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## District takes funding crusade to Lansing

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools will get its chance in front of the state House Education Committee Wednesday to plead its case for a \$750 per

pupil increase in the state foundation grant, which could mean \$13 million a year to a financially challenged budget.

The committee will hold hearings on House Bill 4828, introduced last year by State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton

Township, which would increase per-pupil funding for school districts that are performing well and surrounded on three sides by school districts receiving at least \$1,000 more per student.

Administrators and school board members have long complained Plymouth-Canton shares the same labor market with surrounding districts for substitute bus drivers, special education teachers and other hard-to-get

employees, but with lower funding. Plymouth-Canton currently receives \$7,200 per student, while Ann Arbor gets \$9,176; Livonia, \$8,280; and Northville, \$8,225.

"It's just not fair," LaJoy said of the current foundation

grant structure. "The labor costs are the same, but the revenue is less. Hopefully, it will be a start at looking at regional equity."

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Mary Rowland with her son, Sgt. Landon Green, who served a year in Iraq with the Army Reserves.

## Military mom fights to have flags flown at half-staff

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Mary Rowland is on her own little mini crusade. It is something important to her. She's just not sure why it doesn't seem to be important to everybody else.

The Canton resident, whose son Landon Green was recently deployed for a year in Iraq, wished businesses and other buildings would lower their flags to half-staff when Michigan soldiers are killed in action, especially when Gov. Jennifer Granholm issues an executive order to do so. Rowland realizes the governor only has the authority to order flags lowered at state buildings, but she thinks it would just be respectful for others to follow suit.

Her ire was particularly piqued recently when Detroit rapper Proof died in a gun fight he instigated, but was lauded by so many in the community. Yet, when a Michigan soldier died about the same time, she noticed nobody was flying their flags at half-staff. So she began to make calls to some of the businesses. Unfortunately only one local business, LaSalle Bank at Ford and Sheldon, gave her a positive response.

"It makes me angry. Whether you are for or against the war, we have young men and women dying. It's too easy to forget we're in a war," she said.

According to Granholm spokeswoman Heidi Watson, since the war began, the governor has ordered flags lowered more than 50 times, representing the number of Michigan soldiers killed in battle. She acknowledged the governor doesn't have authority to force businesses to lower flags, but it is something she encourages. In fact, the governor's Web site



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Canton resident Mary Rowland would like local businesses displaying American flags to comply when the governor calls for flying them at half staff.

(<http://www.michigan.gov/gov>) has a list service that sends out e-mails when the governor calls for flags to be flown at half-staff. People who sign up for the service will be notified two days in advance. Watson said more and more people are signing up, as are churches, schools and other organizations. In fact, Granholm has

issued an executive order recognizing Memorial Day and ordering flags be flown at half-staff until noon on Monday, May 29.

"Sometimes it's just a matter that businesses aren't even aware of what's going on," Watson said.

As for Rowland, who is active in the Michigan Military Moms, she will

continue her crusade.

"I just ask they go down when the governor asks for them to go down," she said. "I feel like their deaths are devalued when we don't do this. Why can't we say we're sorry it happened and lower the flag? It's too easy."

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## Canton's own 'idol'

Man headed to Vegas to compete in Karaoke championship

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER



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Dan Carter, shown her belting out 'Shining Star,' as performed by The Manhattan, earned the right to compete against seven others in the National Karaoke Idol Championship in Las Vegas on June 26.

While much of the country is talking about new American Idol Taylor Hicks, in a little corner of Canton, Dan Carter is getting ready to compete for the title of National Karaoke Idol Champion.

Carter entered the contest on a bit of a fluke. His wife, Kelly, was driving along Ford Road and saw a sign in front of Super Bowl Lanes, advertising a Karaoke contest.

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PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

## Proudly taking to the field

Tigers assistant coach Scott Janack of Canton high fives his son Trey as he takes the field for the Tigers of the Miracle League, which gives physically challenged youngsters the chance to play baseball. The league started play last weekend at a special field in Southfield. The rules for the Miracle League are relaxed a bit. Games last two innings, and few of the players are ever called 'out' by the umpires, who are ceremonial anyway. Players also have a 'buddy' - often a relative or able-bodied teen volunteer - who helps them run the bases and field their positions. About 130 youngsters from around metro Detroit signed up to play in the 2006 Miracle League season.

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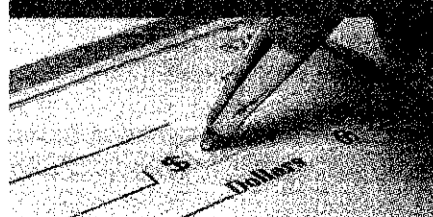
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**Golden Scouts**

Sharan Shokar and Kaitlyn Reed, both of Canton, recently earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn for leadership and community service. The Gold Award is an elite award earned by only three percent of Girl Scouts, ages 14-17, across the country each year. The project calls upon a girl to draw on what she has learned and experienced through Girl Scouting.

Sharan, daughter of Karl and Suki Shokar, completed a project called Diversity Extravaganza, which was a series of six cultural workshops in which students aged 8 to 18 learned about China, France, Mexico, India and Germany. In a separate workshop the students also learned about the lives of people with disabilities. Each workshop consisted of food, crafts, music, history, religions and language from the featured culture, as well as a presentation from expert speakers. "I believe in promoting acceptance and understanding of all people to make the world a better place. It is up to the children of today to be open-minded and work towards peace, harmony and

happiness," she said. Kaitlyn, daughter of David and Tamra Reed, completed a project to make kids more aware of patriotism. She conducted workshops at Geneva Presbyterian Church and another in a classroom at Tonda Elementary. She also conducted a flag retirement ceremony.

**A soulful performance**

Acclaimed folk music singer and songwriter Don Conoscenti will make a special appearance from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, June 3 at the Canton Public Library's Open Mic program. The acoustic musician is known for his live performances, in which he fuses a blend of rock, jazz, blues, folk, funk and country. He has been spotlighted on NPR, World Café and Acoustic Café. Admission is free. For more information about the Open Mic series at the Canton Public Library, visit [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) for future dates and times or call the library at (734) 397-0999.

**Senior Health and Fitness Day**

National Senior Health and Fitness Day (NSHFD) is in its 13th year. Again this year, Canton Leisure Services will participate in the event by sponsoring Senior Health and Fitness Day at Summit on the Park from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on May 31. Seniors age 55 and older will have the opportunity to enjoy free programs and events including health screenings, fitness classes, fitness

center tours and a surprise speaker. New to NSHFD is a senior 5K walk which will take place at Heritage Park. Most of the events are free, but participants are required to register by calling the senior center at (734) 394-5485. Anyone interested in lunch must register by noon on May 30. More than 1,000 local organizations in all 50 states participate in NSHFD each year. The common goal for this day is to help keep older Americans healthy and fit. Always set for the last Wednesday in May, National Senior Health & Fitness Day is the nation's largest annual health promotion event for older adults.

**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 or shine.

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 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



**Showing off**

A competition team with Canton's Planetdance was chosen 'Superstar Studio' for earning the most total points during the Starsystems Dance Competition May 12-14 in Kalamazoo. The team, which consisted of 75 dancers, had several overall winners and will be going to Nashville, Tenn. to compete in the national finals. The team's performance earned Planetdance director Jeni Toby (front row center) an all expenses paid trip to New York City in July. For more information about the studio visit [www.planetdancestudio.com](http://www.planetdancestudio.com).

awarded. A variety of local rescue groups will also attend. Eencee 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 check-in.

For more information or to request a registration form, visit [www.pckiwanis.org](http://www.pckiwanis.org), e-mail [info@pckiwanis.org](mailto: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](http://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 stream-bank 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.

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.

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# Racers starting with Ilmor engines

## Plymouth firm 'engineers' victory at Indy

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

No doubt the folks who build engines at Ilmor Engineering Inc. in Plymouth are pulling for their favorites in today's Indianapolis 500.

But unlike the legions of racing fans whose favorite drivers won't cross the finish line first, staffers at Ilmor will have a hand in the winner no matter who draws the checkered flag.

That's because for the first time since 1960 the engines in all 33 cars in the field will be from one manufacturer: Honda. And Honda's partner in the endeavor: Ilmor Engineering, which has partnered with Honda for four years to build Indy car engines.

"Because our expertise here in Plymouth is rebuilding, we're doing the lion's share of the work," said Paul Ray, Ilmor's president. "The opportunity to have the entire field with engines that Ilmor contributed to really is a great achievement. It's only eclipsed by Offenhauser, which is perhaps the greatest manufacturer in Indy history, so it puts us right in the history books, and that's important."

Ilmor has an impressive history with the Indy 500. The company first got involved in 1986 and an Ilmor engine won the race for the first time in 1987. Since then, Ilmor has added another 10 titles, including four (2001, 2002, 2004, 2005) on the last five.

Nine of the 33 engines were being built in Honda plants in California; the other 24 were built in Plymouth. Each engine takes more than 100 manhours to build, which means Ilmor engineers have been working more than six days a week the last six weeks.

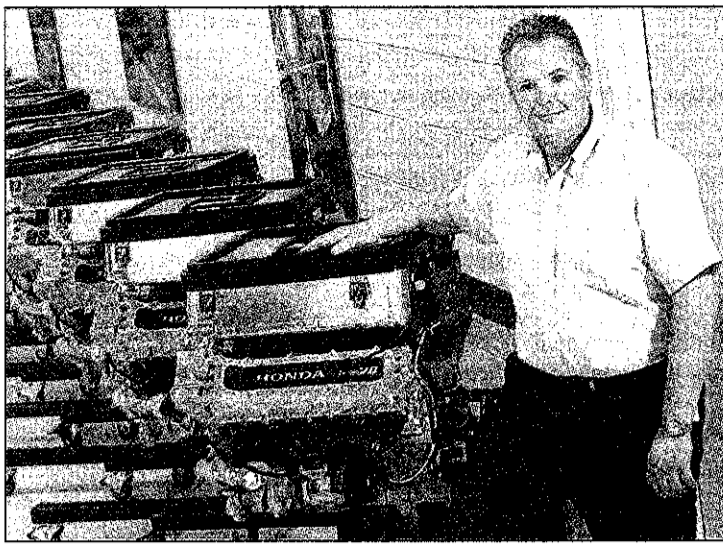


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Dave Dixon of Canton, technical department manager at Ilmor Engineering in Plymouth, oversaw the building of 24 engines being used in the Indianapolis 500.

With parts coming in from all over the world, logistics have been the project's biggest problem.

"It's a problem of logistics more than technical difficulties," said Dave Dixon of Canton, Ilmor's technical department manager. "The technical difficulties that arose were handled in the weeks prior to the actual building. You do durability tests, etc., to overcome them so you know what you're building is reliable."

"Logistically, it's a huge problem. The components come from the United Kingdom, we have U.S. source components, some Japanese source components," Dixon added, "so to have all suppliers be on time and have U.S. Customs be helpful is absolutely necessary. We had a few harrowing moments with just-in-time delivery."

Ray said the single-manufacturer circumstance is an unusual one, what with the number of manufacturers - Nissan, Oldsmobile, Ford, Mercedes, Porsche, Alpha-

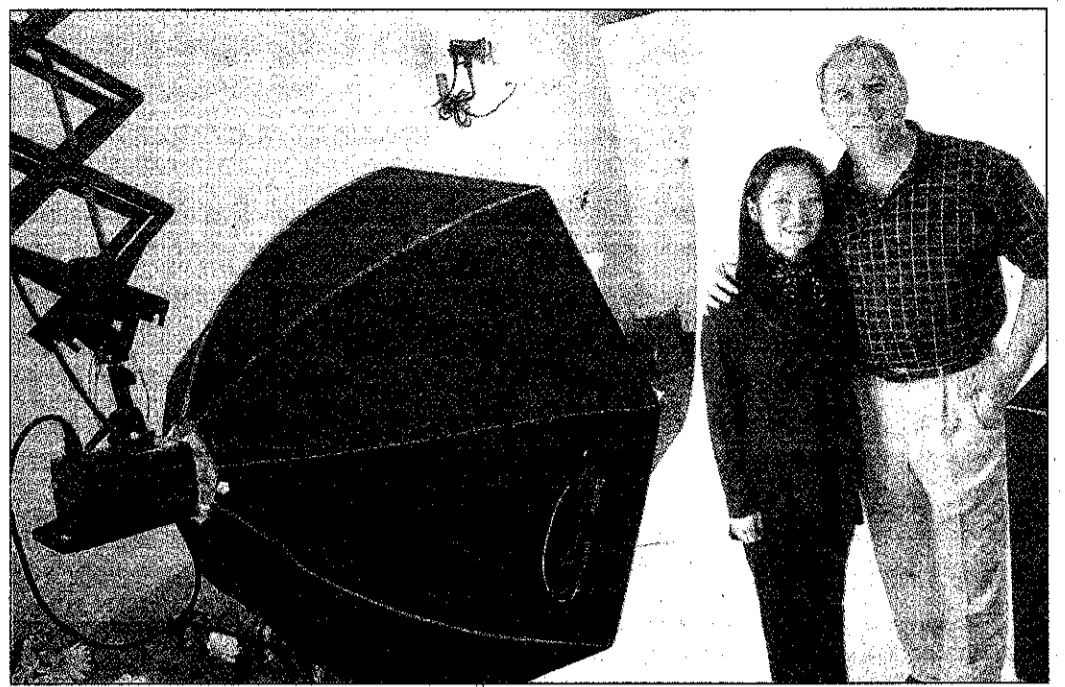
Romeo - that have been around, some since the 1960s. But the split a few years ago into separate CART and IRL factions left Indy racing with competing series.

"There have been a lot of other manufacturers involved if you look back over the years," Ray said. "The last couple of years Toyota and GM have been involved (but) both quit last year. If you look at the history of Indy car racing, manufacturers come and go."

Dixon said the Ilmor people are happy an Ilmor engine will win the race, but each builder still wants his or her engine to be in the car that actually wins.

"I guess we all have our personal favorites," Dixon said. "Working in this industry you develop a following for certain drivers. The gentlemen who do the final assembly for these engines want their car to take the checkered flag."

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Naoko and John Vena's Canton studio, CLIX, is offering free sittings for military families with a loved one deployed overseas.

# Portrait from the homefront

## Studio sends troops photos from home

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

As a former Navy man, John Vena knows how hard it can be to be away from home during active duty service.

"It's tough. When you finally get to make a phone call home, your wife is in tears and the kids are sick and then the car breaks down. And you're in the field trying to do a job," Vena said.

So he and wife, Naoko Vena, who earlier this month opened their new Canton

photo studio called CLIX, are trying to help families of servicemen and service-women who find themselves in the same position. Military families with a loved one deployed to active duty overseas can get a free portrait sitting. CLIX will ship two 8-by-10-inch photo sheets to any APO/FPO military address.

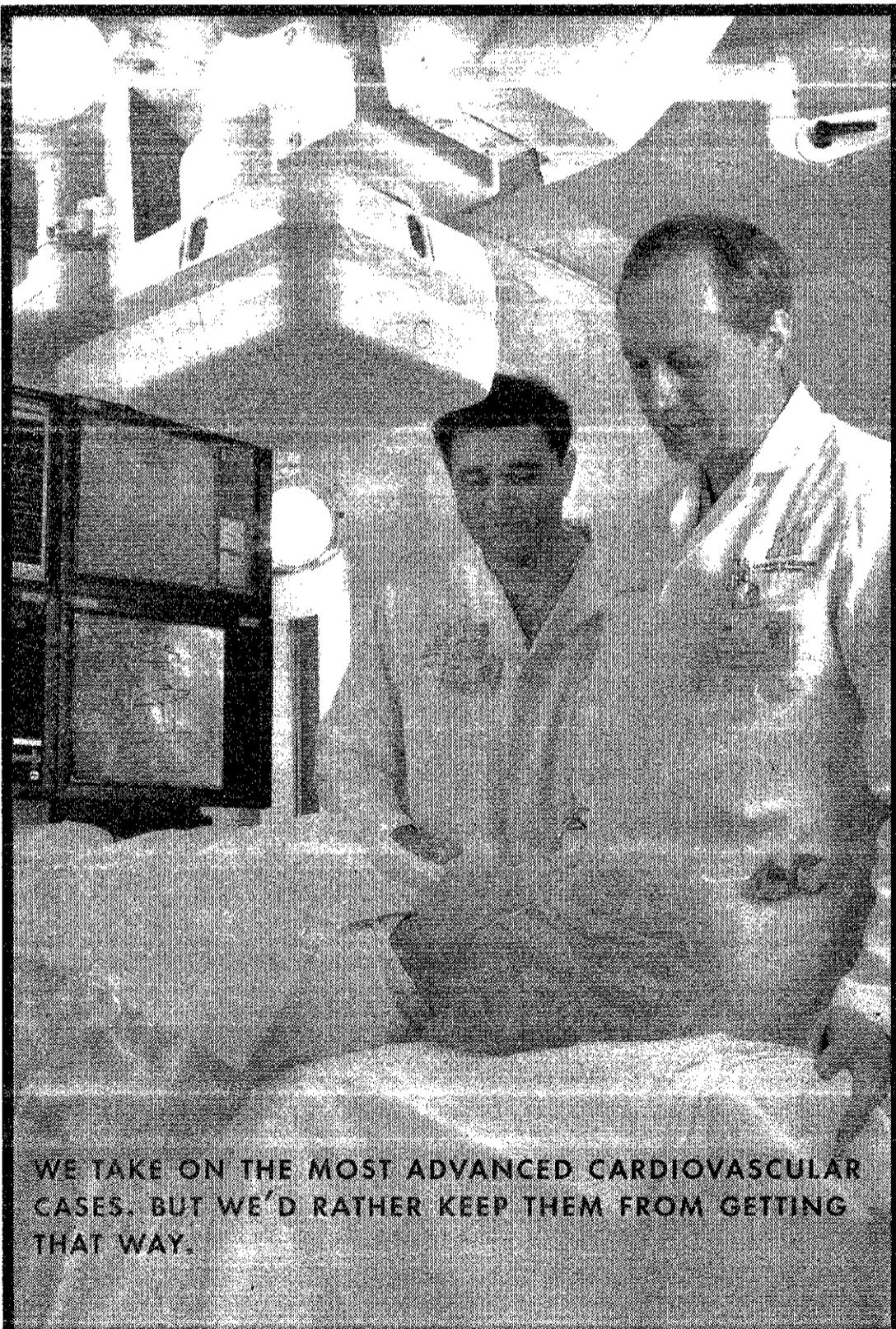
And while receiving a family portrait from home may be priceless to a soldier, the Venas, of Plymouth, said it's the least they can do to help lift the spirits of servicemen

who are far from home.

"Everyone has a ribbon on their cars, and everyone wants to help. I hope all businesses will want to do something," Vena said. "It's not much, really. We won't get broke, and something like this won't make us rich, but it's just a little something we can do."

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It is one of many computer training courses the chamber has scheduled throughout 2006. The courses are open to both chamber members and the public.

"The chamber is proud to offer educational programs to our Chamber Members, business owners, employees, and residents of Canton," said Dianne Cojei, chamber president. "We have seen quite a turn out at these functions. The classes we offer are high-quality courses that we feel will help to enrich the Canton business community."

Cost for the seminar is \$25 for chamber members and \$40 for non-members. Class size is limited. Registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

To register contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

## CHAMBER NEWS

### Networking luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host a networking luncheon on June 7 at 11:30 a.m. at Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages, dessert and a guest speaker presentation. This luncheon is open to the public.

June's luncheon will feature guest speaker Kim Grassel, a claims representative for State Farm Insurance's Special Investigative Unit. Kim's personal mission is to educate Michigan legislators and the public on issues concerning auto insurance and the impact of insurance fraud on society. She will be discussing types of insurance fraud and current trends such as staged car accidents. Following the presentation, there will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make a reservation, contact the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

### Grub crawl

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton

Township will be co-hosting Canton's 5th Annual Grub Crawl on Tuesday July 18, from 6:30-10:30 p.m. More than 400 people participated in the event last year.

The event is a great opportunity for area restaurants to showcase their establishment as well as promote Canton's diversity while having fun. Some of the participating restaurants include: Applebee's, Back Home Bakery, Bailey's Pub and Grille, Buffalo Wild Wings, Central City Diner, Four Friends Bar and Grill, Mexican Fiesta, Rose's Restaurant, The Crows Nest, The Rusty Nail, Shark Club, T.C. Gator's, and T.G.I. Fridays.

"The Grub Crawl is truly an event for the community and businesses. It's really important that we continue to have functions that include our entire community, and the Grub Crawl gives us this opportunity," said Dianne Cojei, chamber president.

All participants of this event, which is open to the public, must be 21 years old or older.

If you are interested in becoming a participant of the Grub Crawl or to find out more about sponsorships, please contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

## KARAOKE

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She encouraged him to enter the contest, and he did. And he won. Then he went on to state finals in Lansing. And Carter won again, beating out 34 Karaoke enthusiasts. Now he'll go up against seven other Karaoke singers in the National Karaoke Idol Championship in Las Vegas on June 26.

If he wins, Carter will get \$5,000, 20 hours of studio time and a record deal with Remedy Records. But what he's most excited about is being able to perform on-stage with Kool & the Gang.

Carter has been singing most of his life, and is the lead singer in a metro area top-40 band, Chateau. He describes himself as a mix of Luther Vandross, Marvin Gaye and Teddy Pendergrass.

"I grew up on Motown music," said the Ann Arbor native who moved to Canton a decade ago. "But I never really got serious about singing until I was in junior high."

But he's serious now, busy preparing for his trip to Las Vegas. He's still choosing his music, but Carter is pretty sure he'll sing "Disco Inferno" by The Trammps, one of the songs he sang while qualifying for the championship. After belting out "Shining Star," as per-



Dan Carter is a fan of TV's 'American Idol.'

formed by The Manhattanans, solidly hitting every high note, he said he may also sing that tune in Las Vegas.

"I just want something people would relate to right away. And then I want something up-tempo, so 'Disco Inferno' works," Carter said.

Carter is sure that part of the excitement surrounding the Karaoke contest is the popularity of *American Idol* on television, adding that he and his wife are also huge fans.

Winning Karaoke Idol, which is part of the entertainment lineup for the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA) International Bowl Expo, won't change his life the way sudden fame is getting ready to change Taylor

Hicks'. Carter won't be suddenly wealthy or famous. And it won't change his regular life - besides singing with Chateau, he works as a caricature artist, and spends time with his 3-year-old son - but it will be a fun getaway for the Carters, who haven't had a real vacation since before the birth of their son.

Carter modestly nodded and admitted that he may be a better singer than most people who, with or without tequila, sing at Karaoke bars, but good Karaoke isn't hard to do, he said. "Good Karaoke is just having the nerve to get up and have fun."

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## DISTRICT

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Along with Plymouth-Canton, districts that would be in line for an increase include South Lyon, Dearborn Heights, L'Anse Area Schools, Madison Public Schools and Ewen-Trout Creek.

If the Education Committee, chaired by Brian Palmer, R-Romeo, moves the bill to the full House, it would need 56 votes to pass on to the Senate. "We're going to talk a lot about the strengths of our district, and how we are efficient by self-funding our health insurance, our energy management program and how well our students are achieving,"

said Judy Mardigian, school board vice president. "We'll also talk about our challenges. The long-term financial picture is difficult for our district, and about the very real funding inequities that exist between us and our surrounding neighbors."

Mardigian said the increased funding would have huge impact in the district.

"It would mean more interventions to impact student achievement, with more support in the classroom," she said. "It all translates into more opportunities for our students."

Along with Mardigian, those testifying will include Superintendent Jim Ryan and Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Patricia Brand.

"We're always hopeful the legislators will see the good management here ... and help us with some of the financial challenges we've been put from the state's lack of funding," Ryan said.

A majority of the more than 500 school districts in the state are facing financial uncertainty, and Mardigian admits it will be a major challenge to get the Education Committee to give six school districts increased funding.

"It's probably best called a long-shot," admitted Mardigian. "At least we're going to have our day in Lansing."

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MARY REBECCA GULLEKSON, who lived at 42500 Cherry Hill, Apt. 1028, Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, 48187, died May 8, 2006. Her date of birth was May 26, 1926.

This notice is given by the Kenneth L. Gullekson and Mary R. Gullekson Joint Living Trust Agreement dated June 22, 1992, as amended.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert E. Gullekson, Co-Successor Trustee, 3857 Riverside Drive, Canton, Michigan, 48188, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: May 19, 2006.

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### 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 the installation of Windows Media and MPEG4 Broadcast Encoders for the new Thomas Workman Elementary School and West Middle School. Bid requirements are detailed in a Request For Bid (RFB # PC0603) document, which will be available beginning May 22, 2006 from the District's technology consultant: Innovate - 37558 Hills Tech Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331 or via email: [info@innovatetec.com](mailto:info@innovatetec.com). Sealed bids will be received at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located at 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at which time they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids and to waive any bid irregularities, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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# Cops try to curb crashes on Ford

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Kate Geary was driving her little red Ford Escort on Ford Road Wednesday afternoon, en route from her home in Canton to a class at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, when suddenly, another car swerved across two lanes of traffic and hit the front end of her car, ultimately totaling it.

"I was in the far right lane and she (the other driver) was coming from the left-turn lane and she just cut right across, and sideswiped me," Geary said. "The car was worth \$4,000 and I'm only going to get \$500 from insurance. I don't know what I am going to do."

For 19-year-old Geary, Wednesday was a very bad day. But statistically speaking, it was just another day on Ford Road.

Last year, there were 323 car crashes on Ford Road between Canton Center and Lotz. The Canton Police Department is trying to reduce the number of accidents on the township's main commercial corridor by conducting proactive traffic enforcement, particularly at Ford Road intersections.

"What we're hoping for is that we're visible on Ford Road. We've got signs about the traffic enforcement, and we hope that catches people's attention," said Lt. Robert Kerr. "We want them to see us. If they can pay attention and drive more carefully and avoid the accident, that's what we want to happen. We don't want to catch drivers doing something wrong and write a ticket."

Driver distraction and impatience are the most common causes of crashes on Ford Road, according to Kerr, and the stretch of road with the most crashes is between Lilley and Haggerty, where 128 crashes took place last year.

"The issue in that area is people coming out of shopping centers, and trying to make left turns onto Ford," Kerr said. "Someone will wave a driver out of a parking lot, but then they get broadsided by someone else."

Though the additional traffic enforcement may help in the short term, the township has implemented a long-term access management program, which includes constructing alternate service streets parallel to Ford Road, as well as closing off curb cuts and limiting parking lot entrances and exits.

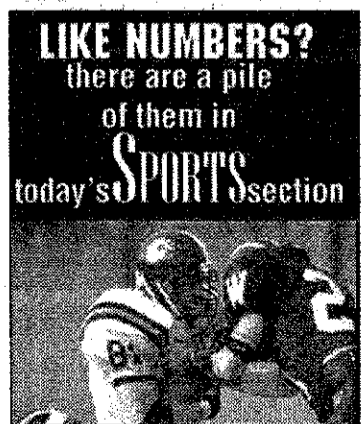
"As redevelopment of Ford Road comes in we're trying to take care of that as we go. Site plan approval for new projects can sometimes include closing off existing entrances and exits," Kerr said.

And of course, drivers need to take responsibility for their own habits.

"Ford Road can be such a pain that a lot of times I won't even make a left turn onto it," Geary said. "I'd rather turn right and drive around the block."

Kerr concurred. "By giving up five minutes of your time you can save your life."

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# Theft has veterans watching credit

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

More than 26 million U.S. veterans have cause to be concerned after a disk containing their personal data was stolen from a Veterans Affairs employee after he took the information home with him.

According to Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Nicholson, there is no evi-

dence that whoever broke into the employee's home used the personal data, or are even aware they have it.

"I would be concerned," said John Neault of American Legion Passage-Gayde Post 391 in Plymouth, who served in the Army from 1960-62. "I would think the Secret Service would be involved."

Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone of Canton Township,

the adjutant general of veteran's affairs for the state of Michigan, said more than 823,000 veterans in the state have been sent letters to check their credit histories and watch their bank accounts.

"We were notified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs soon after it was discovered," said Fausone, "and we will keep

our veterans updated if anything else happens.

"On our Web site, we give them clues to continually check their monthly financial statements, and notify their banks and credit card companies," she said. "If one of our Michigan veterans recognizes a problem, we're asking them to contact us, so we can be alerted that Michigan veterans may have been affected."

Fausone said veterans with questions can call her office in Lansing at (517) 335-6523.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs can be contacted toll free at (800) 333-4636, which is being answered from 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Veterans Affairs Web site is www.firstgov.gov.

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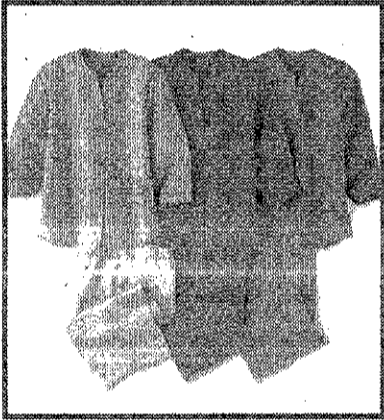
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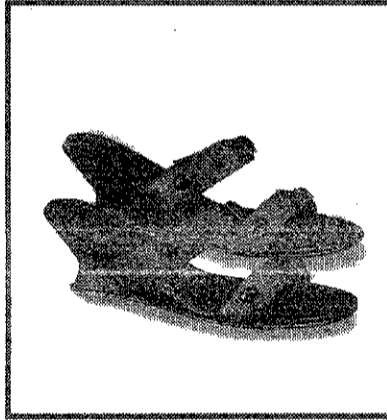
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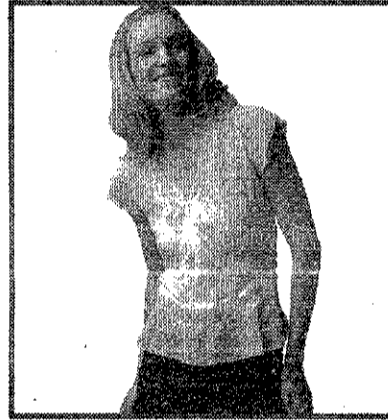
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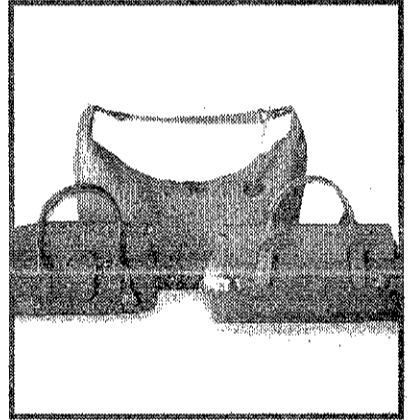
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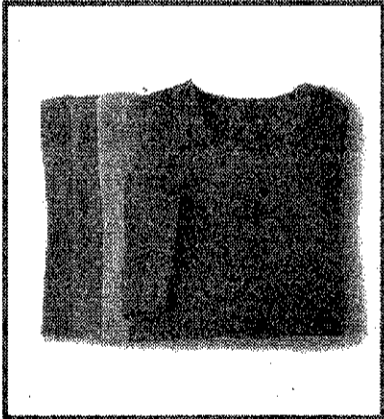
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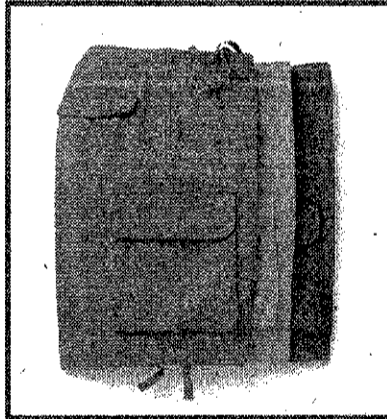
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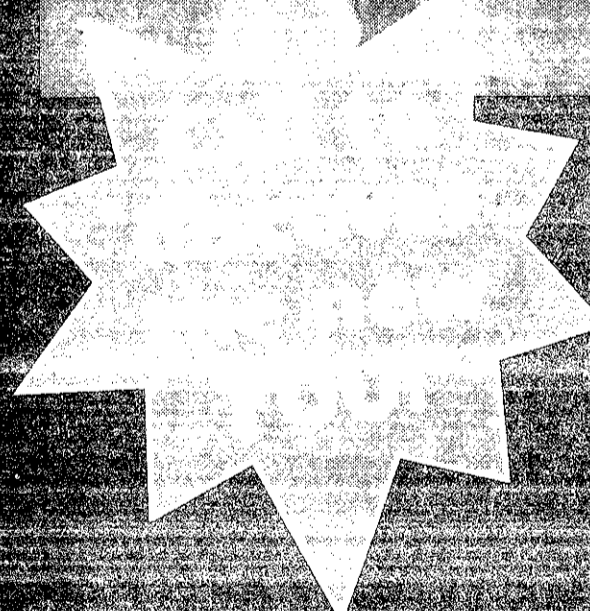
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## West qualifies for DI global finals

The Destination Imagination team from West Middle School competed this week in the global finals against teams from more than 20 countries around the world after their performance at the recent state tournament.

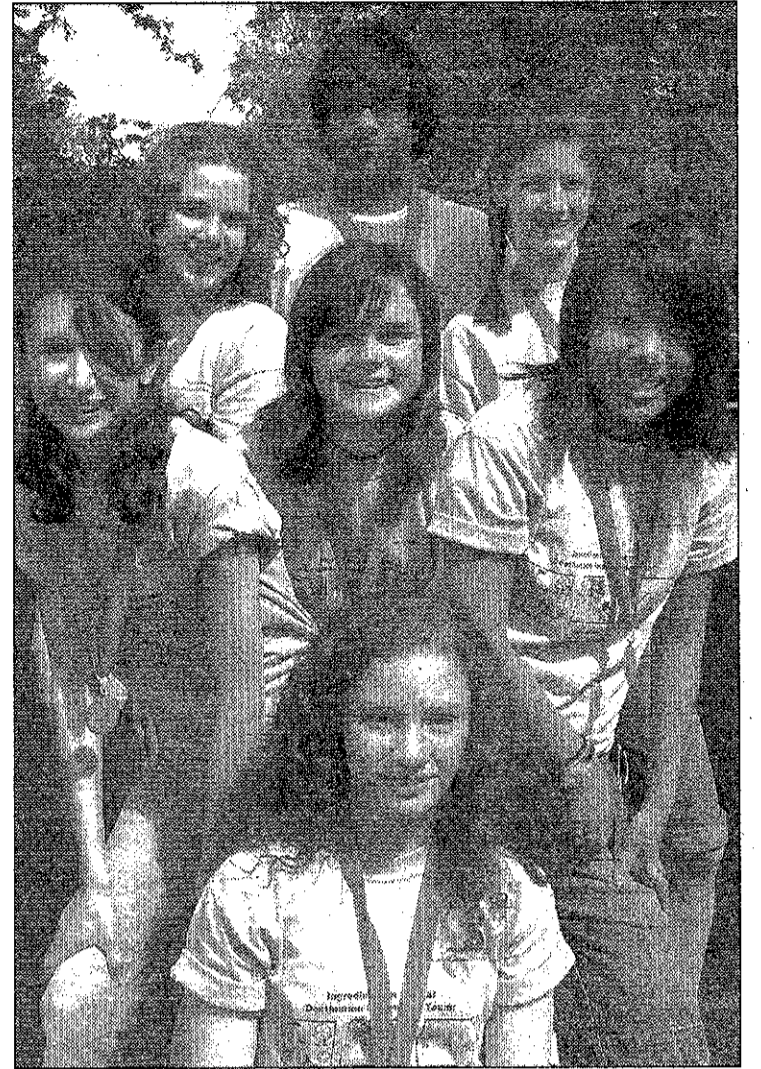
The West Team chose to compete in a performing arts challenge, for which they wrote an original script, created costumes, props and theatrical sets, composed songs and choreographed dances.

"No one can assist them with their work," said Karen Palgut, community arts coordinator for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. "They learn a lot about teamwork, time management and the art of compromise."

The team also competed in an "Instant Challenge" where they had to solve a problem within a limited time period. The students are judged on their ability to work as a team, think on their feet and utilize problem-solving strategies.

The West team was "excited to be attending" the four-day global competition at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Palgut said. The opening ceremony was set to be attended by thousands of people from all over the world. The students are staying in student housing at the University of Tennessee and experiencing dormitory life, including meals in the dining hall. They will be staying in a dorm with teams from several other states, Guatemala and Mexico.

Destination Imagination is the world's largest creativity and problem-solving organization. Their programs help students develop a unique and critical skill set by



West Middle School Destination Imagination team members (back row) Adam Harrison, Jayesh Srivastava and Alyssa Garbarino; (middle row) Cara Delaney, Rachel Palgut and Stephanie Poe; and (front row) Kelly Filios are in Tennessee this week competing in the Destination Imagination global finals.

emphasizing creativity, problem solving and teamwork. While kids generally think of it as a lot of fun, adults see other benefits.

"Coaches and parents alike notice that the children develop self-confidence, especially when it comes to public speaking," Palgut pointed out.

"In general, they demonstrate

respect for the opinions of others and a willingness to collaborate."

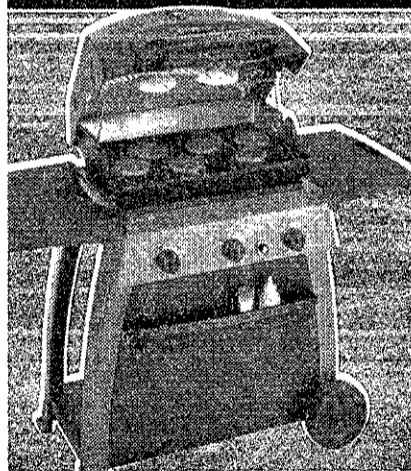
The members of the West Middle School team are eighth-graders Adam Harrison, Alyssa Garbarino, Cara Delaney, Jayesh Srivastava, Kelly Filios, Rachel Palgut and Stephanie Poe.

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## Cowboy vigilantes, fear test 'immigrant nation' boast

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We died in your hills, we died in your deserts, We died in your valleys and died on your plains. We died 'neath your trees and we died in your bushes. Both sides of the river, we died just the same.

Goodbye to my Juan, goodbye Rosalita, Adios mis amigos, Jesus y Maria; You won't have your names when you ride the big airplane, All they will call you will be 'deportees'

— Woody Guthrie  
*Plane Wreck at Los Gatos (Deportee)*

Woody Guthrie wrote the words to this song in 1948 after hearing a radio news report about a plane crash over Los Gatos Canyon in California. The plane was taking illegal immigrants back to Mexico.



Hugh Gallagher

In those days, the big growers ran a nifty little scam. They'd hire illegals and then before they paid them their last wages, they called the immigration service to report on them. The illegals would be flown back to Mexico and have to run across the border again, only to sign on with the same

land owner that just turned them in. Of course, nothing ever happened to the growers, except that they got rich and fat on migrant labor.

Meanwhile, the immigrants were likely to drown, freeze, dehydrate, get shot or die in a plane they never wanted to fly on.

The more things change ... Woody's song wrestles with some of the same issues that have come up in the recent debates about immigrants. While he is obviously sympathetic to the migrant workers, he wonders about whether this is "the best way we can grow our big orchards." As a lefty labor union supporter, Woody probably had concerns about job competition for legal residents as well, especially at a time when more citizens worked as farm laborers.

The debate over illegal immigration, particularly immigration from Mexico, has unearthed some real concerns about how porous our borders have become, about the dangerous smuggling of humans across the border, about the mistreatment of workers by employers and about the increase in crime in some border communities. But the debate has also unearthed a deep well of xenophobia, political opportunism and cowboy bravado.

The most reckless of these cowboys came to speak before a group of appreciative Birmingham Republican women recently. Chris Simcox is playing out a fantasy as leader of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, a group of vigilantes by anyone's definition. He claims that he was appalled by seeing scores of illegals at a southwestern national park shortly after Sept. 11. He "vowed" he'd do what the government wasn't doing.

The former teacher took a job as an assistant editor at the *Tombstone Tumbleweed* in Arizona, in the town of the Earps, Doc Holliday, the Clantons and the Gunfight at the OK Corral. Like John Wayne, he decided he'd round up a posse and go after these Mexican varmints.

His group is acting as a private police force, picking up suspected illegals, and they are armed *only* "for self-defense purposes." Yee-hah.

And he's concerned that they have an image of being Billy Bob Rednecks. Well if it walks like a duck, talks like a duck ...

He espouses sympathy for the illegals and disdain for their American employers and the government. But, more importantly, he is relishing his role as a radio talk show darling.

Simcox's grandiose ego trip (which was applauded by the Birmingham audience, who seemed to like his macho swagger) is just the most serious example of how the immigration issue post-9/11 has unearthed some serious political grandstanding.

We've had national and state legislation to make sure everyone understands that English is our language. We've had state legislation to withhold services from noncitizens, including those who pay taxes for those services. We've had a bill passed in the U.S. House making felons of illegal immigrants and, possibly, making it a crime to provide even humanitarian assistance to them. The bill also provides for the construction of a wall hundreds of miles long on the Mexican border (one Southfield man wondered, *seriously*, why they aren't building one along that Canadian border).

A Senate bill seems to provide the best balance of security and fairness on the issue. But the real question we have to ask is what this issue is doing to us as "a nation of immigrants" and whether the rhetoric and posturing needs to end.

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## Whenever they died, fallen soldiers are still with us

The names ... The names ...

I've been doing some historical research lately, going through newspapers from the 1940s. My focus wasn't on World War II, but I kept getting pulled to it.

Every issue of the local newspaper included a weekly listing of those who were killed, wounded or missing in battle. Sometimes there were photos. Almost all were young men in dapper uniforms. Some look way too young to be carrying guns in battle.

But that's what war is all about. Death. Especially the death of the young and the innocent.

Every week there were headlines rattling off numbers, "8 killed ..." "16 die in Europe ..." "32 casualties this week ..."



Greg Kowalski

There would follow a list of names, noting where they had died: Europe, Iwo Jima, Italy, New Guinea, Guam. Some were shot down in bombers, but in most cases, the exact cause of death was not noted. Some would list family ties, like survivors, including their parents, wives and children.

There they were, a paragraph summing up a life that was over half a world away. You get an odd feeling looking at the picture of a soldier and reading about his death. What kind of person was he? What did he do before the war? And most importantly, "What would he have done if he had lived?"

We'll never know the answer to that last question.

And we can only imagine the devastation caused by the death. In those days, the news of death was delivered by a telegram. It seems rather cold, but that message was received that way more than 291,000 times during the four years that the United States fought in World War II.

Looking back over the years, the our war casualties are staggering: 54,402 in World War I; 33,741 in Korea; 47,474 in Vietnam; 191,963 in the Civil War; 4,435 in the Revolutionary War; 2,260 in the War of 1812; 1,733 in the Mexican War; 385 in the Spanish American War; 147 in the Persian Gulf War.

And now 2,458 in Iraq. So far. (Please note, different sources give different casualty numbers, and no one can ever know exactly how many people died in any

war through direct combat and the effects of war.) But every single one of those numbers was a person. Someone who had a family of some sort, had likes and dislikes, suffered hardships and had moments of joy. Each made a mark on the world in their own way whether they fought and died in 1776 or 2006.

Looking at those fragile, yellowed newspaper pages at the names and faces of soldiers who died more than 60 years ago they don't seem remotely distant. One photo reminded me startlingly of my father. I have a picture of him when he was in the service in World War II. He spent five years in the Army and had every moment of it. But he served well in North Africa and Italy, so much so that the military wanted him to go to Germany after the war to be part of the command that over-saw the occupation.

He would have none of it. He had a wife and son and wanted to come home. He did come home and went on to have a daughter and two more sons, including me.

How many others who fought in the war were denied the opportunity to have their own families. Who was never born because their father or mother died defending this country? Again, we'll never know. But we must never forget.

That's what Memorial Day is all about. It isn't about raising the flag or firing guns in salute, although that certainly is an appropriate tribute.

Memorial Day is about people. The living, but especially the dead.

You can keep them alive by remembering them.

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# State's economy will be main topic at Mackinac Conference

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, Michigan's movers and shakers will gather on Mackinac Island for the Detroit Regional Chamber's annual power parlay, the Mackinac Policy Conference.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano will participate in a conference staple Friday, the Big Five (formerly Big Four) panel with Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, Macomb County Commission Chair Nancy White and now Windsor Mayor Eddie Francis. "It's a way to interact with regional leaders - Brooks, the mayor, Nancy White - and business leaders," Ficano said.

Ficano said businesses have approached him at past conferences about the county's efforts to promote alternative fuels, which has become a focus of the Ficano administration over the last year. He said the state's lagging economy and what to do about it will be



Ficano

the main topic of conversation at the island's Grand Hotel.

The conference, May 31 to June 2, gives government and business leaders a chance to unwind with golf, tennis, running and hiking events while gathering to discuss top issues. Highlights include a forum with gubernatorial candidates Jennifer Granholm and Dick DeVos and programs on doing business in China, building an entrepreneurial environment, job creation and Michigan's economic future, competing in a "flat world," the auto industry, quality schools, health care and the 2006 elections.

Richard Blouse, president and CEO of the Detroit Regional Chamber, said this is the 26th year the event has been held on Mackinac Island. "But actually it began nearly 100 years ago and was held annually as stag cruise on the

Great Lakes," he said. Blouse said it's an opportunity to get a diversity of people, between 1,500 and 1,700 attendees annually, discussing a variety of issues.

"We're teeing up on issues that may not be on the public radar yet," he said.

This year's program will lead off with a presentation on trade with China by Jack Perkowski.

"The idea is to bring in outside speakers that can spread some light and point us in new directions," he said.

For Ficano it's a chance to promote economic growth.

"The main topic will be jump starting the economy," Ficano said. "What will be required to get as much economic growth as possible."

He said participants will be especially interested in the

views of the gubernatorial candidates on the economy.

"What people are looking for are economic growth ideas," he said. "What are the formulas or specifics that will bring economic growth to the state, not just platitudes but actual, direct ideas."

Ficano will be promoting several regional development ideas centered around two hot topics - development of and around Detroit Wayne County Metro Airport and development of alternative energy sources, particularly ethanol fuel.

"The biggest asset for the

region is the airport and the aerropolis," he said.

A federally funded \$100 million engineering study for a light rail system between Ann Arbor and Detroit is nearing completion.

"They'll probably set out five routes with the two most practical along I-94 and Michigan Avenue," Ficano said. "I think it's feasible ... it's bookended by the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. The airport is a transportation asset and you're seeing development along the whole 94 corridor."

Ficano said the long-delayed

Pinnacle Aeropark project was moving forward. He said the county is in discussions with "two or three developers."

"What sparked all this is alternative fuel," he said. "Not only with Michigan State, but companies are interested in coming in."

The county has been working with Michigan State, which holds patents for the development of E-85 biodiesel, succinic acid and other alternative fuels. Ficano wants to create 20 gas stations by the end of this year to sell E-85 fuel, with another 20 by the end of next year.

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## 'Long' afternoon: 'Cats fall in 15-inning thriller

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Bridget Long's diary had plenty of thoughts in Wednesday's tension-filled Western Lakes Activities Association girls softball final. The Livonia Churchill senior pitcher turned in a Houdini-like performance, wiggling out of several situations before delivering the game-winning hit as the Chargers outlasted

### PREP SOFTBALL

host Plymouth in 15 innings, 2-1. Plymouth outhit Churchill, 12-5, but couldn't capitalize on serious chances in the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th innings. "It tried to keep the ball moving, in-and-out, up-and-down," said Long, who had 10 strikeouts and walked four. "I just

went out and tried my hardest. It means a lot because we've worked hard all year to get to this."

Churchill, 20-10 overall and a 3-1 loser to Plymouth earlier in the season, had trouble scoring or even putting runners on base against Wildcats hurler Claire Ostrowski, who struck out eight.

Ostrowski was on cruise control during the middle innings, retiring 15 straight batters until

Amber Holod singled in the top of the ninth.

Ironically, Ostrowski did not allow a walk, but hit two batters.

One of those HBs, however, came back to haunt her.

Churchill first baseman Cat Sidor, who homered over the right field fence in the opening inning, was hit by an Ostrowski pitch to start the top of the 15th. She advanced to second on Alecia Czapski's sacrifice

bunt and took third on passed ball.

That set the stage for Long, who blooped a single to left field on a two-out, 3-2 count to bring home the go-ahead run.

"I just tried to crowd the plate because I have trouble with inside pitches," Long said.

"When I looked up and saw it drop, I got excited."

Long got the first two outs in

PLEASE SEE THRILLER, B5

## High 5's

### Euro Stars Level 5 gymnasts capture state team title

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Plymouth-based Euro Stars Level 5 girls gymnastics team wear blue-and-white uniforms, but their performance at the Michigan state meet earlier this month had a solid gold tint to it.

Sparked by individual state champions Brittany Ausland (vault), Taylor Reickhoff (vault and bars) and Gina Contardi (uneven bars), the Euro Stars accumulated 113.125 points and vaulted over the best competition Michigan had to offer May 6 and 7.

Also placing in the top five in their respective age divisions were Taryn McLaughlin, Madison Torok, Mikaela Pierce, Alex Kiers, Ade Jefferson, Caitlyn Webb and Kasey Winczkowski.

### CHALLENGING SPORT

Peter Gueorguiev, who co-owns Euro Stars Gymnastics Inc. along with his wife Tania, said a lot of elements go into earning a state gymnastics title — no matter what the level of competition.

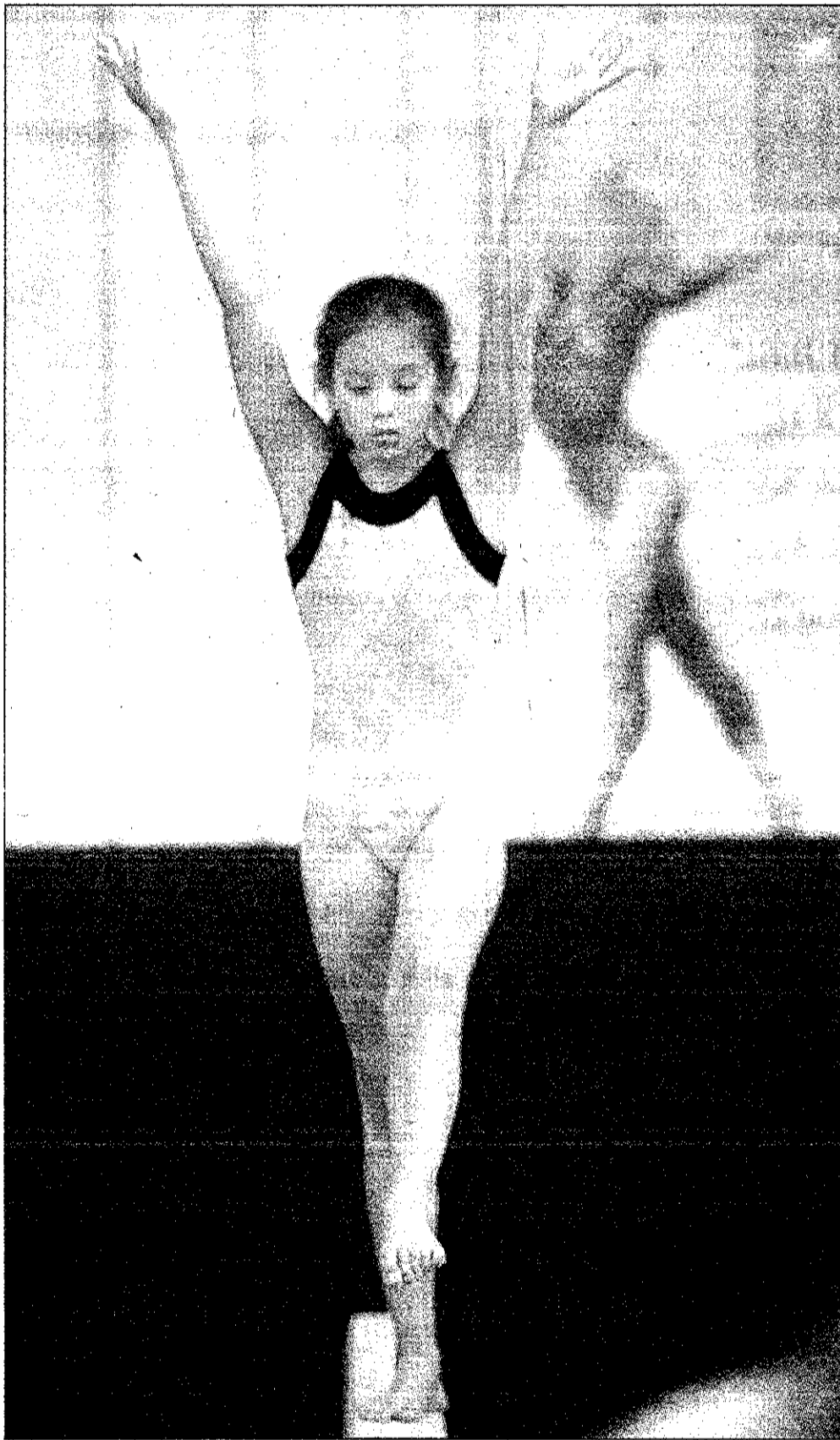
"It's a very difficult sport and it takes a lot of sacrifice and commitment from the kids," said Gueorguiev. "Our main goal is to provide fun and fitness for the athletes. They set their goals, then we try to help them reach those goals."

"A lot of the gymnasts are here training for three hours after school from Monday through Friday. It's not easy, but they enjoy it or they'd be out doing something else."

### FROM THE BEGINNING

Many of the Euro Stars' Level 5

PLEASE SEE EURO STARS, B3



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Taylor Reickhoff practices her balance beam routine Monday afternoon at the Euro Stars Gymnastics Inc. facility in Plymouth. Reickhoff helped the Euro Stars Level 5 squad to a first-place finish in the state meet May 6 and 7.

## Area set to host over 160 softball teams

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Approximately 160 girls fast-pitch softball teams will converge on Plymouth and Canton the weekend of June 16-18 for a pair of tournaments that will result in coveted berths to the USSSA and ASA World Series for the champions.

The PC Pride girls fast-pitch organization will host a 70-team USSSA tournament that will be played at Plymouth Township Park, Pioneer Middle School and the P-CEP complex in Canton. The event is the largest organization-run USSSA girls fast-pitch tournament in Michigan this year.

"It's grown beyond our expectations from when we first started hosting the tournament five years ago," said Pride spokesperson Denny Taylor. "It's at the point now where we have to turn teams away because we just don't have enough fields."

Taylor said the key to the tournament's success is the volunteer work put in by the Pride players' parents.

"Their giving of their time is what makes it successful," Taylor said. "They all understand what it takes to be a good host. They're out there at the fields on Friday morning at 8 a.m. setting up tents, concession stands and everything else."

The PC Pride organization is a sub-entity of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GCYBSA). This year, the Pride will field nine teams in age groups U10 to U16.

Schedules for the tournament will be posted on the Pride's Web site — www.eteamz.com/pcpride — beginning June 10, Taylor said.

That same weekend, the Computware girls fast-pitch organization will host a 90-team ASA tournament at the Canton Sports Center complex, which is located on Michigan Avenue in Canton.

## Little earns respect on and off the field

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

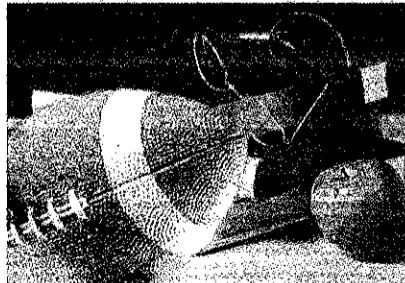
The words left Canton baseball coach Scott Dickey's mouth about a half-second after he saw the ball leave Shawn Little's bat and rocket toward the right-center field gap during the bottom of the fifth inning of Tuesday afternoon's game against Plymouth.

"Get here, Shawn! Get here!" Dickey yelled from his third-base coaching box.

Most high school baseball players would have been satisfied with a stand-up double on the scorching line drive that was cut off by the Wildcats' right fielder just before it reached the fence some 340 feet away.

But the seemingly jet-propelled Little proved why he's anything but typical when he used his sprinter's speed to motor around the bases and meet Dickey at third base with a stand-up triple.

The electrifying play was just the latest example of what has made Little a two-sport force for the Chiefs' football and baseball programs the past four years.



### Prep Profile

"Shawn is one of those athletes who is respected by his teammates, his coaches and his opponents because of the way he carries himself, both on and off the field," said Dickey. "He's not only a tremendous athlete, he's a tremendous leader and a class kid."

### IMPRESSIVE NUMBERS

Little's statistics this season have mirrored his athletic ability. He had compiled a .433 batting average, 24 runs scored and 20 runs-batted-in prior to

Saturday's double-header at Novi Catholic Central. Little had also racked up a team-high nine steals (in 10 attempts) and a 6-2 pitching mark that helped him earn a spot on the 2006 WLAA All-Conference team.

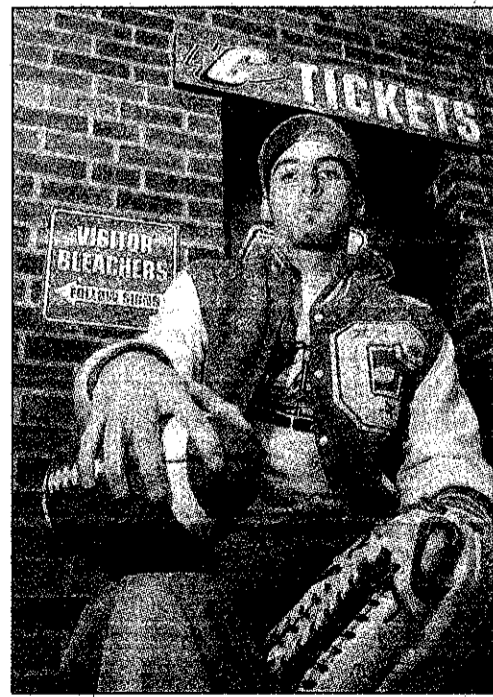
While his numbers are impressive, it's the little things Little does that have earned him the admiration of his coaches and teammates.

"Shawn didn't start our game against Stevenson Wednesday," Dickey said. "In the first inning, a batter hit a foul ball into the woods. Well, the first players to get up and go look for the ball were Shawn and our other captain, Tarik Khasawneh. A lot of times when there's a foul ball like that, the players on the bench will wait until somebody else gets up and chases it. But Shawn didn't hesitate. It was a small thing, but it showed what kind of a teammate Shawn is."

### QUICK CONTRIBUTOR

Little's contributions to the Chiefs'

PLEASE SEE LITTLE, B5



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Shawn Little has been a two-sport standout for the Chiefs over the past four years. The strong-armed senior was recently voted onto the WLAA All-Conference baseball team as a pitcher. On the gridiron, he posted a 30-3 record in three seasons as the Chiefs' starting quarterback.

## Sidelines

### Girls hoop camps

The Salem and Canton girls basketball teams will be sponsoring two upcoming summer camps.

A camp for girls entering 7th, 8th and 9th grades in the fall of 2006 will be held June 19-23. Seventh-graders will attend the camp from 12:45-2:45 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School. The time and site for the eighth- and ninth-graders will be 1-3 p.m. at Canton High School.

A camp for girls entering 4th, 5th and 6th grades will be held June 26-30. The camp for fourth-graders will be held from 12:45-2:45 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School. The time and site for the fifth- and sixth-graders will be 1-3 p.m. at Canton High School.

The cost of both camps is \$70.

For more information, contact Community Education at (734) 416-2937.

### Lady Warriors split

The Plymouth-Canton Salem girls lacrosse team wrapped up its inaugural season earlier this week by edging Ann Arbor Pioneer, 5-4, one night after failing to Lansing Catholic Central/Waverly, 11-3.

Ashlie Fochlone scored the game-winning goal with 40 seconds remaining in the win over Pioneer. She was assisted by Lauren Medley, Kate Spangler, Heather Duncan and Morgan Franke (two) also scored for the Warriors, who received excellent defensive efforts from Laura Burton, Sara Tiderington, Angel Lucas and goalie Samantha Weidendorf.

The Lady Warriors lost to Pioneer in the season opener for both teams, 12-0, in April.

"The Lady Warriors' inaugural season could not have had a more perfect ending," said coach Dave Medley, referring to the victory over the Pioneers.

Scoring for PCS in the loss were Franke, Kristen Schwan and Medley.

### CC camp

Detroit Catholic Central coach Tom Mach will be holding his 24th Annual Westside Football Camp (non-contact) for players in grades 5th through 9th at the school's new site in Novi on June 19-22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$165. Registration forms are available online at www.catholiccentral.net or by calling (313) 531-7251.

### 'Cat grid meeting

There will be a mandatory meeting for all parents of returning 2006 Plymouth High School football players and the parents of incoming freshmen players. The meeting is set for Tuesday, June 6, at 7 p.m. in the PHS cafeteria.

# Field-event stars lead Chargers to 2nd WLAA girls track crown

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

## GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

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**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Churchill, 152 points; 2. Northville, 100; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 90; 4. Salem, 64; 5. Livonia Franklin, 60; 6. Plymouth, 47; 7. Canton, 36; 8. Walled Lake Northern, 36; 9. Westland John Glenn, 35; 10. Walled Lake Western, 32; 11. Walled Lake Central, 8; 12. Wayne Memorial, 2.

**FINAL RESULTS**  
**Shot put:** 1. Kyndra Abbron (LC), 39 feet, 5 inches; 2. Jenna Hudy (LF), 38-2; 3. Robyn Whalen (LF), 36-6; 4. Lauren Krupsky (LC), 36-1; 5. Kailee Hobbins (LC), 32-1; 6. Anita Foss (N), 31-9; 7. Andrea Poindexter (WM), 31-8; 8. Becca Bartek (LS), 31-1.

**Discus:** 1. Abbron (LC), 118-11; 2. Krupsky (LC), 110-0; 3. Whalen (LF), 110-4; 4. Corraen Weber (WLN), 103-8; 5. Hobbins (LC), 101-9; 6. Kari Prena (WLC), 100-7; 7. Hudy (LF), 98-5; 8. Colette Fodera (LS), 90-6.

**High jump:** 1. Alyssa Supplee (LF), 5-5; 2. Brittany Petty (P), 5-3; 3. Brianna Jenkins (N), 5-2; 4. Izabella Paszkowska (Canton), 5-1; 5. Jessica Novakowski (WLN), 5-1; 6. (tie) Kara Plorkowski (LS) and Meghan Liwski (LS), 4-9 each; 8. Meghan Matheny (Canton), 4-9.

**Long jump:** 1. Stephanie Okolo (P), 16-10; 2. Megan Wilson (LF), 16-8; 3. Ashley Parker (WJG), 16-1; 4. Chanel Payne (WJG), 15-11; 5. Brittany McKinney (Canton), 15-3; 6. Dana Eldred (Salem), 15-3; 7. Allie Plisko (LS), 14-11; 8. Paige Stuart (N), 14-11.

**Pole vault:** 1. Novakowski (WLN), 10-4; 2. Allie Vraniak (S), 9-8; 3. Eren Ural (LC), 9-2; 4. Jackie Demers (LC), 9-2; 5. Julie Foucher (N), 9-2; 6. Amy Reynolds (N), 8-8; 7. Katie Hale (P), 8-8; 8. Kelly Tapella (LF), 8-8.

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Diane Burek (LS), 15.43; 2. Brittany Lockhart (Salem), 15.49; 3. O'Malley King (N), 15.98; 4. Brittany Gentile (LS), 16.07; 5. Casey Lynett (LF), 16.29; 6. Kari Oshanski (N), 16.31; 7. Tauri Rothermel (LC), 16.51; 8. Eldred (Salem), 17.22.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Lockhart (Salem), 46.352; 2. Rothermel (LC), 48.07; 3. Lynett (LF), 48.61; 4. K. Campbell (WLC), 49.13; 5. Lockhart (Salem), 13.09; 6. Mandi Coppola (LC), 13.13; 7. Emily Kreichelt (N), 13.37; 8. Oshia Lewis (Canton), 13.44.

**100 dash:** 1. Lache' Wilkins (LC), 12.47; 2. Okolo (P), 12.74; 3. Payne (WJG), 12.87; 4. Carly Zeitlin (WLN), 12.97; 5. Lockhart (Salem), 13.09; 6. Mandi Coppola (LC), 13.13; 7. Emily Kreichelt (N), 13.37; 8. Oshia Lewis (Canton), 13.44.

**200:** 1. Parker (WJG), 26.43; 2. Marielle Kulling (LS), 26.6; 3. Coppola (LC), 26.9; 4. Kreichelt (N), 27.13; 5. Wilson (LF), 27.32; 6. Wilkins (LC), 27.55; 7. Toria Davis (Canton), 28.09; 8. Lewis (Canton), 28.83.

**400:** 1. Bryn Smetana (N), 59.45; 2. Daniella Drury (N), 1:00.0; 3. Allison Janda (Salem), 1:00.9; 4. Novakowski (WLN), 1:02.99; 5. Denee Meier (LS), 1:02.71; 6. Windsor Nell (WLN), 1:02.79; 7. Nicole Thornsberry (LC), 1:03.59; 8. Caitlin Heaney (Salem), 1:03.79.

**800:** 1. Lauren Quaintance (WLN), 2:16.39; 2. Lisa Arrowsmith (LS), 2:18.5; 3. Janda (Salem), 2:26.03; 4. Ashley Flohr (N), 2:27.05; 5. Kelli Bargowski (Canton), 2:27.06; 6. Rebecca Rehberg (LS), 2:27.95; 7. Sarah Thomas (Canton), 2:28.83; 8. Gretchen Warner (N), 2:29.94.

**1,600:** 1. Kristen Frey (LS), 5:10.88; 2. Kylene Cieslak (LC), 5:12.0; 3. Rachel McFarlane (LC), 5:16.68; 4. Lindsay Hagan (N), 5:19.53; 5. Cassandra Adamson (WLN), 5:23.92; 6. Becky McCormack (Canton), 5:29.51; 7. Rachel Wessel (WLN), 5:33.89; 8. Jessica Lupinacci (WLN), 5:35.88.

**3,200:** 1. Cieslak (LC), 11:21.04; 2. McFarlane (LC), 11:38.15; 3. Hannah Cavicchio (Salem), 11:39.22; 4. Hagan (N), 11:44.97; 5. Frey (LS), 11:49.49; 6. Megan Macerati (LC), 11:58.13; 7. McCormack (Canton), 12:00.32; 8. Pam Bhullar (P), 12:04.94.

**400 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Jill Morton, Julie Hersey, Janet Hanchett, Okolo), 5:11; 2. Northville, 5:25; 3. Stevenson, 5:15; 4. Salem, 5:16; 5. John Glenn, 5:17; 6. Churchill, 5:19; 7. Canton, 5:19; 8. W.L. Northern, 5:26.

**800 relay:** 1. Churchill (Thornsberry, Coppola, Alicia Fedrigo, Wilkins), 1:36.88; 2. Northville, 1:47.18; 3. Plymouth, 1:47.92; 4. Stevenson, 1:48.69; 5. John Glenn, 1:48.71; 6. Canton, 1:50.59; 7. Salem, 1:51.17; 8. W.L. Northern, 1:53.46.

**1,600 relay:** 1. W.L. Northern (Sarah Starrs, Nell, Quaintance, Adamson), 4:07.91; 2. Northville, 4:08.66; 3. Stevenson, 4:11.2; 4. Churchill, 4:12.69; 5. Salem, 4:23.95; 6. W.L. Northern, 4:24.15; 7. Franklin, 4:29.9; 8. Canton, 4:31.76.

**3,200 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Rehberg, Frey, Amber Cicala, Arrowsmith), 9:38.7; 2. Northville, 9:43.44; 3. Churchill, 9:50.51; 4. Canton, 9:59.21; 5. W.L. Northern, 10:23.88; 6. Franklin, 10:34.23; 7. Plymouth, 10:48.27.

Livonia Churchill's heavy-metal specialists helped turn Wednesday's Western Lakes Activities Association league meet into a "field" day for the Chargers.

With shot-putters/discus throwers Kyndra Abbron, Lauren Krupsky and Kailee Hobbins serving as the catalysts, Churchill went to great lengths to capture its second consecutive WLAA league meet title at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity stadium.

The Chargers chalked up 152 points to cruise past runner-up Northville, which finished with 100. The top half of the standings were filled out by Livonia Stevenson (90), Salem (64), Livonia Franklin (60) and Plymouth (47).

Churchill's throwers alone earned 41 points — a higher total than six entire teams.

"Our throwers definitely set the tone for us today," said Churchill coach Keith McDonald. "They stepped up and had a great day, and then we rolled from there."

"We talked about what we had to do before the meet, just like we did at the Regionals last week, and then they went out and did it. We had a lot of great P.R.'s today and three of our hurdlers finished in the top six in the 300."

Abbron, a sophomore, won gold in the shot put (39 feet, 5 inches) and the discus (118-11), and teammates Krupsky and Hobbins weren't far behind.

"Winning the league meet is right up there with winning the Regional meet," said McDonald. "Hopefully our performance will carry over to the state meet next week."

Churchill also received first-place efforts from sprinter Lache' Wilkins, who won the 100-meter dash in 12.47, distance runner Kylene Cieslak, who took the 3,200-meter run in 11:21.04, and its 800-meter relay squad (Nicole Thornsberry, Mandi Coppola, Alicia Fedrigo and Wilkins), whose time of 1:46.68 nipped the second-place Mustangs by .50.

Stevenson, which finished second to the cross-town Chargers at last week's Division 1 Regional meet, offset a sputtering start in the field events by winning three of the first five running events. The Spartans' 3,200-meter relay team of Rebecca Rehberg, Kristen Frey, Amber Cicala and Lisa Arrowsmith got things going by winning its race in 9:38.57. Diane Burek followed with a victory in the 100-meter hurdles (15.43) and Frey broke the tape first in the 1,600-meter run (5:10.88) two events later.

Senior Brittany Lockhart was Salem's brightest star, taking top honors in the 300-meter low hurdles (46.35) while finishing second to Burek in the highs (15.49).

## BOYS TRACK RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES  
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET  
May 24 at Canton

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Stevenson, 129 points; 2. Canton, 119; 3. Plymouth, 91; 4. Livonia Churchill, 84.5; 5. Northville, 55.50; 6. Westland John Glenn, 46; 7. Livonia Franklin, 40.5; 8. W.L. Central, 34; 9. W.L. Northern, 28.5; 10. (tie) W.L. Western and Salem, 12; 12. Wayne Memorial, 11.

**FINAL RESULTS**  
**Shot put:** 1. Ryan Jonik (Canton), 48 feet, 10 inches; 2. Bryan Henley (WJG), 47-8; 3. Greg Copeland (WJG), 47-7.5; 4. Geoff Leskie (LS), 47-1.5; 5. Jonathon Robinson (LC), 46-11; 6. Adam Gorring (WM), 46-11; 7. Joe Zupaj (Canton), 45-17.5; 8. Shaun Bailey (P), 42-8.5.

**Discus:** 1. Steve Paye (Canton), 150-6; 2. Henley (WJG), 143-9; 3. Mike Denison (WLC), 138-6; 4. Kris Bollerud (LF), 138-5; 5. Leskie (LS), 136-8; 6. Gerald Lou (P), 134-6; 7. Copeland (WJG), 128-10; 8. Austin Hassen (WM), 123-7.

**High jump:** 1. Eric Thornton (Canton), 6-5; 2. Mitchell White (LS), 6-5; 3. Cam Scharchburg (P), 6-1; 4. Jacob McDonald (LC), 6-0; 5. (tie) Ryan Sheridan (WLN) and Brad Birdsall (N), 5-11; 7. (tie) Marlon McFall (LC) and Dan Chynoweth (LF), 5-9 each.

**Long jump:** 1. D.J. Coleman (P), 20-8.5; 2. Myles White (LS), 20-5; 3. Josh Butler (Canton), 20-4.5; 4. Alante Whiting (WJG), 20-4; 5. Dave Simor (LS), 20-1.5; 6. Rico Tyus (P), 20-1; 7. Deontae Mack (WLN), 20-0.25; 8. Alex Kassel (WLN), 19-11.

**Pole vault:** 1. Ryan Santa (LC), 13-10; 2. Mike Yassay (N), 13-2; 3. Ryan Langdon (Canton), 12-10; 4. Ben Ambrose (P), 12-10; 5. Dennis Tullio (LF), 12-6; 6. Nate Sherwood (P), 11-10; 7. Joseph Adela-Tesner (LC), 11-10; 8. Rob Lindman (Canton), 11-4.

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Cavan Corcoran (N), 15.20; 2. Nate Gholston (P), 15.42; 3. Whiting (WJG), 15.46; 4. Alan Culbertson (LF), 15.86; 5. Brian Carter (WLN), 15.99; 6. Baze Eremov (Salem), 16.37; 7. Mark Zehner (LC), 16.55; 8. Myles White (LS), 16.78.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Corcoran (N), 40.92; 2. Myles White (LS), 41.44; 3. Tim Belcher (Canton), 41.86; 4. Eremov (S), 41.98; 5. Carter (WLN), 42.0; 6. Ryan Flaharty (LC), 42.29; 7. Gholston (P), 42.29; 8. Culbertson (LF), 42.62.

**100 dash:** 1. Nana Adomako (LS), 10.77; 2. Coleman (P), 10.97; 3. Eric Piwowar (Canton), 11.03; 4. Larry Dawkins (WJG), 11.15; 5. LaBroderick Caldwell (P), 11.20; 6. Brian Chandler (LS), 11.59; 7. Pat Clasgens (LC), 11.60; 8. Ian Thornton (WJG), 11.70.

**200 dash:** 1. Chandler (LS), 22.43; 2. Piwowar (Canton), 22.44; 3. Dalton Waiser (Canton), 22.96; 4. Adomako (LS), 23.23; 5. Tyus (P), 23.27; 6. William Gutowski (LC), 23.33; 7. Andrew LaBerge (LC), 23.35; 8. Kassel (WLN), 23.83.

**400 dash:** 1. David St. Amant (LC), 49.8; 2. Cyrus Azizi (Canton), 49.95; 3. Andrew Rossow (Canton), 50.87; 4. Dan Cragel (LS), 51.48; 5. Andrew Manuel (C), 51.7; 6. Curtis Jackson (WJG), 51.78; 7. Derek Buskey (LS), 51.90; 8. Ryan Zuhke (LS), 52.23.

**800 run:** 1. Matt Rzepka (LS), 1:57.73; 2. Sean Dillon (P), 1:59.82; 3. Jerrell Leggs (WLC), 2:01.25; 4. Nick Kolbow (N), 2:02.87; 5. Phaltiel Whitlock (Canton), 2:03.71; 6. Mike Gibbons (LS), 2:04.07; 7. Brandon Grysko (LC), 2:04.08; 8. Kyle Wallath (P), 2:05.19.

**1,600 run:** 1. Sean Maxwell (WLC), 4:28.30; 2. Jason Turnbull (N), 4:28.86; 3. Timothy Howse (LC), 4:33.95; 4. Grysko (LC), 4:34.89; 5. Dan Wilson (LS), 4:35.01; 6. Todd Bowmar (WLN), 4:37.26; 7. Mikey Maves (WLN), 4:37.48; 8. Mike Krcatovich (LF), 4:43.90.

**3,200 run:** 1. Tony Sanfilippo (WLC), 9:51.74; 2. Howse (LC), 9:55.30; 3. Anthony Scaparo (P), 10:04.44; 4. Dan Wilson (LS), 10:08.37; 5. Krcatovich (LF), 10:09.74; 6. Bowmar (WLN), 10:13.78; 7. Patrick Slavens (P), 10:16.70; 8. Ryan Jara (WLN), 10:19.19.

**400 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Adomako, Kevin Murawski, Clasgens, Chandler), 42.74; 2. Plymouth, 43.55; 3. Franklin, 44.93; 4. Churchill, 45.00; 5. Salem, 45.47; 6. W.L. Northern, 45.49; 7. Canton, 45.53; 8. W.L. Western, 45.85.

**800 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Adomako, Murawski, Clasgens, Chandler), 1:28.94; 2. Canton, 1:30.05; 3. Churchill, 1:32.19; 4. Franklin, 1:32.37; 5. Plymouth, 1:33.01; 6. Wayne Memorial, 1:34.30; 7. John Glenn, 1:34.39; 8. W.L. Northern, 1:35.32.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Canton (Rossow, Whitlock, Manuel, Azizi), 3:25.16; 2. W.L. Northern, 3:28.24; 3. Churchill, 3:29.67; 4. Franklin, 3:31.79; 5. Wayne Memorial, 3:32.06; 6. Stevenson, 3:32.78; 7. W.L. Central, 3:35.5; 8. Northville, 3:36.28.

**3,200 relay:** 1. Northville (Habib Khan, Ian Boyar, Nick Kolbow, Turnbull), 8:11.06; 2. Stevenson, 8:14.5; 3. Canton, 8:14.8; 4. Plymouth, 8:17.23; 5. Churchill, 8:17.6; 6. Franklin, 8:33.98; 7. W.L. Northern, 8:49.43; 8. W.L. Western, 8:58.06.

# Local teams fare well in WLAA boys meet

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

While millions of Americans watched the season finale of the hit TV series "Lost" Wednesday night, the Livonia Stevenson boys track team starred in the final segment of its two-week mini-series called "Won."

Five nights after capturing a Division 1 Regional title, the Spartans raced to the school's first Western Lakes Activities Association league meet crown by compiling 129 points — 10 more than runner-up Canton — in the 12-team competition held at the P-CEP varsity stadium.

Plymouth finished third with 91 points, followed by Livonia Churchill (84.5), Northville (55.5) and Westland John Glenn (46).

"We looked at the Regional meet as an opportunity for the kids to qualify for the state meet, but tonight's win was all about the team," said Stevenson coach Scott Shaw. "It's always nice when you can win a team championship like we did tonight. The fact that it's the first time Stevenson has won the league meet makes it even more special."

The Spartans' 400- and 800-meter relay foursomes set WLAA league meet records with times of 42.74 and 1:28.94, respectively. The 400 unit consisted of Nana Adomako, Kevin Murawski, Pat Clasgens and Brian Chandler while the 800 team was made up of Dan Wilson, Justin Black, Mike Gibbons and Matt Rzepka. Stevenson's 400-meter relay contingent has recorded the lowest time of any team in the state as of Wednesday.

Rzepka drew praise from Shaw after shaking off an injury to win the 800 in 1:57.73.

Also earning first-place medals for the Spartans were Adomako (10.77 in the 100) and Brian Chandler (22.43 in the 200).

Canton coach Bob Richardson shuffled his line-up slightly following the Regional meet in order to give the Spartans a run for their money. The strategy worked as the Chiefs trailed by just one point with five events left.

"I thought things went extremely well for us," said Richardson. "We juggled our line-up around a little and the kids responded with some of their best times of the year. Overall, this was probably our best meet of the season."

Richardson was especially pleased with the effort of senior shot-putter Ryan Jonik, who heaved the 12-pound medal sphere a career-best distance of 48 feet, 10 inches — over two feet further than his previous best attempt.

"Jonik helped set the tone for our entire team," said Richardson. "He just exploded on that throw. He really showed what he's made of."

Others garnering firsts for the Chiefs were high-jumper Eric Thornton (6-5), discus thrower Steve Paye (150-6) and their 1,600-meter relay foursome of Andrew Rossow, Phaltiel Whitlock, Andrew Manuel and Cyrus Azizi, who turned in a season-best performance of 3:25.16.

Plymouth more than doubled its 2005 WLAA league meet point total thanks to D.J. Coleman's gold-medal effort in the long jump (20-8.5) and loads of depth in just about every other event.

"To score 91 points and only win one event shows that we had a pretty solid performance," said first-year Plymouth coach Kurt Britnell. "I'm happy with finishing third, although we obviously always strive to do better. I'm very proud of the guys and I'm excited for the future. We have a very good foundation thanks to the hard work the kids have put in."

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BOYS TRACK TIMES

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Members of the Euro Stars Level 5 gymnastics team display the banner they earned at the Michigan state meet held May 6 and 7. The team trains five days a week at the Euro Stars Gymnastics Inc. facility located on General Drive in Plymouth.



Taryn McLaughlin displays her advanced skills on the uneven bars during a practice session Monday afternoon at Euro Stars Gymnastics Inc. in Plymouth.

EURO STARS

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gymnasts have been training with Gueorguiev since he opened his facility six years ago. Interest in the sport has accelerated faster than a perfectly executed cartwheel, making it necessary for Gueorguiev to expand his 8,500-square-foot training center later this summer.

to expand our facility later this summer so that more gymnasts can train here."

Gueorguiev stressed that he and his staff emphasize the importance of academics to all of the gymnasts who train at his facility.

"Probably 99 percent of the kids here are straight-A students, but if they are struggling at school, we tell them to stop gymnastics for a little while and concentrate on getting their grades up. We check their report cards after every semester to make sure they are doing well in school. That is always the first priority here."

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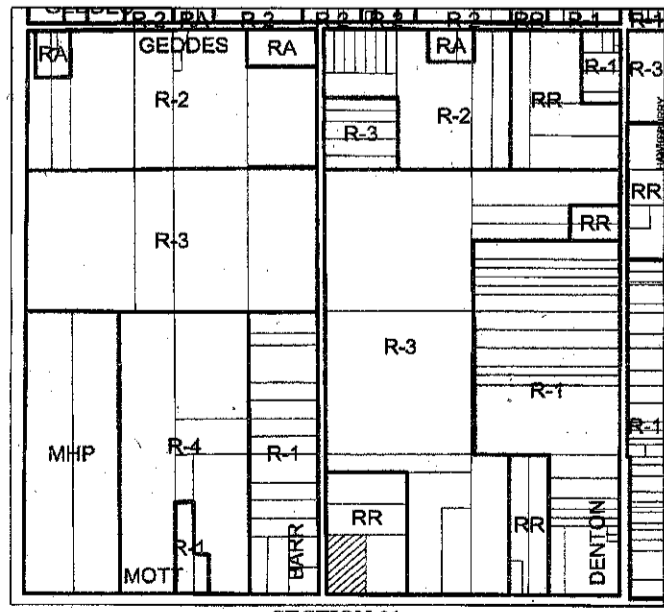
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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 19, 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:

CHOPRA REZONING: CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 124 99 0003 003 (5701 BARR ROAD) FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located at the northeast corner of Barr and Mott Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, June 15, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

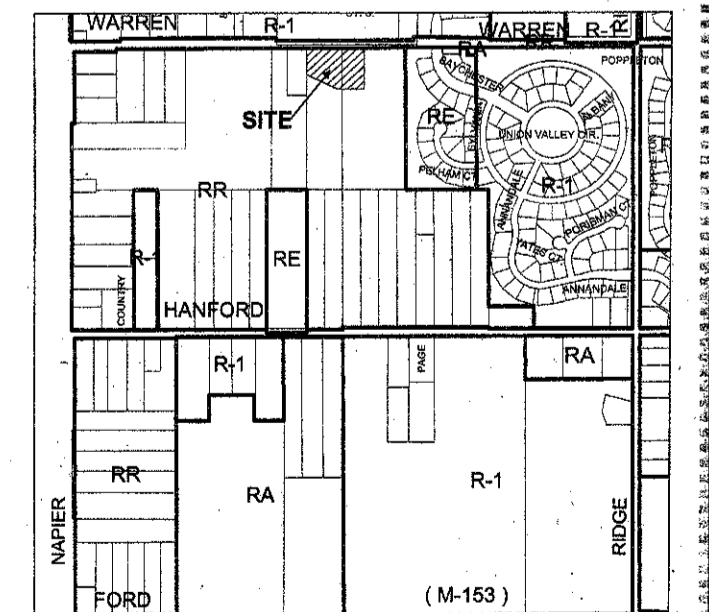
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ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT (06-1)

Consider Canton Township-initiated amendment to the following articles:

Section 27.07 - Conditional Rezoning

Create a new section which implements the provisions of Public Act No. 577 of 2004 relative to enabling the consideration of conditional zoning amendment applications.

Section 27.04 - Planned Development District

Amend to add more specific guidelines for the "definite benefit" criteria. Amend the definitions and criteria for Planned Developments which results in a creation of a "minor" Planned Development.

Section 5B - Forest Preservation and Tree Clearing

Create a new section which moves the existing forest preservation guidelines in Sections 94-31 through Section 94-36 from the Code to Appendix A - Zoning. The change also amends the criteria for review of tree removal permits.

Article 5 - Stormwater Pond Landscaping

Amend Section 5.02, Subsection I, amending the landscaping requirements for storm water detention basins and incorporating detention basin planting guidelines by reference.

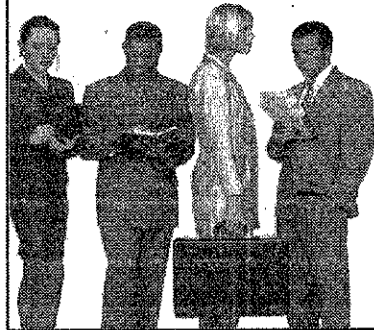
Amend Section 5.04, Changing the method of measuring the size of shade trees.

Amend Section 5.04A, Clarifying requirements for plant quality.

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 the bottom of the 15th on a strikeout followed by a good defensive play and throw to first by shortstop Jordan Kerr. But the Wildcats would not go away easily as Melissa Butzow singled, stole second and took third on Danielle Bondy's infield single. But Long buckled down again, getting Rachel Juco to end the game on a groundout to second. "Bridget's a competitor," Plymouth coach Val Canfield said. "She did a good job and kept us off balance. She pitched especially well with runners in scoring position." Plymouth shortstop Kim Klönowski went 4-for-7 in the loss. She doubled home Madison Dresser with a game-tying run all the way back in the third inning. The Wildcats then had runners on second and third and were threatening to break the game open with two outs, only to have Long come through with a strikeout to end the threat. "We put ourselves in position to win, but nobody came

through to make it happen," Canfield said. "Things would have been different with runners in scoring position and no outs. We left people on base. Even though we had 12 hits, we really pressured ourselves at the plate. I think we were pressing with runners on and we usually don't do that." The loss dropped Plymouth, the Western Division champion, to 22-7-1 overall. "It was a heartbreaker, it's an emotional loss," Canfield said. "Offensively we were solid. We averaged 12 to 15 hits per game. Our defense was unbelievable. They scored that run on a hit-by-a-pitch." Churchill, the Lakes Division champion, improved to 20-10 with the win. But the Chargers had been stumbling of late, losing three of its last four games. "I tried everything from being supportive, to angry," Churchill coach Carrie Korican said of the extra-inning affair. "Finally I said to them, 'I've had enough. It's up to you guys.'" "You can talk about it, but then you run out of ideas. You try to motivate them, but they have to do it themselves."

Long and the Chargers drew back on their experience from a year ago when they defeated Farmington Hills Mercy for the Division I district title, 2-1, in 14 innings. "I had flashbacks to the Mercy game," Korican said. "We've had a lot of close games, a lot of experience in those situations. You have to give them their due because we beat a very good hitting team (Plymouth). They're a very good team." It was fitting that Long was the last to board the Churchill bus and holding the WLAA trophy. She got a nice round of applause from her teammates. "Bridget is resourceful and pretty smart," Korican said. "She got us out of a ton of jams. She's makes some mistakes, but I can't tell you how many games she's gotten us out of jams, and we have a pretty darn good infield defense." And now what's next for Plymouth? Canfield said there is no time to dwell on the loss entering district play. "I think we'll come back stronger than ever," she said.

**Spartans' quick start stymies Chiefs**

Talk about getting shot out of a cannon. Livonia Stevenson exploded for 10 first-inning runs on 10 hits en route to a 10-3 baseball victory over visiting Canton in a meeting of second-place divisional finishers in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Luke Knochel led the Stevenson assault by going 3-for-4 with a double. Clayton Pack added two hits and one RBI as the Spartans improved to 16-12 overall. Nick Plinka and Kyle Thom each added a hit and two RBI, while Tony Pounders, Chad Casey, Matt Loney and Larry Klemczak chipped in with one hit and one RBI apiece. Winning pitcher Ben Schroeder, a senior, went all seven innings. He faced 27 batters, allowing eight hits and one walk. He struck out six. Caleb Larmer took the loss for the Chiefs. He was relieved in the first by Kyle Gring, who pitched two-hit ball over the

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worked four innings, allowing three runs on four hits and two walks. Harvey went 3-for-3 with a double, triple and three RBI. Ryan Valle added two doubles and scored two runs. **FRANKLIN 6, SALEM 1:** Pitcher Drew Thompson earned his second straight win Wednesday as Livonia Franklin (9-21) downed the host Rocks (7-23) in a Western Lakes crossover. Thompson worked the first 5.2 innings, allowing one run on five hits and three walks. He struck out four before giving way to reliever Dave Leins, who went the final 1.1 innings. Leins struck out two and allowed one hit. Leins also went 2-for-4 with an RBI and run scored. Andrew Haynie contributed a two-run single, while Ryan Alderman had a hit and scored a run on a Salem error. Bill Leddy went 3-for-4 with a run scored for Salem. Sam Ott went 2-for-3.

final 5.1 innings. Keith Campbell went 2-for-3 and scored two runs, while Brian Brubaker went 2-for-3 with a double and RBI. Ryan Neu contributed an RBI double for the Chiefs (17-11). **JOHN GLENN 12, PLYMOUTH 11:** In a WLAA crossover Wednesday, host Westland John Glenn (11-14) pulled out of the victory in the bottom of the seventh against the Wildcats (11-17). Jeff Girgen went 2-for-4 and scored the game-winning run for the Rockets, while Jerry Smith went 2-for-4, including a double, three runs and three RBI. Chris Kangas also added two hits. Winning pitcher Robert Fraser went the final 2.1 innings, allowing one runs on three hits. He struck out three and walked one. Losing pitcher Alex Harvey

**Anthony, Payne too much for Stevenson**

Pitchers Sarah Anthony and Hilary Payne combined on a four-hitter Wednesday to lead host Canton to a 2-0 WLAA crossover win over Livonia Stevenson (16-11) in a battle of second-place divisional teams. Anthony walked two, struck out four and allowed three hits over the first five innings. Payne gave up one hit and one walk while fanning two over the final two innings to pick up the save. Losing pitcher Jamie

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Johnson went all seven innings, allowing two earned runs on three hits. She struck out two and did not allow a walk. Amanda Alpert went 2-for-3 for the Spartans. Lauren Delapaz doubled and scored a run for Canton. **HURON VALLEY 10, PCA 0:** Amanda Gruenewald pitched a no-hitter and Sarah Schaffer

went 3-for-4 with two RBI as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (12-2, 10-0) clinched a share of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title with a victory over host Plymouth Christian. Gruenewald struck out nine and walked three in the five-inning mercy. Emily Helwig added two hits in three trips to the plate, including a two-run triple. Katie Kipmiller went 2-for-2 and scored a run.

**LITTLE**

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 baseball program began his freshman season when he was named the team's Opening Day third baseman. The ninth-grader was anything but overwhelmed, hitting .320 for the WLAA champion Chiefs. "I was a little surprised when I made varsity my freshman season, but I was excited too," Little said. "My teammates treated me great, even though I was just a freshman. They made me feel comfortable." Little's sophomore season was over almost before it began. The hard-throwing right-hander was sidelined for the season after suffering an elbow injury while pitching in the Chiefs' opener. "I couldn't even pick up my backpack at school without my arm hurting," Little remembered. "The doctors said the bones in my elbow were rubbing together when I threw. I had successful surgery and I was ready for football a few months later." When the fully recovered Little returned to the diamond for his junior season, he had a whole new appreciation for baseball. "Sitting out the whole year made me realize how much I liked the sport and what it meant to me," he said. "I actually learned a lot, too, by sitting and watching the games from the bench." Little's gridiron accomplishments approached legendary status during his three seasons as the Chiefs' starting quarterback. With Little engineering Canton's juggernaut of an offense, the Chiefs' went 30-3. The only setbacks were against Catholic Central in the third round of the 2003 Division I playoffs, Novi in the second round of the 2004 post-season and Rockford in last year's Division 1 state championship game in Ford Field. "That was an unbelievable feeling walking out onto Ford Field for the first time," Little said. "It's something I'll never forget. I still think about that game just about every day and what we could have done differently to win." Little, who started playing football in the fifth grade, said he will have mixed emotions when the 2006 season rolls around in August. "I'll probably be a little sad at first because it will be the first time I haven't played in a long time," he said. "But at the same time, I definitely won't miss the two-a-day practices, running around in 95-degree weather for five hours."

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# Memorial Day musings about friends, bowlers

Let us not forget. It is on Memorial Day that we think of relatives and friends who have passed away. Let us also remember some of those who made their mark in the bowling scene.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

I can remember these names mainly because I knew them personally and they were mostly great bowlers, or those who made significant contributions off the lanes.

First and foremost was Joe Norris, who never forgot his Detroit roots and always came back from San Diego to take part in the Old Timers Tournament. Norris set the standard for top level performance. He was captain of the great Strohs Beer squad and set many records along the way including being the first to top 100,000 total pins in American Bowling Congress tournament action.

Then there was Jarvis Woehlke, the only bowler to score two perfect games in the same season at the age of 86. He won a lot of tournaments, but is remembered also for being the true gentleman, a good husband and a great friend.

Agnes Eckstrom paved the way for other women to follow in her footsteps as competitive bowlers and represented the Detroit bowling community in many ways.

Billy "G" Golembiewski was also a classic bowler and a great competitor in the early days of the Pro Bowlers Tour.

Dan Ottman, a winner on-and-off the lanes, led his team to the ABC championship twice and co-founded the monthly Michigan Junior Masters scholarship tournaments, which now bear his name. He passed on much too soon at 47.

And who can ever forget the venerable Lew Saad, not only a bowler, but a teacher and friend who was active as a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, event at the age of 100.

Saad also raised over \$50,000 for production of the GDBA yearbooks, \$1 at a time.

George Prybyla, who owned Thunderbowl Lanes and created the Detroit Bowling Hall of

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Fame display, will also be remembered.

Harry Campbell, a perennial all-star, made Detroit all-city teams, was another great competitor.

And not to forget John Gavie, an organizer and promoter whose name is perpetuated every year with the John P. Gavie Memorial Tournament, the traditional start of the new season.

Nate Harris, who survived the WW II concentration camps and became a local bowling proprietor of note with Drakeshire Lanes and Novi Bowl, is another notable.

Elvira Thœpfer, meanwhile, became the first "Queen" of Detroit women bowlers in 1952. She repeated titles in 1966 through 1970, setting high standards for those who followed.

Paul Cito made his mark in

coaching. I only met him once, but I will remember his ideas on bowling. He helped many to excel at the sport.

Chuck Walby who was known by all bowlers during the '70s for his Beat The Champ TV show. I got lucky and won it once myself. Walby was also a local bowling center proprietor.

Dick Weber should always be remembered even though he was not a Michigander. Weber helped pave the way for the nationally televised PBT.

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Then are also many former teammates and bowling buddies of mine who have passed on such as Irving "The Flying Tiger" Kempner, Richard Brewington, Leo Infeld, Davey Berman, Nancy Rabotnick, Jackie Ponke, Bill Weed, Sr., Daniel Waldman, Phil Szonye, Alvin Strom and Frank Verbanic.

And so many others who have touched our lives.

There is sadness that they have departed, but also a degree of happiness that we knew them and have a lot of fond memories to cherish in this lifetime.

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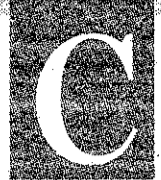
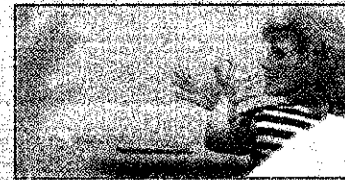
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## Priority 1: Talk to your friend

My best friend and I are in a fight, but we've been best friends for so long ... what do I do?

Anonymous in Garden City

If this friendship is important to you, make it a priority to talk to your friend. If you're not sure what caused the fight, find out why your friend is mad at you.

Many times, communication problems cause major fights. Maybe you thought your friend said one thing, when your friend really said something else. Or, maybe when you said something, your friend took it the wrong way. My best advice is to talk to your friend. Let your friend know that your friendship is important to you. Offer to hear your friend's point of view, and agree to come to a compromise. If your friend is really angry and won't talk to you, find out if your school has a Peer Mediation program and ask her to go with you. If your school doesn't have a Peer Mediation program, ask your counselor or a teacher you both are comfortable with if they can help. If this friendship means something to you, don't give up!

Teen Talk

Monica Fulton

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I just recently got into a relationship with a guy, and he's really sweet and all, but I don't like him in that way. I don't know how to tell him. Please help me!

Heartbreaker in Garden City

Breaking up with someone is a very hard thing to do. But, as hard as it is, you need to tell this guy how you really feel about him. It's not fair to him or to you to keep him in the dark.

Let him know that you think he's a really sweet guy and very nice. Make sure to tell him that he deserves someone who really cares about him, but that you're not the person he deserves and that you don't have strong feelings for him. It's important to be kind; it's not his fault you feel the way you do. This is a very difficult conversation to have! But don't ignore the situation or start a fight that ends in a huge blow-up, with each of you breaking up with the other. By being kind and respectful of his feelings for you, you might be lucky enough to keep a friendship with him.

If someone is threatening your life and you've already told the police but nothing has changed, what do I do?

Nervous in Westland

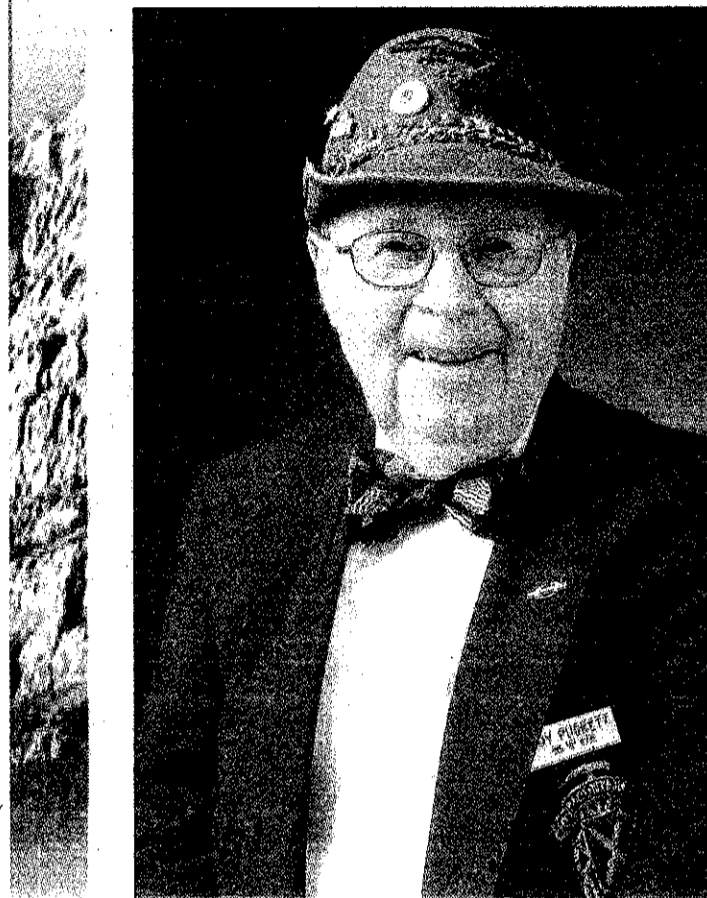
Keep reporting the incidents to the adults in your life! And continue to file official reports with the police department. The police cannot take action on a threat, but you (or your parents) can file a Personal Protection Order (PPO) that prohibits the person threatening you from having contact with you. A PPO is an order issued by the court and it can protect you from harassment by another person. If the person violates the PPO, it's a crime the person can be arrested for. To file a PPO, gather all police reports you've made and have your parent take you to the county clerk's office located in downtown Detroit.

You can ask for a "do it yourself" personal protection order packet and complete all the forms yourself; you don't necessarily need an attorney. The person is notified by the court of the terms of the PPO. If the person violates the terms, you can call the police. Show the responding officer the PPO and the documentation of how the person violated it; hopefully the person will leave you alone after receiving the PPO. Whatever you do, DON'T stop telling adults what is happening!

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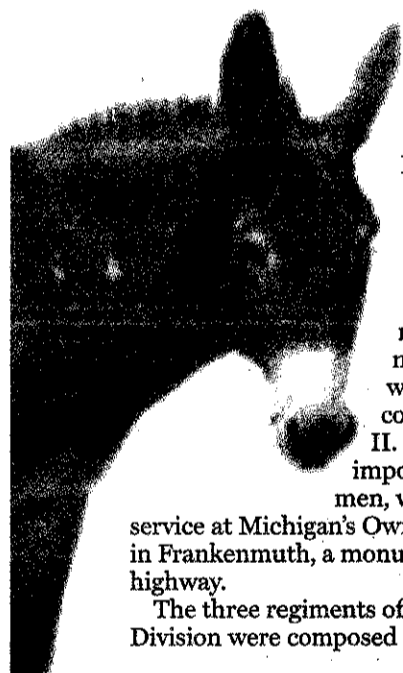
# Rugged regiments

## Memorial highway honors 10th Mountain Division



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WWII veteran Roy Puckett sporting a hat worn by Italian ski troops.



service at Michigan's Own Military Museum in Frankenmuth, a monument or memorial highway. The three regiments of the 10th Mountain Division were composed of an elite group of

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Memorial Day is a solemn time for Roy Puckett. On Monday, the 82-year-old Livonia man and fellow veterans from the 10th Mountain Division of the U.S. Army reunite for a ceremony to remember those who died serving their country in World War II. Puckett believes it's important to honor these men, whether it's with a

soldiers trained in skiing and mountain climbing. They were instrumental in defeating the Germans in the rugged terrain of the Apennine Mountains in Italy. Puckett says few people recognize their contributions and that's why he contacted state Sen. Laura Toy's office to have a portion of U.S. 24 (Telegraph Road) designated as the 10th Mountain Division Memorial Highway.

The legislation was signed into law in late January. The roadway, which runs through Wayne County, pays tribute not only to veterans, but those currently serving in the mountains of Afghanistan. Disbanded after World War II, the division was reactivated in 1985 as the 10th Mountain Division Light Infantry to resolve conflicts and fight terrorists like Osama bin Laden around the world.

"Other states have memorial highways in honor of the 10th," Puckett said. "I think it's important to have a memorial to the people who did so much for their country so it will always be there. There is a monument in Italy erected to the division. We lost 10 percent of

our men in Italy. Fort Drum, where the 10th is based, has a monument in New York, and there's a monument in Colorado at 10,000 feet."

Some of the 10th Division's most grueling training occurred at Camp Hale in Colorado. Puckett was only 18 when he was drafted into the infantry. Entrance to the 10th Mountain Division required three letters of recommendation. Puckett was one of 250 men accepted from Michigan.

"The division was comprised of skilled people who could ski, those experienced in mountaineering," Puckett said. "They were looking for anyone who had contact with mules for where jeeps couldn't go and wanted people used to cold climates. I was from Michigan."

"We trained in Colorado at 10,000 feet. It was pretty cold during winter maneuvers when the temperature dipped to 30 degrees below zero."

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## Bark in the Park gives dogs a chance to cheer Tigers

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Bark in the Park 2006 probably won't top the first time Mari Mills attended a Detroit Tigers ballgame with her dog Crystal. In 2004 the Redford woman not only took in the game with her pet by her side, but threw out the first pitch after winning a drawing.

This year 250 doggie ticket packages are available in the Pooch Pavilion in the left field stands for the game starting at 7:05 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, and can be purchased from the Detroit Tigers. Mills along with other canine owners also have the opportunity to win tickets for the Tigers game against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays at Comerica Park. All they have to do is spell as many animal names (species, breeds and common names) as possible from the sentence "I love baseball and pets." The deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, June 2. Entries can be dropped off at any metro-area Pet Supplies "Plus" store, e-mailed to psp-corp@petsuppliesplus.com,

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or mailed to The Michigan Humane Society, Bark in the Park Contest, 26711 Northwestern Highway, Suite 175, Southfield, MI 48034.

Money raised from specially designated merchandise at the Pooch Pavilion and a silent auction of autographed sports memorabilia will go to the Humane Society to aid in its animal rescue efforts.

A section of the park will offer free water for the dogs and a pet potty area complete with fire hydrants.

"It was awesome because she (Crystal) watched the game," said Mills, 26. "I thought she was going to jump on the field but she didn't."

Joe Fucini says it's not unusual for pet owners to take their dogs with them wherever they go. In addition to the annual baseball game, Mills takes Crystal to the



Mari Mills of Redford attended Bark in the Park with her nephew Sebastian, niece Taylor and dog Crystal in 2004 at Comerica Park.

beach and on shopping trips to Pet Supplies "Plus."

"This is the fourth annual and over the years it's gotten more popular," said Fucini, a West Bloomfield dog owner. Fucini Productions has done marketing for Pet Supplies "Plus" since 1993. "People don't look at you crazy anymore when you talk about dogs going to a baseball game."

"It's a great event. We're for pet lovers and a special

breed of pet lovers. At the game there's everything from Chihuahuas to Great Danes and we've never had an incident. It gives pet owners a chance to do something with their pets. They have an unforgettable experience with their dogs."

Pet Supplies "Plus" in Canton and Livonia are two of the stores giving away eight doggie ticket packages for an owner and one pet on a first come, first served basis

starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 3, with the purchase of a 37-1/2 pound bag or larger of Purina ONE or Pro Plan dog food. Canton store manager Ted Linden has gone to Bark in the Park for the last three years. In 2005, he brought along his wife Erica and daughter Eva, who's now 19 months old.

"It's a nice family event," said Linden. "She (Eva) loves it between the ball game, the dogs and the park. It's an event our customers look forward to. The tickets go really quickly."

For more information, call the Michigan Humane Society at (248) 799-7400.

For official contest rules, send e-mail to pspcorp@petsuppliesplus.com.

Entries must include your name and phone number or e-mail address.

Each of the 20 letters in "I love baseball and pets" can be used no more than one time when spelling an animal. However, the letters can be used over again for each new animal.

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**Hogs for cats, dogs**  
Motor City Harley-Davidson presents the sixth-annual "HOGS for Cats and Dogs" benefit for the Michigan Humane Society 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at Motor City Harley-Davidson, 34900 Grand River in Farmington Hills. An early bird breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. Breakfast and refreshments throughout the day provided by Gus O'Connor's Public House. An observation run departing from Motor City Harley-Davidson is open to all and starts at 10:00 a.m. - last bike in by 3:00 p.m. For more information call the dealership at 248-473-7433. Registration \$10 or \$5 with donation of a wish list item.

**Career networking**  
Franchise specialist Mark Cory, owner and operator of the FranNet-Detroit office, speaks at the OLG Career Networking Group at 7 p.m. Monday, June 5 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth. Admission to the talk is free; the public and persons who are out of work, re-energizing a job search, expecting layoffs or are looking for a new opportunity or for a first job are invited. For information,

call Ed Walton, (734) 634-2245 or the church office, (734) 453-0326.

**Charity golf**  
A summer days worth of fun never helped so many, which is just what golfers at the fourth-annual Michigan Tournament of Charities will do when they play at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m., with the 18-hole shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Arbor Hospice & Home Care Joins Open Door Ministry, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, For the Kids Foundation, Joy of Jesus, Band of Angels, Children's Therapy Fund and Promise Village: Home for Children in benefiting from the generosity of MTOC and participants of the golf tournament. This distinguished golf tournament concludes with a banquet and live and silent auctions. Everyone is encouraged to join the evening festivities, which kicks off at 4 p.m. To register for this event, please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at [www.arborhospice.org](http://www.arborhospice.org), email [laren@arborhospice.org](mailto:laren@arborhospice.org), or call 734-662-5999, extension 120. Registration can also be done through the Michigan Tournament of Charities Web site, [www.mtcgolf.org](http://www.mtcgolf.org) and indicate supporting Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

**Diabetes support**  
The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a presentation, "Diabetes and Neuropathy Pain Management" 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 in the hospital's auditorium. Guest speaker is Timothy Wright, M.D., Pain Management, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. There is no charge for the meeting, and pre-registration is not required. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 5 Mile and Levan in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 655-8961.

**Republican women meet**  
The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club takes place 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25 at the Pic-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile in Livonia. Speakers will be state Sen. Laura Toy, state Rep. John Pastor and Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox. There is a \$15 charge for the dinner, which includes lasagna, salad, dessert and beverage. Visitors and guests are welcome. For reservations, call (248) 320-5473.

**Food choices**  
St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a presentation on how to make colorful food choices to improve your health, while increasing your energy and improving your mood, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 31 at the Northville Senior Center. Speaker is Registered Dietitian Katie Dooley of St. Mary Mercy Hospital. The presentation is free, but registration is required. To register, call the Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main, at (248) 349-4140.

**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.

**St. Mary's classes**  
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. Woik, RPSGT, EMT, 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](http://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.

**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 e-mail Shelby at [president@michigan-horror.com](mailto:president@michigan-horror.com)

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**Ann Arbor Women**  
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**MOPS meet**  
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their

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**DAR**  
The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

**German/American Club of Plymouth**  
Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

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Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

**Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth**  
Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

**Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club**  
Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information.

**Mothers & More**  
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**CONCERTS**

**MUSIC IN THE AIR**

Here's the schedule for the Music in the Air concert series, sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority; concerts are 7 p.m. Fridays in Kellogg Park:

- June 2 - Redhill, a modern Motown/rock-and-roll band new to the lineup, but they were a hit at the Fall Festival.
- June 9 - Global Village, soul, R&B, funk
- June 16 - Double Cross Band, blues and soul, new to the lineup
- June 23 - Sarah Lenore Band
- June 30 - Mass Transit, R&B and groove band
- July 7 - No show due to Art in the Park

- July 14 - TBD
- July 21 - Those Delta Rhythm Kings, swing, jazz and blues
- July 28 - Westrin and Mowry, acoustic rock and pop
- Aug. 4 - Retrospect Band, modern hits, new to the lineup
- Aug. 11 - Rodeo Drive, modern country and radio hits, new to the lineup
- Aug. 18 - Fifty Amp Fuse (formerly the Crackerjack Band)
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Here's the schedule for the Music in the Park concert

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- June 21 - Beverly Meyer, "The Music Lady"
- June 28 - Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express
- July 5 - Jeremy Kittle
- July 12 - Josh White Jr.
- July 19 - Jan Krist
- July 26 - Hometown Kids Concert featuring Phoenix, PCAC's Plymouth Uptown Players and more
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- Aug. 16 - Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express
- Aug. 23 - Matt Watroba

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**FICTION**

1. "Beach Road," James Patterson
2. "Two Little Girls in Blue," Mary Higgins Clark

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3. "Mother: A Cradle To Hold Me," Maya Angelou
  4. "Digging to America," Anne Tyler
  5. "I Say a Little Prayer," E. Lynn Harris
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8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, June 30, Pinewood Country Club, 8600 PGA Drive, Walled Lake. Admission \$15. For directions, call (248)669-9800.

**Camping Trip**  
Mears State Park, Pentwater. June 9-11. \$55. Pre-trip meeting 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 5, Drakeshire Lanes,

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**SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES**

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- 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.

**REGIMENTS**

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The history of the 10th begins in December 1941, when it was started as a regiment in Washington state. Puckett and the rest of the 87th Regiment first went to Kiska in the Aleutian Islands in August 1942, but the Japanese had already left so they spent the next six months building roads before returning to Colorado, where the division was formed. After three to four months of training in Colorado, they left for two additional months of marching with packs in Texas. By January 1945, they were in northern Italy. Puckett earned a Bronze Star as a platoon runner carrying messages under artillery fire.

"It was kind of scary. There was a lot of fighting going on," Puckett said. "We were working on getting the Germans out of Italy. Some fellows still don't like to talk about it. Your buddies were getting blown up in front of you."

Nearly 1,000 soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division

died, more than 4,000 were wounded, among them former Sen. Robert Dole. Puckett returned home to eventually teach business at Bishop Borgess High School, Schoolcraft College and Henry Ford Community College until retiring in 1986. In 1988, he went back to Italy, where he was surprised to see all of the fox holes which had been dug during the war.

"When we returned to northern Italy, the Italians were appreciative," said Puckett, who returned to Italy again in 2000. "Each village tried to outdo the other giving us food, entertaining us. The division has been back 10 times. We have about 20 chapters (of the National Association, an organization of 10th veterans) all over the country, two in Michigan for the upper and lower peninsulas. We have a national reunion every three years, the next in 2007 in Denver."

Puckett hopes by then the signs will be up designating the memorial highway in Michigan. Toy says it's important for the 10th Mountain Division to be remembered.

"As chair of the Senate

Veterans Affairs Committee, whenever we're able to recognize and honor our state's veterans, it's of the utmost importance after all the freedoms they have fought for all of us," said Toy who represents the western Wayne County communities of Garden City, Livonia, Redford, and Westland. "So I was pleased when Mr. Puckett brought this idea forward, and as the committee learned more about the 10th Mountain Division, we saw there was clearly an amazing story and history there as well."

"Critical to the U.S. in World War II, the 10th Mountain Division today continues to play a vital role hunting down Al Qaeda terrorists in the mountains of Afghanistan."

"Designating this portion of U.S. 24 (Telegraph Road) will help to remind everyone of these soldiers' sacrifice and ongoing role in defending our freedom. It will also serve to honor for Mr. Puckett and other veterans who have risked and sometimes given their life to protect us and our way of life."

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

REUNIONS.

**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.

**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 Schanfranke (248) 543-6353, Joann Ellison Armistead (248) 533-9525, Susan Wilmot Hitchcock at hitchcocksw@hotmail.com.

**Central High**

**Class of 1946**

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

**Clarenceville High School**

**Class of 1956**

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 29-Oct. 1, Sept. 29 - football game and party; Sept. 30 - banquet at Vladimir's 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.

**Class of 1957**

A 50th Reunion is being planned for the summer of 2007. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989)366-9288.

**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 (Pietzke) 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 1956**

A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Farmington Hills. Buffet dinner, music, dancing, and a souvenir booklet. All interested January and June graduates please contact Julie (McLean) Work at (248) 477-6802 or email: jwork2friends@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 okapen@earthlink.net.

**Detroit Salesian High School**

**Class of 1956**

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

**Detroit St. Theresa**

**Class of 1956**

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

**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.

**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 I-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, Seven Mile, Livonia, \$30 per person. Contact: fhs1976reunion30year@yahoo.com or http://home.comcast.net/~thelev76

**Franklin High School**

**Class of 1969**

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

**Gamma Kappa Chi Fraternity**

**70th Reunion**

Wayne State University fraternity, founded in 1936, 70th Anniversary, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Glen Oaks Country Club, on 13 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. Call Al Halper at (248)682-4986 or Harvey Miller at (248)626-4144. Deadline for registration fee is June 8.

**Grosse Pointe North**

**Class of 1991.**

Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com.

**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 Churchhill**

**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: Kaynini@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 lkronk@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-mailing 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 Sgt. 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.novidoubletree.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 members.

**Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem**

**Class of 1986**

Twenty-year class reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Italian American Club, Livonia. \$65 per person, \$115 couple, dinner, open bar, DJ, band, dancing. Contact cantonsalem@yahoo.com

**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.

**Redford Union**

**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: rui961reunion@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.

**Roseville High School**

**Class of 1956**

A 50th reunion in fall of 2006. The reunion committee is searching for classmates. For information, call Shirley at (586)677-2709; Alice at (586)792-7757 or e-mail at alljune1939@sbcglobal.net or thehermans2002@comcast.net.

**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 (lrader3333@aol.com) OR Paul Bernstein (paulboy@comcast.net).

**Class of 1976**

A 30-year reunion is planned for Aug. 5, 2006, at The Skyline Club (Town Center) in Southfield. For more information contact www.shs1976.com OR Brian Wolf (248) 545-6739.

**Southfield-Lathrup**

**Class of 1976**

A 30-year reunion 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 24, Radisson Kingsley Hotel, Bloomfield Hills. Cost \$80 each, \$150 per couple. RSVP by May 24. For information, e-mail the reunion committee at SL76Reunion@comcast.net. Or go to the official web site for all classes at Southfield-Lathrup www.slshs.net.

**St. Mary of Redford**

**High School class of 1956**

Grade School class of 1952 Looking for graduates. Contact (734) 525-5888 or Email: kheenan@gllis.net.

**Class of 1976**

Class reunion June 24. Contact Bill and Sue Sullivan at (734)459-6538.

**All-Class Sock Hop**

The Class of 1966 of St. Mary of Redford will host an "all-class sock hop" on Saturday, Sept. 30, at the old St. Mary of Redford gymnasium. All alumni are invited. Begins with a 4 p.m. Mass, then tours of the school. Dinner, beverages, music at \$19.66 per person (minimum donation), with checks payable to David D. DiPonio, 29606 Puritan, Livonia, MI 48154. Contact Dave DiPonio at ddiponio@wadetrin.com or at (313) 363-6153.

**Class of 1976**

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 5, 2006, at Sandtraps Banquet Center (located at the Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia). Approximately \$30/person. Contact Ann Lopus Ferrari (734) 953-1043 (email: apferrari@sbcglobal.net) OR Dennis Diponio at (734) 591-0184.

**Troy-Athens**

**Class of 1986**

A 20-year reunion is planned for 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19, 2006, at the Marriott at Centerpoint in Pontiac. For more information: log on to www.athensreunion86.com, OR email to athensreunion86@gmail.com, OR Mary (Coralino) Emanuele (248) 651-8118.

**Utica High School**

**Class of 1981**

A 25th reunion is being planned for the fall of 2006. Please send updated address information and inquires to: Todd Richter (trichter26@comcast.net)

**Wayne Community Living Services**

Employee reunion. Saturday, Aug. 19, 1 p.m. til dusk, Maybury State Park. \$5 per person and dish to pass: contact Marcia Myers: 248-349-4062 or myersmarcia@hotmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Vogt-Marshall**  
Charles and Carol Vogt of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter Cheryl Ann Vogt of San Diego, Calif., to John Scott Marshall of San Diego, son of Emmott and JoAnn Fisher of Tacoma, Wash., and the late William Marshall.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Thurston High School and attended Schoolcraft College. She is employed at LBA Realty in property management. The prospective groom is a graduate of San Diego State University and is employed as a field engineer with San Diego Gas and Electric.

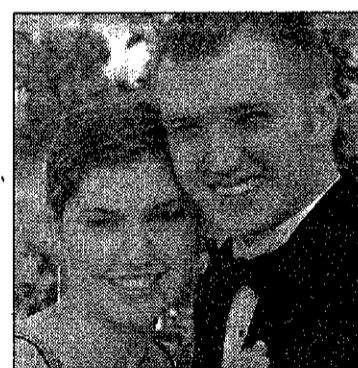
A summer 2006 wedding is planned in San Diego.



**Jeffrey-Zelenka**  
John and Elizabeth Jeffrey of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter Amy Elizabeth Jeffrey to Jeremiah Joseph Zelenka, son of Thomas and Wendy Zelenka of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lighthouse Christian Academy in Seminole, Fla. She is a nursing student at Schoolcraft College. She is employed at the Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse in Westland.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Garden City High School. He is employed as the manager at Ram's Horn Restaurant in Westland. A July wedding is planned at the North Ridge Church in Plymouth, followed by a reception at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. The couple will honeymoon in Las Vegas and make their home in Garden City.



**Mason-Bonine**  
Stacey Renee Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gray F. Mason, of Canton and Daniel MacDoniald Bonine, son of Mary Anne Bonine, of Galesburg, Mich., and the late Alan K. Bonine announce their upcoming wedding.

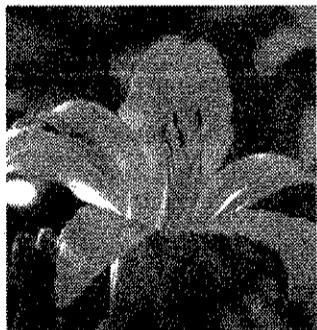
The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in elementary education. She currently teaches first grade at Forest Elementary in Farmington. The groom-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Galesburg-Agusta High School, a 2002 graduate of Michigan State University and a recent graduate of the University of Michigan Dental school.

A mid-June ceremony is planned at Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton, followed by a reception at Kensington Court in Ann Arbor. The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii. They will reside in Denver, CO while Dan completes a one year Dental Residency at the VA Hospital there. Stacey is currently interviewing for a teaching position in Denver.

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**CLAUDETTE KRUMM**

Age 71 of Plymouth, MI, formerly of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Passed away, Thursday, May 25, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Harry. Loving mother of Thomas (Michele) and Ernie (Bethann Gyorke). Loving grandmother of Darren, Jeffrey, Alyce, Jack, and Patricia. Two brothers, Robert and Dennis also survive. Mrs. Krumm was a retired elementary school teacher in Plymouth. She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and sister and was kind and caring and extremely generous with her time to many people throughout her life. Visitation will be Tuesday, May 30, from 1-9pm, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, and on Wed., May 30, from 9:30 AM until service time of 10 AM, at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church Street, Plymouth.

**ROBERT B. THOMPSON**

Age 87, passed away May 7, 2006. Beloved father and grandfather of son Dan and wife Janie and granddaughters, Kelly and Emily. Born in 1918, he lived in Birmingham most of his life, moving to Centennial, Colorado in 1992. Robert attended Birmingham High School and the University of Notre Dame, served in the U.S. Army in World War II, was discharged in 1945, and that same year married his wife Jean, who passed away earlier this year. Services and interment will be held at the White Chapel Memorial Cemetery Chapel at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 3, 2006. Memorial contributions may be made to local chapters of the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

**LEAH S. MORTON**

Age 98, of Wawa PA, formerly of Drexel Hill, PA & Rochester, MI. Leah attended Rochester High School, MI, and also graduated from Michigan Normal School, aka Eastern Michigan College of Ypsilanti, MI. She was a school teacher in Byron MI, substitute Home Economics teacher in the Upper Darby Twp., (Pennsylvania) School System. She was a member of Drexel Hill United Methodist Church and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Huldah Chapter 212 of Byron, MI. Preceded in death by her husband Harry E. Morton, Sc.D, father, Arthur W. Spencer, mother, Lena Brown Spencer. She is survived by her sons, David H. Morton, Lafayette Hill, PA, and Roger S. Morton, Arlington, VA, and 2 grandchildren. Funeral service will be held Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at 1:00 pm. at Sheldon Cemetery, S. Sheldon Rd., Canton, MI. Interment : Sheldon Cemetery, Canton, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Blind and Visually Impaired 100 West 15th. Street, Chester PA. 19013

**MARY ALICE LEYH**

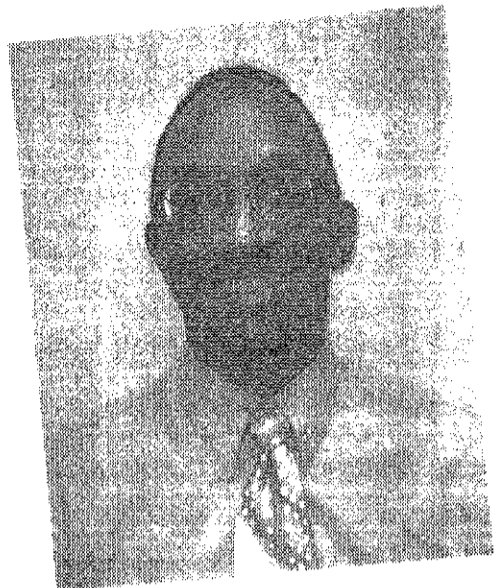
May 24, 2006, age 73 of Bingham Farms. Beloved wife of George. Dear mother of Timothy G. (Joan) and Kristin A. Pursel (Thomas). Grandmother of Jackie, Melissa, Molly, Nick Pursel and Kirstin, Kyle and Katrina Leyh. Sister of Jeanne Fisher. Funeral Mass Monday, May 29th 11:00am at Church of St. Owen, 6869 Franklin Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at Church 10:30am. Memorial Tributes to the American Cancer Society. For information call A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500 View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

**HELEN GIACOBazzi**

Age 91, of Farmington Hills, May 21, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Anthony. Loving mother of Dianne Giacobazzi and Anthony (Helen) Giacobazzi. Cherished grandmother of six and great-grandmother of seven. Dear sister of Glen (Mary Lou) Nelson. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

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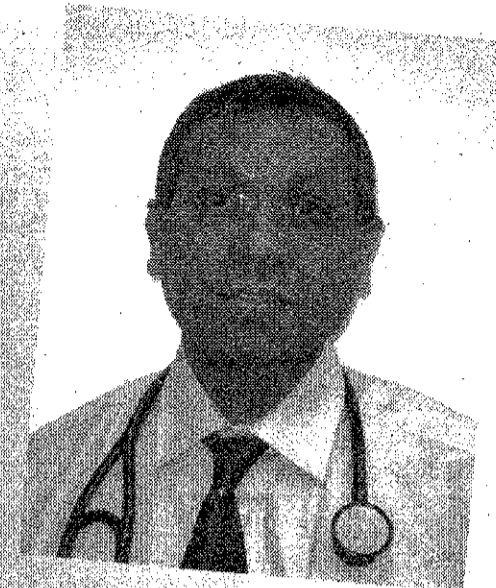
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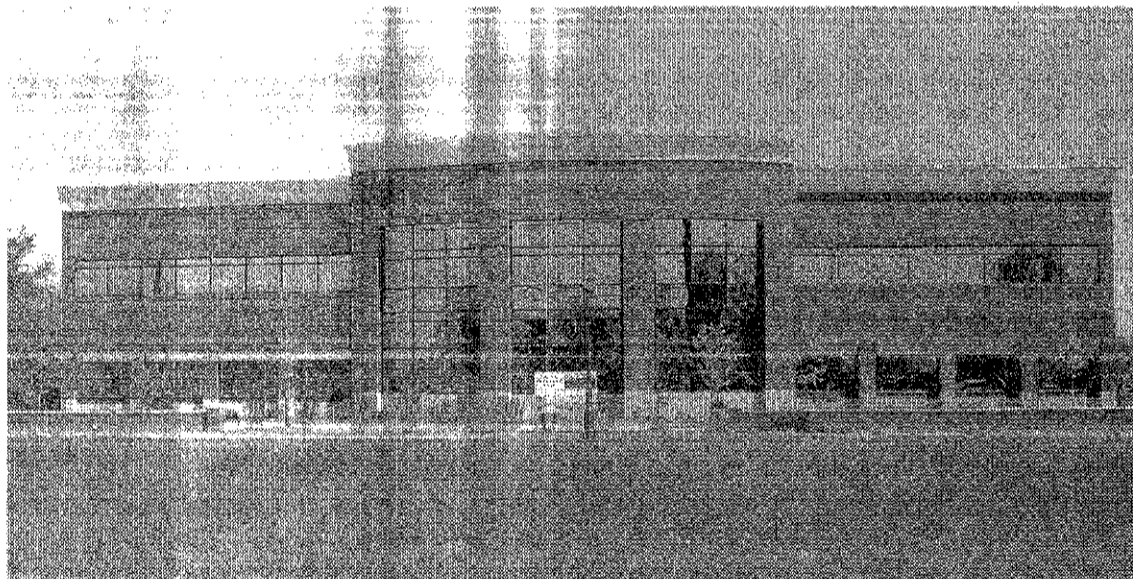
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## Healing art

### Tai chi's gentle movements help MS patients

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Ken Fink recommends tai chi to multiple sclerosis patients not just because he's a physician. The West Bloomfield man has lived with the disease since 1975 and knows that practicing the healing art slows down the crippling effects of MS in his hands. From his wheelchair, Fink gracefully follows the lead of tai chi instructor Sally Rich. He has been taking classes in the Achievement Center at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in Southfield since January. Here, participants find the gentle movements improve balance problems, spasticity, fatigue, and weakness caused by MS, an autoimmune disease that affects the central nervous system.

Rich, a Bloomfield Hills resident, travels once a year to China to study Eastern healing arts such as tai chi and qigong (chee gong). It is thought

tai chi, an ancient exercise and martial art, enhances energy and reduces stress.

#### 'SERENITY'

"It gives me serenity. I've noticed more fluid motions in my arms and working in a group tends to be helpful. We're harnessing our energy together," said Fink, an osteopath who practiced family medicine in Farmington until 1996. He also participates in exercise classes at the Achievement Center.

"I've noticed benefits in balance and coordination."

Jim Willemssen, 45, of Royal Oak, Walter Maile, 60, of Oakland Township and Brenda Thomas, 61, of Detroit all agree tai chi has helped their MS as well. Each has suffered with the neurological disease for more than 20 years. Deena Lisak, a certified nurse at the Detroit Medical Center, has seen the improvement in participants first hand.

"Jim has bad tremors and no concentration," said Lisak, a Bloomfield Hills resident. "It's helping him coordinate movements and concentrate."

Maile said he's been coming to classes for about three weeks and "was having problems with general clumsiness."

"All of a sudden I became aware of where my hands are," Maile said. "I hold things in my hands and drop them."

Thomas has been attending the classes for several months and definitely feels better.

"It loosens up your muscles," said Thomas. "You think you're not going to remember patterns but do over time. It relaxes you. You become more centered so you're not as distracted by your pain. I have back pain and it seems to help that."

Rich begins the class with warm-up exercises before leading them through a set of movements. She teaches classes several times a week at the Taoist Tai Chi Center in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills in addition to filling in for instructor Janice Crowe at the MS Society on occasion. The warm-ups help participants to strengthen their fingers so they don't atrophy and curl in.

"When we started to do a set there was a little bit of apprehension, but they've already learned the first third of 108 movements," said Rich who volunteers her time. "You have to maintain what you have and possibly expand it. A lot of them are eager to try anything at this point."

Although Dr. Gregory VanStavern is unfamiliar with tai chi, the Harper University Hospital neurologist says exercise, aerobics in particular, can benefit MS patients. VanStavern specializes in treating MS patients at the Wayne State University MS clinic which has seen more than 3,000 peo-



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Instructor and director of the Taoist Tai Chi Center in Livonia Sally Rich leads MS patients in tai chi exercises at the Southfield-based National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter.

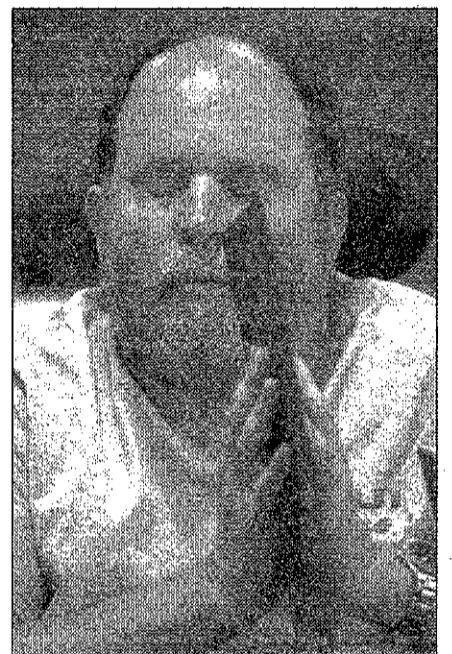
ple. One of his frequent prescriptions is exercise.

"For patients with spasticity, which not every patient has, muscles become tense and a lot tighter," said VanStavern, an assistant professor of neurology and ophthalmology at Wayne State University School of Medicine. "Exercise helps muscle tone, gives a broader range of motion, more endurance and stamina. It improves balance, coordination."

VanStavern says, many MS patients suffer from depression as well. Although the experts are out as to whether it's part of the disease or caused by the disease, exercise helps to reduce stress, improves mood and regulates sleep patterns.

"I recommend any sort of aerobic exercise where you're getting your heart rate up for 20 to 30 minutes, swimming, low impact like tai chi," said VanStavern of Royal Oak. "It's not like they have to run a marathon, just get the heart rate up."

Aerobics was one of the first activities Stephanie Ammari scheduled when the Achievement Center opened at the MS Society two years ago. Tai chi classes were added at the beginning of the year. The goal of the center is to encourage people with MS or



Dr. Ken Fink concentrates on his tai chi warmup exercise.

neurological disorders like Lou Gehrig's disease, age 18 or older, to maximize wellness and maintain their

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Unlocking health workshop

With guest lecturer Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C., learn five keys to wellness, how to eat, drink, exercise and sleep correctly, discussion on how the mind and body function together 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 30 and June 13, at 8524 Canton Center Road, Canton. No charge. To register, call (734) 455-4444. For more information or to register before May 31, call (734) 655-2980.

Heart scan contest

EBT-Heart and Body Imaging is giving away five free heart scans for Father's Day. Entrants should write, in 100 words or less, why they think their father should have a scan. Preventive imaging is designed to detect disease an earlier, more treatable stage. The letters will be reviewed and those that meet contest requirements will be placed in a drawing with the winners selected on June 15. Send letters, postmarked by June 9, to EBT-Heart and Body Imaging, 26400 W. 12 Mile, Suite 114, Southfield, MI 48034. Attention: Father's Day Heart Scan.

UPCOMING

Sharing & Caring

Newly-diagnosed breast cancer support: Small group discussion for those diagnosed within the past year 7 p.m. Thursday, June 1, in the first floor classroom at the Beaumont Cancer Center, 3577 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak, Sharing & Caring

offers educational and support programs for breast cancer survivors, their family and friends. Call (248) 551-8585 for more information.

Northland Pacers Walk Around the World

Endorsed by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports, in conjunction with Providence Hospital begins June 2, with free noncompetitive walking and fitness program, includes health screening beginning at 8 a.m. Friday, June 2, in the Food Court at Northland Center, Southfield. Each registered walker receives a passport to record their progress, and a T-shirt. A healthy breakfast will be served and a speaker will address health issues and encourage participation. Walkers turn in their mileage logs each week. The mall then updates a world map that show the progress Pacers are making in their journey. It takes 24,901.55 miles to circle the globe. One lap through the center is equivalent to one mile. For more information, call (248) 569-6272 or visit www.shopat-northland.com. The Northland Pacers walking program was begun in 1985.

Liver update

A patient-centered education conference that discusses several issues related to liver disease, topics include Hepatitis A and B vaccinations in chronic liver disease and new treatment strategies in Hepatitis C 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 3, at the Livonia Marriott at Laurel Park Place, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North. No charge. Seating limited, reservations encouraged.

Call (248) 489-5400 or visit www.liverfoundation.org/michigan.

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.

Support group

CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit-Disorder) will be meeting 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, June 5, at Way Elementary School on W. Long Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Registration opens at 7 p.m. The speaker for the parent group will be Ira Glovinsky, PhD presenting on Bipolar Disorder and ADHD. In addition, there will be an informal support group for adults and separate group for significant others of ADHD adults. All meetings are free to CHADD members, \$5 donation for

non-members. Call (248) 988-6716.

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.teens-usingdrugs.org.

Stress reduction workshop

With guest lecturer Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C., learn seven danger signs that indicate when your body is under too much stress and Trigger Point therapy, a natural way to relieve tight and sore muscles 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, at 8524 Canton Center Road, Canton. No charge. To register, call (734) 455-4444.

Menopause and sleep apnea

A presentation on the signs, detection and treatment for sleep apnea with Registered Sleep Technologist Scott Woik and tour the St. Mary Mercy Sleep Center 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No charge, but registration requested. Call (734) 655-1100.

Choose gym that's just right for you

Gene from Garden City e-mails asking for tips on joining the right gym.

Gene, before making a long-term commitment to a gym membership, you should ask yourself several important questions. For instance, what are your goals? Do you want to decrease body fat, build muscle, or maybe just make a new set of friends? Next, do you have the time to commit? Take a look at your schedule and then figure out the time it will take to get to the gym for regular workouts.

It's a good idea to choose a gym that's within eight miles of your home. Any farther and you could start making excuses for skipping workouts. And finally, is the gym's clientele compatible with your lifestyle? Answering these questions will put you on track for choosing the gym that's right for you.

Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Jackie from Taylor e-mails for tips on keeping her bones healthy.

Jackie, here's a simple test that might help you get the healthy bones you're after.

■ True or False - Menopause is when women should start worrying about osteoporosis? False! Building and maintaining healthy bones is a lifetime proposition.

■ True or False - Both men and women get osteoporosis? True! But it is true that men lose bone density more slowly than women.

■ True or False - All women over the age of 65 need drug therapy to prevent the loss of bone density? False! Not everyone needs drugs to avoid the disease.

Some factors can make you more prone to getting osteoporosis. They include smoking, heavy drinking, and not getting enough calcium in your diet. Talk to your doctor for more tips on how to avoid osteoporosis and loss of bone density.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com.

TAI CHI

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mobility. "I noticed that since they first started I don't see tremors as much," said Ammari, a behavior specialist with Jewish Vocational Services which contracts with the society to run the center. "They're able to catch on to the moves. It doesn't take as long to catch on and they can stretch a little bit fur-

ther."

In addition to tai chi, strength training is offered every other week, aerobics and yoga the other. Tai chi follows every week at 2 p.m. James Oldham, Fink's caretaker, goes through the movements with the class. He says tai chi has helped him as much as Fink.

"I've seen improvement in his flexibility and fingers," said Oldham. "We have one thing in common - relaxation. You concen-

trate and it really calms you. When you do it, it brings me right down."

The Achievement Center is open 1-4 p.m. Thursdays at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter, 21311 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, and offers activities, arts and crafts, guests speakers, and support. Drop-in sessions are \$20 each, or sign up for 12 weeks for \$15 each session. Scholarships available on a sliding income scale. For more

information, call the Achievement Center at (800) 243-5767, Ext. 231.

For information about the Taoist Tai Chi Center, a nonprofit with classes in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills, call (248) 332-1281, (734) 591-3530, or visit www.taotaichi.org.

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**EXERCISE AS MEDICATION**

Readers of this column know the controversies of therapeutic regimens in fibromyalgia. The drugs used include almost every antidepressant and anxiety drug marketed. AAny chemical considered a muscle relaxant finds itself on a list used to treat fibromyalgia. Drug facts and phases constantly change; however, one aspect of therapy has never lost its importance: exercise.

If you developed a heart condition, you would want a medicine every day, including weekends, holidays and days when you arose early to catch a morning flight. For patients with fibromyalgia, the same holds true.

When you approach age 60, you should bring yourself to the same state of mind: that exercise is not something done two or three times a week, but daily, since exercise is a vital medication.

When you were younger you could keep fit even if you skipped workouts on weekends. Conversely, you could exercise to extremes on Saturday and Sunday and do nothing during the week and still keep both your weight and heart rate down.

When you start aging, you can't depend on the resiliency of your muscles to keep you fit by fitful exercise. Instead you should look at activity as the best medication possible for your body, and it needs to be done everyday. Moreover, as you age, you should workout longer and harder as it takes greater effort to achieve the same state of stamina, strength and reserve.

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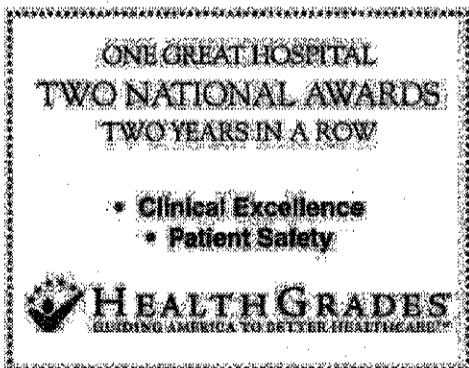
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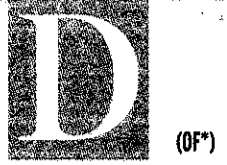


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## CollegeGrad.com names top 500 entry level employers

(PRWEB) — As the class of 2006 prepares for graduation, CollegeGrad.com, the No. 1 entry level job site, announces the Top 500 Entry Level Employers for 2006. The list represents more than 160,000 jobs for the class of 2006, with a 7.8-percent increase in hiring over 2005. The list of employers is available online at [www.CollegeGrad.com/topemployers](http://www.CollegeGrad.com/topemployers) and includes links to the home page, careers page and college page for each employer.

Among the Top 500 Entry Level Employers, 65 percent are planning to hire more college grads in 2006 than in 2005, 15 percent will hire the same and 20 percent will be hiring fewer. "It's exciting to see the positive hiring trend continue for the Class of 2006," said Brian Krueger, president of CollegeGrad.com. "For the third consecutive year, we are seeing employers increasing their entry level hiring. This means higher demand for college students and a more robust entry level job market."

Employers recruiting the Class of 2006 are excited about the new talent entering the job market. "It's an exciting time to be a graduating college student," said Rachel Koenig, national manager of recruiting for Consolidated Graphics. "Entry-level hiring is the strongest I've seen since September 11 and many companies, including Consolidated Graphics, are eagerly recruiting these talented, new hires to join their workforce."



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Recruiters are noticing this year's graduating class is more well-rounded compared with previous years' students. Stephanie Jax, manager of college relations at Ecolab, noticed many changes in the competition on campus, and in the student demographics. "The changes in the students have all been positive," Jax said. "The students that I met on campus this fall were more well-rounded, and better pre-

pared for the job search." As employers sing the praises of college graduates, they are also finding it more competitive to hire exceptional college grads. Dan Black, campus recruiting leader for Ernst & Young explains: "Because of the increased competition for talent, accounting professionals have the opportunity to seek out the best working environment for them and we believe that it's

here at Ernst & Young." Maureen Crawford Hentz, diversity recruiter for Osram Sylvania, adds, "We are working harder to land our top candidates, as most are also being pursued by other companies. We have to highlight all of our company's best features."

Campus career centers have noticed the significant hiring increase. "North Carolina State's campus career fairs are bursting at the seams with employers, and opportunities for internships, co-ops and jobs abound," says Carol Schroeder, director of the Career Center at North Carolina State University.

Others are having similar experiences, receiving a greater number of requests for information sessions than ever before, and selling out job fairs months in advance.

The CollegeGrad.com survey results name Enterprise Rent-A-Car as the No. 1 Entry Level Employer for the fourth year in a row, with 7,000 projected entry level hires for 2006. "In the midst of an improving job market, Enterprise continues to hire the best and the brightest college graduates for our management training program," said Marie Artim, assistant vice president of recruiting at Enterprise Rent-A-Car. "Hiring quality candidates with strong leadership skills is a priority, as these are the future leaders who will guide the continued growth and success of our company."

In addition to Enterprise Rent-A-Car, CollegeGrad.com details the hiring plans for more than 500 top entry

level employers. While many on the list are household names such as Lockheed Martin, KPMG, and Coca-Cola, there are also many lesser-known employers such as Grimco, Teradyne and Three Springs. But large or small, they are all actively seeking to hire college grads.

Top majors being hired this year include marketing, business, management and accounting. Graduates with computer science and communication degrees are also being highly sought after. Many companies hire a wide variety of majors. "It's not just the business and engineering students who have all of the luck," Koenig said. "We seek students with degrees in liberal arts, humanities, communications and, of course, printing."

Career centers remind students that in order to be ready for their job search, they need to start the process early. "The work of carefully researching employment options, analyzing what you have to offer an employer, and preparing to talk about it must be done by each job seeker," Schroeder said. "And it doesn't matter if hiring is going full blast or nearly at a standstill — the more you prepare, the better the result!"

The survey information was gathered while compiling the list of more than 500 Top Entry Level Employers for 2006. More information on the survey results along with the list of Top Entry Level Employers are posted at [www.CollegeGrad.com](http://www.CollegeGrad.com).



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CANTON
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LAKE ORION - Long Lake Woods Subdivision Annual Garage Sale. June 1, 2, 3, 9am. E. of M-24, off Indian Lake Road. Huge variety of items.

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## Let the sun shine in: Warming up to the idea of solar energy

(NAPS)—There's good news for those who claim there's nothing new under the sun when it comes to saving on ever-increasing energy bills.

Experts say new benefits and an unstable oil supply are making solar energy systems a practical reality for a growing number of homeowners.

With rising energy prices and concerns for the environment and about national security, homeowners are looking at solar energy options. A new federal tax credit, plus some state and local incentives, encourages adopting solar systems.

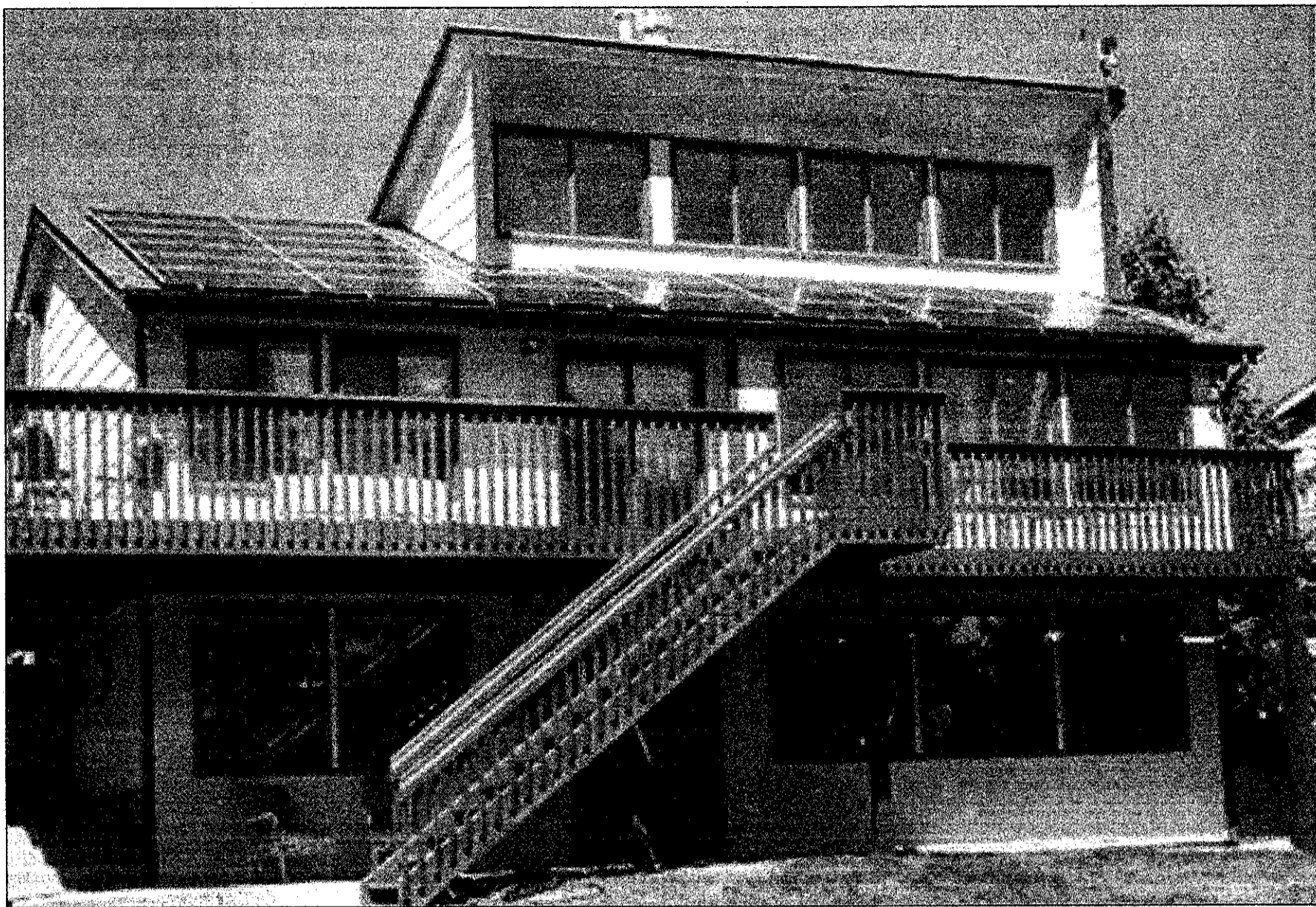
The government offers a tax credit for 30 percent of the cost of a solar electric or solar water heating system. There is no cap for business owners; homeowners receive a maximum \$2,000 credit for each system installed.

These credits make solar energy systems a feasible solution for hot water heating and electricity production for many building owners. Many homeowners already benefit from solar heating for their pools and spas without government incentives.

"As awareness grows, along with summer air-conditioning bills, we expect thousands more to consider their solar options," said Brad Collins, executive director of the American Solar Energy Society.

"With continued rising energy costs, consumer interest in clean, renewable energy from secure U.S. energy sources, and federal tax incentives, we believe more homeowners and business owners will look for sustainable alternatives," he added.

In most states, another advantage of solar electric systems (also called photovoltaic or PV) is the option to send excess energy back to your local utility grid. For example, if you are a residential customer, your system may generate more electricity than you need during the day when your family is away at work and at school. Net metering allows you to send this excess electricity to the



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grid, spinning your meter backwards, and reducing or offsetting the electricity you use at other times.

Today, solar energy equipment is high quality and reliable; it is backed by warranties from large, reputable firms and installed by experienced

contractors. There are also many resources to learn more about solar energy.

"FindSolar.com is a great starting place to learn more about solar energy and to assess the options for your own particular home or build-

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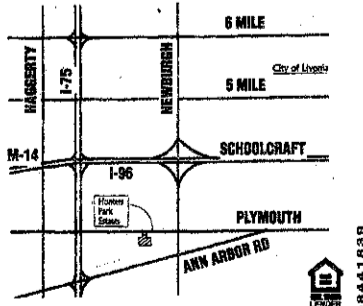
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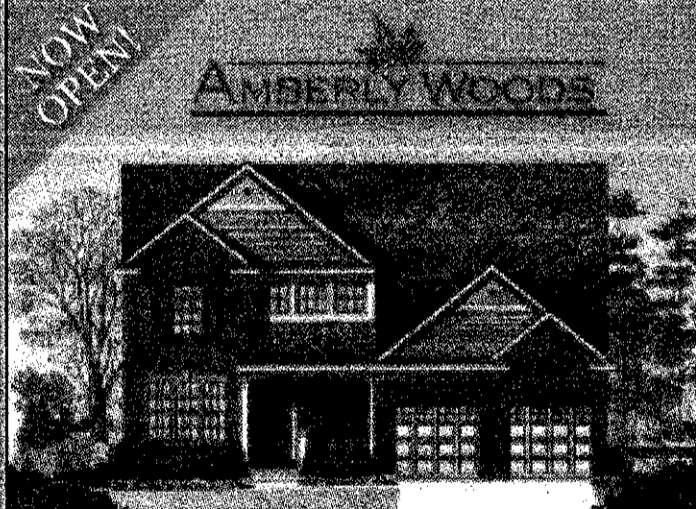
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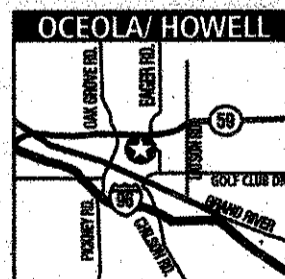


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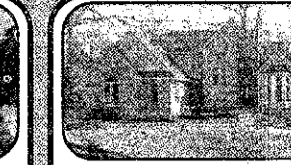
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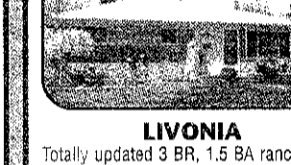
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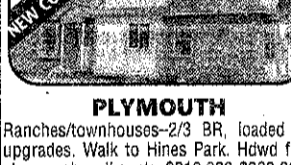


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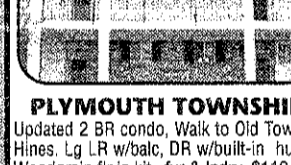


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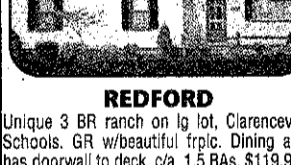


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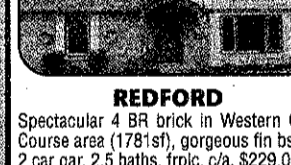
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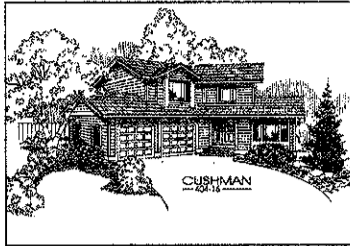
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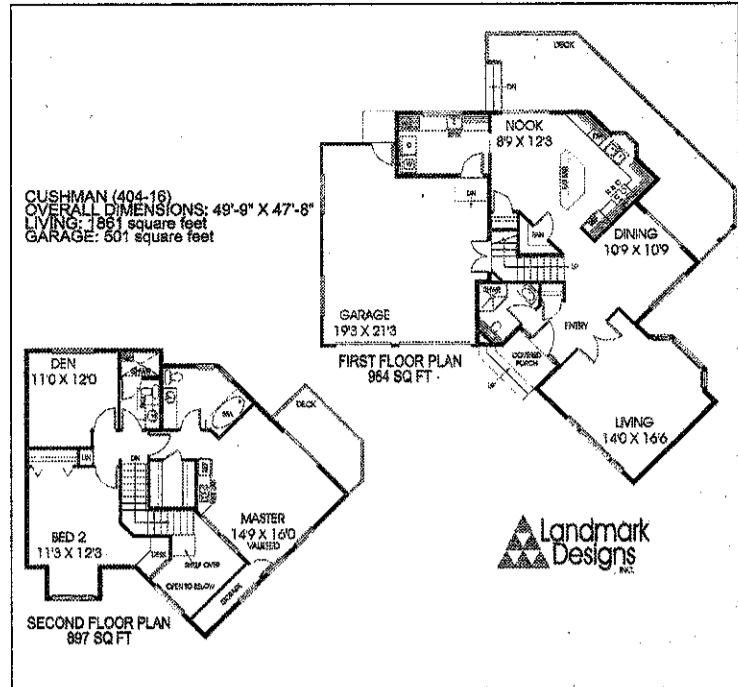
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Here are some things you should consider when pondering buying a house:

■ Decide how much you can afford. Contact a lender. There are many different mortgage programs out there. How much your payments will be depends on your credit and some other factors.

Once you find out how much your payments will be, estimate your other expenses and figure out how much house you can really buy.



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Get a pre-approval from your lender, which will tell you how much of a mortgage you can get.

■ If you own a house or condo now, it's better to sell before you buy. We are in a slower market. You don't want to be in a position where you

are paying double mortgages and are more pressured to take a lower price on your current home.

■ Get a Realtor. If you are buying, a Realtor provides many services for you that are free. Realtors are usually paid by sellers. Some of the services you get from your Realtor are finding properties for you, negotiating on your behalf, doing the paperwork, etc. It would be foolish not to hire a Realtor.

■ When the time comes to place an offer, you will need an earnest money deposit (EMD)

and a pre-approval.

Many sellers want the EMD to be 3% of the purchase price. What you will do is make out a check to the real estate company of your agent. That money is held in an escrow account. If you simply change your mind after there is an accepted purchase agreement you will lose the EMD. The reason for this is that sellers want to know that if they are taking their house off the market there is a serious buyer.

Sellers want buyers whom place an offer to have a pre-approval. If sellers are taking

their house off the market for about a month, they want to make sure that the buyer can afford the house.

■ Once you have an accepted offer, you then have normally within seven days to do a private inspection. An inspection normally costs between \$300-\$400. Depending on what it says in the purchase agreement if there is an issue that comes up, regarding the house from the inspection, within the seven days, you can withdraw from the transaction and get your EMD back.

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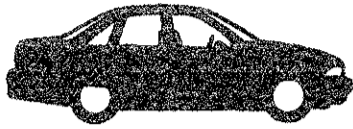
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By Dave Menard  
Avanti NewsFeatures

I hate to be the one to break this to you, but gasoline prices have skyrocketed over the past several months and show little sign of dropping any time soon.

I had that thought in my mind the entire time I spent with the 2006 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited 4x4. Not that there isn't a lot to like about it - there is - but this is one of in a class of vehicles where you have to think to yourself, "do I really need a 4x4 that's rated for off-road driving?" A few years ago, you could afford to buy something like this for city driving on the off-chance you might need it off-road someday, but with gas prices what they are, and will be, I might have second thoughts.

This edition of the Jeep Grand Cherokee averaged less than 15 mpg for me in a week of driving, and some of that was on the freeway. Not to mention that my Jeep didn't even have the biggest engine available for it - the 5.7 liter HEMI V-8 engine. The standard engine in the Grand Cherokee Limited is a 4.7 liter V-8he engine rated at 235 horsepower (176 kW) at 4,500 rpm and 305 lb.-ft. of torque at 3,600 rpm. It's mated with a five-speed automatic transmission, a Tow/Haul switch (includes 3.73 axle ratio), and heavy-duty (hybrid) engine cooling. While you won't win Daytona with this acceleration, the power is adequate for normal driving situations.

The Limited 4x4 features what Jeep calls a Quadra-Drive II system. It combines the full-time transfer case with Electronic Limited Slip Differentials (ELSD) to detect tire slip and distribute engine torque to the tires with traction. For normal driving situations, you won't even notice it.

One of the areas where the Grand Cherokee Limited does excel is in how it rides. Considering it

is a 4x4, the ride is fairly smooth and surprisingly quiet. The front suspension system is a short/long independent (SLA) system with coil springs, gas-charged, twin-tube coil over shock absorbers, upper and lower control arms and stabilizer bar. The rear suspension features a live axle, link coil with track bar, gas-charged twin tube shock absorbers, and stabilizer bar. It smoothes out the bumps pretty well and the cabin is fairly quiet, even with the 17" all-terrain tires.

Power rack-and-pinion steering is standard and the Jeep handles well. Turning and maneuvering is fairly easy for a 4x4; the turning circle is tight enough not to require a lot of stopping and starting when trying to ease into a parking spot. Anti-lock brakes are standard and are very good.

The Grand Cherokee has always been an attractive package; it's not so big as to be intimidating, but it's big enough to give you plenty of room for people and cargo. The classic Jeep grille is still there, plus, as mentioned above, the Grand Cherokee comes with a 17" all-terrain tires. Also included are fog lamps, automatic heated, folded, power mirrors, full-size spare tire and roof side rails. There are auxiliary power outlets around the vehicle and plenty of storage areas, too. You can add tow hooks, seven- and four-pin wiring harness, and power sunroof.

Inside, the Grand Cherokee is roomy and comfortable with some nice standard features. The standard leather eight-way adjustable power seats are comfortable and give you a good driving position. There's plenty of head- and legroom, and the



2006 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited 4x4. Type: special purpose. Where built: Detroit. EPA: 15/20. Base price: \$36,005. Price as tested: \$38,060.

rear seats are 60/40 fold-down seats to give you more cargo room in the back.

Standard features include dual-zone air-conditioning, cruise control, power locks, tilt steering column with a leather-wrapped steering wheel, security system, universal garage door opener, and power adjustable pedals. There's a driver's information system included, as well -- it's how I tracked my average gas mileage. The Grand Cherokee Limited also comes with a tire pressure monitor and side-curtain airbags.

The standard audio system is very good; it's an AM/FM head unit with six-disc in-dash CD with MP3 capability, and Boston Acoustics six-speaker premium sound system with 276-watt digital amplifier. There is an auxiliary input for your portable mp3 player, but you have to supply the cord. You can add Sirius satellite radio as an option.

The 2006 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited 4x4 starts at about \$36,000. Add the tow hooks, wiring harness, supplemental side air bags, and satellite radio and you're at about \$38,000, certainly in the ballpark for a luxury 4x4.

The question, though, is the same - do you need a 4x4 in the first place? If you decide you do, the Grand Cherokee Limited 4x4 would make a good choice. It's a nice combination of performance, comfort and features. Just be prepared when you hit the gas station - because it's going to hit you.

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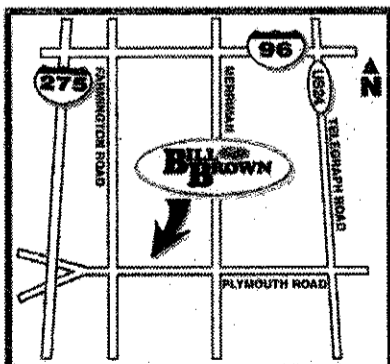
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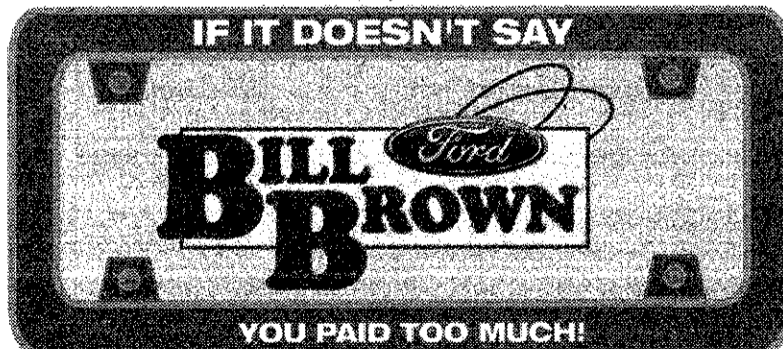
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