishes whether you're authoritative or inspirational, for example," Pomorski said. "Not every officer or every leadership style would fit into a lieutenant's position."

It's Santomauro's expectation that the next wave of leadership will take the department into a higher level of performance.

When he hired in as chief 21 years ago, he said his task was to rehabilitate a department which had good employees but no systems in place. During the past two decades, it's been the department's policy to develop and promote from within its ranks, a practice that Santomauro said has led to more stability, but also a higher level of talent and professionalism.

"It's never been a challenge finding qualified candidates within the department. Just the opposite is true – narrowing down the choice to hire the right candidate is the challenge," Santomauro said. "We're so deep in talent now. It's a result of 21 years of development."

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Bob Dates,

recreation director for Canton, is set to

retire after 27

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Longtime recreation director nearing the end of his reign

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

This time of year, with the Canton Cup and Liberty Fest fast approaching, Bob Dates' office at the Summit on the Park always gets a little messy. But this year, it's worse. He's packing up boxes and getting ready to vacate his office, after 27 years of working with the township's recreation division. Much has changed during his tenure.

"When I started there was a director, me, and a secretary. There was no programming at all except a men's softball league and that was loosely run by volunteers," said Dates, who is retiring.
"Everything was trial and error."

Everything was 'first annual."

Today, there are hundreds of employees in the township's
Leisure Services department - 45 full-time workers, an average 300

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-Relay for Life

Survivors will flock to Heritage Park for Relay

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

For every one of the eight years the American Cancer Society Relay for Life has had an event in Canton, Jan Jacobs has been there. She's been a walker, pacing miles of track at Heritage Park, in order to raise money for the society. She's been a committee member and a team captain, helping to organize the annual event. But this year, she has a new title – survivor.

Just weeks ago, Jacobs was diagnosed with a rare form of skin cancer, which grows under the second layer of skin.

"It's not fatal, but chemotherapy and radiation won't affect it," she said. So even though she knows she's going survive cancer, she also knows that she has several painful surgeries ahead of her, as well as a skin graft.

She's hoping her son will be as lucky.

Ironically, she learned in September that her 25-year-



About 3,000 people took part in last year's Relay for Life, raising \$250,000 for the American Cancer Society. This year's event, the eighth annual in Canton, will take place May 20-21 at Heritage Park.

old son has melanoma, a deadly form of skin cancer. He's undergoing Interferon treatments, and is making progress toward remission, and the family is hopeful.

"I've learned so much over the years, and I've been able to pass along a lot of good information to people. But now I have a different understanding of what it is to have cancer, and I have a different understanding of what Relay is all about," Jacobs said. "It's hit very close

to home."

Last year, Relay for Life in Canton brought in a recordbreaking \$250,000 in contributions, bringing the seven-year total past the \$1 million mark. It's a celebration of life for cancer survivors, a memorial for loved ones lost and a rally for the community to fight cancer.

But for Jacobs, it's also a chance to think about what the life-changing experience of cancer means to her.

"The good Lord gave cancer to me for a reason, whether it's to walk the walk of my son, or for a better understanding of what this experience is. I need to be there and learn from it and help a lot of people along the way," she said. "I will walk again this year, and I will continue to walk until we find these cures."

The 24-hour event will be May 20 -21 in Canton's Heritage Park. For more information about Relay for Life, contact Jamie Chapman at (248) 483-4320 or via e-mail at jchapman@cancer.org, or Debbie Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188.

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Best friends Lynne Coker (left) and Genny Najmowicz were instrumental in getting the Canton Red Hat Honeys involved in this year's Relay for Life. Both recently lost loved ones to cancer.

Deaths of close family members drove best friends to form team

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

Genny Najmowicz and Lynne Coker are longtime best friends. Both members of the Red Hat Honeys, the two Canton women do just about everything together — from playing cards and having daily luncheons to taking vacations. Most people who know them

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Detroit's annual Downtown Hoedown returns with former 'American Idol' star Josh Gracin performing



Westbound Saltz closed

Beginning this weekend, the westbound lane along Saltz Road east of Sheldon will be closed for two to three weeks in an effort to improve the intersections of Sheldon at Saltz and Cherry Hill at Sheldon.

During construction the following detour will be in effect: Northbound Sheldon traffic fill be detoured at Cherry Hill thile eastbound traffic along altz will be directed south at heldon and will not be flowed to travel east of theldon.

Construction on both interections began in April and ompletion is scheduled for mid-June. Work being done on both intersections includes adding additional turn lanes in ach direction as well as a cener turn lane; providing new traffic signals with mast arms and illuminated street signs; constructing new sidewalks with pedestrian crossings; and placing new pavement markings and signage.

For more information on Canton road projects visit www.canton-mi.org or call Canton Public Works at (734) 394-5150.

Dog walk

The 4th Annual Tails & Trails Charity Dog Walk, normally held in September, will be held on Saturday, June 3, at Heritage Park in Canton. Registration/check-in begins at 9 a.m. and the event will begin promptly at 10 a.m., rain

Along with the new date, the event will also feature new entertainment and a new designated charity: the Humane Society of Huron Valley. This is a pledge event with 100 percent of the pledge dollars collected by participants going to HSHV. This annual event is one of the Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club's major fund-raisers and allows them to sponsor community

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programs throughout the year. Activities for the day will include agility and obedience demonstrations by Canine Training & Sports Center of Canton, a pet care seminar courtesy of Michigan Vet Specialists, vendor booths with pet-related products, food concessions and contests for owner and dog alike to participate in, with lots of prizes to be awarded. A variety of local rescue groups will also attend. Emcee for the day is Channel 7's Skycaptain Dennis Neubacher, Registration is \$15 per dog in advance or \$20 the day of the event. Walk-ups are welcome, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged and the first 150 registered dogs will receive a free goody bag. Current vaccination records must be presented at time of

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check-in. For more information or to request a registration form, visit www.pckiwanis.org, email info@pckiwanis.org or call Carol at (734) 451-3500. Anyone interested in being a vendor or sponsor should contact the Kiwanis Club for more details or visit their Web site at www.pckiwanis.org.

River Day celebration set

Canton's annual River Day will be held from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at Flodin Park, located on the southeast corner of Saltz and Morton-Taylor roads. River Day will take place rain or shine and volunteers of all ages, including residents, students and scout troops are encouraged to participate. This year participants will be able to choose from a number of different activities including guided nature walks, building birdhouses, planting of native plants, shrubs, and bulbs, removing a silt fence, river cleaning efforts, and streambank stabilization. The event will also focus on educational topics such as the removal of invasive species and a living science exhibit with live bats will

demonstrate how important

they are to our environment. All volunteers will receive a T-shirt, doughnuts and drinks for breakfast, and a barbecue lunch. Volunteers should come dressed for the weather, and jeans and boots should be worn. Volunteer registration will begin at 8 a.m. in the parking lot of Flodin Park. Scout troops planning to participate need to call Canton Public Works at (734) 394-5150 so the proper number of badges/patches can be ordered.

For more information please call Public Works at 394-5150.

Brunch with a board member

Plymouth-Canton Schools Treasurer Rich Ham-Kucharski will host a brunch to meet with constituents of the district from noon-1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 28 at Panera Bread in downtown Plymouth. He will discuss current district issues, the budget, and any school related topic.

Nursery school applications

Creative Day Nursery School, located on Cherry Hill Road in Canton, is accepting registration for the fall. Creative Day is a developmental school that encourages children to learn at their own pace while promoting social skills through music, art, story time and hands-on activities. Both morning and afternoon classes are available. For more information, call (734) 981-3990.

LaJoy to hold district hours

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, will be holding district office hours on 3:30-5 p.m. on Monday, May 15 at Van Buren Township Hall, which is located at 46425 Tyler Road. Local residents can meet with LaJoy to discuss state government concerns or issues. No appointment is necessary.

Van Buren study session

Van Buren Public Schools will hold a special board of

education meeting/work study session at 7 p.m. on May 15 in the board room of the administrative building, located at 555 W. Columbia Avenue in Belleville. Among the topics to be discussed include the Alternative Education Program, the 2006-2007 budget, Title 1, and elementary boundary modifications. For more information call (734) 697-9123.

Historic cemetery tour

The Canton Historical Society will present a tour of the Sheldon Cemetery at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 20. Learn about the early pioneers of Canton Township, the eight Civil War soldiers buried in the historic cemetery, and symbolism of the various tombstones. David Curtis, past president of the Canton Historical Society, will be the tour guide. The event is free and open to the public.

People should meet on the west side of Sheldon Road between Michigan Avenue and Palmer Road.

Governor's appointment

Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced this week that Canton resident Jane P. MacFarlane has been reappointed to represent the general public on the Commission on Disability Concerns. Her term will expire March 5,

Free mammograms

In honor of National Women's Health Week, Oakwood Healthcare System is offering free mammography screenings, by appointment only, at Oakwood locations in Canton, Dearborn and Southgate throughout the week of May 15. To qualify for the exam, you must be 40 years of age or older, uninsured and have no breast problems or symptoms.

Screenings will include a clinical breast examination, a mammogram and breast cancer risk assessment. Women age 40 and older are encouraged to have a mammogram screening every year to help

detect cancer at its earliest stage. Space is limited, so please register early. To make an appointment, please call (800) 543-WELL. The Canton location is 7300 North Canton Center Road.

Race for the Cure

The 2006 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure®, set for June 10 at Comerica Park, is a 5K competitive Run, 5K noncompetitive Walk, and 1-Mile Walk that attracts participants of all ages and athletic abilities. Its purpose is to educate and build positive awareness about breast cancer and the importance of good breast health. The event celebrates those who have survived the disease, and takes time to remember those who have not. The race raises significant funds for local screening, treatment, and education programs and for research grants awarded throughout the nation by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Since the first local race in 1992, the Komen Detroit Race has raised more than \$9.4 million.

Canton Township employees are forming a team, the Canton Cure-ators, to participate in this year's Race.

Join Canton Cure-ators and be a part of this event at Comerica Park starting at 8 a.m. For more information about the event, visit www.karmanos.org/detroitraceforthecure, or to join the Canton Cure-ators, contact Pam Popejoy at (734) 394-5126 or ppopejoy@canton-mi.org for more information about joining our team. Deadline for registration is mid-May.

MHS program

The Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland is offering spay or neutering of cats and vaccinations for \$20 for families with financial difficulties now through May

The center is at 900 Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road. People must provided proof if financial need, such as documentation from government-funded programs, at the time of their appointment. The proof can include the Family Independence Program, state

disability assistance, food assistance WIC program and Medicaid. To make an appointment, call (734) 722-

Chamber breakfast

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its government relations breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday May 19. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for breakfast is \$7 per person, which includes a full buffet breakfast, beverages, guest speaker presentation, and roundtable discussion.

The breakfast will feature guest speakers from the township who will discuss current road construction planned for this summer. In addition, guest speakers will cover the community events planned for spring and summer 2006.

Following the speaker presentations, guests are invited to remain for the roundtable sessions, which feature special interest groups such as Canton Public Safety, as well as government officials. The roundtables are an excellent opportunity for guests to speak oneon-one with local officials regarding hot topics in the community.

For more information, call the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Entertainment books

The Plymouth Symphony is offering a special on entertainment books as part of its annual fund-raiser.

Patrons who buy a 2007 Entertainment Book get a 2006 book for free.

The books offer 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events.

The 2006 book can be picked up now at the Plymouth Symphony office, next to the Cozy Café in downtown Plymouth, or call (734) 451-2112 or Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016. The 2007 Entertainment Book will be available in August.

The entertainment book offer is \$20, with all proceeds used to support the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton.

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Students change directions

Turnaround Awards honor academic achievements

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

When Kleopatra Kristo was a sixth-grader, she carried a grade-point average that stayed steady around the 3.7

By the time she got into seventh grade, it was dipping down to the 1.6 range and she was struggling in many of her classes, particularly math. Because of that, as an eighthgrader Kleopatra had to continue a seventh-grade math

But when teacher Sheila Weber called to talk it over, she found Kleopatra's mom a bit surprised.

"I called Mrs. Kristo and told her I wanted to talk a little about Kleo's math and about how she did last year and how we can make sure she has a better year this year," Weber recalled at this week's Turnaround Achievement Awards at the Summit on the Park in Canton. "She said, 'Kleo did really well last year ... I'm looking at her grades and she had B's.' I told her, 'I'm looking, too, and she had E's.'

Obviously, the grades had been altered, a situation Kleo's teachers and parents helped resolve. Since then, Kleo has gotten her GPA back above 3.0 and Weber said she has "no reservations about Kleo moving on to high school."



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Dad Ricky Hays has a big hug for daughter Sarah Hayes at Tuesday's Turnaround Achievement Awards ceremony.

Kleo said she altered the grades out of fear of reprisal, but realized she was wrong and changed her course.

"I was scared ... I had a C and I was scared my mom was going to punish me, so I didn't tell her and it kept going lower and lower," Kleo said. "(Then) I just wanted to graduate and get an education and go on."

Canton school district honored at Tuesday's awards, which recognize the achievements of students who had previously been struggling. The awards are sponsored by Super Bowl in Canton.

"This has always been about the kids," said Super Bowl General Manager Mike Reffitt. "It's always been about celebrating education."

His teachers could always

Andy Wang was.

The problem for Wang as a sophomore, according to Plymouth High School government teacher Shannon McBrady, came in his behavior in the classroom.

"It was obvious how bright he was ... but it was always sort of a battle with Andy, he was so bright he often kind of silenced other students and he was slightly impulsive in terms of his behavior choices." ceremony at Summit on the Park. Jalen was one of 19 students honored. tion and realization as any-McBrady noticed a change

Jalen Prusak shakes hands with Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Barbara Rodenberg at Tuesday's Turnaround Achievement Awards

when she drew Wang for her 11th-grade Advanced Placement government class. Suddenly, the kid who knew it all was sitting back, listening to other students and encouraging them at things from all angles.

Now, as a senior, Wang is McBrady's student aide.

"Talk about a go-to kid, he's your guy," McBrady said. "If you want something done, he'll do it with a smile on his face. He challenges my sophomores and calls on kids to look at things from different perspectives. He's just a great

Wang said the change was as much a matter of maturathing else.

'When I first came to high school I was young, a little naive," Wang said. "I didn't know any better. I was hotheaded, stubborn, got into a [4] lot of arguments with teachers, especially when it came

to politics. "High school was a great experience for me," the Plymouth senior said. "I realized I can't be so stubborn, I know I have to work together with other people. No matter how strong a force I was, I need other people to get things done."

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Max Cleland campaigns for Trupiano, veterans

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Former Georgia Sen. Max Cleland spent an exhausting day Wednesday campaigning for 11th Congressional District Democratic candidate Tony Trupiano in his bid to unseat Republican incumbent Thaddeus McCotter.

Cleland, who lost both legs and his right arm in combat in Vietnam, has been making the rounds in support of Democratic candidates.

"The country is mad as hell and they're not going to take it anymore," he said. "They are mad at the lies, particularly of this administration, and they are ready to throw the bums out, and they don't trust this administration anymore from the president on down."

Cleland said the Democrats have a chance to win back 15 seats and take control of the House.

'You'll see a bunch of new people elected to Congress this year, particularly the House,

who have never run before," he said. "This includes a lot of Band of Brothers, people who served in the military, many of whom took the oath at the academy, naval or military academy, not to lie or cheat of steal and they won't tolerate

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Cleland was visibly tired when he arrived Wednesday afternoon for a "town hall meeting" at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post in Westland. But his face lit up when he saw the cap on Roger Kehrier of Plymouth Township, one of the Band of Brothers who served in Vietnam.

The cap identified Kehrier as serving in the same battalion in Vietnam. Cleland was wheeled over and spent several minutes talking with his comrade and ended by giving him a hug.

"We knew some of the same people in the command, he gave me a note to help with an MIA (presumed missing in action)," Cleland said. "After 36 years, this man is still

thinking about his comrades." Kehrier, who served 1967-68 as a lieutenant, was also wounded in the war. He said

he gave Cleland a note to help him track down what happened to Lt. Marvin Stone, who was originally thought to have been killed in action, but is now listed as missing. Cleland has dedicated his

career to serving his Band of Brothers. He rose to the rank of captain before being wounded. He served in the Georgia state Senate 1971-75; served as President Jimmy Carter's administrator of the Veteran's Administration; Georgia' Secretary of State 1982-96; and U.S. senator 1997-2003. He also served on the 9/11 Commission on the terrorists attacks.

He lost re-election to Republican Saxby Chambliss, who was criticized for running ads questioning Cleland's patriotism and showing him in ads along with pictures of Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden.

On Wednesday, Cleland began his day of campaigning by attending the opening of a one-stop Wayne County veteran's office in downtown Detroit with Gov. Jennifer Granholm and County Executive Robert Ficano.

Cleland pushed two themes during a brief interview and in his talk at the hall, corruption in Washington and the handling of the war in Iraq.

"The 9/11 Commission focused on faulty intelligence. Now we know that it wasn't faulty intelligence, it was made up to justify the invasion of Iraq, which was already predetermined when George Bush got elected," Cleland said. "Iraq was not a threat to the United States. This was all a war built on a lie."

He said the military personnel are burned out and the focus has been taken away from terrorism.

"Osama bin Laden has become, as Sen. Bob Graham said, Osama been forgotten. He's still out there making



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Democratic congressional candidate Tony Trupiano introduces senator Max Cleland who made a stop to campaign for Tony at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post.

more tapes than the Republican National Committee. We have an absolute disaster on our hands here. It's time to clean house."

He was also critical of funding available to help returning veterans deal with post-traumatic stress.

"War is one thing. When you come home, it's another," he said. "The trauma of war is

greater than we thought. You

swear they are like sisters. Unfortunately, the two

have had to endure. Both

watched close loved ones whither away and die from

women had to share an experience they would rather not

cancer at the same time during

a devastating period last year.

Najmowicz lost her beloved mother-in-law last summer, and then even more crushing,

December. At the same time,

Coker lost her mother to can-

cer, while her husband was

also diagnosed with cancer. Najmowicz said losing her

brother, Bobby Ferrell, was the

worst experience of her life. He suffered from acute leukemia,

and Najmowicz donated stem

cells in hopes of saving him. Although the transplant got

rid of his cancer, all the treat-

unable to fight off the bacteria

to save his life," Najmowicz

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decided to get the fellow Red

fight to find a cure for cancer. Together they formed one of

the teams that will participate

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lost, Najmowicz and Coker

"We did everything we could

ments also destroyed his immune system and he was

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have no idea what is going to happen to you in Iraq."

Cleland had been a guest on Trupiano's radio talk show and praised the candidate as someone who "speaks truth to power."

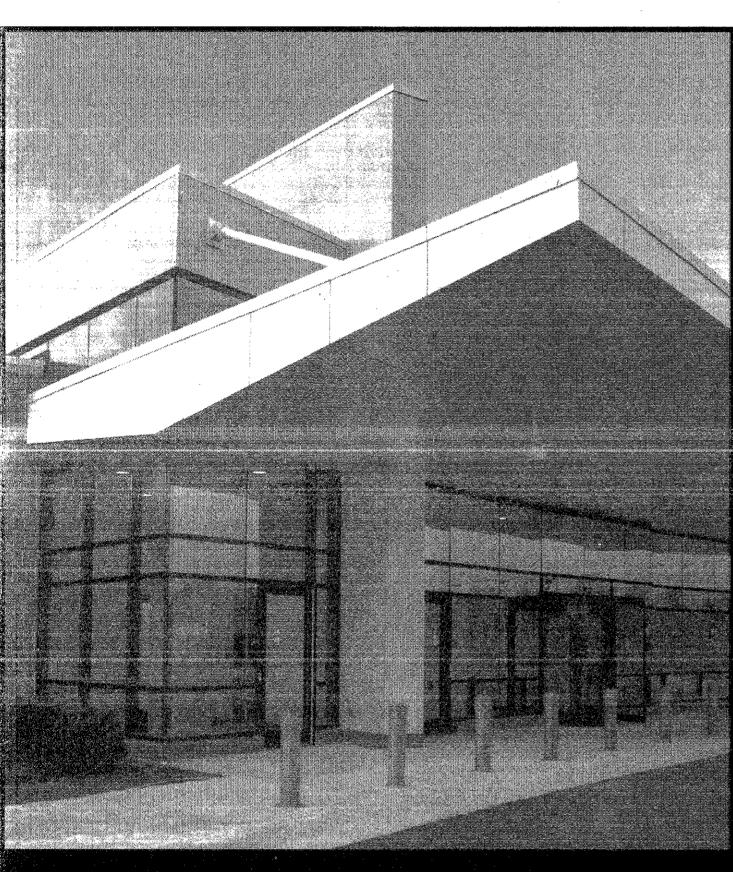
Trupiano, in turn, introduced Cleland as "one of the greatest Americans that God has put on this earth."

Cleland finished out the day appearing at two Trupiano fund-raisers.

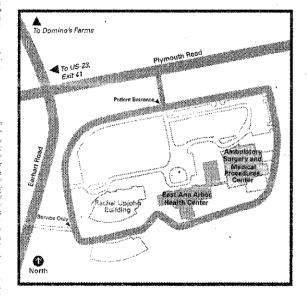
in next weekend's Relay for Life at Canton's Heritage Park.

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during the event. They've



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already raised more than \$3,000. "This is the first time the Red Hat Honeys have gotten involved in a charity, Najmowicz said. "It was such a traumatic thing for us, we took the idea to the group and they said let's do it." Their efforts haven't gone

unnoticed. "Every day they are out seek-

ing donations, making crafts, trying to get more items for the silent auction," said Najmowicz's daughter, Kelly Landin. "I cannot believe how dedicated they are. They work all day to make a difference and go to bed thinking they haven't done enough."

For Najmowicz, the goal is

"Some day I would like my grandchildren to be able to say, People used to die from cancer," she said.

For more information about the Red Hat Honeys or to donate to their Relay for Life team, please visit www.acsevents.org/faf/home/default.asp, or e-mail Kelly Landin at Teacherlandin@wowway.com.

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Salvation Army, YMCA partner for preschool

STAFF WRITER

In the ideal partnership, both sides bring their respective strengths to the table to benefit each other.

That's exactly what's happening between the Plymouth Salvation Army and the Plymouth YMCA, who will join forces to offer the joint Tiny Tots preschool program.

The organizations, who heretofore had run individual preschool programs, found themselves on the opposite spectrums as this school year wound down. The Salvation Army had their nice, large headquarters facility on Main Street south of Ann Arbor Road, but had few kids registering. The YMCA, meanwhile, had several children interested, but the lease on their downtown Plymouth facility was ending.

'What we're getting is we're combining two great organizations and being able to serve the community better by working together than working separately," said Josh Landefeld, branch operations director for the Plymouth YMCA. "We can provide for a larger audi-

The Salvation Army's church-based curriculum includes activities of physical, social, emotional and intellectual development. It incorporates concepts such as colors, language, seasons, holidays health and smalland large-motor development skills.

The YMCA curriculum included most of the same

"Their program was very similar to ours in terms of

size, cost and hours of operation," said Kelly Boelter, the Salvation Army's public relations director. "It was a

match made in heaven." The religious orientation of the Salvation Army's program presented no real problem for YMCA officials.

Both the Salvation Army and the YMCA are religiousbased organizations taking their roots from christianity," Landefeld said. "Ours focuses on positive character programs, so it's not a problem at all."

Classes will be available for 3-year-olds who start kindergarten in 2008 and for 4-year-olds who start kindergarten in 2007. At the Salvation Army's facility, each class can accommodate up to 22 children.

The 4-year-old class meets Mondays. Wednesdays and Fridays starting Sept. 11; the 3-yearold class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Sept. 12. There's a one-time registration fee of \$35. The fee for the 4-year-olds class is \$110 per month; it's \$90 per month for the 3-year-

The Salvation Army will host Tiny Tots open houses 10-11 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, and 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, for parents who'd like to meet the teachers or see the facility. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call the Salvation Army, (734) 453-5464.

"I feel fortunate we're able to provide the space to so many kids who are losing their space," Boelter said. "It's going to be a benefit to the community in that more people will see what an outstanding program this is."

Senator recognized for protecting environment

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, was one of four state lawmakers recognized this week for their efforts in preserving Michigan's environmental and conservation heritage.

The Michigan League of Conservation Voters honored Patterson at an awards breakfast in Lansing on Wednesday. Other lawmakers recognized were Sen. Raymond Basham, D-Taylor, Rep. David Law, R-Commerce Township, and Rep. Marie Donigan, D- Royal Oak.

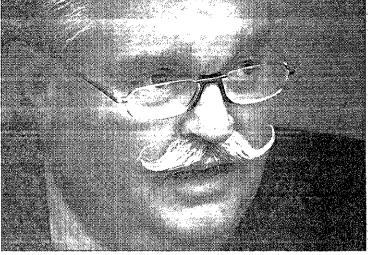
The group said the four all scored well on its 2005-2006 Michigan Environmental Scorecard, which rates the voting records of state lawmakers on a range of issues, including policies for water, land management, trash and air quality.

According to Brian Beauchamp, a spokesman with Michigan League of Conservation Voters, Patterson was singled out for his support of a longterm energy plan for the state, with an emphasis on conservation and development of renewable energy sources.

Beauchamp said Patterson's leadership was also instrumental in guiding a package of bills through legislative channels that will require large water users in the state to obtain permits from the Department of Environmental Quality. Amongst much fanfare, Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed the legislation into law in February.

'We are proud to honor Senator Patterson for his work to protect Michigan's water resources and to address Michigan's critical energy needs for the future. We look forward to continuing a partnership of trust in working together in the future on issues of the environment with the senator," said Beauchamp.

Despite often bitter partisanship in Lansing, there have been a number of major environmental victories for the



Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, was honored for his work to protect Michigan's environment.

Great Lakes and other natural resources in the state during the most recent legislative session, according

Amidst a Michigan legislative session of major environmental victories for the Great Lakes and other natural resources in the state. according to Lisa Wozniak, Michigan LCV's executive director.

"The past two years in Michigan have shown how much we can accomplish when both parties in Lansing decide to come together and work on meaningful legislation to protect our

environment," she said.

"However, it is still all too often that we see party politics get in the way of meaningful policy to protect our air, land, and water. We plan on taking this year's Environmental Scorecard back to individual districts in Michigan to let citizens know exactly how their . 360 lawmakers voted on key issues effecting the environment, as well as their, health, pocketbooks, and Great Lakes quality of life.'

For more information and to view the entire 2005-2006 Michigan Environmental Scorecard, visit www.michiganlev.org.

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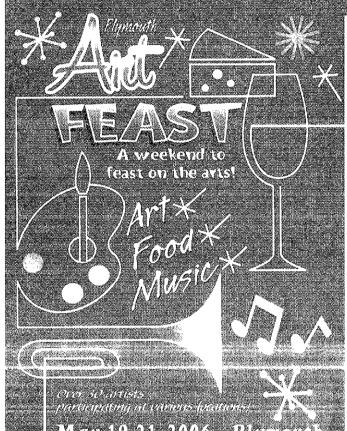


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part-time and seasonal or temporary workers, who oversee and organize nearly 5,000 programs and 300 events every

Dates has had a hand in developing hundreds of recreational programs during his tenure at the township.

"Some have worked, and some have not," he said. "The things I'm most proud of are those which have stood the test of time."

He said programs like the annual Easter egg hunt, the annual fishing derby, the tree lighting every winter, the supervised parks program and Liberty Fest have become traditions in the community.

"It's neat to talk to kids who are in their late teens or young adults in their early 20s and know that for them, Liberty Fest is just part of their lives, something they've done every summer," Dates said.

But does he feel he's left his mark on the community in which he lives? Only when he talks to people who tell him he has.

"They tell me they went to things like the fishing derby when they were kids, and they remember me, and now they bring their kids. Then I feel like I've really done something," Dates said.

The impact that recreation has had on the community has been far-reaching.

"I think it's been huge," Dates said. "Canton Township is known as a place to be. All of our programs are first class. It's a destination now."

And it has been for nearly 25 years, since the Memorial Soccer Tournament (now known as the Canton Cup) started drawing thousands of soccer players to Canton every Memorial Day weekend.

"People from all over the state - even the region - have said, 'Oh, yeah, I know where Canton is. That's where I play soccer.' They may not have known anything about Canton except that it has soccer," Dates said.

But recreation and leisure services have become much more diverse than that. Today, the Summit, the Village Theater, the library, and thousands of sporting events have literally put Canton on the

In some ways, Dates said he feels he's leaving his position (due mainly to an early retirement incentive recently approved by the township Board of Trustees) just as Canton is coming into its own.

"It was all about Plymouth when I started. Canton was not well-known and not very populated, and in fact it wasn't even on most maps," he said. "But Canton has developed its own identity - it's known as a community of progress and vitality. Recreation has a lot to do with that."

Dates, at the age of 53, will after his retirement remain active in Canton, especially in leisure services. He said he plans to volunteer at Pheasant Run golf course, and after enjoying the summer relaxing (June 30 is his last day on the job), will probably seek out some part-time work to keep him busy.

He'll be missed, according to Leisure Services Director Ann

We have come a long way in Canton, and it's in great part due to vision and great leadership by people like Bob," she

Kellogg Park set to go to dogs for annual jog

The Michigan Humane Society gets its annual dose of Plymouth generosity when the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth presents its annual Plymouth Dog Jog at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 20, originating from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Participants can help by getting pledges from family members, friends, neighbors and

co-workers. Registration fee is \$30 the day of the event.

Contests are conducted in three age groups for both males and females, along with prizes for Best Costume, Longest Tail and Best Look-Alike. Grand prizes will go to joggers with the three highest pledge amounts. All

joggers/walkers get a T-shirt. Registration starts at noon, with the walk starting at 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Michigan Humane Society and the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth. For more information, call (734)

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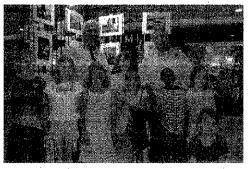
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The Canton Police Department will conduct another proactive traffic safety enforcement on Thursday, May 25 from 3-7 p.m., at the intersection of Ford and Haggerty roads. This enforcement will be aimed at reducing the number of accidents occurring at high traffic crash areas within the township.

To accomplish this, the department has studied accident data to determine the high traffic crash areas, as well as the most frequent cause(s) of the accidents occurring there. Patrol offi-

cers then work these problem intersections ensuring compliance with local and state traffic laws, with emphasis on the violations determined to be a frequent cause of accidents at the location.

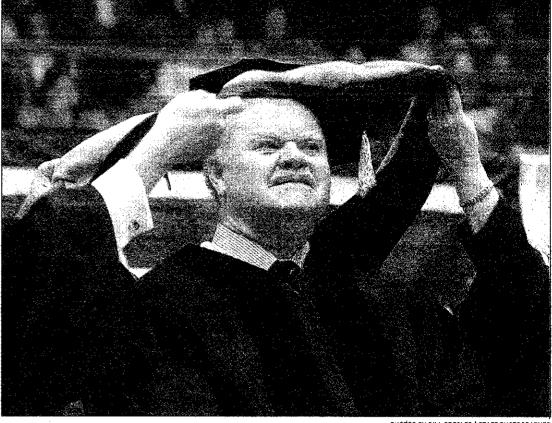
In 2005, Ford and Haggerty was the highest crash location in Wayne County with a total of 73 crashes. This intersection experienced the highest number of accidents on Thursdays and Fridays between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Signs will be posted at the intersection during the

enforcement time, advising motorists of the activity. While working the intersections, officers will evaluate the traffic signals and signs in the area, notifying Wayne County Road Commission and the Michigan Department of Transportation of any problems or recommended

The goal of this high visibility enforcement is to ensure compliance with state and local traffic laws, making Canton's roads safer for residents and visitors, according to public safety officials.

changes.



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Ford Motor Co.'s James Padilla receives an honorary doctor of business administration degree.

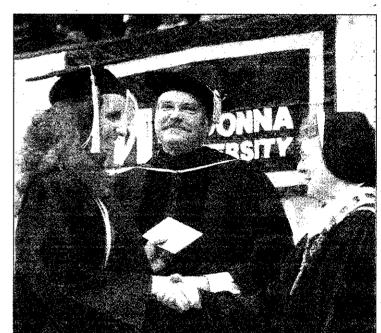
Madonna University graduates 832 students at 59th commencement

Madonna University held its 59th commencement Saturday, May 6, at Calihan Hall at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Approximately 832 graduates joined the Madonna University alumni ranks, with 610 students receiving a bachelor's degree, associate's degree or certificate, and the remainder earning a master's

Honorary doctorate degrees were bestowed upon 1967 alumna Sister Mary Renetta Rumpz; The Kresge Foundation President and CEO John E. Marshall, III; and Ford Motor Co. President and COO James J. Padilla. Distinguished alumna awards were given to the following members of the first class of lay women, 1951 graduates: Gertrude D. Bonk, Lorraine R. Ciak and Mary Joan Kaminski-Nardi, M.Ed.

Presiding over the commencement ceremonies was Madonna University Vice President for Academic



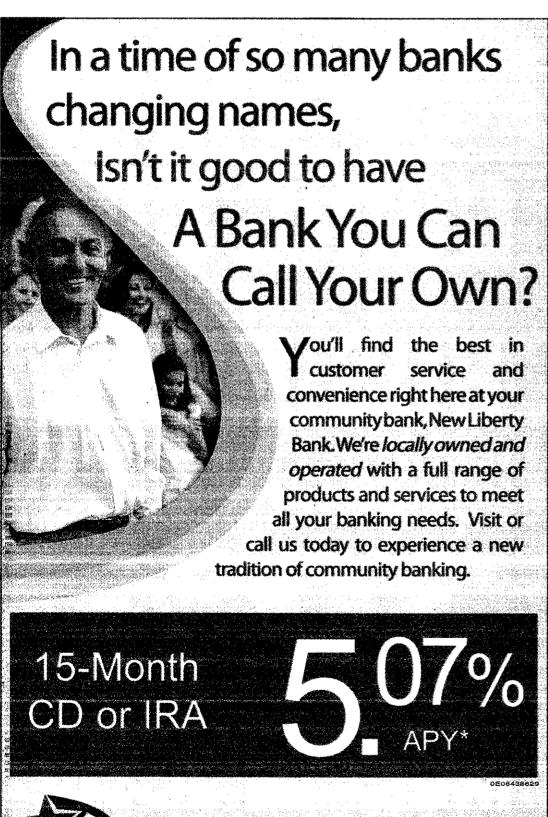
Melanie Smith receives a bachelor of science degree from Madonna President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa and Board of Trustees Chair Richard Walawender.

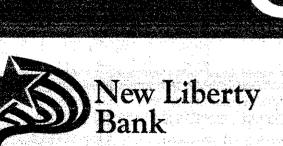
Administration Ernest I. Nolan. The invocation was given by Bishop John M. Quinn, auxiliary bishop. Archdiocese of Detroit and

Madonna University trustee. The mace bearer was Osvaldo Rivera, director of the office of multicultural affairs.



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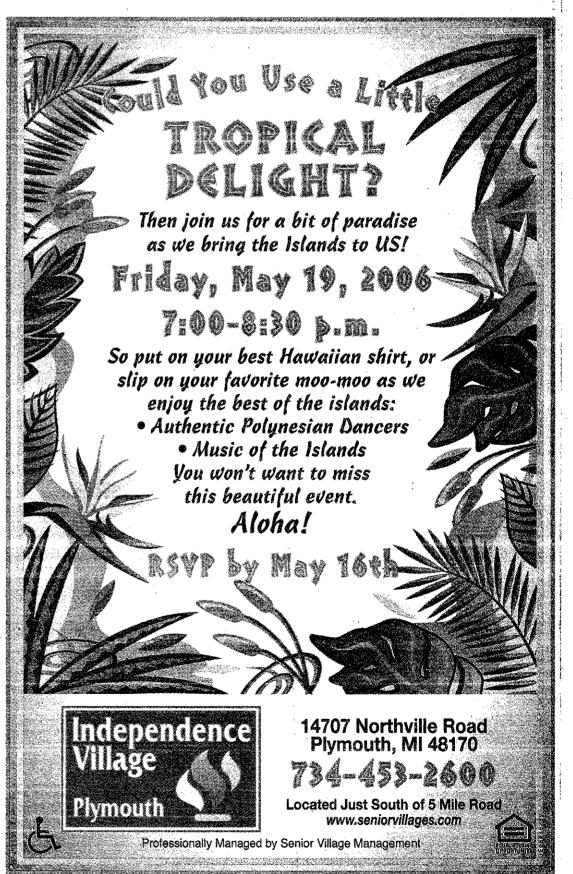


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IKEA cometh: Someone please tell me what all the hype is about

was a bit amazed when IKEA spokesman
Joseph Roth told me that the mammoth
blue and yellow store at Ford and Haggerty
roads, which is set to open June 7, contains the
first escalator ever built in Canton Township.

I just couldn't believe it. With all the building that has gone on in Canton
in recent years — all the
industrial and commercial
buildings along I-275 and
Michigan Avenue, the retail
giants along Ford Road and
the township building itself —

you would think there
would've been an escalator
built at some point.
Recently I was able to visit
the massive 311,000-square-

foot store that has risen from the ashes of the former Super Kmart. There has been so much hype about the store over the course of the last couple of years, I must admit that I was expecting some kind of Xanadu when I walked through the doors.

Kuban

But the first thing you see is that escalator, and not much else. So as I rode up, I had great anticipation what I would find when I got to the top. What I found — drum roll, please — was a furniture store. No Xanadu. Just a furniture store.

Before I go on, I have to admit that until I had to report on the coming of IKEA for the *Observer*, I didn't even know what IKEA was. That's probably because I'm not a shopper. My wife can attest to that. In fact, I always get the shivers when Christmas rolls around, and it's not from the cold weather. Long lines at the checkout counter scare me. I've never liked to be reminded that I'm part of the herd, and at no other time do I realize this more than when I'm out shopping. So I avoid it like the plague.

As a result, I really don't get all that excited about the opening of new stores.

But I expected IKEA to be different. So many people are excited about it. People I know have asked if I could somehow get them in before the official grand opening, which is sure to be an event in itself. At other IKEA locations, people have camped out for more than a week so they could be one of the first people in the store. Heck, at some IKEA locations in Europe and Saudi Arabia, people have been trampled and even died, because the herd couldn't wait to get in and get a look.

So I figured going into IKEA was going to be an awe-inspiring experience. For me, it

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really wasn't. I found it to be just a succession of rooms — 56 in all — that feature furniture and accessories for every room in a home or office. And, according to Roth, the Canton IKEA is exactly the same as every other IKEA store in the chain, which includes 27 in the U.S. and 230 worldwide.

What makes the Canton store unique in the chain, is the fact that each item of merchandise in the store will display a price tag, which is Michigan law. As I looked around the store, it did seem a bit foolish for IKEA employees to have to put a price sticker on hundreds of wine glasses stacked on a pallet in the middle of one aisle. And there are literally hundreds of similar pallets containing just about anything you can think of for the kitchen or any other room in the home.

I will say this, though. IKEA is an amazing place in the sense that it is so big. On my visit, it seemed to take an hour just to walk around the place — and that was without doing any shopping. But it doesn't seem so big when you look around. Everything is quite cozy. The place just seems to go on forever. Room after room, aisle after aisle.

And, of course, because the place is so big, it is able to accommodate a lot of stuff.

According to Roth, they have been receiving four or five trailers full of merchandise every day for weeks as they prepare for the big grand opening, which everyone is so excited about.

Everyone except me. I have to admit, I just don't get it. But consider the source.

Kurt Kuban is community editor of the *Canton Observer*. He welcomes comments at (734) 459-2700, or e-mail him at kkuban@oe.homecomm.net.

First Mother's Day without Mom recalls complicated relationship

t was a brisk January morning when I called into work and instead drove to the hospital to sit next to my mom's bedside. We didn't have much to talk about. The fear in her blind eyes shined bright, so I tried to keep things light by rambling about the kids and their activities, weather reports and telling anecdoes about my

cat, Ozzy, and dog Guinness.

I spared any conversations on my mounting bills, the harassing e-mails that I was receiving, or the boss that was giving me problems for taking so much time off so that I could go to the hospital.

Kristy
Schiller
I merely held her hand in mine and talked like there was-n't a worry in the world. Every so often, a nurse would come in to explain details of the next day's

open heart surgery or to check on her vitals.

We laughed and talked about everything and anything. She cried her heart out when I went home and I cried all the way to the car. Little did I know that would be our last bonding experience together.

I was an oops baby and grew up as if I were an only child. My brother and sister were more than 10 years older and so I was spoiled rotten because not only were my parents financially stable, but after raising two kids already they were laid back with their parenting style. This made my siblings very jealous.

My family, as dysfunctional as most, was never the Sunday night dinner type when I was young, and we never became that as we grew, but we always got together for the holidays and we all called our mom and dad.

Mom was not a hypochondriac in the least, but as long as I could remember she suffered from various physical ailments. When I was around 12 years of age my mom completely lost her sight and everyone's world changed.

My mother never adjusted to the blindness and fought hard when services tried to help her adapt. She instead slipped into a heavy depression which also affected us all. Her blindness prevented her from doing a variety of things and her self-pity would make me cry and turn it into my own self-pity.

I wanted her to one day read my book. I wanted her to see what her grandchildren looked like

and show off their pictures. I wanted her to show me how to apply makeup. I wanted her to cook me my favorite dish – her chicken noodle soup.

I wanted my mom; my whole mom and not just the shell of her.

Mom and I were close, but we had a strange love/hate relationship. Her stubbornness and moodiness drove me crazy. My stubbornness and moodiness drove her crazy. We would have to agree to disagree in order to get along, but even through the worst arguments, we always made up.

I kept a busy life being divorced with two young children and even though we lived but miles away from one another, I wasn't always able to go over to her house every week, but each day, no matter what, I called her on my way home from work.

Most of the time I kept my private worries private as my mom fed off of them and worried enough for both of us, but when I needed a hug – she was there to give me one.

On Jan. 30, 2006, in the early morning we received the call that mom had passed away. At the age of 68, she gave up her fight and now even though she cannot show me how to make her famous chicken noodle soup, I am sure that she looks at us from above and now knows what her grandchildren look like.

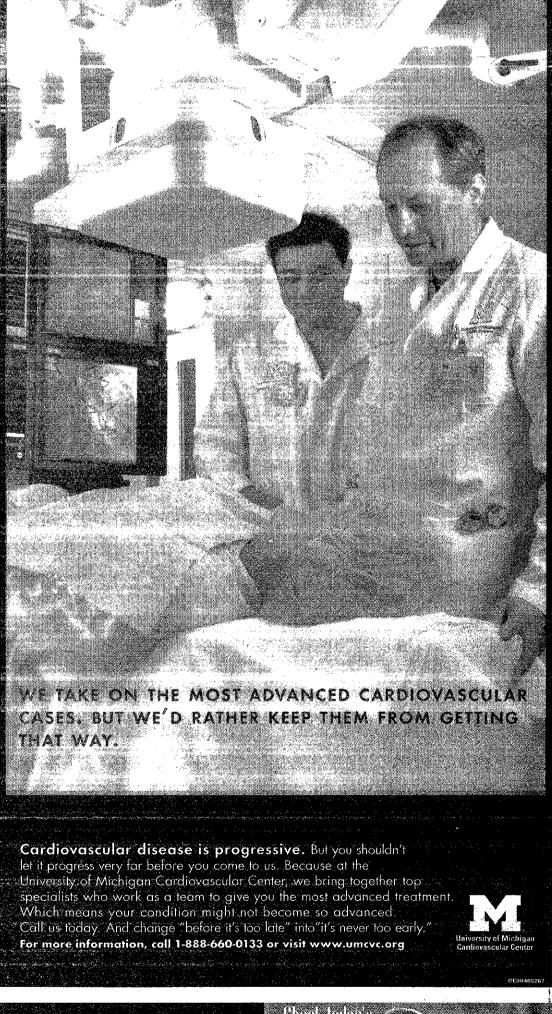
The planning of the funeral was a welcome distraction for me, but yet each afternoon thereafter I still continue to reach for the phone to call my mom ... and then remember.

This will be my first Mother's Day without a mom and I weep now as I write that. My brother and sister were jealous of me because I was given more than they were as children. I am jealous of them because they got to celebrate 10 more Mother's Days with our mom than I was granted.

Every commercial on the radio or the television reminds me that at the age of 35, I don't have a mom. I walk into the stores and they display banners to not forget Mom on Mother's Day. It is a painful reminder that the flowers that I buy for mom this year will sit on her gravestone instead of on her kitchen table, where the dandelions I picked her years back once sat.

Kristy Schiller is a resident of Westland.







Got Game?



County Executive Robert A. Ficano and Department of Public Health Director Anahid Kulwicki on announced the renewal of Wayne County's Mosquito Abatement Assistance Program for outcounty communities. The program provides assistance to municipalities that take meas-

ures to fight West Nile virus.

The county took similar meas-

ures in past years. The Department of Public Health has committed \$200,000 to help fight West Nile virus. Up to \$125,000 will be distributed among Wayne County's 42 communities, while remaining funds will go toward county-wide education, outreach, and prevention activities. Distribution of funds is based on population. City officials can receive assistance for larviciding, WNV educational

fliers and campaigns, and the

reduction of mosquito breed-

ing sites where standing water

The county's Web site, www.waynecounty.com, has a range of information for residents on how they can protect themselves and their families from the virus. In order to reduce the risk of West Nile infection, health officials urge residents to:

- Eliminate all sources of standing water such as old tires, bird baths, toys that collect water, flower pots without drainage, wading pools and any other areas..
- Repair or replace window screens and seal areas of your home where mosquitoes are likely to get in.
- Use insect repellent containing DEET (follow manufacturer's instructions) for longer-lasting protection.
- Avoid being in mosquito areas when they are most active (early morning and

evening hours).

Wear long sleeves and pants outdoors. Less than I percent of people

who get bitten and become infected will get severely ill. After the first local human cases were detected in 2002, education emphasizing prevention and mosquito abatement helped tremendously. A significant increase occurred last year, with 21 reported human cases, including three deaths in Wayne County.

The virus is spread to humans mainly through mosquito bites. It is not spread through person-to-person contact. Those most susceptible are people over age 50. Since birds are the primary carriers, residents who find dead birds can contact the Wayne County Department of Public Health at (734) 727-7445. Additional information is available online at www.cdc.gov.

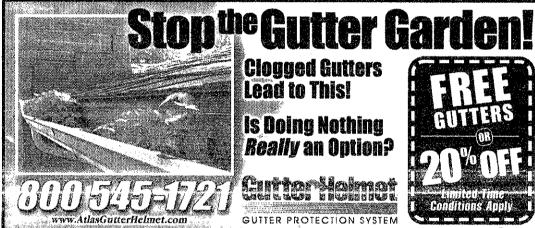


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Moms' support key to P-CEP athletes' success



he last person Brent Jones expected to see sitting in the stands at one of his high school football games three years ago was his mother, Karen.

It's not that Karen Jones rarely attended Brent's games. Just the opposite. She rarely, if ever, missed one of her

son's football, basketball or baseball

"It was my sophomore year and we were playing an away game at Constantine, which was about two-anda-half hours away from Canton," said Jones, who was Plymouth's starting quarterback at the time. "My mom had a very stressful job at General Motors and she had to leave for work at 5 a.m. every morning. Well, the game was at 6 p.m. that night, so I didn't expect her to get there since it was on the other side

"When I looked up in the stands and saw her sitting there before the game, it meant a lot to me. Even though she was working crazy hours and she wouldn't get home from the game until very late that night, she made sure she was there. It's something I'll always remem-

NEVER-ENDING SUPPORT

Jones' story was just one of many I heard when I asked several P-CEP high school athletes to talk about the impact their moms had on their successful athletic careers.

While the athletes mentioned how

appreciative they were of the orange slices their moms prepared for their pee-wee soccer teams, and the mountains of dirty uniforms their moms washed throughout their little league careers, there was one common thread among the athletes' responses.

They all agreed that the No. 1 thing their moms provided was unconditional support.

"My mom, along with my dad, has been very supportive of every sport I've

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Overnight SUCCESS

Lightning delays Chiefs' 7-1 win

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

It took over 24 hours to complete Wednesday's soccer match between Canton and Plymouth, but not nearly that long to figure out who was going to win.

The Chiefs built a commanding 6-1 advantage during the opening 20 minutes of the contest, which was postponed with approximately nine minutes left in the first half due to lightning.

When the game was continued in its entirety the following night under more pleasant conditions, Canton put the finishing touches on a 7-1 victory. The win improved the Chiefs'

ord to 8-4-2 overall and 6-2 1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Wildcats slipped to 6-8 overall. "The girls were definitely

pumped up to play against Plymouth," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "They played very determined. During the first 30 minutes of the game, the girls did everything right that we've been working on the past eight weeks.

"Plymouth has a young team, but they're very competitive. They have some very dangerous players and their goal-keeper, Brittany Warner, is outstanding.

Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich said the way his team played Thursday compared to Wednesday was like night and

day.
"We made a few adjustments and played much better after the delay," said Neschich, "but we made way too many mis-

takes early in the game." Junior forward Becci Houdek was an offensive force for the Chiefs, recording three goals and two assists.

'Becci was on fire," Tomasso said. "She really came to play. Everything between Becci, Lisa



Plymouth's Casey Webb is hemmed in between Canton's Leslie Weisz (left) and Jenn Krajovic during Wednesday night's soccer game between the two P-CEP schools. The Chiefs won, 7-1, in a weather-delayed game that was finished on Thursday.

Ealy and Ali Perry was really clicking. She always seemed to be in the right spot at the right time and she performed very well."

Other offensive standouts for the Chiefs were Ealy (one goal, one assist), Kelsey Zemanski (one goal), Summer Diehl (two goals) and Emily Baracy (two assists).

After the Chiefs reeled off the

first four goals, Chelsea Quinlan scored for the Wildcats off an

assist from Val Klemmer. Kelsey Bailey earned the victory in net for the Chiefs, knocking away five Plymouth shots. Both coaches praised the play of Warner, who made several stellar stops.

The schedule remains interesting for both teams next week. Canton will travel to

Livonia Stevenson on Monday for a WLAA cross-over match against the highly touted Spartans. The Chiefs will then take on cross-campus rival Salem on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Plymouth will tangle with the Rocks on Monday at 7 p.m. before hosting Ann Arbor Greenhills Wednesday.

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Thousands of players ready for Canton Cup

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Canton will serve as the center of the youth soccer universe May 26-28 when the Canton Soccer Club hosts the 24th Annual Canton Cup Tournament.

More than 7,000 players between the ages of 8 and 18 will converge on five local parks to compete in 775 scheduled games. The number of participants, volunteers and games played makes the Canton Cup one of the largest tournaments of its kind in the country, if not the world.

As in past years, the event will draw top players from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio,

Illinois and Ontario. The tournament, which is the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association and the

United States Youth Soccer Association, is expected to attract more than 24,000 visitors to the

Each of the 425 teams registered to play in this year's Canton Cup are guaranteed a minimum of three games. The competition will take place on a total of 45 fields at Independence, Heritage, Griffin and Flodin Parks as well as Canton High School.

The opening kicks will take place on Friday, May 26, at 5 p.m. Games will be played Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

U9 and U10 games will feature a 6-on-6 format; U11 and U12 games will be 8-on-8; and U13 and above will be 11-on-11. Premier, select, travel and recreational teams are invited to play.

The host Canton Soccer Club has a roster of approximately 2,500 players, who compete for 160 in-house, travel, select and premier league teams.

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Tennis postponed

The Western Lakes **Activities Association** boys tennis tourney, orig inally scheduled for Saturday, May 11, has been postponed until 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 16, at 8 Livonia Stevenson High School.

Lady Warriors falls

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team dropped a 7-2 decision to Ann Arbor Huron Thursday night in a game played at River Rat Stadium in Ann Arbor.

The game was knotted at 2-2 until the River Rats tallied five late goals.

Kate Spangler (Plymouth) and Sarah Pursell (Salem) tallied goals for the Lady Warriors, who also received strong contribut tions from Kaytlin Moore (Salem), Amy Coleman (Canton), Lauren Medley (Salem) and Angel Lucas. (Salem).

Defensive standouts were Megan Early (Plymouth), Lauren Rainey Warner (Salem).

Webb shines

Canton resident Caitlyn Webb placed second in the Michigan State Level 5 gymnastics competition held May 6 in Midland. Webb, 10, a member of the Plymouth-based Euro Stars Gymnastics Club, earned a silver medal while competing against 43 other gymnasts.

Webb's scores were: 9.5 (beam), 9.425 (floor), 9.050 (vauit) and 9.10 (bars). Her all-around was 37.075.

The Euro Stars team earned a gold medal.

Coratti resigns

Rick Coratti has stepped down after 12 seasons as varsity boys: basketball coach at Novi **Detroit Catholic Central** High School.

Coratti, 170-94 overall during his stint, guided the Shamrocks to three Class A district crowns and six appearances in the Catholic League A-B Division finals, including two championships. He will remain as

defensive coordinator for CC's football team where he has spent the past 35% seasons. "Rick has been dedicata"

ed to his sport and to the young men that he has coached," CC athletic director Robert Santello said. "He has always run a class program and has been a credit to the school, the kids and the sport." Coratti will continue

with CC's summer basketball camp while the school searches for a new coach. Interested parties

should contact the CC athletics office at (248) 596-3829; or e-mail rsantello@catholiccentral.net.

Azizi, Whitlock hit their stride for Chiefs' track team

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Cyrus Azizi and Phaltiel Whitlock's numerous trackand-field accomplishments at Canton High School are measured in seconds and minutes.

But the senior captains' lasting legacies in the Chiefs' highly successful program were built by the countless hours they've logged sharpening their skills on the P-CEP varsity track over the past four years.

What sets Azizi and Whitlock apart from many of their teammates and most of their competitors is that they train yearround in an effort to chop precious seconds off their personal-best times.

Their often-grueling routines

aren't easy and they're far from glamorous, but the two take the workouts in stride, much like the Chiefs' captains who preceded them.

"Like all of our captains, Cyrus and Phaltiel are tremendous kids who have worked extremely hard to get to where they are today," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "They joined us four years ago as freshmen and they they ve grown up with us. They learned from the great seniors that were ahead of them. Now they're providing great leadership to the younger kids that look up to them.



Cyrus have been tremendous assets to our program. They're more lead-by-example guys than they are loud, boisterous leaders, but everyone on the team respects

"Both Phaltiel and

them because they're quality kids. I'm going to miss writing their names on the line-up card next year."

BORN TO RUN

Whitlock has been a middledistance mainstay for the Chiefs since his freshman season. He's earned points in everything from the 400-meter dash to the 1,600-meter run

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Canton track-and-field captains Phaltiel Whitlock (left) and Cyrus Azizi have led the Chiefs.

Warriors oust Royal Oak, 18-6

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The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team dominated Royal Oak, 18-6, Tuesday night at the Plymouth High School junior varsity field. The victory improved the Warriors' record to 9-3 overall.

Royal Oak slipped to 4-4.

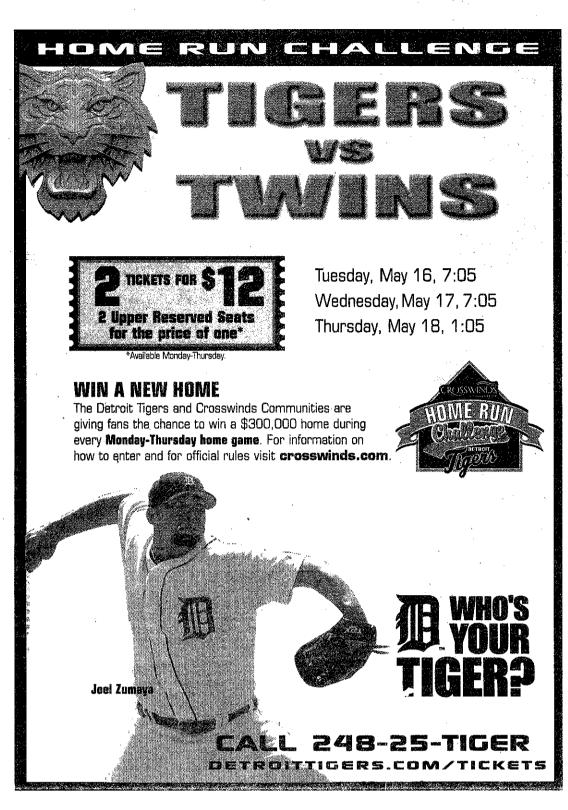
The Warriors led 4-2 after

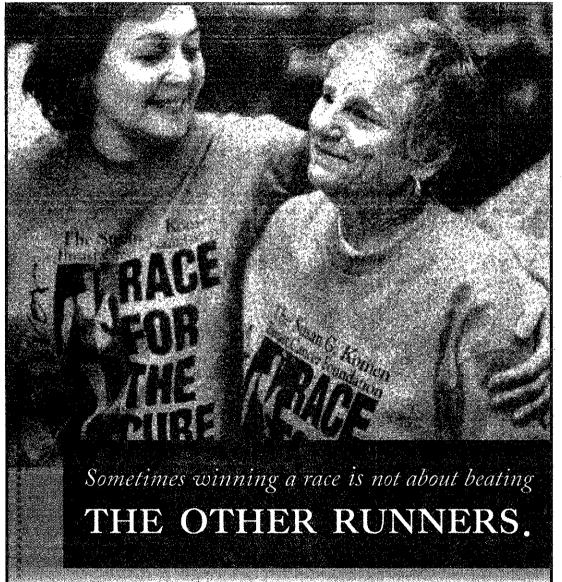
one quarter and 6-3 at the half. They pulled away in the third stanza, outscoring their visitors, 8-2.

PCS outshot Royal Oak, 44-

16, and recorded 52 groundballs to Royal Oak's 25. Mitch French paced the

Mitch French paced the Warriors' offense with seven goals and four assists. Also shining offensively for the winners were Johnny Groat (four goals), Devin Murphy (three goals) and Nick Cote (two goals and two assists). Ryan Gubert and Ray Gilmore both tallied single goals while Josh Shifferd added an assist.





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ever been involved in — from cross country and track in high school, to swimming in middle school, to recreation soccer when I was younger," said Salem track-and-field standout Allison Janda. "I can remember having middle school swim meets when it was 95 degrees around the pool, but there she was, sitting in the bleachers, cheering me on.

"My mom is a trademark attorney, so she has a very full-time job. But even if it means getting out of meetings early and fighting traffic to get to my meets, she does it."

"My mom has been my biggest fan," said Joe Halewicz, a two-sport standout at Salem. "She was there after every game, waiting to give me a hug. She was very involved in all my teams, too. She was treasurer of the Salem Soccer Booster Club. I appreciate everything she's done for me."

ALWAYS THERE

When Canton three-sport athlete Lisa Ealy showed an interest in contact sports like hockey and football when she was small, her mom, Pat, protectively steered her in the direction of the less-physical sport of soccer. It turned out to be a good move as Lisa has developed into one of the top players in the area.

"But then I decided to play high school hockey last year," Lisa Ealy said. "My mom was scared to death for me, but she was supportive just the same. She's the one who helped me put all my hockey equipment on for the first time.

"I don't think I would have accomplished anything that I have athletically without my mom. She's been extremely dedicated — both as a mom and a fan."

For Carol Carpinelli, the mother of Salem track and cross-country standout Marisa Carpinelli, it's not about the times her daughter posts.

"I could run the worst race

ever and my mom would run up to me and say, 'You did great! You looked great out there!," said Carpinelli. "She's also the one who makes sure I'm eating right. She's always asking me, 'Are you getting enough carbs? Are you getting enough protein?"

FROM T-BALL TO VARSITY

Bill Leddy said his mom, Peggy, hasn't missed more than a handful of games since he played his first T-ball game 13 years ago.

"She was the typical soccer mom, driving me everywhere when I was little," said Leddy, a baseball and basketball player at Salem. "She helps lift me up after tough losses."

Peggy Leddy also doesn't hesitate to offer her son advice. "She'll try to give me some hints every once in a while," Leddy said, smiling. "Last year during basketball season, she told me I should try banking in my free throws. She's my mom, so I appreciate her advice, but I don't always follow it, at least when it comes to sports."

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since lacing up his first pair of track shoes for Canton in the spring of 2003.

"I've enjoyed running ever since I can remember," said Whitlock. "When I was little, my friends and I would race pole-to-pole or tree-to-tree to see who was the fastest. The older I got, the more I loved to run."

Whitlock admitted it takes much more than a pair of swift, powerful legs to find success in high school track and field.

"The most important thing is that you have to have a lot of heart," he said. "This sport is not easy and it's not always fun, so if you don't love it, you're not going to be very good at it."

Whitlock's trademark event is the 800-meter run. In just over four years, he's dropped his time from 2:22 as a freshman to the 2:02.5 he was clocked in at the Eastern Michigan University Relays in early April.

"My goal is to break two

minutes in the 800," Whitlock said. "I know I can do it, too. I may have to run the perfect race to do it, but that's my goal."

NERVOUS ENERGY

At the urging of his older brother, Shane, Azizi first ran in a competitive track meet during his seventh-grade year at East Middle School. Even though he owns the school record in the 400-meter dash (49.3) and he's a member of the Chiefs' record-setting 1,600-meter relay team, Azizi is far from over confident when the starter's pistol sounds before each event.

"Before every race I compete in I still get nervous because I think everybody else out there can beat me," he said. "That's how I've always been and that's probably what motivates me to train as hard as I do."

Azizi asserted that training is more about quality than quantity.
"What I've learned is that it's

not always how hard you work, but how *smart* you work that's the most important thing," he said. "For example, you have to know when to ice yourself and you have to eat right. There are a lot of things to think about. If you're going to be good in this sport, training has

to be a way of life."

Azizi has been the Chiefs'
wild card in meets this season.

"The events Cyrus runs in every meet depends upon where we think we're going to need points," said Richardson. "He's run in all of our relays, the 200, 400 and 800, plus both hurdles events. The one event he always runs in is the 1,600-meter relay. We don't have a four-by-four without Cyrus."

Both Azizi and Whitlock are looking forward to extending their track careers in college. Azizi has received interest from the University of Detroit and Eastern Michigan University while Whitlock has his sights set on Saginaw Valley State University and Grand Valley State University. ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108

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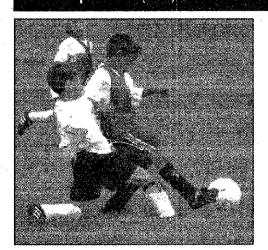
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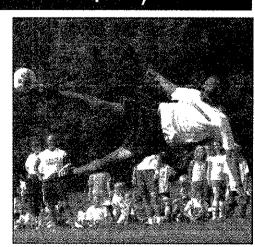
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Canton edges Franklin in WLAA pitchers' duel

STAFF WRITER

Canton's baseball team solidified its second-place standing in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division Thursday afternoon with a 2-1

victory at Livonia Franklin. The win improved the Chiefs' record to 14-10 overall and 6-2 in the division. Northville took a 7-0 division record into Friday afternoon's

game at Walled Lake Western. Northville and Canton square off Monday afternoon at

Sophomore pitcher Erik Wright (2-1) fired a completegame four-hitter at the Patriots. The lefty struck out seven while walking two.

His counterpart, Franklin's Drew Thompson, was equally stingy, yielding just three hits in seven innings.

The Chiefs grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first when Chris Woudstra walked, Shawn Little registered an infield single and Woudstra scored on a single off the bat of Tarik Khasawneh.

Canton doubled its lead to 2-O in the sixth when Latin led off with a deep triple to rightcenter and scored on a Patriot

Franklin, which didn't notch its first hit until the fifth inning, mounted a serious rally in the seventh when — with one out — Curtis Ebbitt walked, advanced to second on a passed ball and scored on Ryan Alderman's single. Following a pop-out, D.J. Tracy, singled, but Wright got the final batter to hit a gameending groundball to Woudstra.

Alderman was the game's only player to record two hits, going 2-for-3.

The loss dropped the Patriots to 6-18 overall and 1-7 in the WLAA Western Division.

W.L. NORTHERN 14, CANTON 4: On Wednesday, the Knights broke open a 4-4 game with 10

Josh Ritter's RBI single in

dramatic 4-3 victory over Wayne Memorial Wednesday

afternoon in a Western Lakes

over match-up played at Salem. Junior right-hander Dan

Cassidy earned the victory for

improved Salem to 6-17 overall.

Wayne has now dropped seven

one-run decisions this season.

Freshman right-handed starter Joe Posler turned in a

solid performance for Salem,

vielding three runs and 10 hits

while striking out five in seven

the Rocks after throwing a

scoreless eighth. The win

Activities Association cross-

Ritter's single lifts Rocks

the eighth inning gave Salem a Posler's effort, allowing three

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runs in the fifth.

The Chiefs took a 1-0 lead in the first when Justin Latin singled, stole second, advanced to third on a fielder's choice and scored on a passed ball.

After Northern rebounded to take a 3-1 lead, Canton responded with three runs in the fourth. Shawn Little doubled, Tarik Khasawneh walked and Kyle Gring brought Little home with a single. Ben Vaughn then ripped a two-run double for the final two Canton

The Knights (10-9) compiled four hits and four walks in the fifth while Canton had a pair of errors in the frame.

Latin, Little, Gring, Vaughn and Jon Puskar accounted for the Canton hits.

CHURCHILL 11, PLYMOUTH 4: Matt Dykla may stand only 5 feet, 4 inches high, and weigh only 140 pounds, but the senior second baseman packs plenty of power in his bat.

Dykla ripped a shot over the 310-foot sign in left field Wednesday for a fourth-inning grand slam, propelling host Livonia Churchill (13-9) past the Wildcats (8-13) in a WLAA crossover.

Dykla's shot helped erased a 2-0 deficit. He later added an RBI single bringing his count to five on the day.

Bryon Niemczak added two his and two RBI in the win for the Chargers, who have won seven of their last eight.

Winning pitcher Matt Luneack went all seven innings, scattering eight hits. He did not allow a walk and struck out eight.

Losing pitcher T.J. Downey gave up nine runs on six hits in 4.2 innings. He walked four and struck out two.

Alex Harvey, Ben Kosmalski and Garrett Rebain each collected two hits for Plymouth.

innings. Drew Kaleto matched

runs — only one of which was

earned — and five hits while

by five Wayne fielding errors.

The Zebras' offensive attack

was paced by Brent Rexin, who

contributed three hits, two RBI

and a stolen base. Kaleto went

Joe Maltese led the winners

with two hits, including a double, and a pair of runs scored.

Wayne led 3-1 in the sixth

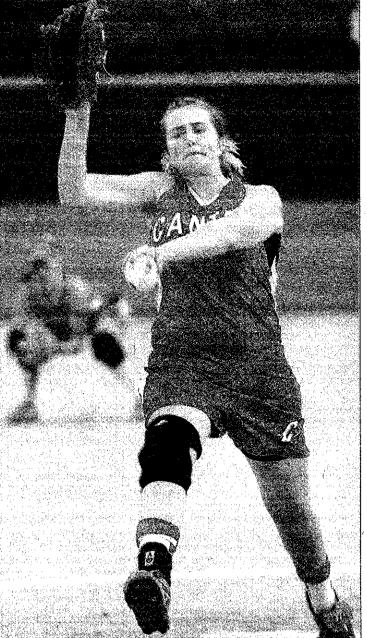
thanks to two Zebra errors and

when Salem knotted it up

a clutch hit by Maltese.

2-for-3, with a double.

striking out five over seven frames. Kaleto was victimized



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Hilary Payne earned the win in the Chiefs' 13-1 victory over Livonia Franklin Thursday afternoon at Franklin.

Leach's gem leads Rocks to 15-0 victory

innings.

the third inning.

Melissa Leach tossed a fourhitter and Emily Pitcole went 3-for-4, including a double and three runs scored Wednesday as the Rocks (11-11) took six innings to mercy Wayne Memorial (2-17), 15-0.

Leach struck out five and did not walk a batter.

Losing pitcher Abby Monit got the first two batters out in the first inning, but had to leave the game after taking a line shot off the shin. Freshmen Jessie Harris and Taylor Krohn finished up.

Kait McKinley, Liz Thomas and Amanda Emmons each added two hits for the Rocks. Carrie Laubernds went 2-

for-3 to lead the Zebras. PLYMOUTH 3, CHURCHILL 1: Fifth-inning RBI singles by Kim Klonowski and winning pitcher Claire Ostrowski, coupled with an outfield error, propelled the Wildcats (13-4) to the WLAA crossover win Wednesday at home over

Livonia Churchill (16-6). Ostrowski, a junior, struck out three and allowed three hits and no walks in going the distance.

Ostrowski was hit by a pitch in the second inning and came around on Erin Rodes' RBI single. Ostrowski outdueled

Churchill's Bridget Long, who

gave up five hits, walked one

and struck out six in seven

slipped to 11-11 overall and 3-6 in the WLAA's Western Division. Canton, which improved to 16-1 and 8-0, respectively, banged out 16 hits against Franklin pitchers Kim
Topolewski (4.2 innings) and
Natalie Sanborn (two-thirds of

PREP SOFTBALL

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CANTON 13, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1:

third and seven in the fourth to

mercy the host Patriots, who

Jordan Kerr had the lone hits

for Churchill. Alecia Czapski

scored Churchill's only run in

The Chiefs broke open a 1-0

game with four runs in the

an inning).
Recording multiple-hit games for the Chiefs were Brittany Scero (2-for-4, RBI, triple), Rachel Wade (3-for-4, three RBI, double), Lauren Delapaz (3-for-4, three RBI, double), Kimmie Keppen (2for-3, two RBI) and Alyssia

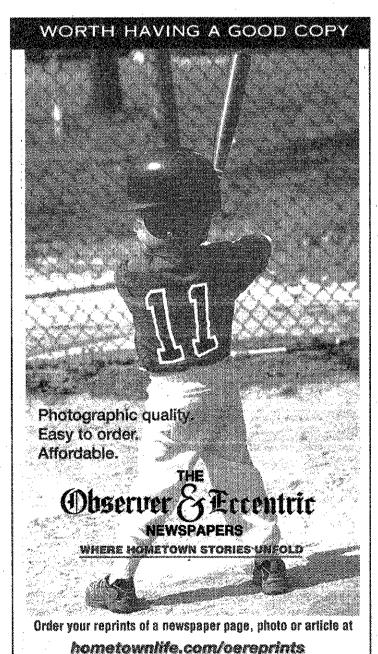
Johnson (2-for-3, three RBI). Brittany Taylor ripped a single and double for the Patriots, who received singles form Natalie Sanborn, Jaleece Lavine and Briauna Taylor.

Hilary Payne earned the mound win for the Chiefs, striking out eight while walking just one in five innings.

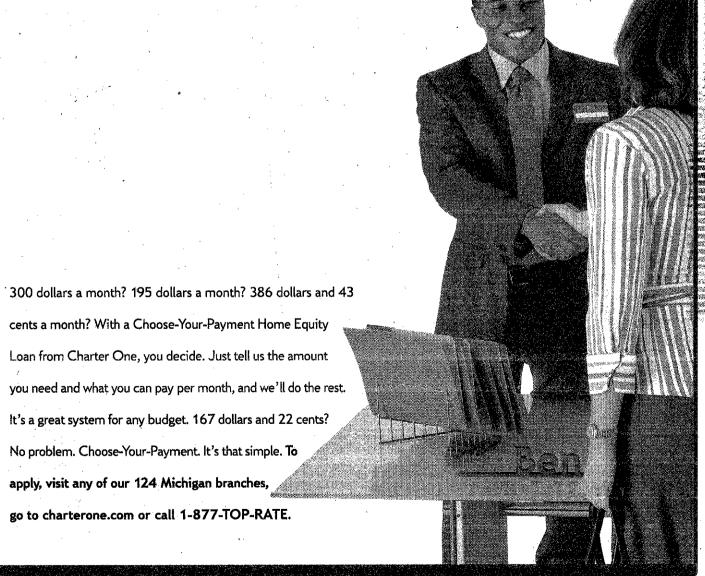
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MU softball team bumped from tourney

STAFF WRITER

Rainy days and Thursdays have Madonna University's softball team feeling pretty down.

After waiting out a day-long rain delay at Indiana Wesleyan, the Crusaders finally squared off about 3:30 p.m. against Cornerstone in the NAIA Region VIII championship game.

But the Crusaders "weren't ready to play," said their coach, Al White, and Cornerstone (30-18) romped to a 9-1 victory and a spot in next week's Decatur, Ala.-hosted NAIA National Championships.

"That was our one shot to play," said White, noting that the weather forecast for Friday and Saturday looked even wetter.

The game started on a promising note, however. MU (35-15) took a 1-0 lead in the first, as freshman Hannah Godfrey reached on a bunt single and came around on a sacrifice bunt and an error.

But the Golden Eagles quickly tied the game and went ahead for good with a four-run third against MU starting pitcher Erin Brockert.

White said his squad still had a big chance to cut into the 5-1 deficit in the fourth. Freshman Alison Grant (Canton) and sophomore Stephanie Day (Livonia Ladywood) started the inning with back-to-back singles, and MU loaded the bags

Madonna University got off

the NAIA-Region VIII tourna-

to a good start Wednesday at

ment with a 5-0 win over

Taylor (Ind.) University fol-

lowed up with a 12-8 triumph

Thursday against Bethel (Ind.)

was sparked by junior outfield-

er Tony Luttman (Farmington

High), who clubbe a pair of

homers including a decisive

three-run shot in the eighth

inning. But the Crusaders (32-

College. The win over Bethel

MU opens with shutout

with one out with freshman Danielle Richardson coming to

Richardson then ripped a liner up the middle that appeared headed for a two-run single. But the Cornerstone shortstop dove, caught the ball and turned it into an inningending double play.

"It demoralized us," said White, about the double play. "We just couldn't get anything going after that."

According to White, the defeat didn't spoil an excellent

"But we really thought we were going to go to the national tournament," he said, talking on his team's bus ride back to Michigan.

Although the loss marked the end of Brockert's stellar two-year career with the Crusaders, White said his team could be even better in 2007 simply because of the many freshmen and sophomores who played key roles on this year's team.

"We started three freshmen and three sophomores most of the time this year," White noted. "We were really pretty young."

Meanwhile, he is already starting to recruit players for the future.

White said Livonia Churchill senior first baseman Caitlyn Sidor is expected to be in the loop and a handful of other Observerland players are being courted.

at the region, were still wait-

ing out a day-long rain delay

late Friday to find out if they

Saturday. In the victory over

Derek Dufrane (Belleville)

went all nine innings for the

out nine. Sparking the offense

was Luttman, who went 4-for-

would be playing Bethel College or holding off until

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 101.5 **WAYNE MEMORIAL 34.5**

Thursday at Plymouth Discus: 1. Gerald Lou (P), 131-9; 2. Josh Le Duc (P), 119-5; 3. Hassan, 109-3. **Shot put:** 1. Shaun Bailey (P), 44-7; 2. Sam Richards (P), 38-6; 3. O'Neill (WM), 34-6. Long jump: 1. Freeman (WM), 18-9.5; 2. Rico Tyus (P), 18-8.5; 3. D.J. Coleman (P)

High jump: 1. (tie) Robertson (WM) and Cam Scharchburg (P), 5-10; 3. Connor McKinney (P).

Pole vault: 1. Andrew Shepard (P), 10-0; 2. Michael Conger (P), 9-0; 3. Andy Knisely 3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Derek

Lax, Matt Lewandowski, Dan Stascup, Patrick Slavens), 11:41.23. 110 hurdles: 1. Powell (WM), 17.17; 2. Cam Scharchburg (P), 17.7; 3. Robertson (WM),

100 dash: 1. LaBroderick Caldwell (P), 11.55; 2. Nate Gholston (P), 11.59; 3. D.J. Coleman (P), 12.00. 800 relay: 1. Plymouth (Aaron Murad, Kenneth Lomske, Matt Rosochacki, Andrew Shepard), 1:44,72.

1,600 run: 1. Matt Lewandowski (P), 4:57.0; 2. Holbrook (WM), 5:00.5; 3. Derek Lax (P), 5:00.7. 400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Aaron Murad.

Steven Schultz, Kenneth Lomske, Connor McKinney), 51.1. 400 dash: 1. Simpson (WM), 54.02; 2. Grayer (WM), 55.0; 3. Matt Rosochacki (P),

300 hurdies: 1. Nate Ghoiston (P), 43.2; 2. Cam Scharchburg (P), 45.0; 3. Powell 800 run: 1. Dillon (P), 2:00; 2. Kyle Wallath

(P), 2:07.8; 3. Anthony Scaparo (P), 2:09.4. 200 dash: 1. Rico Tyus (P), 24.3; 2. Josh Le Duc (P), 24.9; 3. D.J. Coleman (P), 24.9. 3,200 run: 1. Patrick Slavens (P), 10:52; 2. Anthony Scaparo (P), 11:02; 3. Alex Noble 1,600 relay: 1. Wayne Memorial, 3:48.9; 2.

Plymouth, 4:05. DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 4-1 overall, 4-1 WLAA; Wayne, 0-5 overall, 0-5

NORTHVILLE 50.5 Thursday at Northville Discus: 1. Steve Paye (C), 138-9; 2. Gorley (N), 137-9; 3. Zugaj (C), 126-2.

Shot put: 1. Markstrom (N), 43-7; 2. Zugaj (C), 43-6: 3. Gorley (N), 42-4. High jump: 1. Eric Thornton (C), 6-4; 2. Birdsall (N), 6-2; 3. Andy Rossow (C), 6-0. Long jump: 1. Birdsall (N), 20-3.75; 2. Josh Butler (C), 20-3.0; 3. Nick Kaldis (N), 19-3. Pole vault: 1. Yassay (N), 13-0; 2. Ryan Langdon (C), 12-0; 3. (tie) Manor (N) and Rob Lindman (C), 11-6. 3,200-meter relay: 1. Northville, 9:21; 2.

Canton (Scott Reidsma, Ryan Dugan, Aaron McClellan, Derek Hoerman), 9:30.5. 110 high hurdles: 1. Corcoran (N), 15.7; 2. Gerish (N), 16.4; 3. Pete Boucher (C), 17.5. 100 dash: 1. Eric Piwowar (C), 11.0: 2. Dalton Walser (C), 11.4; 3. Nick Kaldis (N),

800 relay: 1. Canton (Andy Rossow, Josh Butier, Andrew Manuel, Cyrus Azizi), 1:36.0; 2. Northville, 1:41. 1.600 run: 1. Turnbull (N), 4:48: 2. Eric Zech (C), 4:50; 3. Dalton (N), 4:55. 400 relay: 1. Canton (Eric Piwowar, Dalton Walser, Josh Butler, Ocie Lewis), 45.7; 2. Northville 47.5

400 dash: 1. Andrew Manuel (C), 53.9; 2. Andy Rossow (C), 54.4; 3. Nick Kaldis (N),

300 hurdles: 1. Cyrus Azizi (C), 41.6; 2. Tim Belcher (C), 42.4; 3. Corcoran (N), 42.8. 800 run: 1. Phaltiel Whitlock (C), 2:05.0; 2. Koll (N), 2:09: 3. Gunn-Bover (N), 2:11. 200 dash: 1. Eric Piwowar (C), 23.0; 2. Dalton Walser (C), 23.4; 3. Nick Kaldis (N),

3,200 run: 1. Charles Wolfe (C), 10:36.0; 2. Duncan Spitz (C), 10:38; 3. Greg Reed (C),

1,600 refay: 1. Canton (Cyrus Azizi, Phaltiel Whitlock, Andrew Manuel, Andy Rossow), 3:34.1; 2. Northville, 3:54.0. DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 6-1 overall. 4-1 WLAA; Northville, 3-2 overall, 3-2

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 102 **WAYNE MEMORIAL 34** Thursday at Wayne

Discus: 1. Hansen (WM), 80-5; 2. Poindexter (WM), 78-3; 3. Laura Schultz (WM), 74-7.5. Shot put: 1. Poindexter (WM), 29-4; 2. Hansen (WM), 26-0; 3. Danielle McLeay (P), 24-2. Long jump: 1. Stephanie Okolo (P). 16-9: 2. Chrystien Guyton (P), 15-9.5; 3. Goines (WM), 14-

High jump: 1. Mandy McManus (P), 4-10; 2. Becca Birman (P), 4-7.

Pole vault: 1. Katie Hale (P), 7-8; 2. Daniels (WM), 7-2; 3. Julie Hersey (P), 7-2. 3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Etleva Mema, Molly Slavens, Kristin Callahan, Karen Okolo),

100 hurdles: 1. Chrystien Guyton (P), 17.94; 2. Mandy McManus (P), 20.44; 3. Gabrielle Zuzo (P),

100 dash: 1. Pace (WM), 14.0; 2. Whitney Askew (P), 14.50; 3. Bonner (WM), 15.0 800 relay: 1. Plymouth (Jill Morton, Julie Hersey, Janet Hanchett, Stephanie Okolo), 1:50.0. 1,600 run: 1. Pam Bhullar (P), 5:41; 2. Jackie Beeler (P), 6:02; 3. Laura Ahern (P), 6:05. 400 relay: 1. Janet Hanchett (P), 1:07.0; 2. Angela Calcaterra (P), 1:07.5; 3. Etleva Mema (P), 1:09.0. 300 hurdles: 1. Chrystien Guyton (P), 51.50; 2. Mandy McManus (P), 55.5; 3. Gabrielle Zuzo (P), 58.50.

800 run: 1. Jackie Beeler (P), 2:47.5; 2. Stephanie Okolo (P), 2:54; 3. Kristin Callahan (P), 2:59.0. 200 dash: 1. Goines (WM), 28.0; 2. Evans (WM),

29.5; 3. Alex Deykes (P), 31.5. 3,200 run: 1. Laura Ahern (P), 13:16; 2. Sarah Brown (P), 14:12; 3. Sarah Bacooyer (P), 14:15. 1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Stephanie Okolo, Jill Morton, Pam Bhullar, Molly Slavens), 4:55. DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 3-3 overall, 3-2 WLAA: Wayne, 0-5 overall, 0-5 WLAA

> **NORTHVILLE 96 CANTON 42** Thursday at Canton

Discus: 1. Foss (N), 86-5; 2. Aaron McClellan (C). 80-2; 3. Gaepa (N), 69-4. Shot put: 1. Foss (N), 29-7.75; 2. Alyssa Scalera (C), 28-4.25; 3. Bollinger (N), 26-2. Long jump: 1. Brittany McKinney (C), 15-7.5; 2. Garland (N), 14-9.5; 3. Keys (N), 14-9.25. High jump: 1. Izabela Paszkowska (C), 4-9: 2.

Garland (N), 4-8; 3. Meghan Metheny (C), 4-4. Pole vault: 1. Foucher (N), 8-8; 2. Deneau (N), 8-2: 3. Reynolds (N), 7-8. 3,200-meter relay: 1. Northville, 10:19.25: 2. Canton, 10:23.0. 100 hurdles: 1. Oshanski (N), 16.9; 2. King (N),

17.5; 3. Kochhar (N), 18.11. 100 dash: 1. Toria Davis (C), 13.44; 2. Drury (N), 13.56; 3. Foucher (N), 13.59. 800 relay: 1. Northville, 1:50.5; 2. Canton, 1:53.2. 1,600 run: 1. Hagen (N), 5:30; 2. Becky McCormack (C), 5:32; 3. Murphy (N), 6:00. 400 relay: 1. Northville, 52.3; 2. Canton, 53.6. 400 dash: 1. Sinetna (N), 1:01; 2. Drury (N), 1:03;

3. Sarah Thomas (C), 1:04. 300 hurdies: 1. Oshanski (N), 50.5; 2. Izabela Paszkowska (C), 52.32; 3. Sprader (N), 52.32. 800 run: 1. Foucher (N), 2:27; 2. Kelli Bargowski (C), 2:31; 3, Jennifer Thomas (C), 2:33, 200 dash: 1. Kreichelt (N), 27.8; 2. Toria Davis (C), 28.69; 3. Rush (N), 28.7.

3,200 run: 1. Becky McCormack (C), 12:09; 2. Keiffer (N), 12:47: 3. Sheremet (N), 13:03. 1,600 relay: 1. Northville, 4:20; 2. Canton, 4:32. DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 2-3 overall, 2-3 WLAA; Northville, 5-0 overall, 5-0 WLAA.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 93 SALEM 94 May 11 at Stevenson

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800: 1. Lisa Arrowsmith (LS), 2:19.4 1,600: 1. Stephanie Perez (LS), 5:37.6. 3,200: 1. Hannah Cavicchio (S), 12:34.3. 400 relay: 1. Stevenson (Marielle Kulling, Chelsea Pashnick, Gentile, Burek), 52.1. 800 relay: 1. Salem (Olson, Ling, Veavliet, Vojcek),

1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Denee Meier, Amber Cicala, Rebecca Rehberg, Arrowsmith), 4:18.3. 3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson (Meghan Burke, Haley Michaelsen, Meier, Marinna Plinka), 11:42.0. Stevenson's dual meet record: 4-1 overall, 4-1 WLAA-Lakes Division.





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Other upcoming YMCA programs include:

Summer baseball — Leagues are forming for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years old. Practices begin the week of June 26 with games starting Saturday, July 8. There will be one practice and one game per week. The cost is \$68 and all participants need a YMCA youth sports reversible

jersey, which costs \$15.

■ Summer softball — Leagues are forming for children between the ages of 8 and 11 years old. All leagues are machine pitch. Practices begin the week of June 26 with games starting on Saturday, July 8. There will be one practice and one game per week. The cost is \$68 and all participants must purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15.

Summer flag football Leagues are forming for children between the ages of 6 and 11 years old. Practices begin the week of June 26 with games starting on Saturday, July 8. There is one practice and one game per week. The cost is \$68 and all participants must purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15.

For more information on the summer youth sports leagues. call (734) 453-2904.

GRID MEETING

There will be an orientation meeting on Tuesday, May 23, from 7-8 p.m. for all current eighth-grade football players who plan on playing for Plymouth High School in the fall. The meeting will be held in the Plymouth High School cafeteria.

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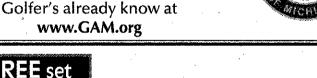
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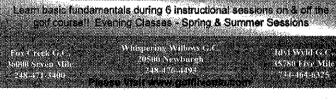
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TENNIS RESULTS

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SALEM 7 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN O Thursday at Salem No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) won 6-

0, 6-1; No. 2: Pete Bartlett (S) won 6-0, 6-0; No. 3-Blake Foster won 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Neil Bakshi

(3) Won 6-0, 8-0. No. 1 doubles: Pawel Kargol-Dave Geick (S) won 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Cam Loffus-Alex Poe (S) won 6-4, 7-5; No. 3: Dave Benson-Viney Patel won 6-0, 6-4; No. 4: John Bills-Alex Lang (S) led 7-6(4) when match was postponed by rain.
SALEM'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 11-0.
LIVONIA STEVENSON 6
CANTON 2

May 8 at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Chris McCathney (LS) def. Eric
Szydlowski, 6-4, 6-7 (4-7), 7-6 (7-2); No. 2: Gino
McCathney (LS) def. Mike Keesey, 6-1, 6-7 (3-7),
6-2; No. 3: Ricky Roman (LS) def. Nathan
Larimore, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Ian Petty (LS) def.
Ryan Hollingsworth, 6-4, 6-2.
No. 4: Ian Petty (LS) def. No. 4: Ian Petty (LS) def.
No. 4: Ian Petty (LS) def. No. 4: I No. 1 doubles: Jay McConnell-Mike Horgan (LS) def. Mike Daroule-Anton Schauerete, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Chris Stojanov-Manesh Potluri (LS) def.

Alex Fabiszewski-Nimit Desai, 6-7 (1-7), 7-6 (7-4), 6-3; No. 3: Greg Warnecke-David Kang (C) def. Mike Carpenter-Yash Chauhan, 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (7-4); No. 4: Tom Williams-Niraan Loganathan, Stevenson's dual meet record: 10-3 overall, 10-

> LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6 PLYMOUTH 2

PLYMOUTH 2 May 10 at Churchiil No. 1 singles: Trevor Kogut (LC) defeated Don Zhang, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Nick Payne (LC) def. Luc Lucaj, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Dan Jeong (P) def. Kyle def. Clint Korpalski, 6-4, 6-0.

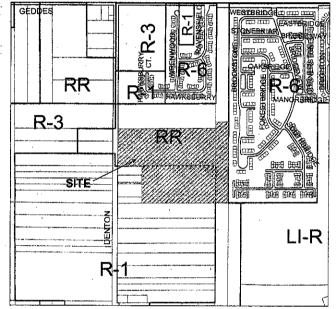
No. 1 doubles: Danny Martin-Taylor Frangie (LC) No. 1 doubles: barrly Marthi-laylor Fraille (LC) def. Dave Snyder-Brett Kavulich, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Kevin Welch-Doug Eggleston (P) def. Kyle Peczynski-Steve Mazur, 7-5, 6-3; No. 3: Ryan Whittum-Robert Fortney (LC) def. Anoop Gopal-Nick Mazzocco, 6-2, 7-5; No. 4: Alex Clos-Paul Yandric (P) def. Erik Korpalski-Brad Yergenson, 6-3 6-3 6-3, 6-3. Churchill's dual meet record: 10-3 overall, 8-3

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 5, 2006 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

GERIC BECK ROAD REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS., 126 99 0010 000 (4375 DENTON) AND 126 99 0011 000 (4555 DENTON), FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND 126 99 0013 003 (4711 DENTON) FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND PART OF PARCEL NO. 126 99 0006 000 (48903 GEDDES) FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-6, SINGLE-FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Geddes and east of Denton Road.



Geric Beck Rezoning 126-RZ-038

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, June 1, 2006. in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson. Chairman

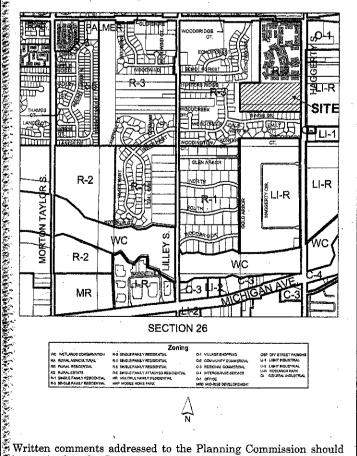
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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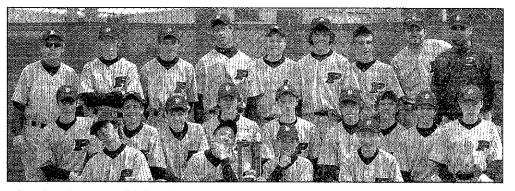
MONUMENT PRESERVE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) -(FINAL PLAN)- CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 101 99 0005 000 AND 101 99 0006 000. Property is located south of Palmer and west of Haggerty Road. (Second Public Hearing.)



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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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First-place Wildcats

PREP BASEBALL

Monday, May 15

Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

Canton at Northville, 4 p.m.

Livonia Churchill at Salem, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16

PCA at Southfield Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17

Salem at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

Westland John Glenn at Canton, 4 p.m. Friday, May 19

Plymouth at Canton, 4 p.m.

Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 20

Plymouth at Milford (DH), 11 a.m.

Lakeland at Salem, 11 a.m.

PREP SOFTBALL

Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.

Northville at Canton, 4 p.m.

Salem at Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.

The Plymouth freshmen baseball team won the Milan Invitational April 29. Pictured are (front row from left) John Maurer, Nathan Conroy, Trevor McCarty, Jeff Greer, (second row from left) Kelly Waite, Clifford Buttermore, Luke Merandi, Craig Czajkowski, Matt Sobieralski, Wayne Titus, Michael Andrus, Nick Stemberger, Justin Congdon, (third from from left) Asst. Coach Gary Pierce, Steve Carravallah, Alex Minch, Ron Goble, Jake Gilbert, Travis Mewton, Vince Rizzo, Asst. Coach Chris Danowski and Head Coach Beau

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, May 16 Franklin Road at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17 Plymouth at Salem, 4 p.m. Canton at Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m. Friday, May 19 Canton at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Livonia Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m Saturday, May 20 Canton and Salem at Madonna Invitational, TRA Sunday, May 21 Canton and Salem at Madonna Invitational, TBA **BOYS TRACK & FIELD**

Friday, May 19
Division 1 Regional at P-CEP Varsity Stadium **GIRLS TRACK & FIELD** Friday, May 19
Division 1 Regional at P-CEP Varsity Stadium **BOYS TENNIS**

Tuesday, May 16 **WLAA Conference Meet** at Livonia Stevenson, 7 a.m. Friday, May 19 **GIRLS SOCCER** Monday, May 15 Plymouth at Salem, 7 p.m. Canton at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 17 Ann Arbor Greenhills at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Canton at Salem, 7 p.m. Friday, May 19

S.H. Utica Ford at Plymouth, 7 p.m. BOYS LACROSSE Tuesday, May 16 PCS at Tecumseh, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 18 Lincoln at PCS, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20 Mattawan at PCS, 7:30 p.m.



Early Thanksgiving If there was a 'Rookie of the Year'

award for turkey hunting, 12-year-old Canton resident Joey Etienne would be one of the front-runners. Etienne, a seventh-grade student at East Middle School, bagged a 25-pound bird with a 10-inch beard Sunday while hunting for the first time with his father, Greg. 'I've been hunting for years and never shot one that big,' said the proud dad.

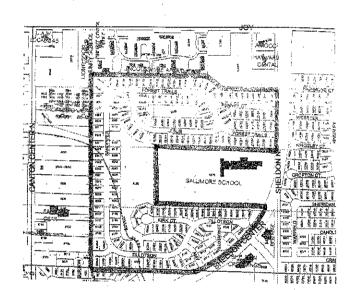
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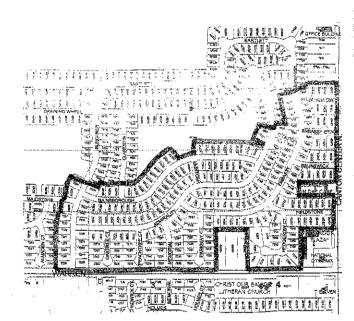
> **Forest Trails** Sunflower Village Subdivision 1, 2, 3 & 4 **Miscellaneous Locations**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the findings of necessity; assessment against owners of property; hearing; exceptons; notice of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room for the proposed sidewalk replacements.

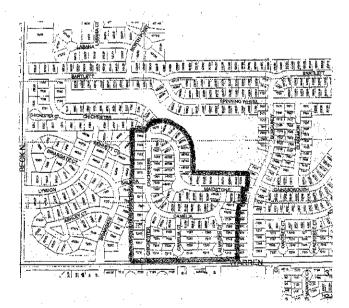
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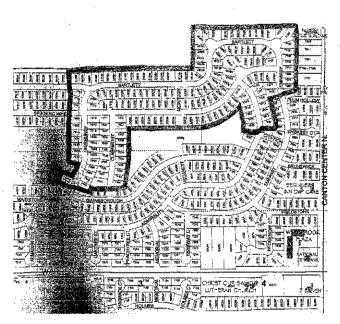
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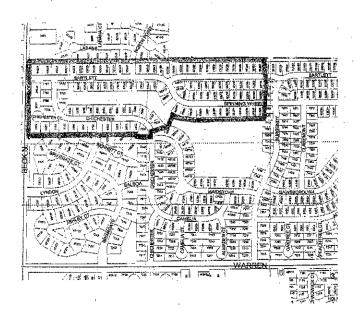
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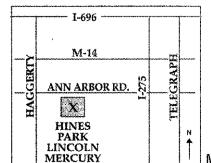
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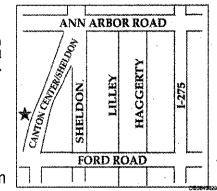
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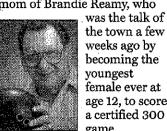
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Livonia girl gives mom a Mother's Day gift money can't buy

ith Mother's Day upon us, my fondest thoughts are for all the wonderful mothers of those children who enjoy the sport of bowling.

One mother in particular really comes to mind, that is Linda Reamy of Livonia, the mom of Brandie Reamy, who



Alley

Harrison

female ever at age 12, to score a certified 300 game. Linda's elation and joy was something

to behold on that memorable Sunday morning. Her

Mother's Day present came a few weeks early. ■ Bowl-4-Animal Rescue

will be from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 29 at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills. 30250 W. Nine Mile Road (just west of Middlebelt).

All money raised will go to benefit the Michigan Animal Adoption Network and Friends For The Dearborn Animal

The event will be hosted by Aleta Sill's Bowling World Pro Shop and Financial Architects, Inc. The attendees will have all kinds of fun in addition to the 9-pin, no-tap bowling format provided by pro tour champions Aleta Sill, Michelle Mullen and Lisa Bishop.

There will be door prizes, raffles, 50-50, lucky strike pot, live DJ, optional jackpots and

The tickets are \$25 per person and include three games, food & pop, shoe rental, door prizes, and ticket for Lucky Strike pot. Cash bar will be

Aleta, Michelle and Lisa have had many national bowling championships among themselves on national TV. They have personally rescued distressed dogs and cats on at least seven different occasions.

Many of us who have pets can certainly appreciate the need for action, so let's all step up to the plate and do our bit to help in this inaugural event.

weeks away, it is important to mark it on your calendar as this should be scheduled ahead and not conflict with your

SPORTS ROUNDUP SAND VOLLEYBALL

For the second-consecutive year, a pair of sand volleyball tournaments featuring area high school players will be held this summer in Northville. Teams from Plymouth, Saline, Ann Arbor, Carleton, Northville and Novi competed in the 2005 Summer Challenge, which drew 14 squads.

This year's Summer Challenge varsity events will be held Sunday, June 25, and Sunday, July 23. There will also be a Freshman/Sophomore Challenge on Saturday, July 22.

Details about the tournaments can be found at www.onlywins.com/SandVolley ball.

CHEER TRYOUTS

The Wolverine All-Stars will be holding tryouts for the 2006-07 cheerleading season on Saturday, May 20, beginning at noon. A non-refundable \$25 tryout fee is due at the time of the tryouts and will be applied toward each cheerleader's team fees or the annual registration fee.

Private tryouts throughout the month of May can also be arranged.

This will be the first year that the Wolverine All-Stars will compete in the field of highly competitive cheerleading. The team will be coached by Pam St. John, who has coached at the University of Michigan for the past 23 years.

The Wolverine All-Star Cheer Gym is located at 3460 · CTB () Ask Ellsworth Road (between Carpenter and Platt roads) in Ann Arbor. To arrange a private and a second tryout, or for more information contact St. John at (734) 395-8496; or e-mail St. John at pstjohn@umich.edu.

More information can also be found at

www.wolverineallstar.com.

other summer time activities. Corporate packages are also available, participants may bring a group of friends and all

bowl together. If you have a company participating it is an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with others with some networking possibilities.

Reservations are required. For more information, call Michelle Mullen at (248) 615-

9060. You can also E-mail michellemullen@twmi.rr.com or visit www.yourbowlingcoach.com to receive optional pledge form for pins knocked down.

■ Andy Jones of Livonia, a 16-year-old junior at Livonia Stevenson High, still prefers baseball to bowling, but that didn't stop him from a 300 game and 758 series in the Country High School League at Country Lanes.

Jones had his sights on am 800 series with 546 after two games, but kept watching the clock in the last game because he had to get to Stevenson to catch the bus to go play in a doubleheader with the varsity baseball team.

Andy is a pitcher and also plays third base. He ended the bowling season with a 207 average.

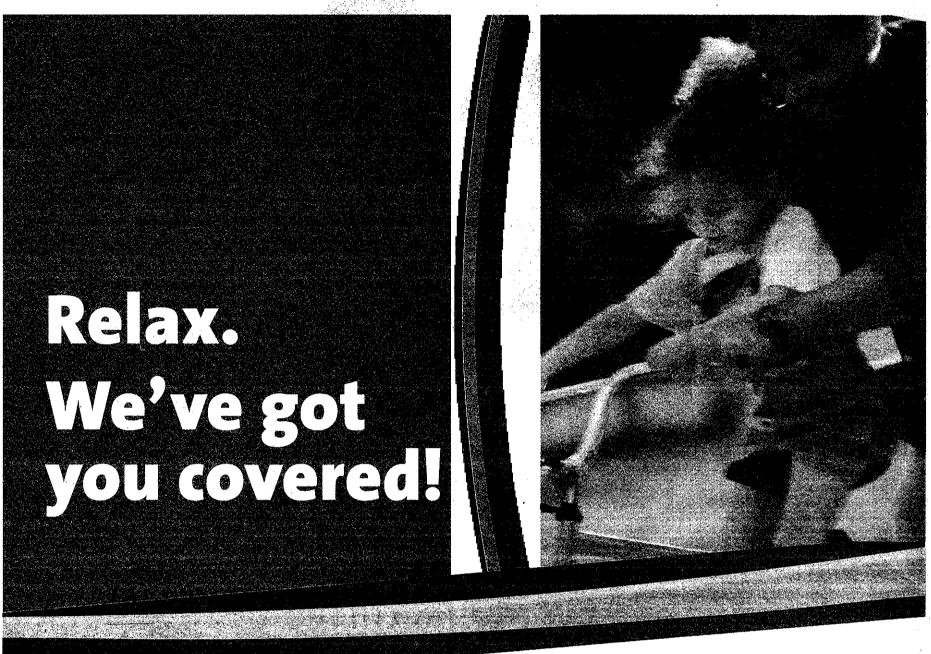
Correction: In the previous Ten Pin Ally, I had received information on the Printcraft League and that the Rude Crew team won the

championship. John Berci, pointed out the error, in that the aforementioned team was the winner of the second half, but lost in the rolloffs to the A.F.U. team of Chris Cummings, Keith Cummings, Douglas Gauthier,

Matthew Wildauer, John Mezo and Jerry Cooper, winners of the first-half season.

Berci also reported high scores from Thomas Bowen III with an 813 series followed by a 300 game 10 days later and an 804 John Mezo.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839 or Email to; tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net.



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Right in front of us

magine this: A young man approaches you and you immediately notice his eyes are glassy and bloodshot. When the young man begins to speak, his words are slurred and incomprehensible.



Bobbie Jones

Or, maybe you have experienced this: You pass a trash can in a commonly used area and you just happen to glance into the trash can and notice that it is filled with wine bottles and beer cans.

I bet you are thinking the two situations I just described must have occurred at an all-night rave party where the people attending were either drunk or high or both. Maybe these situations occurred at a family holiday picnic were the people in attendance were just getting their party

Well, neither was the case. The two situations I described took place on the job. That's right, these situations occurred during the work day, during working hours and the people involved were not shy about their actions.

Many of us scattered across America have encountered situations like these on our jobs on any given work day and most of us have learned to look past that which is right in front of us.

According to the American Council for Drug Education, many of the co-workers who surround us are either drunk, high or hungover, and if your workmates are tip-

With the American workors absorbing more than 70 peneral of substance abusers, it's a remder

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this problem has not gripped the headlines like other workforce problems. So, why are substance abusers and alcoholics so protected and not talked about in the workplace? Possibly, and unfortunately, because people assume that a coworker's alcoholism or drug problem does not affect them, but this is not true. It affects all of us to a substantial degree.

I come across people every day who have been affected by substance and alcohol abusers in the workplace. When a co-worker tells me "John" is in the back room sleeping off a hang-over, that tells me someone had to cover John's duties in his absence.

If a worker is operating machinery and has abused drugs just hours before, this could not only be a danger to the abusing worker but to everyone in the vicinity of that worker.

Here are some other ways substance and alcohol abusers impact the workplace, according to the Department of Public Health. They are 10 times more likely to miss work. They are four times more likely to be involved in on-the-job accidents. They are five times more likely to file a worker's compensation claim. And, they are overall 33 percent less productive on the job.

If you are a worker and you are deeply concerned about what is going on in your workplace when it comes to substance and alcohol abuse, here are some signs and symptoms to look for and do not be afraid to report what you see.

- Frequent, prolonged and unexplained absences
- Involvement in accidents both on and off the job
- Erratic work patterns and reduced productivity
- Overreaction to real or imag-

PLEASE SEE JONES, C3

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Amanda and Tom Quinn of Plymouth dote on Keera Marie, who was born March 14 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

New moms thrive despite lack of sleep

'The greatest thing about being a mom is just have much you tose thom:

hospital staff wonders if they'll

ever know why. Quinn is return-

ing to work part time as coordina-

tor of St. Mary's HMR weight loss

program. Like moms everywhere,

Day due to a lack of sleep, but she

she will be yawning on Mother's

doesn't mind. During the week,

Quinn can run over to the hospi-

"I love being a mom," said

Amanda Quinn, a 30-year-old

thinking in about two years to

Plymouth resident who grew up

an only child in Westland. "We're

Dr. Lauren O'Sullivan is glad

was born March 14.

have one more child."

tal's day care center and spend her lunch hour with Keera Marie who

Or Lauren O'Sullivan



Kim Caruana of Livonia shows off her new daughter. Charlotte Grace was born April 4 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Botsford General Hospital did not see an increase in births lately. She already works up to 80 hours a week delivering babies and caring for moms-to-be. O'Sullivan jokingly says she is going to catch up on her sleep on Mother's Day after taking her written board exams in Chicago. The ob/gyn resident has

PLEASE SEE BABY, C3



Dr. Lauren O'Sullivan takes time to play with daughter Maggie Shea in a newly renovated patient room in the postpartum unit at Botsford General Hospital where O'Sullivan is an ob/gyn resident. The private rooms are designed to pamper the new mother during the typical 24-hours of post-delivery hospitalization.

A kiss goodbye: Cousin missed after battle with rare disease

BY ALLISON SPITZLEY

n June 12, 1997, my cousin, Sean Mackenzie Clark, was born. Moments after his birth. he was put into intensive care. When the doctors came back, they told my aunt and uncle that my cousin would probably not live for more than a week, because he had been born with what they expected was mitochondrial disease. Mitochondrial disease is a disease in which the carrier loses

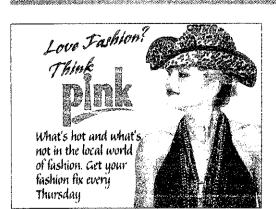
much of their energy because of the body's inability to turn food into the energy to sustain life. This disease is hard to diagnose because of the widely varying symptoms. For many children, the disease is fatal. Sean's first apparent symptoms were that he was deaf, had respira-

tory problems and a brain bleed. My aunt and uncle, Ann and Keith Clark, were devastated. They immediately had Sean baptized and waited for the first week to pass. But after that first week, Sean was still living. He was able to leave the hospital and make his first visit home. As Sean grew older, my aunt

PLEASE SEE COUSIN, C3 Sean Clark was loved by family and friends.



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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

STAFF WRITER

ould the Detroit Pistons

basketball playoffs have

in births at St. Mary Mercy

hospital's team.

Hospital in Livonia in March?

The timing was a coincidence for Amanda and Tom Quinn who

planned on having their first child

before summer so the new mother

could golf and play softball on the

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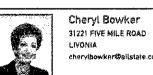
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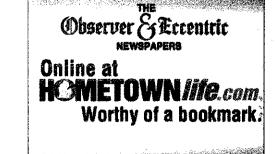
The increase seems to be a fluke

anything to do with a spike



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AROUND TOWN

MHS program

The Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland is offering spay or neutering of cats and vaccinations for \$20 for families with financial difficulties through May 31. The center is at 900 Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road. People must provided proof if financial need, such as documentation from government-funded programs, at the time of their appointment. The proof can include the Family Independence Program, state disability assistance, food assistance WIC

program and Medicaid. To make an appointment, call (734) 722-1415.

Genealogical society The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. June 1, with guest speaker Tom Zielke, Jr., talking about "Preserving the Cemeteries in Marion Township." There's a help session 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 Bowland, (810) 227-7745.

Fashion show

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The Women of North Farmington present its Spring Fashion Show and

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for PCEP Tennis Courts. Bidding documents prepared by Grissim Metz Andriese Associates will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and Reed Construction Data, Novi, MI.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center on or before 1:30 p.m., Thursday, June 8, 2006 where they will be opened and read publicly. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. The bid division being bid is to be identified on the outside of the envelope. All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, . copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00300) and the Proposal Execution Form (Section 00400). The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. Bid Division descriptions

101: Earthwork/Site Utilities

103: Building Demolition

148: Landscaping

149: Fencing 154: Tennis Court Asphalt Paving; Concrete Sidewalks 156: Exterior Bleacher Systems (ALTERNATE #1)

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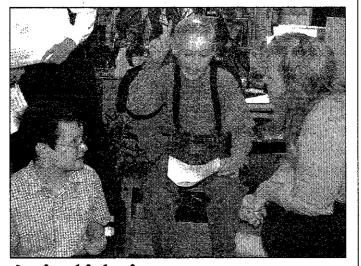
There will be a pre-bid meeting at 11:00 am on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at the McCarthy & Smith project trailer located at Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project site and to answer any question that bidders may have. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

Any and all questions in regards to the bidding or the Bid Package Documents should be addressed in writing to the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. Questions or clarifications will be promptly answered and returned to the bidder/bidders.

The Board of Education for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district. These projects are to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates.

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

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Junior historians

Brendan Nobel and Joey Kenzie rehearse for Canton Charter Academy's upcoming musical about Michigan history. The program, presented by the school's 75 fourth grade students, will be June 2, and will include what organizers call "an overview of millions of years of Michigan history." Fortunately, the students are able to whiz through the millennia in about a half hour program, Canton Charter Academy is located at 49100 Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 453-9517.

Luncheon Extraordinaire at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 19 at Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, Commerce Township, Cash bar, Door prizes, raffle; tickets are \$40, proceeds go to charity. Call (248) 788-9672 for tickets. Fashions presented by Cold Water Creek of Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

St. Mary's classes

E St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is sponsoring a presentation titled. "Menopause and Sleep Apnea:

Detection and Treatment," 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 7. Speaker will be registered sleep technologist Scott G. Wolk, RPSGT, EMTP, Sleep Center Coordinator, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. There is no charge, but registration is requested. For more information or to register, visit www.stmarymercy.org on the Web or call (734) 655-1100.

St. Mary Mercy hosts a community open house called "Kaleidoscope of Care" 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 4. All events are free and will take place on the hospital grounds at 5 Mile and Levan. On the same day, St. Mary Mercy hosts its annual Cancer Survivors' Celebration, as well as the ground-breaking for the hospital's new cancer center with a reception and speaker noon-1 p.m. in the hospital's South Lobby.

Book fair

The 28th-annual Ann Arbor Antiquarian Book Fair takes place 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 14 in the ballroom of the Michigan Student Union, 530 S. State St. There is a \$5 admission charge which benefits the William L. Clements Library of the University of Michigan. More than 40 book dealers from Michigan and throughout the Midwest offer fine used, rare and out-of-print books, maps, photographs and prints for sale. For more information, contact Jay Platt in care of the West Side Book Shop, 113 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, by e-mail at jplatt@provide.net or by phone at (734) 995-1891.

Creative writing workshop The Michigan Horror Writers presents its Spring 2006 writing workshop, "Revealing Character or What's in Your (Hero's) Wallet?" 3:45-6:15 p.m. Saturday, June 24 in the community room of the Madison Heights Fire Department headquarters, 31313 Brush, Madison Heights. Author Diane Burton offers tips for developing memorable characters which the reader will either root for or hiss at. Admission is \$25 for Michigan Horror Writers members, \$30 for pre-registered attendees, \$35 for registration after June 3 and \$40 for walk-ins. Attendees should submit a sample of

their writing with their registration. For more information or to register email Shelby at president@michiganhorror.com

Soup/salad luncheon

The St. Joseph Women's Guild hosts its annual Soup and Salad Luncheon 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, May 12 in the Parish Activity Center on Third Street in Trenton. The \$7 cost includes choice of soups, salads, desserts and a beverage. The event features two 50/50 drawings and door prizes. Carry-out orders are available. For advance tickets or more information, call Helen at (734) 671-1020.

Hospice training

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

Safe driving program

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the 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.

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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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. "Two Little Girls in Blue," Mary Higgins Clark

2. "Promise Me," Harlan Coben

3. "Blue Shoes & Happiness," Alexander McCall Smith 4. "Dark Harbor," Stuart Woods

5. "Gone," Jonathan Kellerman

NON-FICTION Bateman

1. "Marley and Me," John

Grogan

2. "Game of Shadows," Mark Fainaru-Wada

3. "American Theocracy," **Kevin Phillips**

4. "A Death in Belmont," Sebastian Junger

5. "Gospel of Judas," Edited by Rodolph Kasser

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

1. "Chicken and Cat," Sara

2. "Do Not Open This Book," Michaela Muntean

3. "Fast Food," Saxton Freyman

4. "Keeper of Soles," Teresa

5. "I'm a Duck," Teri Sloat

Happy Mother's Day, Nancy Conzelman!

I want to thank Nancy Conzelman, my wife and mother of our children, for teaching them lifelong lessons resulting from the last few months regarding the PCCS Bond initiative. Those lessons include:

Challenge the facts; the public was told that the state would not allow us to build a new school at Powell and Ridge roads. Regardless of whether that would be the right strategic decision, you refused to accept that it was out of the School Board's hands; you researched and researched until you proved that that simply was not true. Ironically, that made people skeptical that other statements might also not be true. Nancy, your diligent research clarified the truth.

wrong, period. Our 7 year old son said we should take "Yes" signs to get even with those taking your "No" signs, and you promptly explained to him why that was wrong. A lifelong lesson through the eyes of a 7 year old. Be concise; state a clear message and do it factually. Your painstaking research brought

Do not touch what is not yours; taking or "moving" other people's political signs is

to light the discrepancy between the bond language and the promotional materials relative to the true cost to the homeowners over the 25 year bond period. It is wrong to apply negative pressure; such as threatening to boycott a business for displaying a "NO" sign. This is an insult of free speech. Bullying is not accepted in schools

and should not be accepted by adults in our community either. Abide by the law; you had every right to purchase and place \$494.49 worth of signs without a committee. You knew that and so did the others that tried to make an issue where

Financial Prudence should be a way of life, both with personal funds and public funds. Balanced budgets should always take priority and financial messes should never be passed on to the next generation. The PCCS operational budget is in crisis. Your perspective is correct when you suggest we fix the financial crisis first, prior to adding additional operational costs through a new bond.

Agree to disagree; but take the time to listen and understand. Both sides may be right. Taking the limited amount of time you had to attend meetings to discover and extract facts is truly appreciated by many.

Apologize when appropriate; when someone is wrong, they should apologize. Retaliation prolongs animosity: animosity entices retaliation, who wins?

Fight for what is right; even when it may look like the whole world is against you. 150 "NO" signs against countless "YES" signs sure must have felt like no one was on your side.

Nancy, without people like you, many educated adults in our community simply go about their daily lives without paying much attention to the issues. Laws get made without scrutiny. . You fought for the truth, without a personal agenda -- that benefits every one in this community in the long run as the democratic process is far more important than a few buildings, a bus, and a swimming pool. Those things will eventually fall down, but democracy, free speech and the truth will live on forever.

Honesty, Integrity, and Character; these are the building blocks of life. Our children saw those challenged in recent months, but you stood firm. I thank you Nancy for taking the "high road", for being involved, and for providing a voice to challenge the direction in which we were heading.

I also thank and appreciate the friends and individuals who supported and opposed your perspective, for teaching our children that it is good to agree to disagree, and to do so in a friendly character based manner.

sure they will become responsible citizens because of your actions.

Thank you Nancy, for taking the time to become actively involved in our community and for leading by example. I hope that our children will never forget these lifelong lessons and I am

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Happy Mother's Day! Your loving husband, Steve

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BABY

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been on both ends of the delivery table at the Farmington Hills hospital. On Dec. 6, she gave birth to her and husband John's first baby, Maggie Shea

"I can definitely appreciate when ladies come in a couple of weeks from their due date and say I'm ready," said O'Sullivan, a doctor of osteopathy who lives in Northville. "I know what that feels like now. I have better respect for what goes on in a woman's body not only before, but during delivery and after-

"It was a great experience. I was blessed with an uncomplicated delivery."

O'Sullivan did her fair share of worrying nonetheless because she knew about all of the things that can go wrong not only during pregnancy but delivery. She had gone through four years of medical school and a four-year residency before delivering

Maggie at age 34. Reading parenting books helped ease her fears about motherhood. Since she and John are originally from New York, it is not always easy to ask family about feeding and changing diapers, signs of sickness, and what to expect when expecting.

"Going to med school and through residency kind of delays the rest of your life," said O'Sullivan, who married John two year's ago in July.

"When I first became a resident, I thought it would be really strange to deliver a baby in front of all these people, but it was like

being with a big family."
O'Sullivan is having "so much fun with the first" child that she would like to have three more.

"The greatest thing about being a mom is just how much you love them," said O'Sullivan. "It's an instantaneous love and it's overwhelming."

Kim Caruana loves her second child Charlotte Grace who was born on April 4, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, but is not planning on having a third baby. Both she and husband Cory have sons from previous marriages. Charlotte Grace is their first child together.

"I was 10 years younger when I had Jacob," said Kim Caruana, a Livonia resident who is going back to work part time as a teller at LaSalle Bank. "I'm 28. I was 18 then. When I didn't get sleep it wasn't as bad. Now I wanted to get some sleep and I'm not."

Kim works during the day, Cory at night for UPS, so sleeping can be a luxury. Still she says, "you can't spoil them too much." If Charlotte Grace is crying she is the first one to hold and quiet

"I would tell moms-to-be to get some sleep while you still

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COUSIN

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and uncle also learned that he was not able to swallow solid foods, and because of this he had to have a feeding tube put into his stomach. From that point on he always carried a little backpack that had all the food he could possibly need.

Although Sean was not an average kid, he had a great personality. He loved watching slapstick comedy and also watching anyone who would pretend to hurt himself or herself — Sean would just laugh with delight. He loved to go to school and would love to point out every bus as it passed. Even when Sean would have to be in the hospital for days or weeks at a time, he would always light up when my brother Michael or I would visit.

Sean just didn't want to give up. As his life continued, we went on many camping trips and enjoyed doing many things with him. He always wanted to go on a bike ride, go fishing, or take my dog Shadow for a walk. Sean would always bring a smile to anyone he met.

When Sean was 8 years old, I was baby-sitting him when he

was sick. We were watching movies the whole time until he said he needed to go to the bathroom. As we were getting up, he kissed me and I thought it was awkward and just laughed. I returned home that night thinking everything was OK. The next day, I learned that Sean had been sent to the hospital this was not new news for me since he was often sick at the hospital once a month. I didn't even think twice about Sean not living. A week later, I learned that Sean had been put into intensive care. This began to scare me and I would pray for him every day.

class when I got called down to the office. I had no idea what was going on. When I got there, I found out that my dad was on his way to get me and that we were going to go see Sean in the hospital. Horrible thoughts began to run through my mind. When my dad arrived to pick me up, he told me that Sean had gotten really bad and that my aunt and uncle had decided to end his suffering and take him off life support. When we arrived at the hospital, I saw Sean lying on a bed with many

Then, one Friday I was in

tubes attached to his body. He didn't even look like he was there — his eyes were closed and he breathed deeply. I did not want to be there when they took out his tubes, so I went and waited in another room. When my mom came back from the room with Sean, she told me that Sean was now awake and alert and that he wanted some water and to watch a movie. A large wave of thanks came over me, Sean had not died. When I went to go see, he smiled when he saw me as if nothing bad had happened. Sean stayed in the hospital for a week more and then was moved to a hospice

care center. My family visited often and we even brought Shadow a few times to visit. Sean was worse every time we visited. It began to be to hard for me to even visit him. On March 21, when I woke up, I was told of the news; Sean had passed during the night. It was so hard to comprehend. How could Sean, such a lively kid, actually be dead?

The next few days were a blur as the funeral was planned. As I walked into the funeral home, I could not get myself to go look at my cousin. To me it was still a

dream; I wanted to just wake up screaming. The reality would just not set in. The next day, the day of the funeral, it finally occurred to me that he was really gone and that he was never coming back.

As the funeral Mass went on, I could not hold back the tears any longer and I just let it all out. When we got to the cemetery, everyone was given a balloon with one of Sean's favorite cartoon characters.

I will now have to live without Sean and wonder if that kiss he gave me that night of baby-sitting was a kiss goodbye and if he knew that his life was really coming to an end. Sean's warm smile and laughter will remain with me the rest of my life.

United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation will continue the fight until better treatments are found and one day a cure. For more information about mitochondrial disease or to donate for research go to http://www.umdf.org.

Allison Spitzley is Sean Clark's cousin. The 8-year-old Canton resident died from complications associated with mitochondrial disease in March.

JONES

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ined criticism Bloodshot or glassy eyes mostly associated with marijua-

Persistent coughing or wiping of noses and sniffling associated with cocaine use

Dilated pupils, slurred speech, or an unsteady walk

If you still doubt this problem concerns us all, think about this: Many of those impaired individuals had to get to work in their

influence was a crime.

And, if you still think it doesn't affect you, I just pray you never encounter any of these impaired drivers on the road. I pray none of us do, though something tells me the odds are

impaired state. Most of them did this by driving and the last time I checked driving under the

against us.

Bobbie Jones is a Belleville resident and a regular contributor to the Observer. She can be reached via e-mail at workhard36@aol.com.

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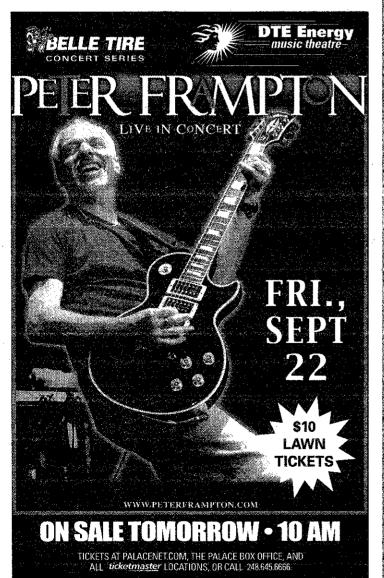
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An elegant wine and hors d'oeuvres reception

reception includes a shrimp bowl, red and white

Tickets are \$75 each or \$125 for two, and

Tickets may be ordered by calling (734) 422-

The performance, sponsored as a gala fund-

raiser event by COC, marks the third time the

theater group has performed on COC's behalf

Saturday, June 3, in the auditorium of the

will be held 6:30-8 p.m. in the atrium. The

wines, a punch fountain, and a variety of

includes the play, reception, and a tax-

deductible donation to COC.

Sandra Yancey will be the

organization she founded and

keynote speaker when the

eWomenNetwork, holds its

first annual area sales and

Wednesday, May 31 at The

mit is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bates, Birmingham.

According to the

organization.

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Business Women Network,

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Hadley 50th Anniversary

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William Clyde and Janet Ellen (Steventon) Hadley of Westland were married on May 19, 1956, at Mt Olive Lutheran in Detroit.

William graduated from Michigan State University and is retired from Western & Southern Insurance Co. Janet is a homemaker and had worked at the American Red Cross.

They have lived in Westland since 1960 (46 years). They are longtime members of Ward Presbyterian in Northville.

Their four daughters are Patricia Hadley of Matthews, N.C., a dedicated trainer for

Play to raise funds for people

with developmental disabilities

Reynolds, Reynolds and Hendrick Automotive; Beth (Michael) Osborn of Norwalk, Ohio, an educator with the Norwalk School System. Kathleen (Ed) Trunick of Commerce, a horticulturist who has her own business; and Karen (William) Blankstrom of Walled Lake, a secretary at St. William Catholic School.

Grandchildren are Megan Osborn, Cody Osborn, Eric Trunick, Monica Trunick, Andrea Blankstrom, Deanna Blankstrom and Kyle Blankstrom. A family celebration will be held this month at Cafe Roma in Detroit.

after its regular season ends at the Upstage

Revolving around Truvy's Beauty Parlor in a

small parish in modern-day Louisiana, Steel

· Magnolias is the story of a close-knit circle of

Community Opportunity Center, based in

Livonia, is a nonprofit management corporation

that provides leadership and oversight to nearly

100 people with developmental disabilities who

"We are pleased to join hands with Rosedale

Players to offer the community the opportunity

to see this wonderful play," said Denise King, COC executive director. "I know Steel Magnolias

will be just as entertaining, if not more than the

addition to women business

forward to our all learning

from one another."

leaders, and said, "I'm looking

The seminar's many topics

will include positioning a busi-

ness so customers want to do

prospects to say "yes" to what

business with you; getting

you have to offer; creating

getting paid for what you

value for what you offer and

The luncheon is \$60 for

guests and \$50 for members.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for

For more information

informal networking.

and to register, go to

first plays, and the reception will be just as ele-

live among 21 homes and nine apartment set-

tings in Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City,

friends whose lives come together there.

Theater in Old Redford.

Westland, and Redford.

gant as it was a year ago."

eWomenNetwork to hold local summit

"Women's Stories, Women's

Glories" a musical and book,

leads a sales and panel discus-

It will include marketing

specialist, April Davis, presi-

dent of Breakout Marketing

Group in Livonia; sales spe-

cialist, Susan Dooley, senior

Business Group in Troy; and

community relations specialist

Barb Johnson Low, president

of MediaWorks in Bloomfield

Hills. Diane Dorcey, Detroit

organization, said there are

area managing director for the

over 140,000 women business

recruiter for the Harvard

minister and author of

sion.



BIRTH



Addison Renee Rvan

Scott and Sara Ryan of Canton announce the birth of their daughter Addison Renee Ryan. She was born May 4 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Grandparents are Jim and Renee Casillas of Plymouth and Jerry and Carol Ryan of Las Vegas, Nevada

SINGLES

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Moon-dusters Ballroom Dancing to a live band

every Saturday 8:30-11 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission: guest/\$6, associates/\$5.50, members/\$5. Dress: Ladies - date style clothes, gentlemen - jackets and ties. for more information, call Joe Castrodale (248) 968-5197.

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Anytime 6:45-9:45 p.m. Drop-in volleyball in the gym and fieldhouse of the Bloomfield Hills

Middle School, 4200 Quarton Road, west of Telegraph. Cost is \$6. In the park, Farmington Hills, anytime 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Heritage Park, Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Cost \$2.

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Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at 40000 Six Mile Road, the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty, in Northville.

Sunday Fellowship Meet at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. For more information, call the SPM

office at (248) 374-5920 **Bible Studies-Prayer Nights**

Learner's Bible Study - 7 p.m. Mondays in Room A101. Praying Together ~ 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church. Men's Bible Study _ 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult Ministries office.

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Ward Church at (248) 374-5920.

Miller-Gloetzner

Al and Susan Miller of Novi, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Lynn Miller, to Jason Gloetzner, son of Ray and Gail Gloetzner of Farmington Hills. Christine and Jason are now residing in Florida. A fall 2006 wedding is planned in Michigan.



ENGAGEMENTS

Smith-Klassa

Carl Schreffler of Herndon, Pa., announces the engagement of his daughter Trina Ann Smith of Livonia to Michael Kenneth Klassa of Livonia.

The groom-elect is the son of Kenneth and Donna Klassa of Livonia. He has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a CFP from the College of Financial Planning. He is the owner of Klassa & Associates Financial Planning.

The bride-to-be has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Hawaii and a master's in business administration from Western Kentucky University.

A wedding is planned for July 2 while on an east coast cruise. A reception will be held at Historic Greenmead in Livonia, Aug. 19.

Attendants for the bride are Susan Neidig, her sister; Jamie Neidig, her niece; Amy



Grossman, sister of the groom; Jaci Skiver, friend; Angie Zimmerman, friend; Lauren Hackenburg, friend; Christine Jorgenson, friend; and Lora Carroll, friend.

Attendants for the groom are Keith Klass, bestman, brother of the groom: Elliot Smith, son of the bride; Dan Piergentili, friend; Ron Bell, friend; Jim Baumbick, friend; Greg Sergarian, friend; and Johnny Chapwick, cousin of the groom.

The couple will make their home in Livonia.

Coughlin-Boehringer

Mike and Sally Coughlin of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Jane Coughlin, to Matthew Frederick Boehringer of Watertown, Wis., the son of John and Patrina Boehringer.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Stevenson High School and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Hillsdale College in 2005. She is currently employed by Shopko in Watertown, Wis.

The prospective groom is a 1999 graduate of Lutheran High School in Wisconsin and earned a bachelor's degree in history with a minor in Latin studies from Hillsdale College in 2003. He is currently employed by Lakeland High



School in Suffolk, Va., where he teaches Latin and history. A July 9 wedding is planned at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Livonia. Pollowing a honeymoon the couple will make

their home in Suffolk, Virginia...

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MARGARET FEKETE Age 88, May 9, 2006. Beloved sister

of Dorothy Lookabaugh, Richard (Barbara) Fekete, and the late Francis and John. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held May 27 at 1pm at the Rhapsody Banquet Center YMCA, 16777 Northline, Southgate. Memorials suggested to Hospice of Michigan or UNICEF. R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home (734-422-6720) in charge of arrangements.

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SHIRLEY E. HEINTZMAN (nee Sullivan)

On May 10, 2006 of Farmington, MI formerly of Boring, MD. Beloved wife of Christian S. "Bud" Heintzman, Jr. Mother of Christy P. Gow, Kimberly A. Rourke, Jaime K. Zamesnik, Jody L. Hansen and Christian S. Heintzman, III. Also survived by 11 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Services from the ELINE FUNERAL HOME, 11824 Reisterstown Road (at Franklin Blvd.) Saturday, 10AM. Friends may call Saturday from 9AM until time of service. If desired contributions may be made to the Boring United Methodist Church, 15210 Old

www.ElineFuneralHome.com KENNETH B. KEES

Hanover Road, Boring, MD 21020.

Age 71 of Plymouth Twp, MI. May 11 2006. Beloved husband of Reba. Loving father of Deborah (Scott) Parsons, Kenneth W. (Kathryn), and Keith (fiancee Sherry Huff). Dearest brother of Robert (Ann) Kees. Dear grandfather of Matthew (Angie), Kimberly, and great grandfather to Adian and Sydney. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Services were held Saturday at the Taylor Chapel of Voran Funeral Home, 23750 Goddard Rd. Entombment Blue Ridge Memorial Cemetery, Beckley WV. Any monetary donations may be made to the American Lung Association of Michigan. Mr. Kees was a devoted member of Heritage Free Will Baptist Church of Taylor as well as a long time member of the Masonic Lodge #586, Livonia MI. Obituary/Guestbook at www.voranfuneralhome.com.



DAVID M. WATT

'A Life Remembrance will be held in honor of David M. Watt, May 20, 2006 at Seven Lakes State Park (at Big Seven North & South Shelter). 14390 Fish Lake Road, Holly Michigan, at 2:00 pm." For more information call: 248-887-7243



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Frost-Rondina

Kathy Lash of Plymouth and Edmond Frost of West Bloomfield announce the engagement of their daughter. Angela Marie Frost of Sterling Heights, to Paul Rondina of Sterling Heights, the son of Paul and Sandra Rondina of White Lake.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and earned a bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University in 2002. She will graduate from Wayne State University with her doctor of medicine degree June 6 and will begin her residency training in dermatology at Henry Ford Hospital.

The prospective groom is a 1997 graduate of Lakeland High School and is currently completing his electrical apprenticeship for Local 58 in



A May 20, 2006 wedding is planned at the Southfield Town Centre Garden Atrium, with Stephen M. Goodrum officiating. A reception will follow in the Atrium. After honeymooning in St. Lucia, the couple plans to reside in Hazel Park.

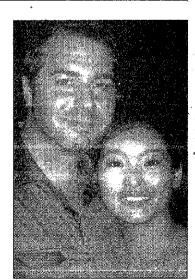
Chan-Pegoraro

Stephen and Bonnie Chan of Sterling Heights announce the engagement of their daughter Judy Kathleen Chan of Sterling Heights to Gianni Roberto Pegoraro of Livonia, son of Feliciano and Maria Pegoraro of Livonia.

The bride to be in the manager of Z Gallerie in the Somerset Collection.

The groom elect is a graduate of Farmington High School. He works in commercial and industrial construction.

An Aug. 19 wedding is planned at St. Mary's in Orchard Lake followed by a reception at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills. The couple is



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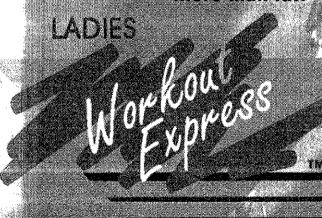
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Optimism essential for unemployed

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Maria Hofbauer heard rumors that the publishing company she worked for was "reorganizing," but had no idea she was about to join the ranks of the unemployed. The former Farmington Hills woman is among the growing number of Michigan residents without jobs. Her days are spent networking and searching for positions on careerbuilder and monster.com.

Hofbauer, 31, has never been without work as a sales representative since entering the field 10 years ago. In the last month, she has applied to at least 50 to 75 companies but heard back from only a handful. In the meantime, she accepted a part-time job in commission sales and is considering waitressing at night or retail sales to make

Hofbauer's life has definitely changed since her first year with the company when she

exceeded her goal and won a trip to Mexico.

"It's very tough financially," said Hofbauer. "I did receive a good severance package, but no health insurance. The little money $\bar{\mathbf{I}}$ do have goes to gas as I drive around for interviews."

TOUGH ROAD

The psychological impact of unemployment hits equally as hard as the financial. Motivation frequently goes out the window while depression sneaks in the back door. Hofbauer knew she needed to talk to someone about her feeling of isolation. A year ago, she started seeing Dr. Dana Tautfest, a psychotherapist at Birmingham Maple Clinic, to help her stop smoking. Hofbauer quit, but started again after being laid off in February.

"I had co-workers I interacted with," said Hofbauer, a single woman without children. "I'm asking myself who am I now, what do I do now. I loved my customers, loved my co-workers. I found myself going through a whole day without talking to anyone."

Hofbauer is not alone, Ralph Stromberg, a psychotherapist at Birmingham Maple Clinic, estimates that about 20 percent of Michigan's population is unemployed. At least one of his patients, Stephen Gualtieri, is no longer considered one of the statistics because he's been without a permanent job since January 2004 when he was laid off as a paralegal at a downtown law firm. Recently, Gualtieri took a temporary position in bilingual marketing and

continues to look for full-time employment.

CHANGING ECONOMY

Finding a job is a full-time job in itself, says Stromberg. "People aren't going to be locked into one job. Gone are the days when you work for one company 40 years."

Stromberg says it's a good idea to "redefine what work is" and make sure it isn't your reason for being, the only place where you feel competent or gratified. He recommends career counseling for those who are unemployed if they are not already caught in the web of depression. Then they might need to see a ther-

Raiph Stromberg

"There are signs to look for - are they changing their lifestyle or procrastination is the theme," said Stromberg. "There's anxiety also. They're catastrophizing. Their life is just going

"It is a loss unlike any other major loss in your life. Family members should be extremely

empathetic and avoid clichés like you can snap out of it. They can't do it alone. They need support, to share their frustrations. There should be flexibility in the structure of the home as they may be taking on different roles.

"People with resources tend to do better. If they have access to health care, mental health services, unemployment compensation that allows them to begin a journey."

Gualtieri, 39, is considering moving out of the state. The Royal Oak man has worked in pharmaceutical sales and as an interpreter since earning a bachelor's degree in economics and Spanish from the University of Detroit.

TIME TO MOVE?

"The Michigan job market is not good now," said Gualtieri, who's single with no children and no health insurance. "I've had offers for a couple out of state positions. The difficult part would be leaving family and friends who've made it easier for me during this time."

Seeing Stromberg helps Gualtieri to remember that he is more than his job. He is a son, brother and uncle who loves photography and

"I'm learning we have to control our thoughts and not the other way around," said Gualtieri, who has recently taken up yoga and meditation. "If you're just sitting there nothing good is going to happen. Being unemployed has made me stronger. I'm getting better at budgeting. Some necessities turn into extravagance.

"I'm trying to be kinder to myself and have a supportive family. I have a journal I sometimes dump in. Ralph is an excellent sounding board. He helps me with refocusing."

Tautfest says it's important to be able to ask for help from friends and family.

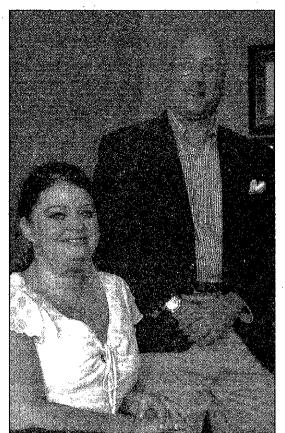
"Don't isolate yourself. Consider seeking treatment or stay in it," said Tautfest. "With monster and career builder you can isolate yourself. You have to get out and see people and talk face to face.

"One out of five to six will be unemployed this year. Out of that number many will deal with some kind of depression. It's hard to be motivated to even get up at the same time. It's important to get up at the same time, go to bed at the same time."

Look for signs of depression such as headaches, gastrointestinal problems, sexual dysfunction, fatigue, substance abuse, and sleeping or eating too much or not enough.
"Exercise is really important," said Tautfest.

"It creates energy, elevates mood, contributes to a positive sense of physical being.

"Stress really contributes to vulnerability to



Maria Hofbauer and Stephen Gualtieri agree that an upbeat attitude is especially important after losing a job.

illness. It's important to maintain good health care habits, to eat and sleep well, limit alcohol

and caffeine, and remember opportunities are everywhere. It's hard to keep site of, but it's true if you can be willing to see them. Remember every person you meet or have contact with is a lead, a source of support."

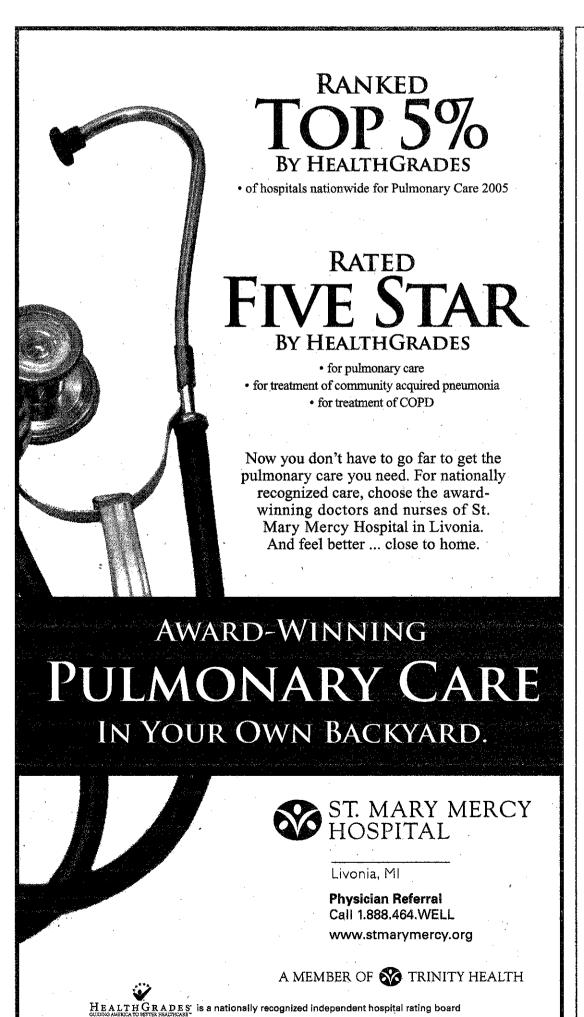
Hofbauer continues to see Tautfest to keep her motivated. Dr. Dana Tautfest

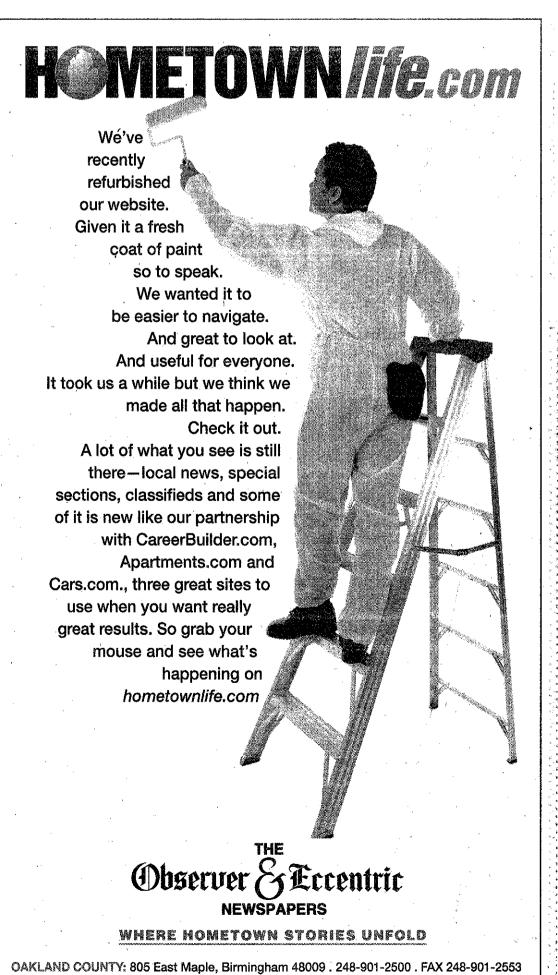


"She (Tautfest) said this was an opportunity to look for something that's going to make you happy," said Hofbauer of Commerce Township. "I knew she was right. I can do anything. It's an open door instead of a closed door.

"I have to wake up thinking I'm going to have a good day."

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Peter Nielsen

Drug can help allow exercise

Dan from Canton e-mails that years ago he suffered from a serious spinal cord injury. Since then, he's had a hard time getting enough physical activity and needs help. Dan, people with spinal cord injuries typically have very low fitness levels. Even life's simplest tasks can become difficult chores. But new research shows that giving Creatine to men with spinal cord injuries increases both endurance and power. It must be said, however, that the right amount of Creatine is critical for getting the right results. Researchers gave test subjects 20 grams of Creatine a day or a placebo for a total of seven days. What they found was that Creatine, in tandem with moderate weight training, improved the quality of life in patients with spinal cord injuries. I will have more on this

Melanie from Wyandotte has a daughter who plays in a soccer league and e-mails for tips on how to avoid the dangers of sportsrelated injuries.

important new research as it

becomes available.

Melanie, everything from hormones to anatomy has been blamed for high rates of ligament -elated injuries in female athletes. But more and more evidence is now showing that the key to avoiding sports related injuries is prevention. Proper warm-up is vital! Start with line or cone jogging, shuttle running, or back running. Also, have her stretch her calves and quadriceps and pay special attention to the hamstrings, inner thighs, and hip flexors. To build strength, focus on walking lunges and single toe-raises. For agility, shuttle run both forwards and backwards. And for explosive power, have her do things like vertical jumps. Remember, girls can run a

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little more like boys - with

ground. Sugar and spice is usually nice - but not always

on the soccer field!

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Presented by St. Mary Hospital and American Association of Retired Person 12:30-4:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, May 23-24. Attendance at both sessions is required. The refresher course is for experienced motorists age 50 and older. Participants learn how sharpen driving skills and develop strategies for adjusting to age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time. They will also learn about effects of medications on driving. Cost is \$10. Preregistration required. Call (734) 655-8950.

Kidney walk

FUNdraising walk to benefit the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan 9 a.m. (registration begins at 8 a.m.), Sunday, May 21, at Detroit Zoo, Royal Oak, Deadline to pre-register is May 15. Contact Lisa Schutz at (800) 482-1455 or Ischutz@nkfm.org, Visit www.nkfm.org for more information.

Baby Signs workshop The Parent Workshop is designed for parents-to-be and parents of babies from birth to 24 months, and caretakers. Parents learn everything they need to know to about incorporating signing into everyday life 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 21. The Sign, Say & Play class is a six-week program for parents and babies ages 6-24 months to learn and practice simple signs in a fun, musical and play environment, series began May 12. Both programs appropriate for special needs children and their parents. Pre-registration required. Programs taught by Ruth HaberkornHalm, speech and language pathologist and certified Baby Signs instructor at The Kaufman's Children Center, West Bloomfield, Call (248) 737-3430 or send email to rhh4962@aol.com

Divorce support

7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, presentation on building self esteem by conquering negative inner voice; an attorney from the firm Woll & Woll will be available 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of each month (anyone interested may sign in beginning at 4:30 p.m. that day), a certified financial planner from Center for Financial Planning is available 5-7 p.m. (sign in begins 4:30 p.m.) on first Monday of each month, at Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 462-

UPCOMING

Open house

Cancer Survivors' Celebration noon to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 4, in the South Lobby, followed by Cancer Center Groundbreaking, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. No charge. At the Open House, community members and their families can enjoy food, refreshments, interactive activities, such as face painting, Teddy Bear Clinic, Child-ID and Fingerprinting, a moonwalk, clowns and more. Special events include health screenings and Ask the Doctor, community rescue teams from Livonia Fire and Rescue, and Livonia Police Department and K-9 Unit, MedFlight Helicopter, Huron Valley Ambulance, Wayne County Sheriff motorcycles will be on hand. Musical entertainment by Sunset Boulevard Band. For more information, call (734) 655-1592, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Teens using drugs workshops

Part two 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 6; part one provides information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, part one is repeated every first Tuesday of the month, October to June; part two repeats the second Tuesday of the month, October to June, in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. No. charge and open to public. Parents, teens and people who work with teens are all welcome. For information, call (734) 973-7892, send e-mail to jessa@med.umich.edu or visit www.teensusingdrugs.org.

Asthma camp

For second through fifth grade students with asthma 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 14-18, at the Saint Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station, 1600 South Canton Center Road, Canton. Campers will learn about what asthma really is, review personal triggers, medications, risk factors and self management while participating in interactive games and hands-on projects. Cost is \$175. Call (734) 398-7518. In the Health Exploration Station, an interactive health education center, kids can see real germs grow, crawl through a 🖫 giant intestinal tract, and learn about body systems. In: addition to the asthma camp, the Station offers an Amazing Me camp focusing on health and the human body for second, third and fourth grade students 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 10-14, and Aug. 7-11. Cost is \$169. Call (734) 398-7518.

Stay safe during prom and graduation activities

As prom season approaches, many students are beginning to count down the weeks until summer. For seniors, these last few weeks are exciting as they finalize their graduation and future plans.

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problems 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 18 with Richard Linsk,

M.D., a clinical instructor, University of Michigan,

Pediatrics and Communicable Disease. To reserve a

space at these free seminars, call (248) 489-1573, ext.

Dr. Michael Stender, M.D., a medical oncologist talks

Thursday, May 18, in the first floor classroom at the

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Sharing & Caring

Prom and graduation season is known as a time of celebration. Unfortunately, these happy occasions sometime involve underage drinking which can result in tragedy. During this time, parents and other residents have the responsibility to ensure the safety of students and the rest of the community.

Traditionally, prom night sees a rise in reckless activities among teenagers including drunk driving and driving at dangerous speeds. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, teen alcohol-related traffic fatalities rise considerably during prom season.

Sanford Vieder, D.O., Botsford General Hospital's Chief of Staff and EMS Medical Director, says,

"According to national statistics, alcohol related crashes kill more young people ages 16 to 20 than any other age group. Many young people who do survive serious car accidents are left with life threatening or life altering brain injuries.

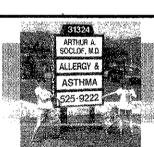
It is extremely important that parents inform their kids about the dangers of drinking and driving. Prom season is an excellent opportunity to keep the lines of communication open. Vieder offers the following tips for parents and teenagers during prom season:

Parents make sure your teen knows he/she can, and should, call home for a ride, to avoid driving with someone who has been drinking. Make plans to be home on prom night. It's the best way to make sure your house is alcohol free.

Encourage your child to attend the school sponsored prom and school sponsored after prom parties. School events will not admit students who have been drinking and alcohol is not allowed at these events. Talk with your teen about his/her plans for the evening, and discuss curfew times.

Teenagers do not drive with someone who has been drinking. There are more drunk drivers on the roads during the weekend. Keep a close eye on other drivers on the road as impaired drivers tend to drive toward lights. Know where you're going before prom night and have directions to those places. After your red light turns green, wait a second before pulling into the intersection just to be safe. If you find yourself in an uncomfortable position, or if the driver isn't safe, have enough money or a cell phone with you to call your parents or a friend.

Everyone can help keep the roads safe during prom season and all year round. If you suspect a driver is drunk, please call 911 to report the person.



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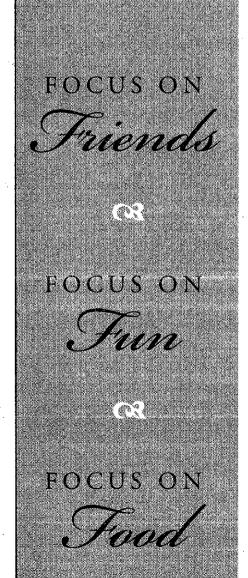
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Stanecki's audiobook encourages journey to happiness

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER STAFF WRITER

Jerry Stanecki's latest work could be called easy listening."

The Bridge to Happiness is an audio book of 17 real-life tales, life lessons and reflections. Stanecki, a former television and radio reporter, tells the short stories in his natural storyteller

"It's designed to bring relief and lower stress," said Stanecki, who released it to coincide with April's designation as Stress Awareness Month.

It's designed to do more, however, than entertain.

Stanecki hopes it will help people move away.

Stanecki hopes it will help people move away from destructive ways of thinking and in the direction of more personal happiness.

"It's designed to empower," said Stanecki.
"When you listen to a story about other people, what you are really doing is listening to stories about you. You may realize, 'Wow, I've dealt with that issue.' Then you come to realize you have a choice. Where there are problems there are solutions. When we use old ways of thinking, we get stuck."

A FORTUNATE JOURNEY

Stanecki, of Bloomfield Hills, was the original consumer reporter on Detroit's WXYZ-TV (Channel 7), known as "The Newshawk."

Then everything in his life changed, from his

family to his job. The crisises made him realize that he needed to look inward, not outward, for happiness. He set about on a journey to health and happiness that included overcoming alcoholism.

"I've spent the last 25 years specializing in personal growth," he said. "Because of the pain in my life, I have come to a place where I have never been happier. No one wants pain, but pain is the gift that brings change."

Stanecki said he learned to embrace his feelings, not resist or run, in order to change for the better.

"By accepting what you are feeling and determining the cause of the feeling, you become positioned to bring positive change in your life. If one of these stories makes you uneasy, it's because it is probably triggering something in your life that is stealing happiness."

Today, Stanecki is a motivational speaker, author, columnist and "good cook."

He added, "I've been real fortunate. I've had a lot of support, and I'm a real strong advocate of support."

Stanecki previously published a motivational book called *Life is a Joke and God Wrote it.*Some of the experiences he wrote about in the book are revisited on the audiotape.

There is Gino the Razor, a Vietnam war hero whose battle with drugs because of secrets he couldn't share lead to his death; and the kindness Stanecki experienced as a child from a man with three thumbs.

Then there is the story of how he saw a stranger in California at 6 a.m. and realized that people are not meant to go through life alone. In another story, his daughter, Anastasia, calls him from Florida, worried that she is running out of time to "be somebody" at age 21.

'NEW WAYS TO THINK'

"So many people think, 'Nobody's got the problems that I have," he said. "There are a lot of victims in our society, a lot of addictions. Work can be an addiction. The audiobook is designed to bring people relief and offer new ways to think."

Recently Stanecki talked to the Senior Women's Club at The Community House in Birmingham and was impressed.

"The average age is 70. There were 200 people. I sold more books than at any other speech. What was amazing about that was not selling the books, although it was nice. It was, here are these women who are still desiring to bring about change in their lives."

Stanecki said, "Giving speeches and visiting with people is the fun part. It's great to see the laughter and tears."

Stanecki, who self-published the audiobook, said he did so because of "popular demand" by those familiar with his work.

The audiobook is available on his Web site, where parts of the stories can also be heard. He



'When you listen to a story about other people, what you are really doing is listening to stories about you.'

Jerry Stanecki

also hopes to find a national distributor.

The Bridge to Happiness is \$15. Write to Jerry Stanecki Productions, P.O. Box 121, Bloomfield Hills, 48304. Or visit www.jerrystanecki.com.

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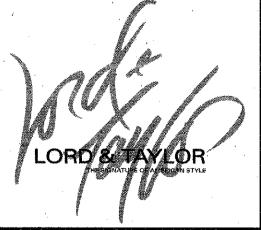
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The Youth Dance Troupe of the Farmington YMCA joins the Zamir Chorale of Metropolitan Detroit for a double-dose of vocal music and dance performance by the Strong Kids Campaign Concert entitled "A Celebration of Great Jewish Choral Music with Featured Dance Excerpts" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, at the Farmington Family YMCA, 28100 Farmington at W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Directed by Benjamin Cohen and accompanied by Ted Wyman, this 30-voice chorus has performed throughout the metropolitan Detroit area and at national venues with secular and sacred selections as well as with popular American tunes and other world music.

Tickets are \$10 and can be

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or in advance. Proceeds solely support the 2006 YMCA Strong Kids Campaign. For more information, call (248) 553-4020, ext. 122, or send e-mail to pijones@ymcametrodetroit.org.

Young musicians wanted

The Celebration Youth Orchestra will be holding auditions for the 2006-2007 school year on Friday and Saturday June 9-10, at Evola Music, 7170 North Haggerty, Canton.

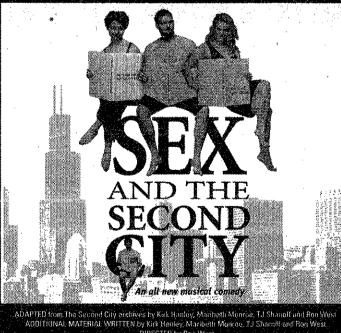
Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and up with at least one year of instruction, and wind, brass and percussion students ages 12 and up with at least three years instruction. Students may live anywhere in Southeastern Michigan but auditions must be scheduled in advance. Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks.

The Celebration Youth Orchestra is supported by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. In fall 2006 the youth orchestra will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students, and Celebration Strings. Under the direction of conductor Ariel Toews, the youth orchestra is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

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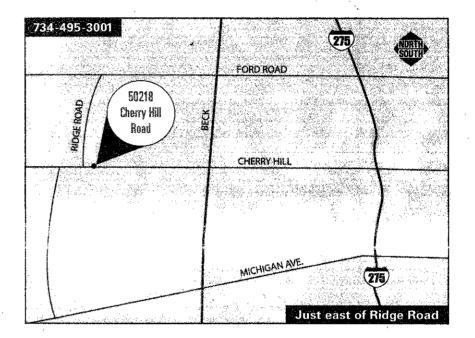
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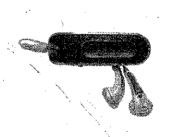
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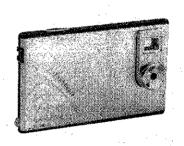
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REUNIONS

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.

Belleville High School All Class Reunion for Belleville High School, 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Belleville High School Cafeteria. For information, contact Mildred Baker, chairperson, 139 Clarence St., Belleville, MI 48111; (734) 699-5231. Plans are in the works for the 7th Annual Alumni Banquet for Belleville High School, Committee members are planning for a tour of the high school, social time, and a dinner. Representatives from classes in the 1930s and on are arranging for alumni to return to their high school to reacquaint themselves with former classmates. Representatives are needed for several classes and addresses are being collected of alumni, so contact Chairperson Mildred Baker if you can provide information. 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 Estner 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, Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion, 5-11:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at Doubletree Hotel, Novi. \$78 per person, \$83 after Aug. 18. For reservations, call (248)348-5000. 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 Januáry 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@earthlink.net.

Detroit Salesian High School Class of 1956

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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-

East Detroit High School

A 40-year reunion for East Detroit High School's Class of 1966 is Saturday, Aug. 12, at Zuccaro's, 46601 Gratiot, Chesterfield Township. Call Laura (Koster) Lavigne at (586) 263-0677 or visit www.edhs1966.com for more information.

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

A 40-year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006. Contact Dorothy at (248) 477-9478 or dzsnyder@hotmail.com. Ferndale High School

Class of 1975/1976

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006, at the Troy Somerset Inn. 2601 West Big Beaver Road, between 1-75 and Coolidge Road. For information and to register sign in at www.fhs75-76.org, Discount if you register before Feb. 15. Cost is \$65/person or \$120/couple. Forward

payment ASAP to: FHS 75-76 Reunion, P.O. Box 20274, Ferndale, MI 48220 Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, July 29, 2006, at the Sheraton Detroit-Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road (I-275 at Eight Mile Road) Novi. To register send check for \$75 per person to Ferndale High School 1966 Class Reunion, C/O Joan Rockett Horner, 951 W. Oakridge, Ferndale 48220

Fordson High School Class of 1976

July 29 at George Murphy's on the Creek, 7 mile, Livonia, \$30 per person. Contact:

fhs1976reunion30year@yahoo.com or http://home.comcast.net/~thelev76 Class of 1981

A 25-year reunion is planned for Saturday, May 13, 2006. For more information contact Nancy Davis Zaleski at (734) 427-8254 or fordsonreunion@yahoo.com or go to www.geocities.com/fordsonreunion. Franklin High School

Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nucore.com.

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Livonia Bentley Class of 1956

A 50-year class reunion is planned for Friday, July 14, and Saturday, July 15, at the Hilton Gardens of Plymouth, For more information, contact Sandy (Mensch) Curtis at (248)426-7464 or Josie (Bonfante) Esper at (248)777-

1648, Livonia Churchill Class of 1974

Planning a 50th birthday party for July 22 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club. Contact Paul Schmidt at (734)255-3100, ext. 245.

Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363-5679. or Email: Kayninilu@aol.com. Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1996

A 10-year reunion is planned for July 29, 2006, at Fifth Avenue, Novi. For information contact Lauren Kronk at Ikronk@sbcglobal.net or (734) 718-3211, or Keri Gutekunst-Sims at kerisims0130@yahoo.com, or visit www.stevenson1996.com.

Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 14, at St. Mary's Cultural Center. Alumni can update their 'address by calling (734) 261-3264 or e-

celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com. Visit the Web site at ctrinc.divincinet.com. Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006, at the Marriott's Dearborn Inn. Tickets are \$55/person and are available now. Send checks payable to "Stevenson Class of '76 Reunion" -- mail to Dave Lindenmuth, 34357 Burton Lane, Livonia 48154. For more information email dlindenm@hotmail.com.

Marine Reunion

The Third Marine Division Association will hold its annual family reunion on Aug. 9-13, 2006, in Milwaukee, Wis. Headquarters Hotel, Hyatt Regency

Milwaukee. Anyone who served in, was attached to, or served in support of The Third Marine Division at any time since it was formed on Sept. 16, 1942,

is eligible and cordially invited to attend. For membership and reunion Information contact Sqt. Major Bill Krueger, USMC Ret. (703) 451-3844 or 7622 Highland St., Springfield, VA 22150-3931 or www.caltrap.com.

North Farmington

Class of 1966 will hold a 40th reunion July 28, 29, 30 at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi. Visit online at www.novi.doubletree.com or call (800) 713-3513 for information. A block of rooms has been reserved, but make your reservations as soon as possible. Must give hotel the group code NFR to receive the group rate. Check in 2 p.m. Friday, July 28; tour North Farmington 3-4 p.m.; 4-10 p.m. open house; Saturday various activities with dinner dance in evening; Sunday - brunch. Contact Carol Jones Haven at turtledove@gbso.net for more information. Still seeking Class of 1966

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Class of 1996

Ten year class reunion, Friday, Nov. 24, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Tickets are \$45 and include buffet dinner, open bar and dancing. To purchase tickets go online to www.pcep1996.myevent.com.

Post Intermediate Class of 1950

Post Intermediate School in Detroit class of 1950 will hold a reunion Aug. 19. For details, call Jim Hamon at (313)532-2608 or Jack Mastan at (734)891-4889.

Class of 1961

A 45-year reunion is planned for July 21, 2006, at the Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Contact Ann (Schnitzhofer) Brighton at (734) 513-7499 or email: ru1961reunion@yahoo.com.

Rochester Adams Class of 1986

Rochester Adams High School is planning a 20-year reunion Aug. 11-13, 2006. Log on to www.ahsreunion1986.com for all the details. Southeastern (Detroit) Class of 1956

Southeastern High School (Detroit) Class of 1956 50-Year Reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at the Northfield Hilton. Contact Beverly at (586) 566-6775.

Southfield High School Class 1986

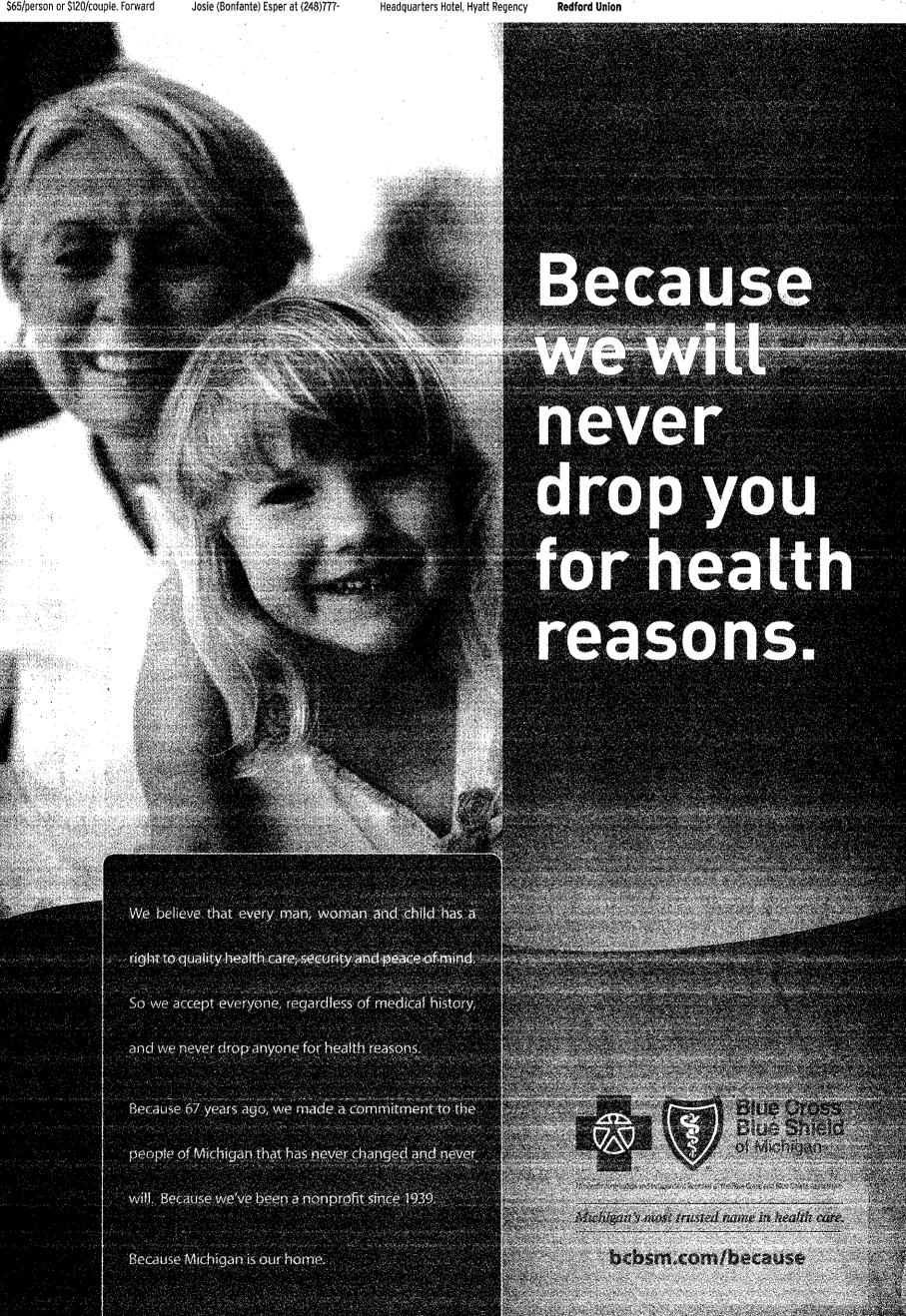
A 20-year reunion is planned for Aug. 11-13, 2006. Friday, Aug. 11 a "reunion kickoff" at 6:30 p.m. at the Westin Hotel Southfield. Saturday, Aug. 12, from 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Tapestry Banquet Facility, 24580 Evergreen Road, Southfield, \$65/person, \$75/person after July 10, Sunday, Aug. 13, A "family picnic" at the Southfield Civic Center. Contact Lisa Rader (Irader3333@aol.com) OR Paul Bernstein (paulboy@comcast.net).

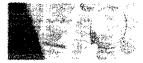
Class of 1976 A 30-year reunion is planned for Aug.

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Volunteering key for career-minded grads

(NAPSI) — College students and recent graduates seeking to get a foot in the door in the working world can gain valuable experience through volunteering. The key to success is in thinking beyond traditional jobs to find volunteer opportunities and resources that will jump-start a meaningful and fulfilling career.

Volunteering experience can be a significant asset to the resumes of college students and graduates. Many recruiters now look for volunteer service on resumes as a telltale sign of strong moral character, good work ethic and proven leadership skills. Not only does volunteer experience show potential employers that a candidate is a responsible citizen of the world, but it also provides networking opportunities, a critical component of the business world that may be a new concept for those in college or recently graduated.

Kiwanis International, a global volunteer service organization, and Circle K International, a Kiwanis service leadership program for college students, created the Career Contacts program and job board with the link between volunteering and networking in mind. Designed to promote career development by encouraging college students to interact with Kiwanis members, the program offers opportunities for students and recent graduates to introduce themselves to key decision-makers across a wide variety of professional fields. Kiwanis mem-



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bers support the program in many ways — as career mentors, hosts for a "day at the office," participants in a campus career fair or mock job interview, or just by being listed in the business directory.

"We created this program in hopes of educating today's youth on the process of job searching and providing them with opportunities vital to success in today's working world," said Casey Keller, director of Circle K International. "Career Contacts is an excellent resource for both potential employees and employers to find prospects with similar, service-oriented interests and backgrounds."

For other ways to build a circle of professional contacts and gain valuable volunteering experience, consider the following tips:

Join a service organization or start your own local club.

Actively seek out volunteer opportunities, job fairs and professional networking events related to vour field.

Ask to job shadow a professional contact met through volun-

Utilize volunteering and networking Web sites to meet likeminded individuals.

For more info on Kiwanis International, Circle K International and the Career Contacts program, please visit www.kiwanis.org or call (800) KIWANIS.

Study reveals disconnects between employers, employees

(NAPSI) — A serious talent shortage looms in the U.S., and a new comprehensive study indicates that many employers aren't taking the steps necessary to retain and attract employees.

The recent Emerging Workforce Study, conducted by Harris Interactive on behalf of Spherion Corp., reveals a troubling gap between employers and employees on critical workplace issues. For the first time, the study was expanded to include data from employers, allowing Spherion to provide a more complete picture of the employment landscape.

Some of the major findings of the study include the fact that 60 percent of workers rate time and flexibility as very important factors in retention, but only 35 percent of employers feel the same. Additionally, 49 percent of employers rate financial compensation as a very important driver of retention, while 69 percent of workers believe it

"There's no doubt that talent will be a defining success factor for companies in the years to come," said Roy Krause, Spherion president and chief executive officer. "Our latest study sheds light on how differently employers and employees view workplace issues, and it is imperative that organizations understand these disconnects and make adjustments to their leadership styles

and HR policies."

Furthermore, many companies either don't have or don't plan to implement work/life balance programs a hot-button issue for employees. Of the companies surveyed, 61 percent stated they don't plan to offer job sharing, 56 percent don't plan to offer telecommuting and 33 percent don't plan to offer flextime.

There is a small percentage of organizations that have realized such disconnects and are distinguishing themselves as employers of choice. These emergent employers not only offer work/life balance and training programs, but have the management style and workforce structure that helps them attract and retain the most talented workers. Studies have also shown that implementing such HR best practices will result in better financial performance and company growth.

"We applaud innovative efforts of emergent organizations such as Nationwide and Ernst and Young. These organizations are clearly in a class of their own and are putting themselves in a position to truly succeed in the upcoming battle for talent," Krause said.

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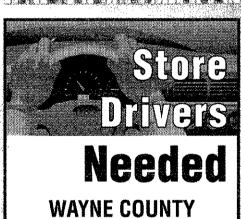
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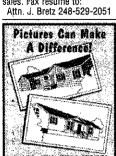
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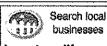
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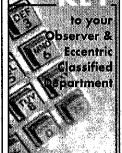
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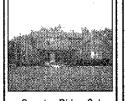
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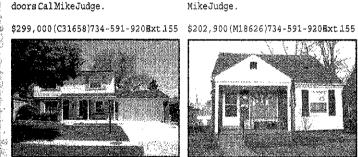
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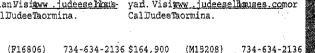
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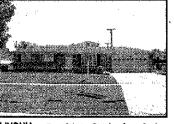


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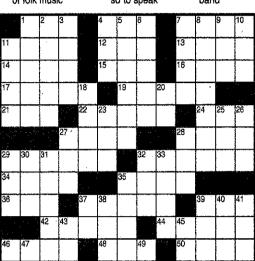
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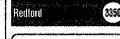
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Imagine a father and four sons each with their own building companies coming together to build two distinct communities designed for first time buyers, empty nesters and everyone in between.

The two developments, Livonia Manor & Churchill Manor, within the Livonia school district, offer customers the convenience of two great locations while offering a combination of modern-designed floor plans and affordability. Livonia Manor is now unfolding on Seven Mile Road between Farmington & Merriman Roads (One block west of Merriman). From there, the Builders are marketing two sites, including one on the wet side of Newburgh Road just south of Ann Arbor Trail near Churchill High School, and the Seven Mile site.

Brothers Michael, Rino, Enrico and Marco Soave put their collective heads and experience together to build a new subdivision of homes with distinctive looks and elevations with a variety of floor plans featuring Ranches, Cape Cods and Colonials. The models range in square footage from 1,670 to as much as 2,680 square feet with pricing starting from the low 270 s to the upper 320 s.

Rino Soave, owner of Infinity Homes, which is heading up the Livonia Manor community, said the project brings together the expertise of his brothers and knowledge they garnered from their father Leo Soave, who has developed the two communities.

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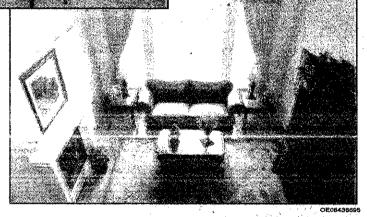
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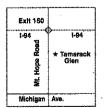
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The brick facade and cultured stone sill on the front, windows positively exude solidity and permanence. While the arched garage doors and window, as well as the round window, add grace.

Designed primarily with empty, or nearly empty, nesters in mind, the home is compact and easy to care for. Once inside there are no difficult flights of steps to negotiate, and, if desired, the entry steps could be replaced by a gently sloping walkway.

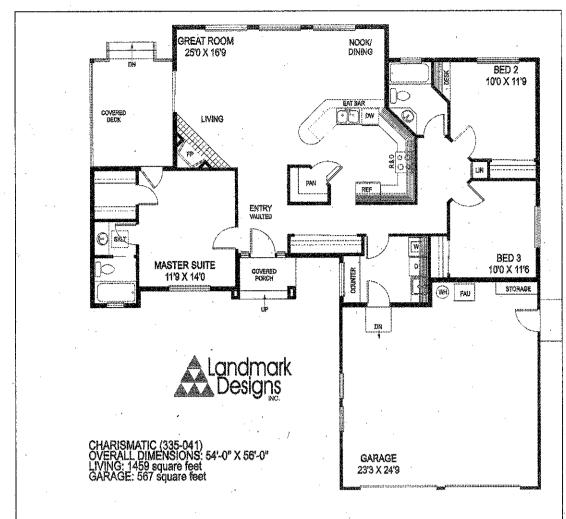
Inside, the sense of spaciousness carries over dramatically. Windows, which arch over and around the front door, flood the one-and-a-half story, vaulted entry area with warm, natural light. More windows form most of one wall of the wide, open great room, which combines the kitchen, dining, and living areas. Had the designer walled each room separately, following the traditional norm, this home would not be nearly so inviting.

A covered deck, accessed from the great room by sliding glass doors, invites outdoor living when the weather is mild. The master suite also opens onto the deck.

An angled extension on the eating bar creates more seating while giving a unique shape to the basically U-shaped kitchen. And the placement of the sink and dishwasher in the eating bar insures that those doing clean-up tasks need not be cut off from activities or discussions going on elsewhere in the room. Ample storage is available in cupboards and pantry.

For increased privacy, the master suite is located on the opposite side of the family living area from the other two bedrooms. Each sleeping area has its own bathroom.

A utility room is tucked between the garage and bedrooms. Those who like to sew will quickly realize that the





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Should I sell my home myself and save the real estate fee or is it a better idea to hire a Realtor to sell it for me?

Most sellers are concerned about money. Sometimes they wonder why they should pay a real estate fee when they can save the money by selling it themselves. They are thinking that if they are going to sell their house for \$200,000, why should they pay the real estate fee of about \$12,000.

I can certainly understand sellers wanting to save all the money that they can. Unfortunately, what usually happens is that sellers that don't hire Realtors end up paying more money than if they hired a Realtor to begin with and the process takes much longer with many more problems.

There are several reasons for this such as:

The law of supply and demand. What the law says in this case is that the more your house is exposed to buyers, the more likely it is to find a buyer who will pay you what it is you want. The less your

house/condo is exposed the less probability of finding the buyer who will pay you what you want.

One of the most basic marketing tools that Realtors have is to put your house/condo on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS). This is the database that almost all Realtors use to show buyers houses. By having your house on the MLS you are exposing your house to thousands of buyers.

If you hire a good Realtor he/she will have an aggressive marketing strategy to expose your house to many more buy-

As an un-represented seller you simply don't have the tools that Realtors have to market and sell your house.

Often the longer your house is on the market the more money it will cost you. Buyers will believe that you must be getting more motivated to sell. Therefore, they will usually offer you less money



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than they would have if they made an offer early on in the process. They may also think that there is something wrong with the house because it's sitting on the market so long.

Also, if it stays on the market until the end of the season, it's almost like going on the clearance rack in a department store. You will get less money for the house. Buyers shop for sale by 8

owners to save the same real." estate fee that you are hoping to save. Sellers aside from paying the Realtor that represents them, also pay the Realtor that represents the buyer. Because of this, buyers get many services from buyers' agents for free.

finding homes that meet the buyers' criteria, writing the purchase agreement, negotiating on their behalf, etc. Therefore, the main reason buyers shop for sale by owners is to save the same real estate fee that you would be trying to save. You are then in a situation where both of you are trying to save the same commission.

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Also, if someone calls to set up an appointment from your sign, you have no effective way to identity that person until they get into your home.

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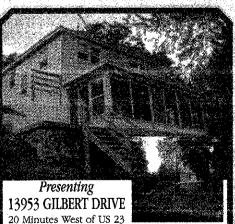
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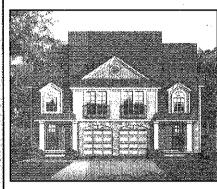
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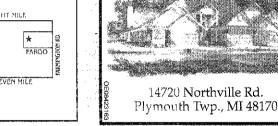
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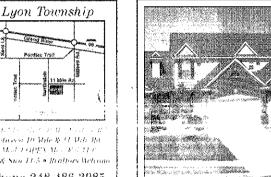
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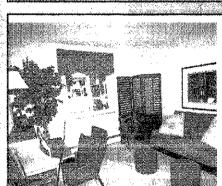
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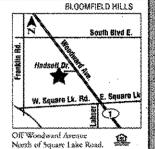


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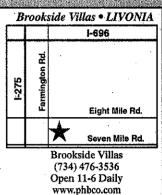
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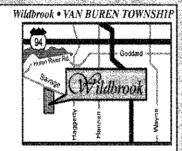


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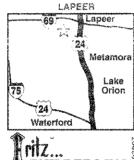
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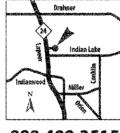
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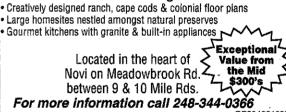
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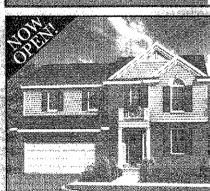
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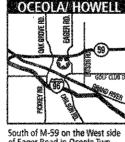


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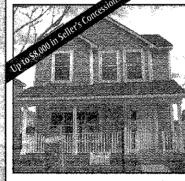
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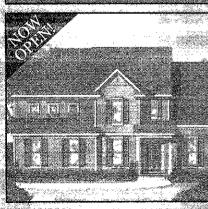
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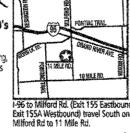


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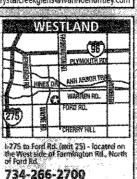
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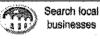
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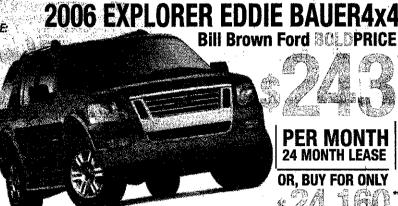








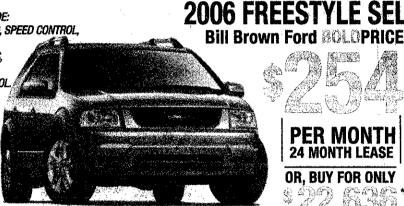
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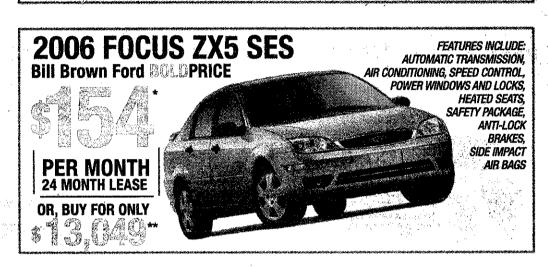
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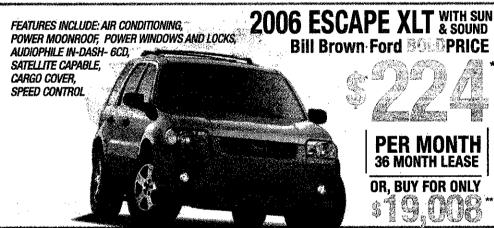


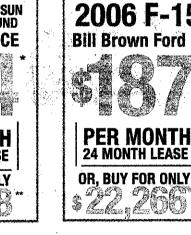




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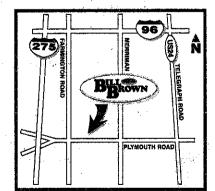




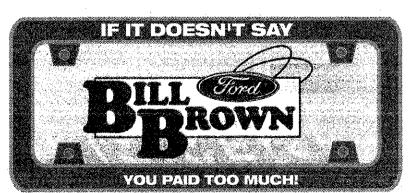
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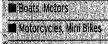
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By Dave Menard Avanti NewsFeatures



Cars like the 2006 Mercury Montego can be the hardest for me to write about. It's not outstanding in any one particular area, but it's pretty good in most; good enough to where this car should appeal to a lot of buyers in the mid-size sedan segment. That segment used to attract family buyers. Since the advent of minivans and SUVs, however, many families have abandoned the mid-size sedan in favor of the room and flexibility vans and SUVs offer. Can Mercury -- and other nameplates -- woo them back with cars like the Montego, or will the segment be left to mostly senior citizens, empty nesters and couples without kids? Even there, the competition is heavy. How exactly does the Montego fit in, and who might buy it?

Putting the deep, philosophical questions on hold for a time, let's look at the car itself. The Montego comes in two trim lines, Luxury and Premier (our test car is a Premier), and with either two-, or all-wheel drive. The Montego's styling is one of its strong suits. The waterfall grille is nice and the way the headlamps flow into it is impressive. The headlamps are highintensity discharge headlamps, a standard feature that a lot of cars only have as an option. The taillamp treatment is also attractive and the 18-inch spoke aluminum wheels are sharp (the Luxury comes with 17inch wheels). Foglamps are standard, too. The word that comes to mind when I look at the Montego in my driveway is "solid." It looks substantial and attractive.

Inside, the interior design is also well put together. The instrument panel is well laid out and complete. The standard power leather seats are e wellent; they provide great support, are very comfortable, and there are two memory settings to save your seating settings. The seats can be heated on the Premier version of the Montego. There are map pockets and cupholders in



2006 Mercury Montego Premier AWD. Type: mid-size. Where built: Chicago, Ill. EPA: 19/26. Base price: \$28,730. Price as tested: \$33,310.

the doors and a well-placed center console for storage. The pedals are power-adjustable, and those settings can also be saved into memory.

There's plenty of room in the Montego and that goes for rear seat passengers, as well. While the rear seats can be folded down for more cargo room in the trunk, the trunk itself is very spacious. In fact it's got one of the most spacious trunks I've seen in a mid-size

The Montego Premier comes with a nice selection of standard features. Power windows, door and locks. leather-wrapped steering wheel, dual zone air-conditioning, rear-window defroster, universal garage door opener, and anti-theft system are all included with the Premier. The standard audio system is an AM/FM/sixdisc CD system with a subwoofer and it has a very good sound, although I think the AM tuner is weak. You can add both a rear seat entertainment system, which includes a DVD player, and an integrated GPS navigation system. The maps are easy to read and the system is easy to use. Other available options include a moonroof, side-impact airbags, air curtains with rollover protection and a reverse sensing system to tell you when you're about to back into something.

Both the two-wheel and all-wheel drive version of the Montego Premier are powered by a 3.0-liter DOHC V6, rated at 203 hp and 205 lb.-ft. of torque. It's mated with a six-speed automatic transmission. Acceleration is good, but not overpowering. The shifts are smooth and you'll have plenty of power to merge with and to pass when necessary. The Montego AWD will usually run in front-wheel only drive mode, unless it detects a difference in wheel speeds between the front and rear wheels. In that case, it shifts torque to the rear wheels automatically. Gas mileage is a

respectable 19/26 mpg, and it does run on regular fuel.

The Montego handles pretty well, too. The front suspension features an independent system with MacPherson struts, and rearward-facing lower L-arms with stabilizer bar. The rear system is independent multi-link coil-over-shock with stabilizer bar. The Montego handles the bumps fairly well, evening out the ride without resorting to the "living room couch on wheels" feeling some cars use.

The power rack-and-pinion steering gives you good road feel, but the turning circle is a little wide. Parking lot maneuvering is not one of the things Montego does best; be careful pulling into a tight parking spot. The four-wheel ABS brakes are very good.

The Montego Premier comes with Ford's Personal Safety System. That includes a Safety Canopy, dualstage front air bags, load-limiting safety belts and buckle pretensioners. An onboard computer receives input from the crash sensors to determine, the type of crash (front, side, rollover, etc.), the severity of the crash, the position of the driver and whether the driver is wearing a safety belt. The system then decides how to deploy the air bags and whether to enact other passive safety systems.

The 2006 Mercury Montego Premier AWD starts a little less than \$29,000. Add the side-curtain airbags, GPS navigation, rear seat entertainment system, and reverse sensors and you're at about \$33,000.

I'm still scratching my head about my original question. Can Mercury, and other automakers, position the Montego, and cars like it, to provide an alternative to family buyers who might now not want the bulk and cost of a minivan or SUV? Time will tell, but with the Montego, Mercury's made a step in the right direction.

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SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids. Seeking SM, 5"10"+, N/S, social drinker for LTR.

GREAT COMPANION

65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm well-traveled, very attractive. health-conscious. How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70. 2633527

PETITE & SEXY... SBF, sensitive, affectionate, loving, 51, looks 35, 5'1", 105lbs, NS. Seeking healthy SBM, 5'10"-6'1", to work out with. \$\overline{1}\tag{9}12553

A VERY PRETTY PACKAGE bright BF, 34, very pretty, fit, golden complexion, seeks intelligent,

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SBF, 47, desires to meet independent man, 50-60, for lots of fun. You must know how to treat a

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Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF tooking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. \$\frac{1}{25}\$

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am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion and maybe a relationship. Please call. 2982305

ALL OF ME SWF, 50, 5'10", BBW, brown/blue,

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WHERE ARE YOU? Very attractive, sexy SBPF, 35, medium build, enjoys dining out, jazz, plays. ISO SBM, 40-52, commitment-minded and sincere, for LTR. 2950732

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ONE GOOD WOMAN

KIND HEART

Full-figured SF, 55, enjoys dancing and all types of music, likes working with animals, seeks good-natured single man, 44-60. **2**742466

JERSEY TRANSPLANT SWF, 50, slender, blonde, Virgo, N/S, enjoys foreign travel, wine tasting, and working out. Seeking WM, 40-53, N/S, for LTR. **☎**885454

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SF, 25, 5'7", shoulder-length medium blonde hair, bright green eyes, outgoing, fun, loves fitness, outdoors, boating, cycling, camping, concerts, auto racing. Seeking active, fit, caring man who appreciates the same. 27953694

LOOKING FOR ME?

Affectionate, sincere SWF, 63, 5'2", dark hair and eyes, employed part-time, enjoys travel, movies. dining out, more. ISO tall, active. open-minded, lovable man to share a little fun, possibly romance. 25959193

IS IT YOU?

SBF, 32, mother of 3, caramel complexion, brown eyes, 146lbs, 5'4", enjoys seafood, simple fun. Looking to meet smart, goal-oriented, honest, child-friendly man who knows what he wants in life. 73954273

LOVING LEO

Widowed WPF, 53, 5'9", brown/ brown, N/S, nursing home activities coordinator, enjoys boating, swimming, and Michigan State football

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SWF, 49, 5'5", full-figured, brown/ prown, romantic, lovable, numor ous, likes entertaining, traveling, family time. Seeking SM, 40-56, N/S, social drinker ok, who puts God first in his life, for possible LTR. 27861408

SHALL WE DANCE?

I am a SBF, 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attractive, intelligent, creative, articulate, seeks SWM, 57-73, who is kindhearted, articulate, who enjoys dancing, walking, traveling, movies, dining out. 2812098

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istry and compatibility with secure, emotionally available WM, 48-60, N/S, who can dance (or will learn how to). 22898106

A GOOD FRIEND

SWF, 57, full-figured, 5'4", likes movies, dancing, good company. Seeking a nice guy to enjoys a friends first relationship. 2916193

NATURAL BBW SBF, 32, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D,

N/kids, employed. Seeking a SM, 18-60, who is open-minded, N/S, N/kids and can appreciate a strong woman. 22924352

A GOOD & TRUE FRIEND Share with this DBCF,65, N/S,

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seeks well-groomed WM, 65-72, N/S, to share life, romance, and possible relationship. \$\frac{1}{12}891247

SOMEONE SPECIAL

GET TO KNOW ME

Loving, open-minded SBF, 60. 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SBM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. 2963760

CHEER ON THE HOME TEAM Widowed WJF, 56, N/S, loves life, cruising, walking, reading, concerts, football, baseball, and basketball. Seeking adventurous WM, 55-66, N/S. 73938734

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MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC

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GREAT GUY

Male, 50, 6'1", 220lbs, athletic build, handsome, with sense of humor and own business, intelligent, N/S, enjoys good communication and honesty. Seeking attractive, slim WF, 35-50, inner beauty, good communication. 2264893

COULD IT BE YOU?

SWM, 40s, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, auto worker, easygoing, honest and secure, enjoys hunting, Harleys and the out-doors. Seeking attractive slim/fit woman, 30-50, N/S, D/D-free, comfortable in high heels-tennis shoes 2798519

TAKE A LOOK

SWM, 40, 5'9", 220lbs, clean- SWM, 26, looking for WF, 19-30, shaven financially stable, sponta-neous, outgoing, seeks WF, 25-45, must like children, and good conversation, for friendship first, maybe more 22966662

Ready to meet great new people?

WORTH A CALL

SWM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, auto worker, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman. 30-50, N/S, D/D-free. 22956910 A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and

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FRIENDLY

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HOPE TO

HEAR FROM U WIM, 47, 5'8", brown/brown, looking for a nice, easygoing sociable, looking for understanding SF, for friendship, then who knows? 22961030

STARTING OVER

SBM, 49, employed, tow grown children, enjoys meeting new people, outdoors, long walks, camping, dining out, more. Looking for a family-oriented WF, 27-35, for possible LTR. 2965290

WORTH A CALL

SWM, 47, no kids, 5'10", 200lbs, long hair, hard-working, looking to meet an easygoing, affectionate, fun, loving lady to share my life with. I enjoy romance, togetherness, lifes simple pleasures. **2**2959365

QUALITY FRIENDS WANTED

Young-looking, feeling and acting, 53-year-old male, 5'9", 163lbs,

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N/S, N/D, employed, honest and fun, likes music, movies, bowling,

family/friends, more. Looking for SWF with similar interests and .qualities. 25950678 SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED SBM, 46, looking for that special

persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. **☎**692418 **HOPE TO**

HEAR FROM YOU

Independent, self-sufficient DWM. 45, sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating, walks, drives, cycling, cooking. Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life. 2855207

TRUE GENTLEMAN

SBM. 52, 5'8", 185lbs, looking for a medium to full-figured SBF, 46-54. Someone who is worldly, nice, loves to laugh and just enjoying life to the fullest. 7912726

LIFE IS TOO SHORT...

not to share it with someone. SWM, 50, Italian descent, Scorpio, N/S, no children, seeks WF, 46-55, to connect with. ☎935694 **MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC**

Tall, athletic SWM, 44, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/blue, never married, no dependents, college-educated, clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF, for fun. Age/location open.

NOT LIKE ALL THE REST SWPM, 5'8", brown/blue, fit,

enjoys biking, jogging, being out-doors, music, movies, reading, concerts, good conversation, being with friends and family. Seeking emotionally available SWPF, 28-44, who is passionate about life. 2611391

TEDDY BEAR

who will care for me and like me for who I am. Someone who likes long walks and more. 2955026

JOIN ME

DWM, 54, looks younger, 170lbs, 6', in great shape, healthy, father, enjoys travel looking for a loving, free-spirited, outgoing woman to share a lasting, loving, fun-filled relationship. \$\frac{1}{2}\$958937

KNOW WHAT TO DO SBM, 24, 6'1", 180lbs, dark-complected, well-groomed, hand-some, loving, warm, romantic seeks open-minded, loving SWF, for dating maybe more. Call. 2960147

SPORTS NÚT WANTED

SBM, 32, loves having fun, watching sports, wrestling, simple fun. Seeking tall, athletic, slender family-oriented female who likes watching sports and going on romantic dates. Friendship, companionship, LTR. 2959510

WORTH A SHOT Separated WM, 37, 5'8", 215lbs, brown/brown, father, heavy equipment mechanic, athletic, sociable, fun, enjoys ice fishing, hunting, snowmobiling. Seeking affectionate, compatible, outdoorsy lady to share the fun times in life.

13953966 **OUTDOORSY KINDA GUY** DWM, 64, 5'11", 190lbs, self-employed, N/S, socially drinker,

great SOH. I am looking for the right lady to spend time with, get to know and maybe develop a lasting relationship. \$\alpha\$891796 NICE GUY

SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S,

works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S. Shirley, please call back. \$708126 LET'S TALK SBM, 58, 5'10", medium brown

complexion, brown eyes, mus-

tache, medium build, 190lbs,

enjoys fishing, movies, music,

sports, dining, cooking, travel. Seeking A loving lady for friendship and more. \$\frac{1}{27}952241 WANTED... single full-figured WF, 45-65, who believes in Jesus Christ, sought by DWM, 62, 5'10", 175lbs, clean-shaven, brown/brown, N/D, for

LTR. 25954253 **BEST SHARED**

SM, 53, tall, 230lbs, muscular, brown hair, enjoys weekend getaways, snuggling, quiet romantic times, motorcycling, simple fun. Seeking SF, 25-55, slender, sweet and sociable to share the special times. 27955106

DWM, 45, 5'9", 140lbs, father, WM, 69, 5'8", 185lbs, likes music, concerts, dining out, travel, casinos, auto racing, antiques, more.

Looking for voluptuous WF, 55-65, N/S, light drinker, for companionship and dating. Down River area. 22957144 **LONELY & READY** SWM, 49, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with

a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. 2860305

SECURE WM, 58, tall, slim, good-looking, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind woman to go out with and see what happens from there. **☎**828139

SIMPLE REQUEST WM, 59, 5'8", 170lbs, dark/blue, looking for an attractive woman to go out and have a good time with.

Age open. 22833911

area. 2864792

KIND, HANDSOME TEACHER SWPM, 53, 6', 220lbs, light smoker, social drinker, looking for one good woman. Please call. Troy

LET'S BE **FREE TOGETHER** SBM, 6', 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated. I would like

to meet a single female 52-62, who is understanding, loving and caring, for a LTR. \$\frac{1}{2}869189 **SWEET GUY** Good-looking SWM, 52, 6'1", 197lbs, college graduate, finan-

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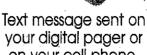
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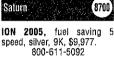
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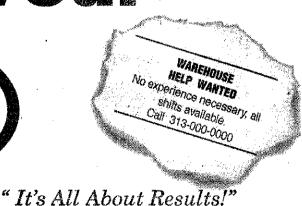
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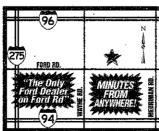
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