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'Very lucky'

Toddler who rolled his bike into road faces long recovery

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

A 3-year-old Canton boy is facing a long recovery after rolling a four-wheel bike into traffic June 15 in Westland, his father said Thursday.

Hunter Campbell, who was hit on Joy Road east of Middlebelt while visiting a Westland family with his father Steve, remains in critical condition at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"He has made it through the toughest part," Steve Campbell said. "He's still critical, but he is improving."



Hunter Campbell

Hunter rolled the bike into traffic about 10 p.m. June 15 as his father was about to get him and take him home. Campbell said his son somehow got out of the back yard where he had been playing with other chil-

Hunter was struck by a Chevrolet Prizm driven by a 75-year-old Westland woman who, according to Westland police Sgt. Rob Collier, isn't expected to face charges.

'My son has quite a few iniuries, but he's very, very lucky that he survived," Campbell said.

Doctors have told Campbell that his son has no major head injuries, although he had lacerations to his liver and his spleen and he had multiple broken bones. He also had abrasions from hitting the

"He's still on a ventilator, but

he is opening his eyes," Campbell said Thursday. "When you call his name, he opens his eyes."

Doctors put Hunter on anti-seizure medication, and the boy has been fighting off a case of pneumonia that he developed Monday, the father

Campbell, who works on an emergency medical technician transport team for Detroitbased Children's Hospital of Michigan, said his training helped him not to panic as much as another parent might have when the accident occurred.



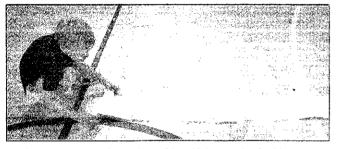
Hunter remains in critical condition at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"Still, it was the darkest day of my life, and I don't wish that on anybody ever," he said.

Campbell makes about \$10 an hour, and he said Hunter's medical expenses are mounting rapidly. Another family has established a medical fund for the boy, according to a LaSalle

Bank employee in Canton. To help, stop by any LaSalle branch in Michigan and indicate to a teller that a donation is being made to a special fund set up for Hunter Campbell.

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Hunter Hall rolls out his number grids, which go up to 10,000 and nearly stretch across the entire length of the Dodson Elementary

Making sense of numbers

Dodson student takes math project to new level

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

It started as a school project for Hunter Hall and he wasn't really even all that good at it. But this week, just a few days after school let out and he had completed the first grade, Hunter met a rather unusual goal he'd set for himself — he wrote his numbers, up to 10,000.

He started last year, with the rest of his class at **Dodson Elementary** School. His teacher, Eric Stamper, asked the students to make a number grid — a page of 100 boxes, in which the students would write numbers in order.

The project is intended to help children build "numbers sense," Stamper said. The students begin to see patterns emerge, and become more comfortable with math concepts.

"I didn't do very well," Hunter said. "I only made it to 300." He was trying to

write neatly, which slowed him down. It wasn't until he and a classmate created a little competition for each other that he really started taking interest in the grid.

Before a school break, one of Hunter's friends (who had written his numbers up to 1,000, compared to Hunter's 300) said that while he was on a plane to Mexico for a family vacation, he was going to write out 20 pages.

"Well, I wound up writing out 20 pages, and he didn't even write a single number," said Hunter, leaning back in his chair to laugh and slap his hand to his forehead.

That competition motivated the boys, who are both active athletes.

Long after most students lost interest in the project, Hunter kept going.

"His principal said he'd never seen a student go over 3,000," said Hunter's

PLEASE SEE NUMBERS, A5



Dodson student Hunter Hall sits in front of the long roll of sheets that contain all the numbers he wrote as part of a class math project.

Early retirements could stave off township layoffs

After some tense moments and worrying, Canton Township was able to deliver some good news to employees who were facing possible layoff. Eight union employees whose last day would have been at the end of this month were spared from layoff, after 14 more senior township employees chose to take early retirements.

Because of the early retirements, less senior workers were able to move into vacated positions.

The one exception was that of one laid-off worker, a plumbing inspector, who opted for an early retirement, according to Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

Two non-union positions were lost, however. The deputy building official and the neighborhood coordinator positions were eliminated, and there was nowhere to place them, according to Yack. The two employees who filled those positions worked their last day in April.

PLEASE SEE TOWNSHIP, A5

Longtime Canton business owner in tax bill dispute with township

George Merchant considers Canton his home. It had been the place of his residence and, since 1971, it's been the place of his family business, Mapco. But sometimes staying put isn't all that

easy. And Merchant said this is one of those times. Merchant is preparing to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal to settle a disagreement over his tax bill at Mapco, a company which makes and distributes precision machinery equipment and

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Township board meeting

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on June 27. On the agenda are the township's 2005 audit presentation, a 10-year contract with Fellows Creek Management to operate the

township's first municipal golf course, and the recognition of 14 early retirements of Canton employees.

The meeting will be on the first floor of the township administrative offices, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Van Buren Schools meeting

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Monday June 26 at the Belleville High School Food Service Center. The hearing will deal with the proposed 2006-2007 budget, including the property tax millage rate proposed to be levied. The hearing will be followed by the board's regular meeting. Items on the agenda include the 2005-2006 final budget resolution, a contract extension for the director of personnel, adoption to the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) for 2006-2007, an elementary boundary update, and an bus use request recommendation. For more information, contact the district at (734) 697-9123.

Red Cross blood drive

Contours Express, located on Sheldon Center Road in Canton, will be co-hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross from 1-7 p.m. on July 7 at the Contours Express located at 31509 Cherry Hill in

Westland (at Cherry Hill and Merriman, next to Quiznos and H&R Block). The public is urged to participate in event. The Red Cross says it is in need of blood supplies. Please call (734) 326-SLIM to schedule an appointment. Anyone who donates blood will receive a free two week pass good at three Contours Express locations, including the one in Canton.

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Student presents at White House

Canton High student Kevin Birou recently presented his award-winning essay, John Adams: Taking a Stand for Justice, at the White House Visitor Center as part of National History Day. Students from across the country wrote essays on the theme "Taking a Stand in History: People, Ideas, Events." Kevin's essay was one of 12 winners. He was encouraged to take part in the contest by his teacher, Carrie Chobanian. For more information about the program, please visit www.nhd.org.

Volunteer ushers needed

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton is looking for people to volunteer as ushers for upcoming events, and will hold four free training dates in August: Monday August 7, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Tuesday August 8, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Monday August 28, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.; and Tuesday August 29, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All training sessions will be at The Village Theater located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. You can register for the date of your choice by calling (734) 394-5460 extension 0.

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Corvettes at the Summit

The second annual "Corvettes at the Summit" is scheduled for Saturday, July 15, at Canton's Heritage Park.

Presented by Corvette Legends Club and Canton Leisure Services with sponsorship by Les Stanford Chevrolet, the 2006 "Corvettes at the Summit" is expected to draw more than 100 Corvettes of all vintages for a daylong display and car show.

Specially trained judges will evaluate the presentation and condition of the entries. Trophies will be awarded to Corvettes that meet the judging standards.

The show will also feature music, food, a display of special interest Corvettes unique model cars, entertainment and door prizes. It will culminate in a Corvette road tour leaving from Heritage Park at 4 p.m.

Show hours are 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Participant registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and closes at 9:30 a.m. The awards ceremony is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, July 10.

Admission is free for spectators. There is a registration fee for participants.

Design excellence nominations

The deadline to submit nominations for Canton's fourth annual Design Excellence Awards, which promote excellence in landscaping, architectural, and environmental design, is July 15. Judging for the competition will take place July through August and awards will be presented at an appreciation ceremony in October.

Categories for the Landscape Design Award include neighborhood entryways, residential homes, commercial retail and office buildings, industrial facili-

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'Summer Sounds' pop concert

Orchestra Canton presents the fifth and final concert of the 2005-2006 with "Summer Sounds: A Pops Picnic" at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. It is billed as a good, old-fashioned, summertime concert - with air conditioning and without the bugs. The concert will feature ragtime, marches, foxtrots, tangos, and 1920s dance band music, with favorites by Scott Joplin, John Phillip Sousa, Astor Piazzolla, and Kurt Weill. A special presentation of the Richard Rodgers classic "Slaughter on 10th Avenue" will feature the talented duo "At the Two Pianos" of Adam Aceto and Patrick Johnson (pictured), who play popular American music from the 1920s and 30s. Beginning at 7 p.m. patrons can order a box lunch and have a picnic at the Village Theater prior to the concert. The box lunch picnic is \$10 and includes a sandwich, pasta salad, chips and cookies. Tickets for the concert are sold separately and are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and \$11 for children. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, by calling the Summit at (734) 394-5460. or at the Village Theater box office one hour before the performance. For more information about this concert or Orchestra Canton's upcoming 2006-2007 "Classical Canton" Season, please visit www.orchestracanton.org.

ties, and public facilities. The award will be based on quality of design, use of plant materials, year round appeal, and creativi-

Categories for the Environmental Excellence Award include detention pond maintenance, preservation, and wetland mitigation. The award is intended to highlight projects that preserve or enhance natural features, use native vegetation, and create natural habitats.

Categories for the Architectural Design Award include commercial retail and office buildings, industrial facilities, additions, renovations and remodeling, and public facilities. The award will be based on building design, quality of building materials, and quality of site design.

Nomination forms are available on Canton's Web site at www.canton-mi.org, the Summit on the Park, Canton's Administration Building, the Canton Library, and several Canton-area nurseries.

Completed forms must be sent

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South Canton, MI 48188 The Design Excellence Awards are sponsored by Canton's Council for Community Excellence, For questions or more information please call (734) 394-5164 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

Theater auditions

The Spotlight Players theater group is holding auditions for Fiddler on the Roof on Monday July 18 and Tuesday July 19 at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton (corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge - use stage door at rear). Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring non-returnable photos. For more information, visit www.spotlightplayers.net or call (734) 340-4945.

Canton High class reunion

Plymouth Canton Class of 1981 will hold its 25th reunion on Aug. 26 at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth Township. Organizers are still working on details, but they are planning a casual, lowcost event so as many people as possible will attend.

If you are interested in attending, please send your current contact information, including an e-mail address, if you have one to one of the following committee members: Ann (Genrich) Rockov, arockov@aol.com; Beth (Berberet) Schumacher,

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again soon with the specifics of the reunion. They would also appreciate it if you could send updated contact information on others.

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Lifestyle program marathon, not sprint

Body by God meant to make changes that last

eff and Lisa Abicht were already trying to make some changes in their lives, and those of their five daughters, when they discovered the Body by God program being offered at the Livonia YMCA.

With five young girls in the house, one could have forgiven the Abichts if they'd worried their daughters would balk at the idea

of giving up their favorite snacks and foods in favor of a more healthy diet.

But the Garden City couple, spurred on by all five of Brad their girls, has Kadrich dived right into the lifestyle

enhancement program being run by Livonia chiropractor Dr. C.J. Trupp and, as a result, say they're seeing positive change in their home.

'We've had good success with other things, even though we were using processed foods," Lisa Abicht said. "We've incorporated whole foods in their simplest forms into our eating. We've replaced some of the snacks our kids were eating with healthier

Body by God, as explained by Trupp, isn't a diet plan or a health plan. To Trupp and, he hopes, to the program's initial participants, it's a "change your life" program designed to work on the total person.

Developed by Dr. Ben Lerner, an author and doctor who has served as the team doctor to the U.S. Olympic team, the program follows the "Extreme Makeover God's Way" manual, a 40-day exercise aimed at making changes that allow participants



Instead of peanut butter crackers, 9year-old Maddie Abicht enjoys an apple for an afternoon snack.

to live a better life.

The Abichts have jumped right in, asking questions at our weekly sessions about the right kinds of food, changing the way they approach after-school time with their children.

And perhaps they needn't have worried about their kids: When an Observer photographer showed up for a photo shoot this week, the girls - ages 2-12 - were rummaging through the refrigerator looking for (are you ready?)

"The kids have been excellent," Jeff Abicht said. "They're even bringing it up to us, making sure we're eating 'Food by God."

They're doing a little better, seemingly, than I am, although I've made changes I never thought were possible before. I've lost 13 pounds and four inches around the middle, and my resting heart rate is around 60.

I'm making subtle changes as a result of the program: I've only stopped at Tim Horton's three times the last four weeks, I'm eating a lot less Wendy's and we noticed last week, for the first time and without really meaning

to, there's no junk food in the

It hasn't been easy - dieting never has for a longtime chubby guy - but I'm working on it. And Trupp says that's all you can do.

"It's human to be dropping off the food by God part by this point," Trupp said. "It's only human to think, 'Man, how long have I been doing this?' The trick is not to fall off so far you end up on the other side of healthy."

It uses "food by God" (more natural foods like grains, fruits and veggies) vs. "food by man" (processed foods like my personal favorite, the fabled Wendy's

It uses time-management techniques like "putting yellow lines" (similar to those "do not cross" lines on a highway) around parts of your schedule that don't allow anything to interfere with schedule highlights such as, well, taking part in Body by God.

The last couple of weeks we've focused more on those latter parts of the program, talking about exercise and stress management. That's actually the part of the program I'm having a little more luck with. For instance, I've put the solid yellow lines around time to work on a manuscript I've written.

I'm still not putting any of those lines around nutrition, but hey, it's about baby

"You can't just shove it into your schedule," Trupp said. "That just doesn't work."

It's working pretty well for the

"It really runs in line with the way we're trying to live our lives anyway," Jeff Abicht said. "It also fits with the way we're trying to raise our kids, nutritionally and spiritually."

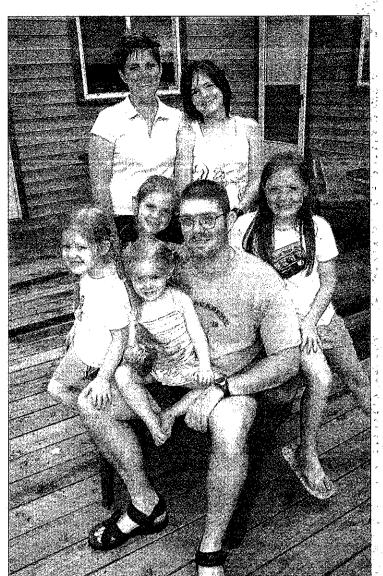
Unlike other plans I've tried to follow, I haven't had the urge to give up on this one - yet. Folks like the Abichts have my respect, because they've totally committed to it.

But maybe I've been able to stick to it - more or less because I've eased myself in. And, according to Trupp, that's

"This was never about perfection," he said. "It's about progress. It doesn't stop when the program ends. It only stops when you quit."

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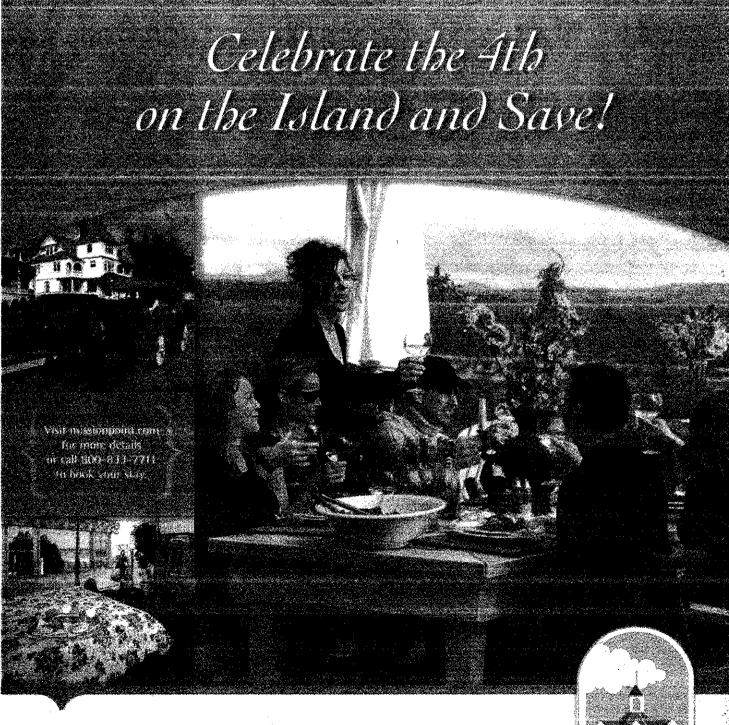
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PHS Class of '56 set for reunions

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The Plymouth High School Class of 1956 is busy planning a pair of reunions to mark major milestones.

First up is the 50th reunion for the Class of 1956 itself, set for Saturday, Sept. 9, an event scheduled 1 p.m. to sundown and featuring 1950s music, a pig roast with "all the trimmings" and socializing with old friends.

Classmates are hoping for 100-percent participation, but organizers are looking for some help finding some classmates: Wilma Graham Adair, Joan Burnette Booth, Sharon Irvine Bowen, Elizabeth Gustin Crowe, Joe Davis, Dale DePriest, Donald Dobson, Patricia Dorey, Roberta Paulson Drockie, Marilyn Paul Ehle, Gerald Foreman, Bonnie Woodard French, Donna Frizell, Donald Gillum, Anita Peterson Humphrey, Robert

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Anyone with information about any of these classmates can contact Shirley Andrews Bell via e-mail at ssbell8993@yahoo.com or (248) 446-1266; or Sande Cutler at alisande@umich.edu or

(734) 668-4073. The Class of 1956 is also planning, as it has every five years for many years, an all-

class reunion for all faculty, staff and students of Old Plymouth High School (1917-1970). Organizers are hoping to break attendance records this year.

The reunion takes place noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10 at the Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road.

No reservation is required. There will be a \$5 per-person admission at the door, and the entry tickets can be applied toward food. Drinks of all kinds - including soft drinks - wil lbe available for purchase.

If the weather is good, organizers are suggesting attendees bring lawn chairs, since there is a large back yard at the lodge.

Sign-in lists and flags will make it easier for classmates to find each other.

There will be prizes for oldest class represented, classmate traveling the farthest, largest group from one class, etc.



employs 45 workers. Merchant had, by all standards, done right by his company, his community and his employees, and had made a

decent living doing so. So when Merchant was ready to expand his business, and build a new building just off Michigan Avenue, there was help available to him from the state as well as the township. One of the forms of help he received was a tax abatement from Canton.

Under the law, the township can abate half of a company's taxes for a period of time, based upon a formula that factors what kind of company it is, how much of an investment the company is making into the business, how many new jobs will be created and how much real and personal property is included in the overall investment.

Mapco qualified for an eightyear abatement on the building and the business' personal property. On a total investment of \$1.7 million, that's not chump change, Merchant said.

Except for one thing -Merchant said he invested \$1.7 million, but the township has valued his property at \$2.4 million. So his tax bill was \$14,000 higher than he thought it would be.

When Merchant got his tax bill in February, he appealed it at a meeting with the town-ship's board of review, a threeperson panel assigned with settling exactly this kind of dispute. But the board sided with the township, so Merchant is preparing to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal in Lansing.

Out of more than 30,000 properties Wayne County Appraisal (a private company subcontracted by Canton to conduct appraisals) appraises every year, about 40 property owners appeal, according to John McLenaghan of Wayne County Appraisal.

The system used to determine property values is provided by the state. The state provides a manual of costs and a table of multipliers that appraisers must use when they're determining the value of a property, McLenaghan

"If you determined the value of a property based only on what the property owner said it costs, we'd be relying on them to tell us what it's worth." McLenaghan said.

So even if Merchant paid \$1.7 for the property and the building, it can absolutely be worth more than \$2.4 million, even before the paint on the new walls is dry.

Determining the market value is not a science, but an art, according to Township Supervisor Tom Yack. It's based on a series of tables, with property features and the price of comparable buildings figured into the mix, he added. Without the tables, the potential for miscalculation is too great. If a property is undervalued, the township runs the risk of noncompliance with the law.

"By law, the assessor is to value the property at 50 percent of market value," Yack said, adding that only about 20 percent of the taxes collected are paid to the township. The rest is paid to the county, schools, the library and other millages, and to community colleges.

"The list of where the money is sent goes on and on," Yack

But to Merchant, who as a business owner watches every dollar he spends, disputing the tax bill discrepancy is worth it,

"The difference of \$14,000 may not sound big when you think of a \$2 million building," Merchant said. "But when you're in business, you look at every penny, so it is a lot of pennies."

He has hired an attorney to help him prepare the appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal, and he spent \$4,000 on an appraisal of the building.

Despite the dispute, he didn't consider moving out of the area when he built the 30,000square-foot building last year.

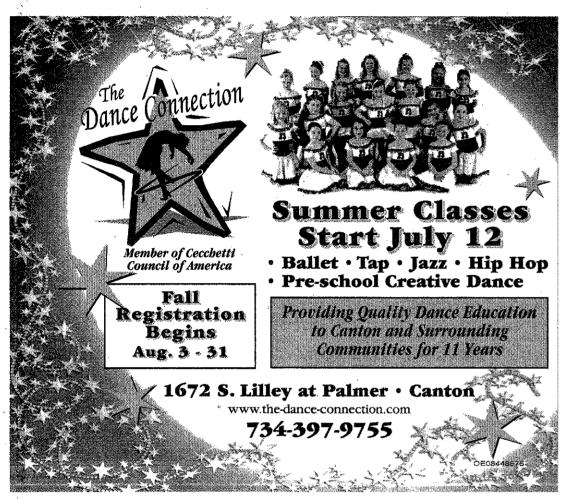
'We've been here forever and all my employees live here," Merchant said, but he added that manufacturing is a tough business and he could use every break possible.

"You hear about the climate in manufacturing all the time, and job losses and everything else. And it's real. That's what the climate is like," Merchant said, adding that he never once considered sending manufacturing operations overseas, nor did he consider leaving the

"Michigan has lost thousands of manufacturing jobs. As a business owner, I have to do things better and smarter and watch every penny."

In September of last year, Merchant's abatement application was based on the property costing \$615,123 per acre (on a four-acre parcel), and the cost of improvements totaling \$2,478,945, according to minutes of the Sept. 13 Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting. At that time, the figures were not contested.

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TOWNSHIP

FROM PAGE A1

"There were some anxious moments, but it worked out (for the union employees)," Yack said. "That was the goal all along, to have few, if any, job losses."

The employees who took early retirements were in nearly every department, but most of those who were facing layoff were either clerical or inspection services workers.

The layoffs in inspection services were the result of a sharp downturn in new housing construction starts, and the lost revenue from having fewer permits issued.

"Year to date, we're right on the estimate," Yack said. So far this year, there have only been between 240 and 300 building permits issued. In a busy year, the township issued upward of 1,200 in a year.

One of the township employees who will take an early retirement, if the township board approves at its June 27 meeting, is Administrative and Community Services Director Dan Durack. If Durack's early retirement is approved, he will stay until later this year, as the

township searches for a new finance director.

Finance Director Tony Minghine resigned in order to take a position as chief financial officer at the Michigan Municipal League. His last day on the job will be next week, and Durack will lead the finance department until the township finds a replacement.

"We hope to find a replacement by the first of October," Yack said.

The township accepted applications for the finance director position until June 19, and received between 40 and 50 applications,

according to Yack.

"The next step is a paper review of the resumes to be sure that those who've applied meet minimum requirements," Yack said.

Face-to-face interviews will follow, then candidates will be evaluated by written test and another interview.

"Then we will get a profile of each candidate, then one more intensive interview, and hopefully we get one person that stands out from the rest," Yack said.

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DEATHS

Dustin Favian Kaercher

Kaercher, 18, of Livonia, died June 21.

Robert A. Lander

NUMBERS

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FROM PAGE A1

Lander, 78, of Howell, died June 21.

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Hunter was driven. He'd

stay up late at night sometimes to write his numbers. Sometimes he'd spend hours

of a busy weekend writing

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Nelson, 92, formerly of Livonia, died April 26.

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Rysberg, 70, formerly of Plymouth, died June 19.

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Long ago summer of 1967 continues to haunt community

n the summer of 1967, I spent three months in Oakwood Hospital.

The previous winter I had been in the hospital for two weeks being treated for a collapsed lung. In July, walking home from the doctor's office after an all-clear checkup, a lung collapsed again.

Throughout that summer, numerous attempts to inflate both lungs failed. Eventually, I had to have major surgery on both lungs.

On July 23, a police raid on a blind pig on 12th Street in Detroit set off a deadly race riot that made similar confrontations in Watts and Newark seem like prologues. The riot left 43 dead, more than 1,000 injured and an estimat-

ed \$45 million in property damage. It also accelerated white flight from the city, creating what some have called the most segregated urban area in the United States

We are living still in the shadow of that event 39 years later. Needless to say, the riot was Topic No. 1 in the hospital and everywhere else in metro Detroit that summer. Rumors

flew quickly that somehow the rioting would spread into the suburbs.

Gailagher

I shared my room over that long, sometimes woozy, summer with a wide assortment of

One older man enjoyed listening to the mellow sounds of WJR all day long, while I would have preferred CKLW or WABX (except on Tiger game days). Another was a constant complainer for whom the nurses and long-suffering nurse's aides could never do anything right and for whom the least little ache was a searing pain. (I imagine there was a celebration when

My favorite roommate was a Dearborn firefighter, injured when he fell from a ladder while joining others from his department in helping to put out the fires in Detroit. He was also subject to some random gunfire from those whose homes he was helping to save.
I would hear the "n" word many times over

that summer, but never from the firefighter. He was angry, bewildered but also concerned about what he'd seen in the city before and during the

I admired his cool demeanor, his courage and his ability to separate the terrible situation he had just been through and racial prejudices.

He was a *Dearborn* firefighter. Dearborn police had a reputation in both the black and white communities at the time for using some strong measures to steer blacks away from the city on Detroit's western border. "Keep Dearborn Clean" was often interpreted to mean keep Dearborn white.

My favorite roommate was a Dearborn firefighter, injured when he fell from a ladder while joining others from his department in helping to put out the fires in Detroit. He was also subject to some random gunfire from those whose homes he was helping to save.

The firefighter defied all those easy generalizations about Dearborn, just as he failed to makes easy generalizations about Detroit. His anger was tempered.

When I finally returned to Wayne State University, one of my professors showed his 8mm films of his rooftop view of the fires, looting and confrontations with police and National Guard. He set this angry urban ballet to the fierce music of Nina Simone. He was politically radical, but it was hard to ascertain what point his little movie actually made about the riots, though he did catch a few good shots of some whites making away with televisions and other loot. But they were also clearly outnumbered.

What was most different was that Wayne State's already uptight, racially separated campus was even more uptight and separated. And so was metro Detroit.

On July 27, 2007, Stevie Wonder will headline a commemorative concert at Ford Field, organized by civic leaders and organizations with some hope that people will be LOWD (Love Others Without Discretion). This was the message at recent meeting at the Salvation Army's Southfield office.

Mike Fezzey, president and general manager of the still mellow WJR, told the gathered media and "We've had enough. We've seen enough." He read from a piece his father had written shortly after the riot that described the Detroit metro area as a community divided that needed to take strong measures to come togeth-

For a brief, illusory moment, the following summer the community did come together over the success of the Detroit Tigers on their way to winning the 1968 World Series. But neither concerts nor winning sports teams can "bring a city together.'

We need more people like the firefighter who wanted to channel his anger into something bet-

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Steroid tests shouldn't just be for pro athletes

ersonally, I don't care whether Barry Bonds took steroids or not.

But we all should care whether our high school athletes are ingesting steroids, human growth hormones or other performance-enhancing drugs.

And, with few exceptions, that's a story which hasn't been told even in our steroidsoaked sports pages.

Do high school athletes in Michigan — in our local schools — take these illegal muscle-enhancing substances?

We don't know with any certainty. That's because we don't test. No state does. But New Jersey, to its credit, recently

announced plans to start. The New Jersey plan would test athletes competing in next year's state championship contests. Our own high school athletic association, our scholastic sports conferences and our school boards would do well to take notice - especially as this

year's crop of high school

Peal athletes complete their own tournament games. It's a good first step, though it could go a

Wayne

ing about the program's potential cost. The New Jersey plan was announced last week but almost immediately overshadowed by revelations that a supply of human growth hormones had been found in a raid at the home of Jason Grimsley, a heretofore obscure major league baseball player.

lot further. Already there's been some grip-

Reports that Bonds, baseball's record-setting home run hitter, and other big league stars may have also used such substances have also made ongoing headlines throughout the past year or so.

Yet, there's a difference.

Those players are professionals, competing against other professionals. That's not to condone what they did, if they did it.

A steroid-enhanced high school athlete isn't just a danger to himself or herself though steroid use is dangerous and can be deadly - they are also a danger to the athletes they compete against.

But the issue of steroid abuse among

scholastic athletes is far more serious. For starters, those athletes are generally

More importantly, their bodies are still

developing, even as late as high school. A steroid-enhanced high school athlete isn't just a danger to himself or herself though steroid use is dangerous and can be deadly — they are also a danger to the athletes they compete against.

It's not just an issue of whether one athlete holds an unfair advantage over another athlete in terms of their ability to score touchdowns and gather scholarships, though that's important.

In contact sports especially, it's an issue of whether one athlete, artificially strong beyond their years, could seriously hurt a fellow athlete who plays by the rules.

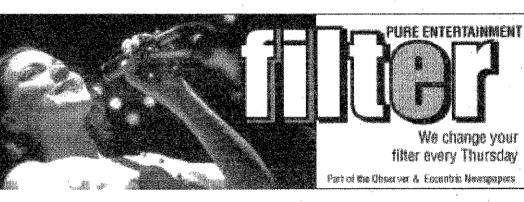
Few of our local athletes will ever become professional, or even highly-placed amateur athletes, but thousands of kids play interscholastic sports in this state very year.

If you're a parent, chances are fairly good that your son or daughter either is, has been, or will be among them.

That's why Michigan should adopt its own testing standards.

Our kids need it and, as parents, we should demand it.

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Cable, telephone companies battle over franchising bills

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Bob McCann, president of Bright House Network's Michigan Division, said his company would welcome competition in the lucrative cable television field if everything was "fair and level."

Traditional cable television providers and telecommunications companies, including giants AT&T and Verizon, are locked in a battle over how cable television will be franchised in the future. The telecommunications companies are pushing at the state and federal levels to have franchising removed from local community control. The cable providers, with support in Michigan from the Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Townships Association, are opposing the changes.

A bill was passed July 8 in the U.S. House that would turn franchising over to the Federal Communications Commission. That bill is currently moving its way through the U.S. Senate. In Michigan, the state House is holding hearings on a bill, sponsored by Rep. Jack Hoogendyk (R-Kalamazoo) that would transfer franchising authority to the Secretary of State's office.

"Our position is if they want to com-

pete with us, they have to play by the same rules we have to play by. As long as it's level and as long as it's fair, we have no problem," McCann said. Bright House operates cable service in Redford, Livonia, Farmington, Farmington Hills

Michael Marker, a spokesman for AT&T Michigan (formerly SBC), counters that cable companies have enjoyed an unfair advantage. He said when the cable companies began offering telephone service, they weren't required to comply with the same rules as the established companies.

"We're a new entrant into the video business and they are saying, 'Whoa, wait a minute.' They are being disingenuous at best," Marker said. "We're interested in bringing out a new product, internet protocol television that's different from cable. It's a big win for con-

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McCann said the digital telephone service offered by Bright House is not the same as that offered by AT&T and Verizon. He said the phone companies haven't kept up with technology.

"The basic thing I can tell you about digital telephone is that it rings like your

old conventional telephone, it works like your old conventional telephone and it just costs less money," he said.

Bright House launched its digital phone service last fall.

'We've expanded into a broad band fiber networks and all these things we have been able to do in our industry and as a result of these deployments we came out with something called voice over Internet protocol digital phone. Now we're taking their customers away and they're reacting," McCann said.

McCann argues that AT&T or any other cable provider has an opportunity under current local franchise legislation to get quick approval from local governments, but that they have walked away from those opportunities. He said Livonia and other cities are willing to give approval to AT&T.

They have told AT&T, if you want to do business here, here's a CD with our franchise agreement on it, change the name Bright House to AT&T and we'll have it done for you in 30 days. AT&T doesn't want that, they want something else," McCann said.

Marker said that what AT&T wants is national franchising or at least statewide franchising so that it doesn't have to negotiate contracts with each individual community.

"Some states have passed this legislation and moved ahead on investment," Marker said. "Similar legislation to that which Michigan is considering has been passed in Texas, Kansas and Indiana. AT&T and Verizon has come out with investments; \$250 million was invested in Indiana."

He said Michigan has an opportunity to act before the federal government passes legislation that would override a state plan.

SERVICE CONCERNS

Joe Fivas of the Michigan Municipal League called the state House bill "terrible public policy" and unnecessary.

"Âll cable law is federal law, the Legislature should wait to see what Congress wants to do," he said. "Whatever they do would be pre-empted by federal law."

The Municipal League is opposing the House bill because of concerns about cutting service to some rural and urban customers and lack of local input on services provided. He said AT&T's Lightspeed program would serve 90 percent of high-value customers, but only 10 percent of low-value customers,

those using less than \$110 a month in

"If you live in Livonia, everyone gets the same services, the same upgrades, there's equity," he said. "When Bright House's contract with the city runs out, they could pick and choose who they

serve. High-values areas would get bet-

ter service. Other areas don't get service." Marker said AT&T is committed to providing service to 50 percent of households by 2008. He said the company is also committed to providing service to 5.5 million low-income households.

McCann said the state legislation gives an advantage to AT&T by specifically prohibiting cable companies with existing local franchising agreements from switching to state authorization until their current local contracts expire. He said the new state franchised competitor wouldn't be bound by the restrictions on the already existing providers.

McCann said he heard a speech recently by Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) that he wants to have a Senate bill by the end of the year.

"If I were a betting man, I would think there will be national legislation," McCann said. "Congress would rather have one law rather than 50 different

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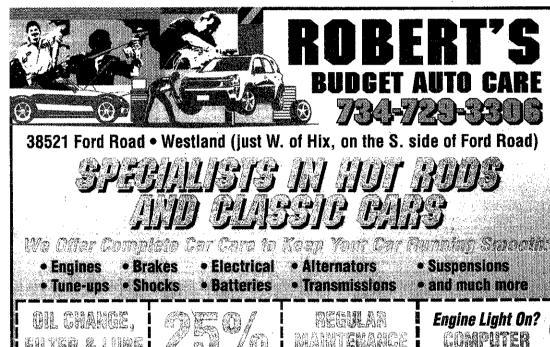
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Different paths, similar destinations

Arnold's college hoop dream alive thanks to perseverance

STAFF WRITER

Like most successful college basketball recruiting stories, Keiyana Arnold's was filled with letters and visits.

What makes Arnold's story both inspiring and unique is that she was the one sending the letters and making the visits not the college coaches.

Motivated by a life-long love for basketball and an inner confidence that convinced her that she had more than enough game to play at the next level, Arnold— with guidance from her father, Ken - distributed a recruiting package to several college basketball coaches last

The recent Salem graduate tackled the project much like she played defense for the Rocks — with tenacity and pas-

Each package contained a DVD packed with highlights of her playing days at Salem, a resume that listed her hoop accomplishments and a cover letter that explained her lifelong desire to compete at the next level.

"I love the game of basketball so much and I have played for so long that I wasn't ready to stop playing on a competitive level yet," explained Arnold. "I knew in my heart that I was good enough to play in college, so my dad and I put together a package and sent it out to some Division 1 and 2 schools."

Arnold followed up the mailings with phone calls and visits to the schools.

POSITIVE RESPONSE

The persistence paid off earlier this year when she was



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Recent Salem graduate Keiyana Arnold earned a roster spot on the defending NCAA Division II champion Grand Valley PLEASE SEE ARNOLD, B7 State women's basketball team after she impressed head coach Dawn Plitzuweit at a two-hour tryout session in April.

Canton senior-to-be Lauren Delapaz received several informational letters and brochures from prospective collegiate

Recruiting experience rewarding for Delapaz

STAFF WRITER

Over the past two years, Lauren Delapaz has discovered that being a big-time college softball recruit is a lot like riding a 20-story roller coaster at Cedar Point.

Both experiences are always exciting and at times breathtaking — with just enough anxious moments sprinkled in to make things interesting.

And when the twisting and turning and rising and falling finally grind to a halt for the amusement park ride and the recruiting ride, you can smile, let out a sigh of relief and say out loud, "Now that was fun."

Delapaz's recruiting ride unofficially started during the summer following her freshman year at Canton when the smooth-fielding, hot-hitting

shortstop's advanced skills caught the eyes of college coaches at the various camps she attended.

It didn't take long for the coaches to realize what Canton softball coach Jim Arnold already knew.

"I've always said that Lauren was good enough her freshman year in high school to start for some college teams," said Arnold. "Now, looking back, I can say that Lauren is the best overall athlete I've coached at Canton. Her motions are very fluid both in the field and when she's hitting — and she's a total team player."

NOT ALWAYS EASY

While the recruiting ride is predominantly a fun and flat-

PLEASE SEE DELAPAZ, B7

RU's Taylor garners top coach award

See All-Observer Baseball Team, B2.

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

Mike Taylor piloted his Redford Union baseball team back onto the map after a couple lean years for the program.

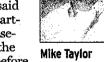
Taylor's Panthers competed at every turn, compiling an impressive 18-7 record (quite a turnaround from its 11-18 mark in 2005) while taking a run at the Mega White league championship.

Because of the strides made by the Panthers, the 25-year-old Taylor earned his selection as Observerland Coach of the Year.

The fourth-year coach started seeing results from the sweat and toil that accompanied back-toback losing seasons in 2004 and 2005.

softball programs before verbally committing to Eastern Michigan University in May.

"The thing that helped me as coach," said Taylor, a starting first baseman with the Panthers before graduating in



Redford Union

1999, "was the last two years we were teaching these kids about getting back to basics.

"We were going over things over and over until we were blue in the knuckles. This year, we didn't have to remind them as much."

He said the Panthers didn't worry about the past couple years because they were ably taking care of the present.

"They just played baseball and showed a lot of people up this year," he said.

RU's roster featured more quality players this season and greater numbers in general, in part because of the time and devotion poured into the team by the tireless coach. Seniors such as Ryan Meyers, Jon Macek and Adam Eaves finished their prep careers strongly. Yet the Panthers also showed future promise in sophomore Chris Gazley and juniors Toby Matchulat and Tristan Lompra, among others.

"We're not looking at next year as a down year at all," Taylor said "We're looking to extend the suc-

Taylor credited assistant coach Dennis Rogowski for helping get the Panthers turned around.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Nice day for a drive

Canton's Andrew Rickerman launches a drive on the fifth tee at Fox Hills during Thursday's Top 50 Junior Golf Tour qualifying round. Rickerman fired an 85, which earned him a berth in Friday's final round at Mystic Creek. He eventually tied for fifth in the 15-and-under division with an 87, seven shots behind winner Joseph Szmadzinski of Northville. See the story on page B3.

O&E golf tourney set to tee off

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Golfers should have already dusted off their clubs and should mark Aug. 12 and 13 on their calendars for the annual Men's and Women's Observer & Eccentric Open.

The men's 36-hole medal play will feature 18 holes on Saturday, Aug. 12, at

Whispering Willows followed by 18 more on Sunday, Aug. 13, at Fox Creek. The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included). You must have a maximum handicap of 20.

Last year's men's tourney included three different flights - championship (0-7 handicaps), first (8-13) and second (15-and-up).

Livonian Jim Omietanski, the 2005 champion, shot 72-

PLEASE SEE TOURNEY, B3

Goose camps

Goose's All-Star Soccer Camps will be held at Independence Park in **Canton Township Monday** through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Although close to 100 kids have already registered for the camp, there is still room for more campers.

The camp is run by Droo Callahan, who was recently drafted by the Detroit Ignition, along with former professional and collegiate soccer players. Each day, the camp focuses on a new skill - dribbling, passing, shooting, trapping and team concepts - from the coaching staff. On Friday, there will be a tournament.

The fee for the camp, which is open to boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12, is \$139. Registration forms can be filled out online at www.goose22.com; or you can call (734) GOOSE-22.

Warner All-State

Livonia Churchill sophomore Shannon Warner, the Division I state girls medalist, made the All-State Super Team, which recognizes the top eight golfers from all three High School Athletic Association.

Laura Kueny of Whitehall, the Division III medalist, was named Miss Golf by the Michigan **High School Golf Coaches** Association.

Warner shot 69-67-136, to win the Division I state title June 2-3 at Michigan State University's Forest Akers (East Course).

Henry Ford signs 2

Henry Ford Community College announced the signing of two area baseball players including Livonia Stevenson outfielder Clayton Pack and Livonia Churchill shortstop Steve Merlo.

Pack, who batted .456

with 22 RBI, earned All-Western Lakes Association honors. Merio was an All-Observer first-team selection as a junior and made honorable mention All-Western Lakes as a senior.

Junior golf divots

■ Livonia's Ryan Alger shot an 82 to fifth fourth in the Boys 15-and-under division at the Top 50. Junior Golf Tour season opener June 17 at Edgewood Country Club

■ On the Power Bilt Junior Tournament twoday event June 15-16 at Timber Trace in Pinckney, Livonia's Tommy Lucko shot 77-77-154 to finish 12th. Livonia's Andrea Warzyniec placed eighth in the Girls 16-and-up with an 85-93-178.

On June 20, Livonia's Daniel Bostick, carding an 88, was ninth in the Boys 15-and-up Division at the Meijer Junior Players Tour Event (No. 5) at Riverwood in Mount Pleasant.



Shawn Little Canton



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All-Observer baseball players swing for the fences

Shawn Little, Sr., Canton: The four-year letter-winner excelled on the mound and at the plate for the 19-12 Chiefs, compiling a 6-3 pitching record and a .451 batting average. The speedy Little ripped a team-high six triples. scored 29 runs and knocked in 22. He earned All-

Western Lakes Activities Association first-team honors. "Shawn was a great leader for us this year," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "He led our team offensively and was our big bat in the line-up. Shawn had a tremendous senior year, both in baseball and football."

Tarik Khasawneh, Sr., Canton: A three-year starter, Khasawneh hit .421 with 16 runs and 28 RBI while drawing 25 walks. He compiled a .519 slugging percentage and threw out 17-of-19 would-be base-stealers.

"Tarik is one of the best defensive catchers that has ever played at Canton," said Dickey. "He threw out 28-of-33 guys trying to steal last year and 17-of-19 this year. He also picked off several baserunners the past two years, plus he was a great senior leader for this team."

Justin Collop, Sr., P, Wayne: The savvy senior finished 6-4 with a 1.86 earned run average to earn team MVP hon-

In 67 innings pitched, the right-hander struck out 57 batters. He was named All-Western Division in the WLAA.

"Justin had a great season on the mound and at the plate," Wayne coach Frank Garcia said. "He hit .350, which was much higher than expected. And when he played shortstop, he played very well. He made few

The honor student plans to walk-on at the University of Michigan.

Steve Rochowiak, Sr. C, Garden City: Solid and dependable, Rochowiak earned team MVP accolades after hitting .349 and committing just two errors.

An indicator of his value to head coach Steve Herman and the Cougars was not being able to play in the district final against Wayne Memorial (a tough 5-4 defeat) after injuring his hand in a come-from-behind victory over Livonia Franklin in the district semifinal.

Rochowiak, who will play baseball at Adrian College, "led this team by example," Herman said. "He is an extremely hard worker."

The catcher, who sported an on-base percentage of .468 and drove in 13 runs, was named to the all-Mega Red team. Ryan Meyers, Sr. inf., Redford Union: In clutch situations.

few delivered more regularly than the sturdy Meyers, a third-year starter who did it all. The Panthers' captain led the team in batting average (.505) and RBI (36), played flawless shortstop and earned a 5-2 record as a pitcher.

"He came up as a sophomore and progressed through

2006 ALL-OBSERVER BASEBALL FIRST TEAM

P-Shawn Little, Sr., Canton P-Justin Collop, Sr., Wayne C-Tarik Khasawneh, Sr., Canton C-Steve Rochowiak, Sr., Garden City INF-Ryan Meyers, Sr., Redford Union INF-Bryon Niemczak, Jr., Liv. Churchill INF-Alex Harvey, Sr., Plymouth INF-Tony Pounders, Sr., Liv. Stevenson

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Mike Taylor, Redford Union

the years," said RU head coach Mike Taylor. "He improved his strength and became a complete player. I think he'll be a walk-on" at Eastern Michigan University.

Meyers led the Pan+1 ars with 36 RBI and 10 doubles and had a .741 slugging percentage. "He could hit to all fields and was an absolute force to be reckoned with when he had a bat in his hands," Taylor added.

For his efforts. Mevers was rewarded with first-team selections to the all-Mega White, all-district and allbaseman and shortstop batted .468 (44-for-94) with 37 runs scored and 35 RBI en route to All-Western Lakes

Niemczak also doubled six times and tripled three times with a slugging percentage of .596. The switch hitter had a total of 56 bases (.554 percentage) with 16 walks and only three strikeouts. Niemczak was also 10for-10 on stolen bases.

Defensively, Niemczak had just six errors for a .932 fielding average.

On the mound, Niemczak worked 39.1 innings with a 2-2 record and 4.58 ERA.

"Bryon led us in a bunch of categories." Churchill coach Ron Targosz said. "He always gets the bat on the ball. I thought he was our MVP."

Alex Harvey, Sr., Inf., Plymouth: The senior made a smooth transition defensively from shortstop to second base this season and remained the Wildcats' top hitting threat for the second-consecutive year. Harvey capped his high school career in style on May 30 when he blasted a pair of home runs against Wayne Memorial in the Wildcats' pre-District tournament game. Harvey earned All-WLAA Western Division honors for his contributions to the Wildcats.

Tony Pounders, Sr., Inf., Liv. Stevenson: The senior, bound for Concordia University, made a smooth transition this season from second base to shortstop.

"His defense improved," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said of the All-Lakes Division pick. "He was our No. 2 hitter who could bunt and put the ball in play.

"He's an all-around player." Pounders batted .375 (36-for-119) with 23 RBI and 22 runs scored. He added one homer and seven doubles. His on-base average was .434.

He led the Spartans with 10 sacrifices, including six

Earl Martin, Sr. OF, Wayne: The Zebras' lead-off man finished strong during the latter stages of the season, raising his average to .380 after hitting .700 in the postseason as Wayne reached the Division I regional. Martin displayed speed on the base paths, stealing 21

bases. "Defensively he was one of the best in our league,"

Garcia said of the center fielder. "He made a lot of things

Bill Leddy, Sr. OF, Salem: The senior was a stabilizing force for the youthful Rocks as he contributed outstanding defense in the outfield, clutch pitching and solid production at the plate. The two-year letter-winner was one of the Rocks' key components in their 2005 surge to the Division 1 Regional final game against Ann Arbor Pioneer. Leddy's senior-season effort earned him All-

Jeff Madigan, Sr., OF, Red. Thurston: Typical of the kind of all-out defensive player Madigan was this season was his diving catch in the regional final against Orchard Lake St. Mary's. But the third-year starter - the last of three Madigan

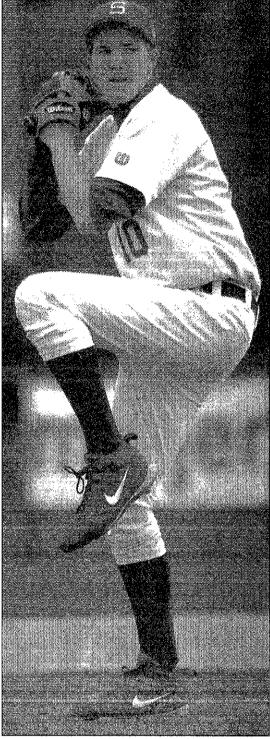
brothers to play on the Eagles' varsity - also excelled in other aspects of his game. He batted .449, scoring 23 runs and striking out just seven times in 93 at bats. "He's an excellent team leader who helped in a lot of

areas on and off the field," said Thurston head coach Bob Snell. Madigan was team MVP for the Eagles, which finished 14-10-1 after a 5-9 start and won a second consecutive

district title. His on-field performance garnered him an All-District selection while he also excelled in the classroom, earning All-Academic honors. Clayton Pack, Sr. OF, Liv. Stevenson: The All-Western

Lakes selection led the Spartans with a .456 batting average (41-for-90) with three homers and six doubles.

The right fielder, who will play at Henry Ford



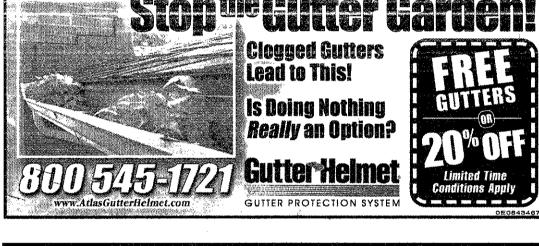
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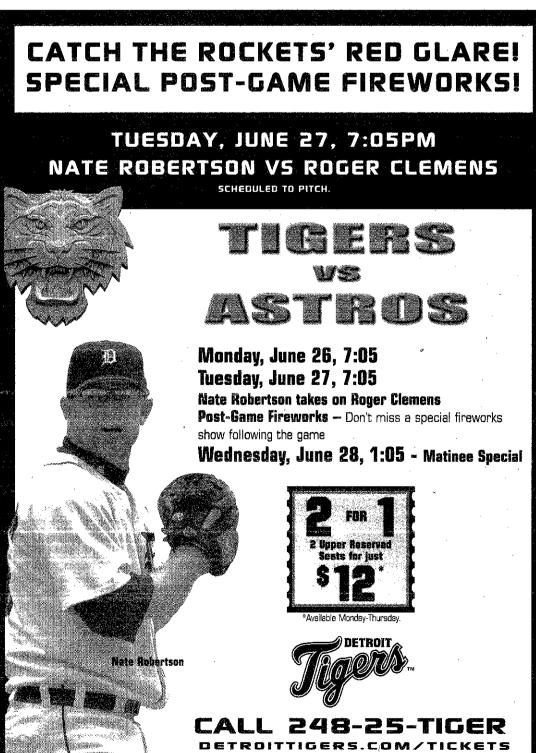
Salem senior pitcher/outfielder Bill Leddy earned First Team All-Observer recognition this season.

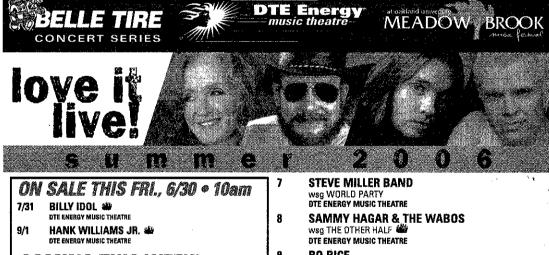
Community College, also scored 21 runs and knocked in 23. His on-base average was .505.

"Over a two-year span he was our best hitter." Berryman said. "He's just a pure hitter. He struck out little and takes the ball the other way. He hits the ball con-

"Defensively, he makes the plays you expect, and he has a strong arm."







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BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Fairway-splitting drives outnumbered rough-seeking slices for several local young golfers who participated in Thursday and Friday's Top 50 Junior Tour at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth and the Mystic Creek Golf Club in Milford.

The two-day event drew 101 golfers between the ages of 12 and 18 to the pair of challenging layouts. The top 54 players from Thursday's qualifying round at Fox Hills advanced to Friday's final 18 holds at Mystic Creek. Among the top local performers were Canton's Jeremy Lindlbauer, who tied for third in the boys 15-andunder division; Livonia's Lindsay Mack, who placed third in the girls 15-and-under division; and Andrew Rickerman of Canton and Michael Panek of Livonia, who tied for sixth in the boys 15-and-under standings.

"Most of the players found the 'Lakes' course at Fox Hills to be more difficult than the 'Hills' course on Thursday," said Top 50 Tour director Dan Thomas. "As a result, there were large disparities in scoring between the two nines.

"The Mystic Creek course provided the players with the most challenging experience so far this season. It played nearly 6,700 yards, making it the longest course we've played so far. The course humbled many of the players on Friday."

Playing in nearly ideal conditions - 79 degrees with a slight wind — Northville's Joseph Szmadzinski won the 15-and-under title by taming Mystic Creek with an eight-over-par 80. Shani Patel of Bloomfield Hills was the runner-up with an 84, one shot better than Bloomfield's Jeffrey Kohl and Lindlbauer.

Macomb's Brian Fielder matched Szmadzinski's 80 to win the boys 16and-under crown. His score was one stroke better than a trio of 81 shooters: Christopher Graczyk of Clarkston, Brando Raymond of Farmington Hills and Adam Crouch of Ann Arbor. The best local finisher in the 16-and-under division was Livonia's James Jordan, who placed 16th after carding a 102.

Farmington Hills resident Marni Weinstein won the girls 15-andunder division with an impressive 104, which was one shot better than Northville native Kirsten Freisen's



Chris Leib of Canton chips onto the fifth green at Fox Hills Golf Course Thursday afternoon during play in the qualifying round of the Top 50 Junior Golf Tour. Leib's round of 100 failed to qualify for Friday's finals at Mystic Creek Golf Course in Milford.



Ryan Gonzalez of Livonia watches his putt roll toward its target on the eighth hole at Fox Hills Golf Course during qualifying-round olay in Thursday's Top 50 Junior Golf Tour event. Gonzalez fired a 91 for the round.

The 16-and-under champion was Washington's Ashley Senopole, who fired a stellar 87, three shots better than Kaitlyn Mardeusz's 90.

The Top 50 Tour's next qualifying event is set for Monday when players travel to Pinckney to tackle the rugged Whispering Pines Golf Club. Top qualifiers will advance to Wednesday's finals at Brighton's Oak Pointe Country Club.

For more information on the Top 50 Junior Golf Tour, visit www.Top50jrTour.com.

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Lindsay Mack of Livonia follows her putt on the second green during play in Thursday's qualifying round of the Top 50 Junior Golf Tour event at Fox Hills in Plymouth Township. Mack's round of 103 qualified her for Friday's finals at Mystic Creek, where her 110 was good

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72-144, but needed a playoff to subdue Livonia Churchill High standout Tommy Lucko to earn the champi-

onship flight title. The women's 18-hole medal play will be Saturday, Aug. 12, at Whispering Willows. The entry fee is \$50 (does notinclude cart). You must have a current. U.S.G.A. index to participate.

Livonia's Janina Jacobs, who shot a 79, won the championship flight in a playoff over Susan Macinkowicz of Chesterfield Township.

Dale Cordes of White Lake is the three-time defending men's first flight champion, while Elaine Crawford of Livonia captured the women's first flight in 2005.

Head pro Paul Worley said there are a few subtle changes O&E golfers will encounter at Whispering Willows, most notably the par-4, 373-yard, No.

"It's little more friendly because we lost one of the weeping willows on the left side of the fairway near the creek," Worley said. "It's not as tight for an approach shot. It's definitely made the hole more open."

Whispering Willows' signature hole remains the par-4, 390-yard No. 2.

Fox Creek, meanwhile, has undergone several phases of removing 600 borer-diseased ash trees.

Over 100 new trees have been planted with 60 more scheduled to be staged in sometime this fall on hole numbers 6, 7 and 14, according to Fox Creek pro Tom Welsh.

The greens were recently aerated and are rolling better than ever. Fox Creek's No. 1 handicap hole

remains the par-4, 437-yard (from the blue tees) on No. 1. But the course's signature hole

remains the No. 16, a par-4, 400-yard, as the No. 2 handicap hole.

"It's back by the cemetery, certainly the prettiest, not the toughest, but it's tough enough," Welsh said.

Fox Creek also features a newly renovated restaurant - George Murphy's located inside the clubhouse. Welsh said it's great place to dine and watch a game where there are several flatscreened TVs.

Both the men's and women's entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5. The men's entries for the O&E Open will be limited to the first 200 golfers. For more O&E tournament informa-

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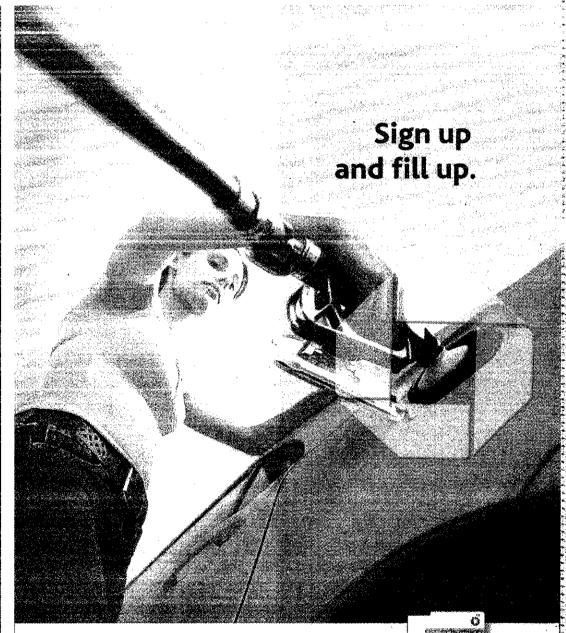
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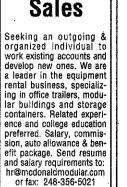
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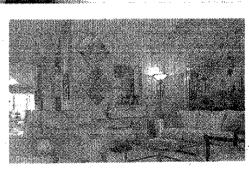
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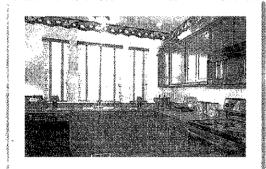


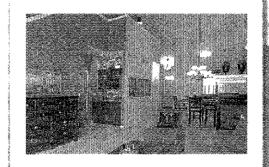


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THE WEEK AHEAD

LIVONIA MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE **BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE** Sunday, June 25 (at Livonia's Bicentennial Park) Det. Eagles vs. Park Athletic (2), noon. Mich. Rams vs. Mich. Bulls (2), 5 p.m. (at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep H.S.) -Mich. Monarchs vs. Oakland Cúbs (2), 1 p.m.

Wednesday, June 28 (at Livonia's Ford Field) Mich. Rams vs. Oakland Cubs, 5:45 p.m. Det. Eagles vs. Mich. Monarchs, 8:15 p.m. (at EMU's Oestrike Stadium) Park Athletic vs. Mich. Bulls, 6 p.m. Friday, June 30

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at Hefner Stadium (Ind.), 7:30 p.m. W-LEAGÙE Friday, June 30 Mich. Hawks vs. Cleveland Internationals at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 7:30 p.m.



Bowling associations mark changing of the guards

t was the last blast for the old local bowling associations June 15 at DeCarlos Banquet Center in Warren as Tony Lindemann officially retired as the last president of the Greater Detroit Bowling

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Alley

Harrison

The same held true for Myrtha Cooper, outgoing president of the Detroit Women's Bowling Association.

Association.

The old guard of directors and officers officially wore the full uniform for the last time.

and grey slacks now can be mothballed along with the DWBA beige jackets. My own blue blazer seemed

The GDBA navy blue blazers

to have shrunk two sizes anyhow. At least it's acceptable to wear a blazer jacket unbut-

Many honorees were presented with awards for their service and accomplishments on and off the lanes.

John Rosetto and Mike DeRousie shared honors as GDBA Director-of-the-Year. Secretary-of-the-Year presentations were made to Jack



Past presidents of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association Tony Lindemann (left) and Jerry Owczarski of Farmington Hills have passed the torch over to the newly formed Metro Detroit U.S. Bowling Congress.

Dahlstrom of Redford, Peter Moroso and Shirley Kirk.

The Bowlers Achievement Award went to Bernie Czarniecki, while the Meritorious Service Award was given to the GDBA and DWBA staffs - a well deserved honor.

The champions of the men's and women's city tournaments were presented championship jackets in all categories: team, singles, doubles, all-events in both actual and handicap divi-

Lindemann's squad of Max Salvatore, Jerry Harlan,

Donald LaLonde, Jown Vorpagel captured the Senior Tournament Handicap division crown.

David Ewald reigned as the Masters champ, while Roy Biggs of Canton took the Senior Masters. Biggs also made the All-City Senior team.

The DWBA champions included: Division I - Imperial Ladies (Ellen Scully, captain Jennifer Heyman, Jacquelyn Daris, Mary Kavanaugh and Lori Lesmeister); Division II -Denise Gunter, Noretta Webb (captain), Terry Anderson,

Jacqueline Heard and Avon Clanton; Division III-Rosemary Curatolo (captain), Kelly Scaliel, Terri Kenney, Erica Cunningham and Michelle Chaney.

Meanwhile, Yvonne Jones captured the Queens.

The Agnes Eckstrom Memorial Award went to Adriene Crockett-Levingston. who was 198 pins over average (for series).

Martha Daniels earned Most Improved, going from 112 to 157, that's up 45 pins in one

team included David Ewald, Fred McClain, Jeff Roche, Chuck Morris (Redford) and Tom Tisdall. Second-team honorees were Travis Franz. John Nolen, Mike Busch, Matt

Randall and Joe Joswik. Earning first-team All-City for women: Yvonne Jones, Nicole Idziak-Oaley, Altarmese Webb, Virginia Austin and Crystal Trombley. The secondteam consisted of Michelle Ewald, Tamika Bradford, Shannon Rowe, Yvonne Ogburn and Tamika Glenn.

The All-City Senior firstteam included: Fred McClain, John Bennett, Roy Biggs, Bob Slayden, Jr., and Richard Schultz. They were followed by second-teamers Ron Forton, Mitch Jabczenski, Mike Lucente, George (Mike) Lee and Dave Eatmon.

All-City selections are based on points, which are earned for high averages, high scores and tournament victories.

This event was the last official function of the GDBA and

The new Metro Detroit USBC is now running the show with Libbi Fletcher as its new president. Mark Martin continues in his same capacity as executive director.

During the transition period, bowling continues to be alive and well in greater Detroit.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a league bowler for 46 years. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839 or email: tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net

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offered tryouts at Northwood Institute and Grand Valley State University, the defending NCAA Division II champion.

"Most schools we sent the packages to responded with a letter that said something like, 'Thanks for the information on Keiyana, but we're looking for post players right now, or something to that effect," said Ken Arnold. "Keivana wasn't a highly touted player in high school, so we knew this was a long shot. But she had it in her heart to play basketball beyond high school, so I was going to support her in whatever way I

During spring break, Arnold was invited to the final in a series of try-out sessions coordinated by Grand Valley head coach Dawn Plitzirweit. Arnold would have two hours to impress Plitzuweit and keep her lifelong dream alive.

I was nervous at the beginning," Arnold admitted. "But

after a couple times up and down the court, the nerves went away and I just started playing and doing what came naturally."

GOOD NEWS

About an hour into the session, Plitzuweit approached Arnold and informed her that she wanted to meet with the entire family in the coach's office.

"I had no idea what she was going to tell us," Arnold said. Then when we went into her office, Coach P handed me a package and she told us that they were recruiting me. She then showed us a highlight video of their previous season.

"I was happy, but I was relieved, too." Arnold was offered a partial

scholarship to play at GVSU, which she accepted without hesitation.

"Once I got the opportunity to watch Keiyana play, I saw that she has the ability to do a lot of different things," said Plitzuweit. "We were looking for a player who could defend and handle the point-guard duties and she has the athleticism and skills to fit those needs."

Arnold defeated long odds, Plitzuweit said.

"I receive letters and tapes from players who want to play here on a daily basis," said the fourth-year coach. "On average, I probably get two or three a day, every day. It all adds up and can get overwhelming, but we try to respond to every one we

receive. "But in the four years I've been here, Keiyana is probably just the second player we've signed who we hadn't recruited in person. I told her that I think she has the tools to help us, but she's going to have to work her tail off."

Arnold offered the following advice to high school players who may find themselves in the situation she was in last year.

"It's a long road, but if you really want it you can make it if you keep practicing and work hard," she said. "The most important thing is to stay true to your heart."

DELAPAZ

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tering trip for high school students, it can also be nerveracking, confirmed Delapaz, who has verbally committed to Eastern Michigan University.

"There's a lot of pressure because you want to make sure you make the right decision," said Delapaz, who was recruited by several Division 1 colleges, including Michigan State, Louisville, North Carolina State, Akron and Central Michigan University. "The coaches and players on the team you choose are going to be like members of your family for the next four or five years of your life, so you want

to be sure about your choice. "I learned quickly that it's a money thing too for the schools. Yes, it's softball, but it's also a business decision for the schools because they only have so many scholarships to give out."

Delapaz admitted that before she committed to EMU this past spring, the ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108 decision-making process was 'There's a lot of pressure because you want to make sure you make the right decision.

Lauren Delapaz

affecting her play in an adverse way.

"I was feeling the pressure a little bit and coach Arnold even noticed it," she said. "It was a big relief when I finally made the decision because then I could just focus on playing the game. The day after I made up my mind and decided on Eastern, coach Arnold came up to me and said, 'You've made your decision, haven't you?' He could tell because I was more relaxed."

Delapaz said that the pressure to perform increased for her when a college coach would attend one of Canton's

"Naturally, I'd want to do better when I saw a college coach there," she said. "But sometimes that would make me over-compensate and I wouldn't play as well. After a

while, when I saw a coach watching one of my games, I'd tell myself that they were there to watch somebody else and I would try to zone them

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Delapaz praised her parents for the roles they played during the difficult decisionmaking process.

"They basically told me that if I had any questions or concerns, I could always go to them," she said. "But at the same time, they didn't want to intervene and influence my decision in any way."

What advice would Delapaz give to someone who is going down the same recruiting road she's traveled the past two years.

"I'd tell them to be patient and not rush into anything right away," she offered. "Keep your options open for as long as you can. Make sure you're happy both socially and sports-wise with the school you're going to choose.

"I took my time and now I couldn't be happier."

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that is in the hole, as opposed to marking and remarking according to who is away. **Sec**, this goes against the grain of what you have always been taught. But unless you are in a competitive match and

can get a solid read from the player behind you, there is no reason not to use continuous putting. This applies even when you are in the fairway. So long as no other player is in your line to the hole, hit as soon as you are ready. This too will increase pace of play. You do not have to wait for the player furthest away from the hole to go

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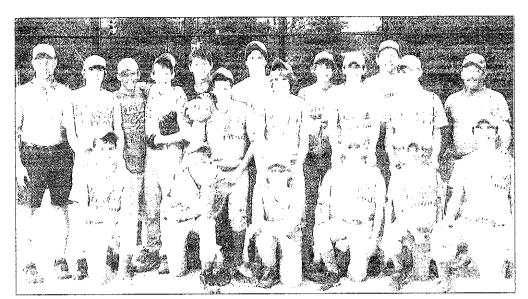
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The St. John Neumann 7th and 8th grade boys CYO baseball team recently put the wraps on a stellar 9-1 season that didn't end until the team was defeated by St. Paul of Grosse Pointe in the CYO East-West Championship game. Pictured are (bottom row from left) Angelo Lanava, Matt Kelty, Josh Schmidt, Brad Trublowski, Jeff Heuer, Kevin Delapaz, (middle row from left) Mike Falvey, Connor Dresser, Frank Bohanon, Evan Gambino, (back from from left) assistant coach Doug Heuer, Andrew Courter, assistant coach Mike Marek, Mark Marek, Kyle Korte, Matt Przyblyski, assistant coach Dan Trublowski and head coach Wait Marek.



What a ride for Pride!

The PC Pride 10U Stars won last weekend's Pride Softball Classic at McClumpha Park. The tournament is the second-largest in the state of Michigan this summer. The Pride also won a tournament June 10-11 in Commerce Township. Pictured are (front row from left) Elaine Gerou, Lauren Hayes, Megan Johnson, Brianna Giordano, Sarah Wagner, Rosie Krasofsky, Sidney Murphy, (middle row from left) Kelsey McDougall, Kayla Rebain, Jessica Webster, Katiyn Blassic, Abby Brennan, Kelsey Murphy, Elliott Mitchem, (back row from left) assistant coach Sal Giordano, head coach Clint Johnson and assistant coach Dean Wagner.

Ignition's roster takes shape during MISL Expansion Draft

The Detroit Ignition of the Major Indoor Soccer League selected 16 players during Tuesday's 2006 MISI Expansion Draft, which was held via teleconference.

The Ignition, which will play its home games at the Compuware Sports Arena beginning in the fall, selected two goalkeepers and 14 field players, who are from eight different countries. The first-year contingent chose two Michigan natives: Ryan Mack (12th pick) and Droo Callahan (14th pick).

With their first selection, the Ignition tabbed Baltimore Blast goalkeeper Sanaldo, who minded the net in last season's MISL Championship Series, leading Baltimore to the 2005-06 MISL Championship.

Detroit followed up by acquiring the rights to professional indoor soccer veteran forwards Ricardinho (California Cougars), and Hewerton Moreira (Milwaukee Wave) as well as defender Matt Johnson (Chicago Storm) and 2005-06 MISL assist leader Carlos Farias (St. Louis)

"I'm very pleased with the quality of players we were able to acquire through the expansion draft process," Ignition

President Greg Bibb said. "I think our draft results speak volumes about the depth of player talent currently in the Major. Indoor Soccer League. I'm excited to begin the process of bringing these individuals to Detroit and welcoming them into the Ignition family. Today's event signifies another major milestone in our march to our inaugural game."

To complete the team's first 10 selections, the Ignition obtained forward Joel Bailey (Baltimore Blast), defender Jonathon Greenfield (Milwaukee Wave), former All-Star and veteran netminder Jim Larkin (California Cougars), forward Joey Gjersten (St. Louis and Vancouver Whitecaps of the USL First Division), as well as target player Don D'Ambra (Philadelphia Kixx).

The Ignition's final six selections consisted of midfielder Ze Roberto who most recently competed in the MISL for the Kixx in 2004-05, former Indiana University midfield standout Mack (Philadelphia Kixx). All-Star midfielder Novica "Novi" Marojevic (Chicago Storm). Callahan (St. Louis), midfielder Kyt Selaidopoulos (Milwaukee

Wave), and midfielder Carlos

Garcia (Baltimore Blast). "I feel very positive about our draft results." Ignition Head Coach Mark Pulisic stated. "We drafted on talent first and by positional need second, and I think we accomplished our goals in both areas. I am eager to see how this draft translates once we take the field for training camp in October."

In order to prepare for the draft, the Ignition received designation lists from each of the MISL member clubs on June 6. Team lists designated a maximum of nine players as "protected" for that team's roster (maximum of one goalkeeper) for the

2006-07 MISL season. The six current MISL teams were eligible to lose a maximum of three players during the 2006 Expansion Draft. Once a player was selected from a team, that team was then able to return one unprotected player to its protected designation list.

In order to ensure the validity of the designation lists, a "trade moratorium" was imposed by the league office 14 days prior to the expansion draft. The moratorium ended immediately following the conclusion of the

Michigan Vardar Bucks humbled, 3-0

The Michigan Vardar Bucks suffered their worst defeat of the season and were held scoreless for the first time this year when they lost to the Indiana Invaders in South Bend, 3-0, in a Premier Development League men's soccer game.

After nine regular season games, the Bucks sit in second place with a record of 5-2-2 (17 points), while the Invaders closed the gap on the final playoff spot by upping their record to 5-3-1

Both teams have seven regular season games left to hunt down the first place Chicago Fire Premier (7-1, 21 points).

Indiana's Kenny Anaba scored a nice goal on a header from a corner kick in the first half. The Invaders went on to add an early second half goal and a late insurance goal in the 88th minute.

The Bucks will be off until next Wednesday when they resume play in the Open Cup against the D-2 Cincinnati

Kings. Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Rochester Stoney Creek H.S.

"Perhaps we got a little caught up in looking ahead to next week, because we sure weren't in this game, mentally or physically," Bucks coach Dan Fitzgerald said. "I hope the boys learned a good lesson tonight - every one of our games count in the standings and we just let Indiana back in the playoff race. Give them credit, as they were prepared and deserved the victory.'



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East meets west

Traditional Chinese veterinary medicine treats the entire animal

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Cheyenne chased a cat up a tree last week. While the act might not seem unusual for most dogs, it made her owner Barbara Chlopan smile. Cheyenne is a 14-year old black Labrador who early on suffered with knee problems then later with an arthritic condition caused by aging. Since receiving her first acupuncture treatment in October 2003 from Dr. Heidi Mier, a doctor of veterinary medicine, Cheyenne appears to have less stiffness and pain. She runs eagerly to greet Mier

who is entering Chlopan's Plymouth home.

Cheyenne receives acupuncture, a treatment that uses needles to stimulate specific points in the body, every couple of weeks. It is part of traditional Chinese veterinary medicine which combines herbs and nutrition with acupuncture. Chlopan, who has undergone acupuncture herself, is always open to alternative and complementary therapies for herself and Cheyenne. Unlike humans, animals are not subject to the placebo effect. Either a therapy works or it doesn't.

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Dr. Heidi Mier talks about acupuncture as Cheyenne receives a treatment in the Plymouth home of her owner Barbara Chiopan.



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Dr. Joyce Obradovich and Stanley demonstrate the use of a CT scan at the Animal Cancer & Imaging Center in Canton.

Veterinary medicine mirrors advances in human health care

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Dr. Kyle Kerstetter sees a bright future for companion animals. Veterinary diagnostics and treatments mirror the many advances in human health care. A surgeon at Michigan Veterinary Specialists in Southfield, Kerstetter is performing total elbow replacements with new instrumentation which is available at only six facilities in the country.

When Kerstetter was a student at Ohio State University in the early 1990s, one of his mentors, a leading veterinarian surgeon, used to say arthroscopy (joint surgery) was just a passing fad. Today, pet owners can choose from specialized veterinary care at facilities across the area, including MVS, where surgeons are doing cartilage transplants in dogs with severe arthritis and limb sparing procedures on those with osteosarcoma (bone cancer).

"Things have changed so much,"
Kerstetter said. "For me, the surgical procedures weren't available. It surprises even us the advances that are made. A lot of things going on in human medicine will make their way to veterinary medicine. Cartilage transplants in dogs with severe arthritis is closer to becoming a common orthopedic procedure. We already do kidney transplants.

Some of the medications coming along will make it an even more viable option.

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CANINE CRAZY - PART I

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Companion animals deserve the very best health care

hamrock died so quickly Nov. 15, it left my sister Gwen and I wondering if as responsible pet owners we had missed something that could have extended his life a couple of years.

Just days before, our Irish wolfhound had been running along the shores of Lake Huron and even jumped a culvert to see Patty our neighbor. Then that Tuesday, my sister called to say he'd collapsed in the living room. I had just been home for lunch

and he was fine. We didn't know he had a cancerous mass in his spleen that had burst and he was bleeding to death.

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Linda Chomin

Cancer is still a killer. Although there have been many advances in veterinary medicine since our first Irish wolfhound, Chopin, died of osteosarcoma in 1989, certain strains of the disease are swift and deadly. We took comfort in knowing we had done everything we

could, first rushing Shamrock to Dr. Kevin Roose in Plymouth with the help of my co-worker, Observer photographer Bill Bresler, and then to Dr. William Brown, a cardiologist at the Animal Emergency Center in Novi. Several months before that, we had made the most important decision of all — to try acupuncture for the arthritis which was making it difficult for Shamrock to get up off of the floor. Every couple of weeks, Dr. Heidi Mier, a doctor of veterinary medicine, would come to our home to give Shamrock the treatments that eased his pain so that he could enjoy not only playing on the beach, but our walks around Newburgh

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Shamrock loved walking around the ponds in Heritage Park

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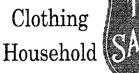
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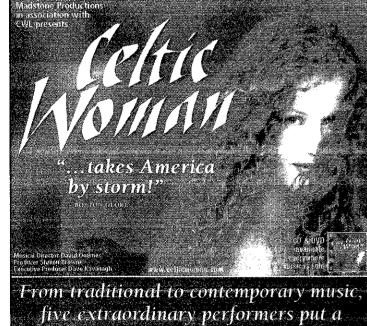












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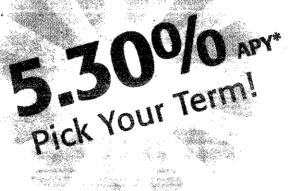
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Ark concert

Jan Krist, along with percussionist Alan Finkbeiner and guest guitarist Jim Bizer will be performing at The Ark, 316 N. Main in Ann Arbor, on Thursday, June 29. The show begins at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.

Northville parade

The Northville Community Foundation hosts Northville's Independence Day Parade 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 4 in downtown Northville. Parade organizers welcome Scout groups, neighborhood groups, church groups, car clubs, clowns, classic and vintage cars. Anyone wishing to get into Northville's parade can call (248) 374-0200 to register. Cut-off is June 30.

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Healthy skin

"More Than Skin Deep," a program about healthy skin, will be presented 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, at the Holiday Inn on Plymouth Road at U.S. 23 in Ann Arbor, According to speaker Cindy Klement, "the health of the skin is a reflection of the health of our internal organs and overall nutrition. When you know the real secrets to natural beauty you can improve the health and appearance of your skin and improve your overall health in the process.' Pre-registration is suggested, to ensure a seat and a handout. Cost is \$10. Contact the speaker, Cindy Klement, at (734) 975-2444 or go to www.cindyklement.com

Genealogical societies

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets July 6, with speaker Guenter Loepertz discussing "Records to Trace Your Ancestors in Connecticut." The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell, with a help session at 6 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret Bowland, program chair, (810) 227-7745.

Healthy living

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a class called "Healthy Solutions for Living," 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays beginning Aug. 1 at the St. Mary Mercy Community Outreach Department, Marian Professional Building, Suite 412. The program is designed to help participants lose up to four pounds per week and teach how to keep it off. For more information, or to register, call (734) 655-1783.

Northville garden walk

The Country Garden Club of Northville is inviting everyone to attend their annual garden walk, featuring five gardens in Northville, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 12. After seeing the flowers, visitors are invited to stop by Mill Race Village, where Cady Inn will be transformed into "The Potting Shed" where complimentary homemade sweets and lemonade will be served. Tickets in advance (\$10) are available and may be purchased after June 12 from Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville. For more information, call (734) 591-0360.

Summer school

Summer courses are back in season at the Ann Arbor Art Center, offering favorites such as Drawing Fundamentals, Foundations, Painting 101, Basic and Continuing Watercolor, Exploring Watermedia and three levels of Ceramics. Semester dates run through July 10-Aug. 31 and discounts will be given for early registration by June 26. This summer the Art Center adds five new offerings in the celebration of art appreciation, ceramics, knitting and wine. Not only are these creative journeys, they are adventures in enlightenment. Debbie Kawsky, will share her art historical knowledge in a new class entitled He Said/She Said: Great Artistic Couples, which explores famous artistic couples like Pablo Picasso and Dora Maar, Edgar Degas and Mary Cassatt, for the shocking behind-the-scenes stories, their relationships, and the production of their most iconic works. Session 1 is Wednesday, July 12 from 7-9 p.m. and Session 2 is Wednesday, July 19, from 7-9 p.m. Kawsky will also instruct two sessions of Art and Scandal. This lecture series will focus on the exciting, yet tumultuous lives of painters and sculptors including Edouard Manet, Vincent Van Gogh, and Camille Claudel whose passion in both their personal relationships and their works of art quickly led to obsession, hatred, and tragedy. Session 1 is Wednesday, July 26, from 7-9 p.m. and Session 2 is Wednesday, Aug. 2, from 7-9 p.m. Simone Jenkins of Morgan & York will offer Artful Tasting: Bubbles and Cheese, a four-week class pairing cheeses and sparkling wines from around the world. The class runs Thursday nights at 6:30-8:30 p.m. from July 13-Aug. 3. Everyone has gone crazy for crocheting, and in the sixweek Wearable Works of Art: Knit and Crochet for Pre-Teens and Adult, beginners can learn the basic stitches, materials and construction techniques for creating small projects and then

expand to make their own. Wearable

Works is taught by Kristen Ham on

Tuesday nights 6:30-8:30pm from July 11-Aug. 15 or Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30 a.m. July 13-Aug. 17. The Ann Arbor Art Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to engaging the community in the education, exhibition, and exploration of the visual arts. For more information, explore

www.annarborartcenter.org, visit the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty Street in downtown Ann Arbor or contact Janet Torno at (734) 994-8004,

Ext. 114.

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; email laren@arborhospice.org, or call 734-662-5999, extension 120. Registration can also be done through the Michigan Tournament of Charities website, www.mtocgolf.org and indicate supporting Arbor Hospice & Home Care..

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Literacy Council tutors

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

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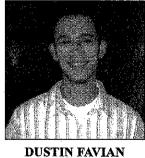
BARBARA S. DRAHEIM

Age 74, June 22, 2006 Beloved wife of the late James. Loving mother of Douglas, Gordon (Nancy), Marianna (Raymond) Stander, Ellen & Karen (Scott) Teasdale. Dear grandmother of Corey, Jim, David, Sara, Jessica, Patrick, Scott Jr., Erica, Catie & Baron. Dear sister of Judith Hepplewhite. Barbara's smile & sweet spirit will be missed by all. A Memorial Service will be held at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard (at W. Chicago), Livonia, Thursday at 11 AM. Memorial Contributions may be directed to Presbyterian Village, Westland. R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, (734) 422-6720 in charge of arrangements. Please sign the online guestbook at: www.rggrharris.com



CHARLOTTE E. SPENCER McKAY February 5, 1917 June 18, 2006

Charlotte was born in Waterford Township, Michigan, to Edith Harris Spencer and Roy Carl Spencer. When she was 9 months old, she moved to Clarkston, Michigan, with her Mom and Dad. Charlotte graduated from Clarkston High School in 1934 as class salutatorian. She also played side center for the girl's varsity basketball team. Charlotte attended Pontiac Business Institute, and on September 5, 1941, Charlotte married Lawrence I McKay, Jr. Following Lawrence's return from World War II, the couple moved to Birmingham, Michigan where they remained until 1977, rais ing their three children there. In 1978 Lawrence and Charlotte moved to Frankfort, where they both resided until death. Charlotte was a wellknown Frankfort Panther fan, especially of girls' softball and girls' basketball, and she was a fixture at almost all the girls' basketball games for the last 12 years of her life. Charlotte was also a life-long Detroit Tiger fan, having watched her first game against the '27 Yankees at Navin Field. Charlotte enjoyed all sports, including the Red Wings, Pistons, and especially University of Michigan football, to which she and her husband had season tickets for nearly 30 years. Surviving Charlotte are her son, Lawrence I McKay III (Joan) of Frankfort, MI; daughters Linda McKay Prager (David Mueller) of Santa Fe. NM. and Mary McKay Juechter (Tadge) of Troy, MI; grandchildren, Dr. Jeremy Prager (Amanda) of St. Louis, MO; Eliza McKay Prager of Ann Arbor, MI, Catherine Swartz McKay of Frankfort MI, Charlotte Spencer McKay of Frankfort, MI, Zoe Sheng Mueller of Santa Fe, NM; two nieces, one nephew, three grand-nephews, two grand-nieces, and many cousins. Charlotte was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years in 1994. Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Frankfort/Elberta Athletic Association (PO Box 593, Frankfort, MI 49635) for girls' basket-Ariankfort, MI 49635) for girls basket-ball or softball; the Benzie County Animal Welfare League (PO Box 172, Frankfort, MI 49635); or St. Philip's Episcopal Church (785 Beulah Highway, Beulah, MI 49617). Funeral arrangements are being handled by McElduff-Jowett Funeral Homes. visitation will be held on June 30, 2006 at the Frankfort facility from 2-4 pm and 6-8pm. Funeral services will be held July 1, 2006, at 11:00am, at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 785 Beulah Highway, Beulah, MI 49617.



DUSTIN FAVIAN KAERCHER

Age 18, June 21, 2006. Visitation will e held Saturday June 24 from 5pm-9pm for friends and supporters and again on Sunday June 25, from 1pm-6pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six mile Rd., Livonia. Dustin Favian Kaercher was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on January 17, 1988 to his beloved parents, Donald and Lynn Kaercher. At the age of 3 months he moved to Livonia. Michigan where he remained, attending grade school and high school. He is survived by his parents, Donald and Lynn Kaercher of Livonia, Michigan, his brother Matthew Kaercher and Fiance Christine Guy and their son Dustin Matthew Kaercher of Livonia his brother Timothy O'Donnell and his wife Annie O'Donnell and their son Declan Frederick O'Donnell of Ford Wayne, Indiana, his brother Sean O'Donnell and his fiance Alissa Evanowski and her daughter Brooklynn Hanselman of Westland daughter Michigan, his grandparents Donald and Margaret Kaercher of Aiken, South Carolina, his grandmother Connie Given of Kerrville, Texas and his beloved girlfriend Stacey Rudowski. He was preceded in death by grandfather Reinald Alexander. Dusty was the best son, brother, uncle, nephew, grandchild and boyfriend ever. He will be missed by all.



ELIZABETH KILGORE (nee: Wink)

June 12, 2006, age 85. Beloved wife of the late Robert Kilgore. Dear mother of Patrick Cronin (Harriett), Jody Brooks, Michael Harris and stepmother of Carole Anderson (Robert), Suzanne Kilgore, Sharon Pierson Neil), Robert Kilgore (Judy) and Julie Kruger (Robert). Grandmother of Sean Cronin, Moira Cronin, Christine Shoaf, Max Pierson, Marcy Pierson, Clare Kilgore, Katlyn Kilgore and great-grandmother of Emma Shoaf. Memorial Mass Thursday, June 29 at 10 AM at St. Thomas More Church, 4580 Adams Road (north of Wattles). Visitation at church begins Thursday at 9:30 AM. Memorial Tributes to Christ Child Society of Detroit, 502 N. Crooks Road, Clawson, MI 48017. For information call A. J. Desmond & Sons 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHomes.com



FRANCES I. FLETCHER

Age 83 of Fremont, formerly of Pontiac area, passed away Tuesday, in Fremont. Frances was the widow of Luther C. Fletcher. The Funeral services are on Monday at 3pm at the Fremont Weslcyan Church. The interment is on Tuesday at 2pm at the Ottawa Park Cemetery. Please make memorial contributions to Fremeont Wesleyan Church.

JENNIE E. CORNELL

87, of Sandusky, former Rochester Hills resident, died Friday, June 23, 2006 at Longevity Care Home in Sandusky, Michigan. She was born November 11, 1918 in Peck, Michigan the daughter of the late Arthur and Jennie (Graves) Ross. Jennie married Elmer Cornell, He died on October 27 1989. She is survived by Carl Ross (brother) of Metamora, Kathleen Grimes, (sister), of Gladwin, and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held at Marsh Funeral Chapel, Sandusky on Monday from 3-9 p.m. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, June 27, 2006 at 11: 00 a.m. at Marsh Funeral Chapel, Sandusky, with Fr. Charles Hammond officiating. Internment will be in White chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorial suggests to the Sandusky VFW. Arrangements by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Sandusky,



JUDY M. BALOGH

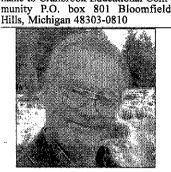
Age 67 of Livonia, June 23, 2006. Truly cherished wife of 42 years to Anthony. Survived by daughter Elaine Balogh (Jon Fink) of Colorado Springs, CO; mother Elaine Schopp of Colorado Springs, CO; mother Elaine Schopp of Determine States and Springs. DeTour Village MI; sister Joan Thuma of Bigfork MT; brother Linton "Bud" Schopp (Janet) of Brighton; and sister Nancy Hall (Larry) of Hartland. An accomplished pianist, she delighted those around her with her wit, wisdom and generosity, and will be missed by nephews Michael, Stephen, Ryan, Brett and Erik; and nieces Jill and Heidi. She dedicated herself to nurturing family and friends, volunteering at church and in the community, and making her famous Christmas cookies, fudge, and Easter chocolates. A 33-year member of Arts and Letters, and an alumna of MSU, Judy remained a lifelong Spartan (and Pistons and Tigers and Wings) fan. Always a supporter of education, Judy bequeathed her body to the U of M School of Medicine, thus there will be no visita-tion. Her memorial service will be 11 AM Tuesday June 27 at Ward Church Chapel, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville MI 48168. Family will gather with friends at 10 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations to Ward Church or Angela Hospice are suggested. To leave a message of condolence, log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

ROBERT A. LANDER

Age 78, of Howell, June 21, 2006. Beloved husband of the late Margaret. Dear father of Kathleen (John) Janssen, Robert (Carol), Michael (Ellen), Susan (Louis) Horvath and Theresa. Loving grandfather of Erin, John, Alexander, Charlotte, Elizabeth, Ed, Steve, Louie and Trevor. Robert is also survived by his beloved dog "Jackson". Bob is preceded in death by daughters, Mary and Barbara. Memorial service Tuesday, June 27th, 10:00 AM at St. Fabian Catholic Church, 32200 W. Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills, 48334.

Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington. 248-474-5200, heeney-sundquist.com PEARL I. PETERSON

105 of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan died Thursday June 22, 2006 at Grande Village Retirement Community in Twinsburg, Ohio. She was a retired Financial Secretary at the Cranbrook Educational Community School where she started working in the 1920's. She is survived by a nephew John and niece Emily She was preceded in death by brother Earl, Aber and Albert, sisters Tansie and Rachael, nephew Eugene, nieces Geraldine and Louise. No Services to be held per Pearls wishes. The family wishes memorials be made in Pearl's name to Cranbrook Educational Com-



WARREN WILLIAM RYSBERG

Age 70, of Crystal Falls, MI passed away on June 19, 2006 in the hospital after a long and courageous battle with cancer. His life was defined by his incredibly positive attitude and his love of family, friends, learning, laughter, and a zest for life! He was born in Indian River, MI on December 15, 1935, the son of William and Vesta Rysberg. Warren graduated from East Lansing High School in 1953 and continued his education at Michigan State University in the School of and Management. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Management in 1957. Warren also obtained a teaching certificate in secondary education and was hired by Wayne-Westland Community Schools to teach science at Ben Franklin Junior High in Wayne, MI. In 1960, Warren married Wanda Wessels and built a house on five acres in Plymouth, MI where they lived until his retirement During the early years of the teachers' union movement, Warren accepted the challenge of Presidency of the Wayne Federation of Teachers. For 27 years, Warren taught a variety of science classes including outdoor education (conservation and recreational science). He also volunteered to teach Hunter Safety so his students could enjoy the outdoors and hunting Warren was always willing to teach new classes, instruct students other teachers found difficult, accept extra assignments, mentor new teachers and help his colleagues. Having lived in the Plymouth area for 27 years, Warren touched the lives of many stu-dents, their families, community members, and his friends. At retirement in 1989, Warren and Wanda moved to the Upper Peninsula and designed and constructed their home on Buck Lake. They enjoyed the outdoor activities in Iron County as well as the wonderful people they became acquainted with in the U.P. During retirement, Warren's life was impacted by caring for his wife as she developed Alzheimer's and was later admitted to long-term care at the Iron County Medical Care Facility in Crystal Falls. Warren was unique in that he always developed a foundation of loving and supportive friends wherever he lived. His boisterous laugh, sense of humor, pranks, and childlike antics were combined with sensitivity, thoughtfulness and a generous spirit! Warren lived his life with integrity and nonesty. His personal magic of working with everyone, his commitment to students, friends and family, and his determination and upbeat attitude influenced the lives of all who came in contact with him. Warren was a cheerful, positive person who kept informed about local, environmental, and world events. He supported his family and friends to the fullest and left his mark on everyone he met. Warren's memory will be cherished, and he will be missed by all those whose lives he touched. The legacy of Warren's love of learning and the out-of-doors coninues in his friends and family. Warren was a loving and devoted hus-band to Wanda Rysberg who survives him. He was a loving brother to Brian Rysberg of Traverse City, MI and Coralie Rysberg-Calle of San Anselmo, CA. He is also survived by his nephews Mark Rysberg of Ada and Braulio Calle of San Anselmo, CA, his niece Erica Rysberg of Ada, his aunt and uncle, Greg and Glad Lill of Hemet, CA, his cousins from the Lill family, many relatives from his wife's family and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Preceding him in death were his mother and father Vesta and William Rysberg, his uncle Orson Warren, his aunt and uncle, William and Sally Waytulonis and his grandparents Andrew and Seena Rysberg of Alpha, MI and Charles and Calista Warren of Ovid, MI. A celebration of Warren's life will be held on June 24 at 1:00 a.m. in Chelsea, MI at The First United Methodist Church with Rev. Joy A. Barrett presiding. During the service, family and friends are invited to share remembrances of Warren Rysberg's life. Visitation takes place on June 23 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at The First United Methodist Church and from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. preceding the service. Family and friends are invited to a luncheon after the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contribu-Cancer Society, the Humane Society of Huron Valley in Ann Arbor, charities of choice or Crystal Falls Library or Theatre. The family would like to thank Dr. Gustavo Morel and his staff

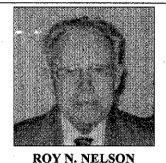
thank Dr. Gustavo Morel and his staff for their wonderful care and caring. They also want to recognize and thank

his numerous friends who gave emo-

tional and physical support during Warren's illness.

ROBERT W. KWASNY

Age 64 of Plymouth. Loving husband of Donna. Beloved father of Keith R. and Jennifer. Dear brother of Philip (Elaine) and the late Carol Crawford. Visitation Sunday 1-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd, (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Rosary Sunday 6 PM. In state Monday 10 AM until 10:30 AM funeral mass at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road (south of 5 Mile) Plymouth. Interment Riverside Cemetery. To leave a message of condolence, log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



Age 92, passed away peacefully on April 26, 2006, after a brief but coura-geous battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). A long-time resident of Livonia, he was most recently residing at Aldersgate's Retirement Community, Charlotte, NC. He was born on April 3. 1914, in Maskell, NE. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in January 1942, and serves as Master Sergeant in England with the 357rh Fighter Group. Upon his return after the war, he married Geraldine on September 14, 1946. He worked for Ford Motor Company as an accountant for over 30 years in Omaha, NE, Des Moines, IA, and finally, Redford, MI, retiring in 1980. He and his wife, long-time members of Holy Lutheran Church, Livonia, Gerry, enjoyed their retirement years in fellowship and traveling with church members, as well as with a group from Nardine Methodist Church, the "Nardineers". They were very involved in church activities. Roy was a lifetime member of the Livonia VFW #3941, serving in numerous positions including Quartermaster and Treasurer. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Gerry; his son, Randall (Carolyn), daughters Joyce Nelson and Susan (Kip) Smith; grandchildren Allen and Jodie Nelson, and Jenni Smith; and extended family. Burial took place on May 5, 2006, at Salisbury National Cemetery, Salisbury NC, with military honors. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 8, 2006, at 2pm, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Aldersgate Retirement Community, 3800 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, NC or

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ENGAGEMENTS

Nedock-Varga

Kathrvn Williams, of Farmington Hills, and David Nedock, of Southfield, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marisa Victoria Nedock, to Peter Varga, son of Stanislav and Teresa Varga of Livonia.

Marisa is a 1997 graduate of Farmington High School and a 2001 graduate of Michigan State University. She is pursuing her master's degree at Lawrence Technological University and works as a marketing manager at Barton Malow Co. in Southfield.

Peter is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and has two master's degrees from Lawrence Technological



University. He is a Manufacturing Engineer at Ford Motor Co.

They are planning an August 2006 wedding, a garden cere-mony at Northville Hills Golf Club. The couple will make their home in Farmington Hills.

Mohan-Hughes

Moira Mohan of Canton and Thomas L. Mohan of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Tara Lynn Mohan of Livonia to Adam C. Hughes of Livonia.

The prospective groom is the son of Ron and Betty Hughes of Livonia. He graduated from Schoolcraft College and is a public safety officer in Oak Park.

The bride-to-be graduated from Madonna University. She is employed in human resources at Takata in



Farmington Hills. A wedding is planned for Nov. 3, 2007, at Rosedale Garden Presbyterian in Livonia.

Belkofer-Malkiewicz

Bob and Sandy Belkofer of Toledo, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter Heidi Lynn Belkofer of Royal Oak to Jason Malkiewicz of Royal Oak. The prospective groom is the

son of Ken and Linda Malkiewicz of Plymouth. He is a graduate of Michigan State University and Wayne State University Law School. He works as an attorney in Detroit.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of John Carroll University in



Cleveland. She works at Accenture.

A June 2007 wedding is planned for Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo.

Kremer-Balint

Scott and Kitty Kremer of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Elizabeth, to Kevin Anthony Balint, son of Steve and Libby Balint of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Mercy High School and a 2005 honors graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is currently employed by Barnes and Noble and by Marshall Music, and is assistant conductor of the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan.

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Franklin High School and a 2005 honors graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is currently employed as an adminis-



trative assistant by TRAM and is bass player for the Macomb Symphony Orchestra and the Southern Great Lakes Symphony Orchestra.

An August 2006 wedding is planned.

ANNIVERSARIES

Moyers 50th anniversary David and Jeannette (nee

Davidson) Moyer of Livonia will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary July 7.

The couple were married in Indian Village in Detroit on July 7, 1956. They have four children:

David Moyer, Jonathan (Rachel) Moyer, Jeanne (Marcus) Mullins, and Susan Moyer. They have nine grandchildren and one great-grand-

David Moyer is retired from General Motors. Jeannette is a homemaker.

The family will hold a small



celebration dinner July 8 at Ernestos in Plymouth.

McCully 60th

Mr. and Mrs. Adam McCully of Bellaire, Mich., formerly of Plymouth, are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Adam McCully and

Geraldine Carley were married on June 29, 1946 at East Main United Methodist Church in Kalamazoo by her father, Rev.

Ira Carley.

Mr. McCully graduated from the University of Michigan after serving in the Navy on the U.S.S. Iowa during World War II. Mrs. McCully graduated from Western Michigan University and is a homemaker. They have four children -Harriet (Michael) Parsons, Thomas (Paula) McCully, Dale McCully and Carol (Daniel) McGlinn — along with seven



grandchildren and nine greatgrandchildren.

Mr. McCully was co-owner with his brother, William McCully, of McCully Egg Co., in Plymouth for many years.

(CP)

Make sure friend is after your girlfriend

My best friend is trying to get with my girlfriend. What do I do? Anonymous Garden City

First, ask yourself if what you think is going on is really going on. Sometimes our own emotions can cause us to come to the wrong conclusions. Is your best friend just being friendly to your girlfriend since she's around a lot? Are you feeling jealous that your



Teen Talk

Monica Fulton

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nat your girlfriend is a friend to your best friend? Are you feeling possessive of your girlfriend to the point of distorting your friend's

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If you don't
think you're off
base after
answering
those questions
honestly, it's
time to ask

yourself what kind of best friend this guy really is. If the friendship is worth saving, you need to talk to him and tell him that, to you, it looks like he's interested in your girlfriend. Tell him that you want to remain friends but that he needs to back off. Explain to him what exactly he's doing that's giving you the idea he wants to get with your girlfriend. Your friend may not be aware of what he's doing, or even that he has

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feelings for your girlfriend. It's important not to accuse him of anything before getting all the facts; good friendships are hard to find. But, if this guy really is trying to get between you and your girlfriend, it's time to tell him to take a hike!

My best friend (who's like a sister to me) is about to do what I feel is a big mistake. She's only 16 and is moving to Ohio to be with her 19-year-old boyfriend. I know that if she does this that she's going to end up as a pregnant, high school dropout. She's already failing here, and if she moves to Ohio while her mom continues to stay in Michigan, she's going to mess her life up badly. I care about her way too much to just stand to the side and watch her do this. Maybe I'm paranoid and should support her more, but if they break up, she has nowhere to go. How can I talk to her?

Drummer Girl Garden City

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mess up her future. Ask her to reconsider her choice and to wait until she graduates from high school before joining her boyfriend in Ohio. If she still insists on going, it will be important that you offer her as much support as possible. If you cut off your support, she will be that much more isolated from a support system and will be less able to change her mind if things go wrong in Ohio. Let her know that you don't agree with her decision, but that you care about her and want to help her however you can. Keep in touch with her by writing

letters, sending e-mails, or IMing if she moves to Ohio. Don't stop being the awesome friend you are!

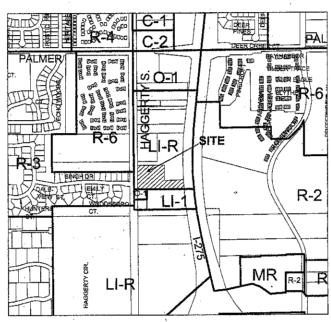
My mom is allowing me to date but my dad thinks i'm too young to date. What should I do? Stuck in the Middle

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It sounds like your mom and dad need to agree on what is right for you. That might mean a compromise. Maybe you could suggest that you be allowed to go on a "date" as long as your parents drive you. You could meet your date at the movies,

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYN'E 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, July 10, 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:



J.B. Donaldson Rezoning 098-RZ-051

J.B. DONALDSON REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 098- 99-0028-708 FROM LI-R LIGHT INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH PARK TO LI-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL. Property is located south of Palmer and east of Haggerty Road.

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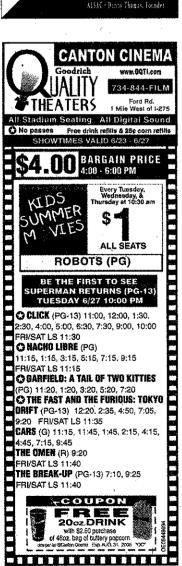
or review. Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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All connections to the water supply system or the sewer disposal system shall be made by and at the expense of the property owner or user so connecting, subject to any rules or regulations therefore now or hereafter established by the city, and subject to inspection and approval prior to use. A permit for such connection shall be obtained in advance from the city, and the property owner or user making such connection shall pay all inspection charges now or hereafter established by the city prior to the use thereof.

Property owner is responsible for TAP compliance with ALL Federal, State or Local Rules, Regulations, or Laws.

TAPS RESTRICTED
The term "tap" as a

The term "tap" as used herein shall include any opening or outlet heretofore or hereafter made in the water system, for the purpose of withdrawing water therefrom for any use, public or private, either commercial or domestic, excepting fire hydrants. No taps shall be made to the system unless authorized by the proper city authorities.

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restaurant, or wherever the date will take place, and your mom or dad could drop you off and pick you up at a designated time. You will need to help your dad feel comfortable with you dating by building trust with him. Don't lie about what you'll be doing on the date, and don't go somewhere else after they

drop you off.
Parents have a funny way of finding out what's really going on and if you've been lying to them, you won't enjoy dating for many, many years.

Be responsible and show your parents that you can be trusted. Remember, parents want what's best for their kids and they definitely want to keep them safe.

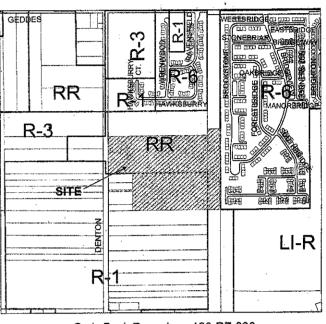
Dating is a big thing for parents, help make it easier for them by being upfront, honest, and

Monica Fulton is the supervisor of the Family Resource Center in Garden City working on youth and family problems. She can be reached by e-mail at monicafulton@sbcglobal.net.

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Geric Beck Rezoning 126-RZ-038

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

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, July 6, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

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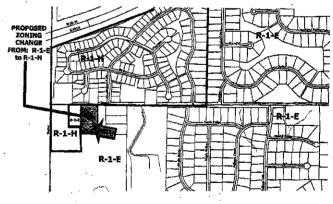
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DATE OF HEARING: TIME OF HEARING: PLACE OF HEARING: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP R-1-E, Single Family Residential District

R-1-H, Single Family Residential District Wednesday, July 19, 2006 7:00 P.M.

Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received, a proposed petition to rezone parcel R-78-046-99-0002-707 from R-1-E, Single Family Residential District to R-1-H Single Family Residential District. The property address is 51075 Powell Road Application 1928



AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 010 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R-78-046-99-0002-707. (property address 51075 Powell Road)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 99.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone 734-453-3840. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

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Your allergies and your pet

Sensible solutions to lessen the sneezing

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Kristy Salyers doesn't mind receiving allergy shots, one in each arm, every three weeks if it means she can keep her cats. According to The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), allergies are one of the most common reasons people turn their pets into shelters.

Animals provide companionship, but when their presence causes itchy eyes, a scratchy throat, sneezing, a runny nose, coughing and asthma attacks, pet owners like Salyers would rather take oral medication and receive immunotherapy than lose the companionship provided by an animal.

Salyers began taking shots in 2002, along with a daily dose of an antihistamine/decongestant. She's been living with cats nine years and noticed every time she added another stray, the itching eyes, scratchy throat and sneezing from her allergies worsened.

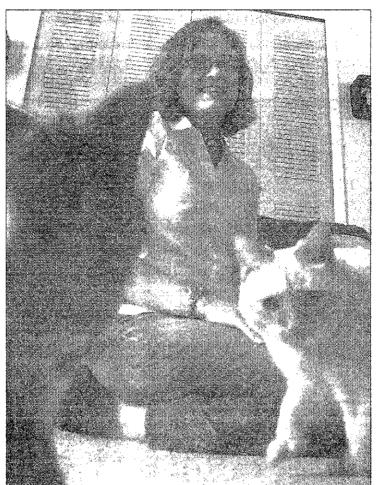
"I used not to be able to pet my cats," said Salyers, who directs visitors to her Plymouth apartment by saying look for the cats in the window. "Now my cats don't bother me at all anymore. I can even rub my eyes after touching my cats and there's no sneezing.

"I think it's worth it to go through the shots rather than just trying to take a Benadryl or medication. I recommend people who are thinking about getting animals to get tested (for allergies) beforehand, especially families with children."

Allergy testing on children may not be the answer for parents thinking about adopting an animal. Dr. David Seaman says a child may not have sensitivity in the beginning, but may develop if they haven't been exposed to an animal before. Other studies show that if a child lives with a pet early in life, they may be protected from developing allergies. Until research can determine the best course of action, Seaman is recommending that patients with allergies who choose to keep their pets ban them from the bedroom and couch.

Many more tips can be found in the new brochure, Your Allergies and Your Pet, published by The Humane Society of the United States (www.hsus.org/allergybrochure).

"Cats tend to be more on furniture and the bed," said Seaman, the senior physician at Canton Asthma & Allergy with locations in Canton, Farmington Hills and Brighton. "A study done years ago in Boston showed the greatest amount of cat dander was found on the couch and bed, so let's keep the cat but keep them



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Kristy Salyers lives with four cats despite her allergies.

out of the bed and off the couch."

Even if Seaman was allergic to his dog Sam, he would still keep him, he guips. Turning him into a shelter would not be an option since his wife would give Seaman up if he got rid of the dog because of allergies.

Like Seaman, most of his patients are not willing to lose their best friend because they're suffering with a few minor symptoms. However, a parent of a child with asthma should consider surrendering a dog or cat to a shelter if the allergies are life-threatening.

So what is an owner with pet allergies to do if their symptoms are tolerable and they don't want to give up their animals? Nancy

Peterson doubts if she would give up her three cats. As a staff member at HSUS in Washington, D.C., Peterson deals with issues surrounding responsible pet ownership. After seeing the statistics on the large number of owners relinquishing their pets to shelters because of allergies, she decided it was time to create a brochure on how to help people live with their pets and their symptoms. In addition to the HSUS brochure, she recommends reading Shirlee Kalstone's book, Allergic to Pets: The Breakthrough Guide to Living with the Animals You Love, released in January.

"Having bad allergies to my pets would be one of the worst things that could happen to me," Peterson said. "I'm sure I would try everything possible. I don't suggest putting the pet outside. Exposing them to outdoor allergens that you will then be in contact with can make your symptoms worse and be traumatic for the pet who's always lived inside and is deprived of your compan-

Peterson says that before a person attributes their symptoms to a pet, they should visit an allergist for testing.

"It's important to realize that people who have allergies to pets usually have other allergies. It's important to minimize all of the allergen producing things in the environment," Peterson said. "Start with the bedroom being an allergy-free zone because you spend so much time in the bedroom.

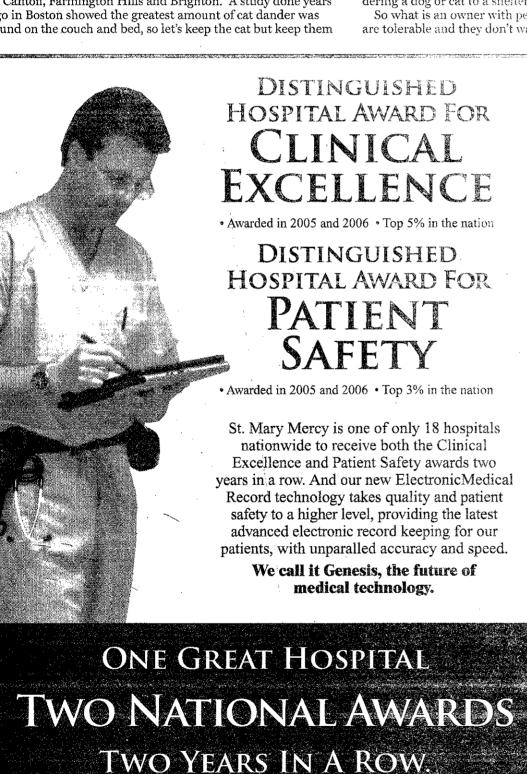
"Be tested by an allergist to confirm the things that you are allergic to and hopefully if symptoms are mild to moderate and you're willing to make some modifications, you're allergist will work with you. There have been studies that show even when an allergist suggested they get rid of the pets, they didn't. Having pets does enhance our lives, physically and emotionally."

Regular cleaning of the home is key to living with an animal, whether they cause an allergic reaction or not. The HSUS brochure suggests vacuuming daily to remove shedding hair and to wear a dust mask. Use furnace filters that trap pet dander and a high-efficient particulate air filter on the vacuum.

Wash hands after touching animals to prevent their dander and saliva from causing problems if you should touch your eyes. Bathing the animal can be helpful as well.

"Shots do work," said Seaman, who's treated patients with allergies and asthma since 1978 in Canton. "We were taught years ago they didn't work, but extracts we have for cats now are much more potent, because we know what's in the saliva. My advice is if they're having symptoms relating to animals to seek attention first. If the allergies are caused by pets and if the medical problems are interfering with their life, if they have a child with chronic ear or sinus infections, or they're adults with persistent asthma and often in the emergency room, then they need to make a decision about what to do about their pets and allergies."

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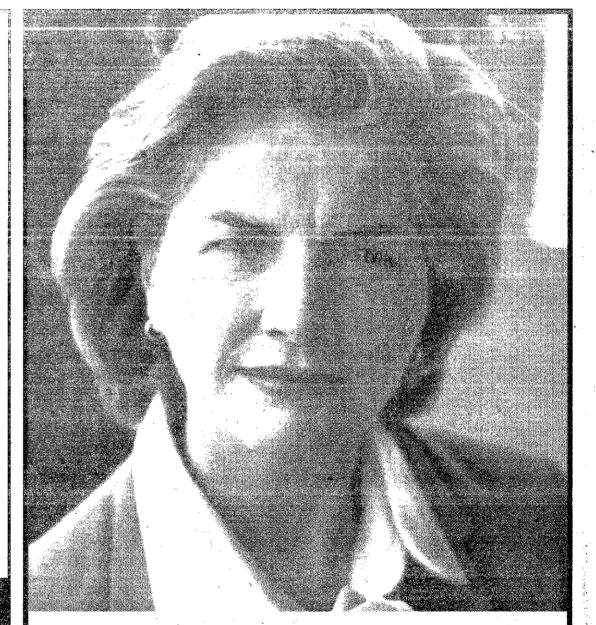
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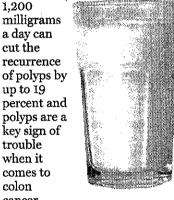
Good diet, staying fit help colon

Brad from Waterford has been warned about colon cancer and emails for natural prevention tips. Brad, here are some easy rules you can live by. First, be sure to cut back on your red meat intake. Studies show that taking in less than six ounces a day can

cut colon cancer risk by onethird over time. One delicious alternative is fish, and plenty of it! The same study shows that three ounces of fish a day can also help cut your colon cancer

Cruciferous vegetables are also a must! Chow down on broccoli, brussels sprouts, and cauliflower. They're all packed with natural anti-carcinogens. Get plenty of Vitamin D as well. because

1.200 milligrams a day can cut the recurrence of polyps by up to 19 percent and polyps are a key sign of trouble when it comes to



Also be sure to stay fit because that always helps men live longer and lead healthier lives.

Paul from Midland e-mails for nutritional tips on cutting the risk of stroke.

Paul, in this case five is definitely your lucky number! Research now shows that eating five portions of fruits and vegetables a day can cut your stroke risk by up to 26 percent. Study participants getting 3-5 servings a day were 11 percent less likely to suffer from a stroke. The findings are important because most people in developed countries only eat three or fewer servings of vegetables a day.

The key to the five-a-day rule might be potassium. Fruit is loaded with it and potassium has been found to be great at helping control high blood pressure which is a key predictor to stroke risk.

The game of life is a little like a game of cards - five of a kind is a very good hand!

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

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JUNE

Divorce support

An overview of the process of divorce with Connie Kelley, attorney with Powers, Chapman, DeAgostino, Meyers, & Mills 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 27; an attorney from the firm Woll & Woll will be available 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of each month (anyone interested may sign in beginning at 4:30 p.m. that day), a certified financial planner from Center for Financial Planning is available 5-7 p.m. (sign in begins 4:30 p.m.) on first Monday of each month, at Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Wellness workshop

6:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 27 and July 18, lecture by Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C., at Brackney Chiropractic, 8524 Canton Center Road. Call (734) 455-4444. Sharing & Caring

Topic is resiliency, with Donna Rockwell, Psy.D., adjunct faculty, Center for Humanistic Studies Graduate School, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 29, 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 an d friends. Call (248) 551-8585 for more information.

Hospice volunteers

Avalon Hospice, a nonprofit Medicare certified hospice program in Oakland

County, needs volunteers, training in your area is available evening and daytime. Each of five training sessions lasts 2-3 hours and can be conducted one-on-one with our trainer to meet the demands of your schedule. For more information, call Brian at (248)

Better bones program

11 a.m. Friday, June 30, at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh Road, south of Ford. Learn about risk factors for osteoporosis, bone screenings begin at 9 a.m. Westland residents interested in scheduling a screening should inquire at the Friendship Center.

Water aerobics classes For moms and senior citizens, sponsored by Health Alliance Plan (HAP), continue through August noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at Sheldon Pool, 3123 Van Court, Livonia, and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen. No charge For registration information, call (313)

664-8420.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets 7 p.m. every Thursday, at St. Thomas A' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton, Weigh in is from 6:15 p.m. to 6:55 p.m. We are a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

Use common sense handling fireworks

The bright colors and booming sounds of fireworks can be fun for children and adults, but this annual summer ritual is an accident waiting to happen if simple safety rules are ignored, says Dr. Maggie Brandt, a trauma surgeon at Henry Ford Hospital.

An estimated 9,300 people were treated in emergency departments for fireworksrelated injuries in 2003, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 45 percent of people injured from fireworks are children ages 14 years and younger.

Brandt says most fireworksrelated injuries involve the hands and fingers, and more than half of the injuries are burns. Eyes are injured 21 percent of the time, while the head and face are harmed 18 percent of the time.

"Ideally, we prefer for people to attend professional fireworks displays put on by their community than hosting their own private show," said Brandt.

"Most accidents happen because adults have been drinking or because children are left unsupervised. The tragedy is that all of these injuries can be prevented if people follow some simple

Brandt recommends following these common sense safety

■ Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks, even sparklers. Sparklers burn at a high temperature - 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

Always wear safety glasses or goggles when lighting fireworks, a habit few people fol-

■ Be sure other people are out of range before lighting

Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area, away from the house, dry leaves or grass and flammable materials.

Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergencies. Pour water on fireworks that don't

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THE INS AND OUTS OF PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS

Psoriatic arthritis accompanies the skin condition psoriasis. The arthritis aspec occurs in approximately 15% of the cases of psoriasis; at times, the arthritis presents before the skin problem. Psoriatic arthritis affects the hands and feet like rheumatoid arthritis, but has features that make it possible to diagnosis that the problem is related to psoriasis, even when the skin lesions are hardly visible or not there.

Psoriatic arthritis can present with only one swollen joint. The joint may be a knee, a finger, or a toe. The swelling in the finger or toe may cover the whole digit. In the foot, physicians refer to it as a sausage digit. In rheumatoid arthritis the toes are spared, but the ball of the foot becomes tender. In psoriatic arthritis the toe becomes painful and the ball of the foot is spared.

Psoriatic arthritis involves tendons where they anchor into bone. In nearly all other arthritis conditions ankle involvement refers to the ankle joint itself, but psoriatic arthritis acts differently. It may cause the tendons around the ankle to swell and cause pain in the sides of the foot. Or, swelling occurs in the top of the hand, not in the wrist joint, but over the tendons that cross the wrist.

The distinctive pattern of psoriatic arthritis indicates to a physician that what he is seeing is not rheumatoid arthritis, or gout, but pscriatic arthritis, even when the skin features are not present.

Making the correct diagnosis is important, as treatment for psoriatic arthritis is specific for that condition

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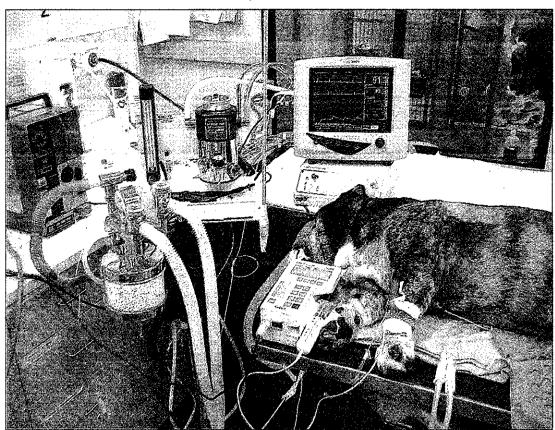


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A dog awaits surgery at the Oakland Veterinary Referral Service in Bloomfield Hills.

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"We're a teaching facility with an active internship and residency programs," said Kerstetter, a partner at MVS (www.michvet.com) and owner of two Labradors. "It keeps us on the leading edge of veterinary medicine and surgery.

"We do research in conjunction with veterinary teaching hospitals such as Michigan State. Throughout the hospital, we're putting lenses in cataract patients to help them see better. To increase quantity of life cannot be our goal. We have to increase quality and quantity."

Dr. Joyce Obradovich has

spent nearly 20 years helping dogs and cats as a veterinarian oncologist. Her Animal Cancer and Imaging Centers in Canton and Rochester Hills (www.veterinarycancer.com) offer advanced imaging and radiation and chemotherapy treatment.

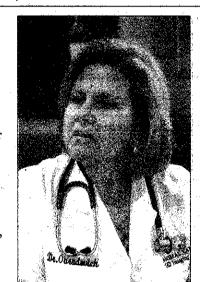
Obradovich completed her residency at Colorado State University, where she trained with Dr. Steven Withrow, a vet who perfected a technique on canines to save limbs from bone cancer. It is now used to save the limbs of children and adults.

"Twenty years ago, there wasn't the availability of a lot of treatments," Obradovich said. "Cancer today is the leading national cause of death in pets, but at least 50 percent are curable."

As with humans, early detection is key to curing cancer.
Obradovich cautions owners to check their animals regularly for lumps and bumps and not wait to seek the help of a veterinarian if they find anything.

"They should look for unexplained weight loss, a sore that doesn't heal, change in behavior, a visual indication such as a mass under the skin," she said. "You might think it's a fatty tumor, but make sure everything is tested."

Obradovich sees about 20 to 30 patients a day with cancer. As with humans, the causes and risk factors vary.



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"Twenty years ago there wasn't the availability of a lot of treatments," says Dr. Joyce Obradovich, veterinarian oncologist, whose Animal Cancer and Imaging Centers in Canton and Rochester Hills offer advanced imaging, radiation and chemotherapy treatments.

"I see a fair amount of bone cancer in the large and giant breed dogs," Obradovich said. "Certain breeds have risk factors.

"Studies have shown that dogs who live in homes of smokers have a higher incidence of lung cancer. Genetics and environmental factors can put an animal at risk for cancer."

According to Obradovich,

the incidence of cancer in cats is about the same as humans, but doubled in dogs. Fifty percent of dogs over age 10 will die of cancer, 25 percent under age 10.

Last year, 175 animals attended Obradovich's Cancer Survivors Picnic at Stony Creek Metropark, giving her reason for hope.

Every year brings advances in diagnostics and treatments at the Oakland Veterinary Referral Service (www.ovrs.com) in Bloomfield Hills. The facility offers the expertise of nearly 20 specialists in behavioral medicine, cardiology, dermatology, oncology, neurology, allergy and 24-hour critical care for emergencies. Surgeons perform total

hip replacement, limb sparing procedures for cancerous bones and cataract removal.

We're always a little bit behind what they're doing in human surgery, but a lot of research they do for people they do on research dogs and we can use it almost directly," said Dr. Saundra Hewitt, who specializes in surgery. "These days, the big push is minimally invasive, but we do have a limitation. For arthroscopy, we can't fit a human scope into a Chihuahua, but can do regularsized dogs. For heart surgery, we used to have to spread the ribs and now can use the scope.

"We've gone to digital radiography and can take a Chihuahua and magnify the bones."

Dr. Ann Mattise, a dermatology and allergy practitioner, provides options for animals with excessive itching and scratching, licking and biting of the feet, hives, rubbing the face and cats who groom excessively and get skin rashes. Frequently, the first step is skin testing the animal for allergies. Some dogs are even allergic to fleas and their owners, but most suffer from allergens produced by pollens, house dust (mites) and molds. According to Mattise about 75 percent dogs are allergic, 25 percent of cats, and just like humans their allergies are increasing in frequency for unknown reasons.

"There are a variety of options. For animals whose problems are brief usually in summer, there are oral medications such as antihistamines borrowed from the human medical field, steroids, topical baths," said Mattise, who practices at Oakland Veterinary Referral Service. "It's a relatively recent specialty, so we're just learning about it. Originally we thought cortisone was a great fix, then realized the side effects it can have.

"The American College of Veterinary Dermatology and American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology fund research every year to understand how to control the signs."

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"There's definitely a difference after a treatment," said Chlopan. "The last few days I could tell she was painful. I give her homeopathic injections and she doesn't need them as often after acupuncture. With acupuncture and herbs I've seen definite improvements.

"When Heidi began giving Cheyenne acupuncture she was having a bladder infection and an arthritic condition in her hind end. In Chinese philosophy they see that as all connected."

Mier begins examining Cheyenne and checking her arterial pulses. Traditional western veterinary medicine uses blood tests and radiographs (x-rays) to diagnose conditions while practitioners of traditional Chinese veterinary medicine examine points located in the body.

"The great advantage is

Heidi examines her every time," said Chlopan who's undergone acupuncture treatments herself. "She found a lump over the holidays and even though it was benign she can monitor her well for serious problems. What's different about Chinese medicine is that she spends a lot more time."

Mier begins placing the needles in Cheyenne's back. The black lab's eyes don't flinch. It's almost as if she knows that relief is soon to come. On this particular visit, Mier uses electroacupuncture which is especially effective for chronic painful problems because it increases stimulation to the nervous system.

More than 2000 years ago, the Chinese discovered acupoints that western science has since identified as dense areas of nerve endings. Ancient Chinese veterinarians believed that health depends on Qi (chee), a life force or vital energy that flows throughout the body and maintains a balance of Yin and Yang. When the flow is interrupted, disease may occur.

"With acupuncture there's a

local effect and after effects beyond," said Mier. More than 2000 years ago, the Chinese discovered acupoints that western science has since identified as dense areas of nerve endings.

"Acupuncture is typically very relaxing. When needles are placed this triggers a release of endorphins. "The Chinese didn't know

about endorphins but believed disease was caused by blockages in energy flow.

Acupuncture moves energy through a blockage so there is always balance in the body.

Initially Cheyenne had urinary incontinence with the infection. Now she's doing really good."

Half an hour later, Cheyenne is almost asleep as Mier removes the needles. Aquacupuncture injections of vitamin B-12 and homeopathic anti-inflammatories extend the pain-relieving effects of the treatment.

The road to wellness is ongo-

ing for Cheyenne. Mier's housecalls helped detect a paralysis of the vocal chords over the holidays. Chlopan quips about Cheyenne having nine lives like a cat. This time she thought it was the end for her loving pet. Mier sent Cheyenne to Oakland Veterinary Referral Services in Southfield for surgery. Mier uses the best of traditional Chinese and western veterinary medicine to treat her patients.

Based in Plymouth, Mier's integrative medicine practice concentrates on eastern medicine but incorporates traditional western diagnostics and therapy when appropriate. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin veterinary school, she interned at Cornell University in small animal medicine and surgery. Mier decided to study acupuncture after western medicine failed to relieve the pain from a chronic lower back condition but three to four acupuncture treatments resolved the problem. She went on to receive

certification in acupuncture at the Chi Institute of Chinese Medicine in Florida where she's been studying herbs as well. In addition to musculoskeletal problems such as arthritis and hip dysplasia, acupuncture can be used to treat gastrointestinal disorders and neurological conditions like epilepsy.

CASE-BY-CASE BASIS

"When I began studying Chinese medicine it changed the way I look at things. You don't just put a Band-aid on everything, you look for the cause," said Mier. "I'm always looking for why something happened. You do treat symptoms but to prevent problems. You might have 10 animals with arthritis and you treat them differently. There are temperature preferences. You look at the color of tongue, if it's red or pale, hot or cool. Some herbals are warming, some cooling. Some have arthritis and hurt more in cold weather. Chinese herbs are different from Western herbs. Some formulas have been around thousands of years, contemporary formulas only a couple hundred years."

Nutritional therapy is part of the looking at the entire animal as well. Chlopan feeds Cheyenne cooling foods such as turkey instead of chicken which is considered hot. To that diet she adds beet, sweet potato and banana. Everything must be rolled into one-inch balls to prevent choking.

"You always look at diet initially. It's part of Chinese medicine," said Mier. "And you look for change. Cheyenne changed over the years. Things change and she may not need a herbal anymore. It's individualized. You treat them as an individual."

Dr. Heidi Mier practices independently out of the Dixboro Dental and Medical Center. Contact her by e-mail at drmier@charter.net, or leave a message on voice mail at (734) 673-5642. E-mail is preferred with details about the animal's problem.

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erinarian in Royal Qak - not to save him, but to make him as comfortable as possible until he died a couple of months later. Animal ownership is a responsibility. By reading Dr. Richard Pitcairn's book on Natural Health for Dogs and Cats, I learned about the importance of feeding a healthy diet and giving him supplements like vitamin C to strengthen his immune system. Shamrock's last several months, he dined on ground turkey, rice and broccoli that I cooked nightly to allow his body to function optimally. That final day, Dr. Brown couldn't believe he was 10 years old because giant breeds

don't usually live that long.

Many people's dogs or cats are their favorite companions because they have so much fun together. Dogs especially never judge and give unconditional love. I could have the most stressful day and open the door at the end of it to be greeted by Shamrock, who was so happy to see me and gave me an excuse to take a few minutes to be silly and play, and call him my little buttercup.

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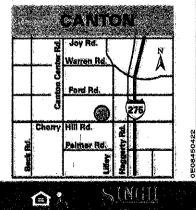


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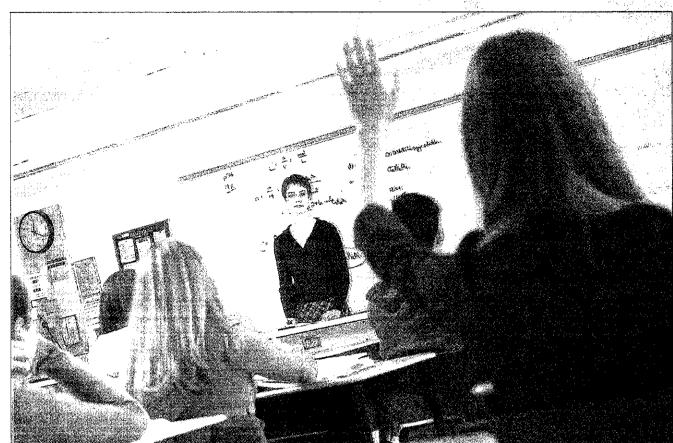
(PRWEB) — Recruiting teachers is now more efficient and cost-effective for the Middletown Public Schools, one of the first districts in Rhode Island to adopt a new online technology that centralizes the management of the hiring process.

Districts are always looking for ways to improve organization by using technology to enhance efficiency. The new recruiting system is called SchoolSpring

(www.schoolspring.com), a Web-based educational recruiting service that started in Vermont in 2001 and is used by nearly every school district in that state. School districts in Rhode Island are recognizing the advantages of this new technology and are signing

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, superintendent of schools for the district, explains why she is eager to use the new online teacher recruiting system. "We are always looking for ways to improve our organization by using technology to enhance our efficiency," Kraeger said. "Efficiency translates into dollars saved and with budgets being as tight as they are, we are always looking for ways to save money. The SchoolSpring system saves manpower, advertising costs and more."

SchoolSpring will allow the Middletown School District to reach a broader range of teachers with more diverse backgrounds. "We used to only reach local educators and sometimes teachers in the Boston area with



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expensive newspaper advertising. Now, we can cast a much bigger net looking for teachers with SchoolSpring," Kraeger said. Currently, SchoolSpring has over 40,000 educator members worldwide with more joining every day.

SchoolSpring not only allows teacher candidates to apply more easily to the school district jobs, it lets the district more effectively communicate with candidates.

"SchoolSpring provides better communication and recruitment management," Kraeger said. "Applicants can easily apply to more than one job and we can personalize our responses for every step of the application process.

The system e-mails applicants when we have received their application, again when we are reviewing it, and we can even schedule interviews all

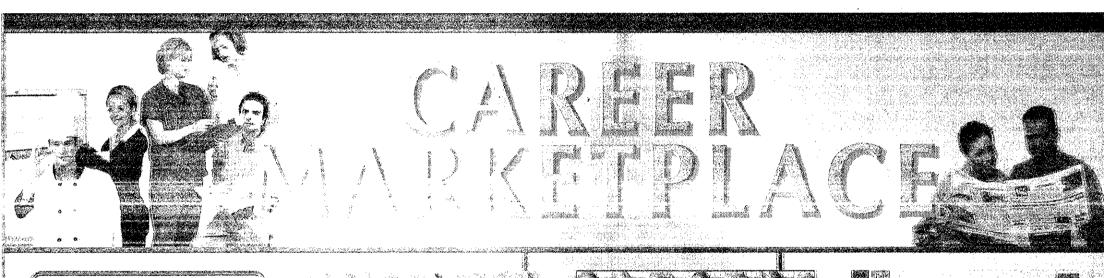
Another benefit is the "electronic paper trail" that SchoolSpring provides. All recruitment activities are recorded in the system, allowing the district to easily provide data for accountability.

Middletown Public Schools should see substantial savings in advertising costs from previous years. SchoolSpring is planning to launch a cooperative advertising program in Rhode Island allowing schools to advertise their open positions together in one newspaper ad. This program has proven very effective in the Vermont newspapers, where SchoolSpring has been running the co-op advertising program for nearly five years.

Already, two more school districts in Rhode Island, Bristol Warren Regional School District and Portsmouth School District, have joined SchoolSpring.

Kraeger sees SchoolSpring as a great technology, but also a lesson for her students.

"This is an exciting program with substantial benefits," she said. "Using new technology like SchoolSpring reflects our current goal to bring the organization up a notch so that we can maximize the district's resources through the enhancement of technology."





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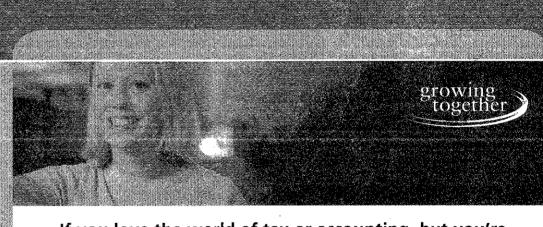
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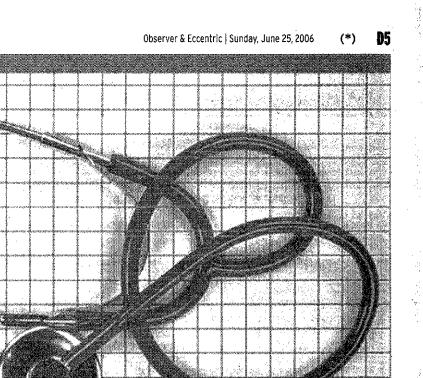
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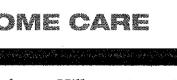
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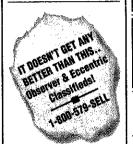
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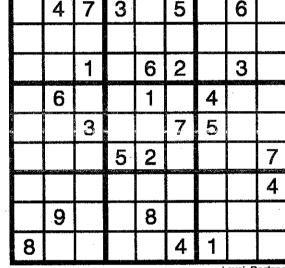
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Make the garage an extension of your home

(NewsUSA) — Today's homeowners expect the garage to be more than a vehicle shelter and stopover for seasonal equipment and family castoffs. The standard 18 foot by 24 foot, two-car garage can add 432 square feet of usable real estate to a home's layout.

Families on the go want extra space for do-it-yourself projects, easy access to car-care supplies and recreational gear — and even a play area for children. Older homeowners need handy storage facilities for belongings accumulated over the years, especially if they have downsized.

Racor Inc., a company that specializes in home-storage solutions, offers the following tips for freeing up valuable garage space:

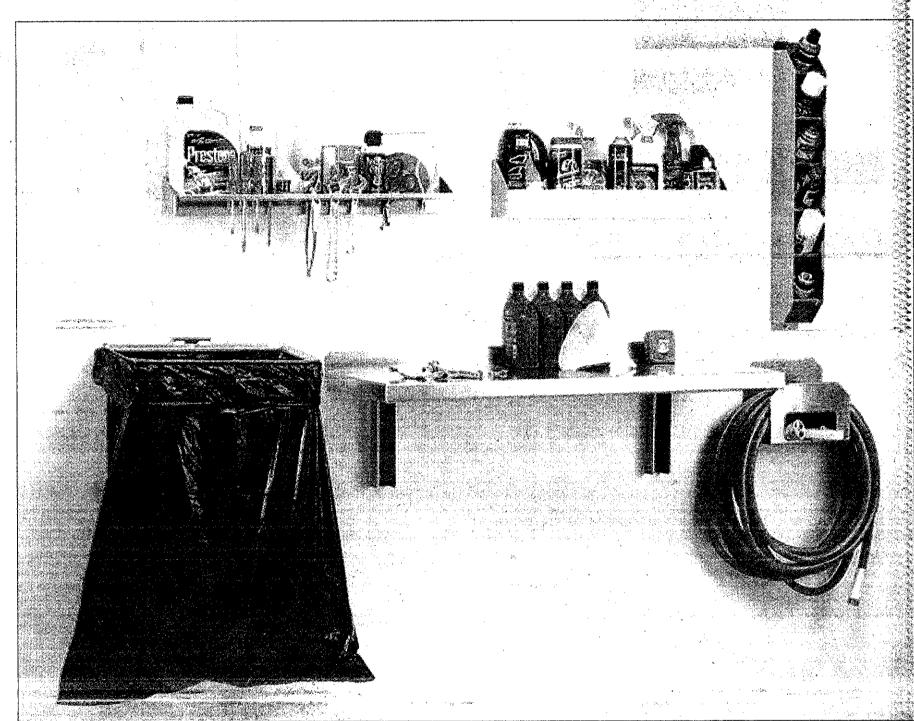
Make a plan for the garage, just as you would for the kitchen or any other room in the house. Draw a floor plan to help visualize how different arrangements would fit your family's needs.

Sort your belongings and make a list of items you need to store. Then discard, donate or sell the things that have outlived their usefulness.

■ Install stylish as well as functional cabinetry, shelving and accessories in the garage to serve as extensions of the home's storage options and family's lifestyle.

Clear away floor space by stowing gear overhead or on the walls. A new rail-mount bike lift, for instance, suspends bikes safely from the ceiling, and a pulley system makes them easy to lower when needed.

■ Use work surfaces that fold up against the wall, such as a large folding workbench. This legless, rigid aluminum workbench measures 44 inches long by 18 inches wide by 4.5 inches high and can support 100 pounds. It can be mounted at the user's most comfortable working height. When not in use, it folds flush against the wall.



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Consider the practical when time comes to shop for a home

am going to buy a house; what are some practical things I should keep in mind about buying a house?

Buying a house is a big step that can be pretty complicated. Here are some elements to consider to make sure that you have a smooth transition:

■ When appliances are left in the home, ask yourself why. It could be that the sellers don't have room for it in their new



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house. It may be also be that they want to upgrade to newer appliances. Another possibility is that the appliances may not

be in good working order.

■ Measure your furniture. You want to be reasonably sure that your couch set will fit into your new family room and that your bed fits into your new bedroom. Otherwise you may find yourself having to buy new furniture.

Check to see if the sellers can throw in a home warranty. A home warranty usually insures that if the appliances

don't work or possible structural problems occur within a year it will be fixed at little or no cost to you. Not all sellers offer home warranties. I am not suggesting that you shouldn't buy a house because it doesn't include a home warranty, however, it should be something to consider.

The location within the subdivision. It may be great to be far deep in a sub as far as

privacy goes. However, what happens when you need to buy some eggs or butter. How far will you have to travel? It may be that the extra time to get to a grocery store may be well worth the quietness of the area. It's important to think of the trade-off.

The wiring of the house. Is the house wired for cable or digital TV? Does it have a DSL connection? Things have gone

pretty high tech. If you are taking advantage of the technology you may want to look at what is available in the home and what would be the cost to insert the extra wiring if needed.

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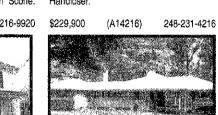


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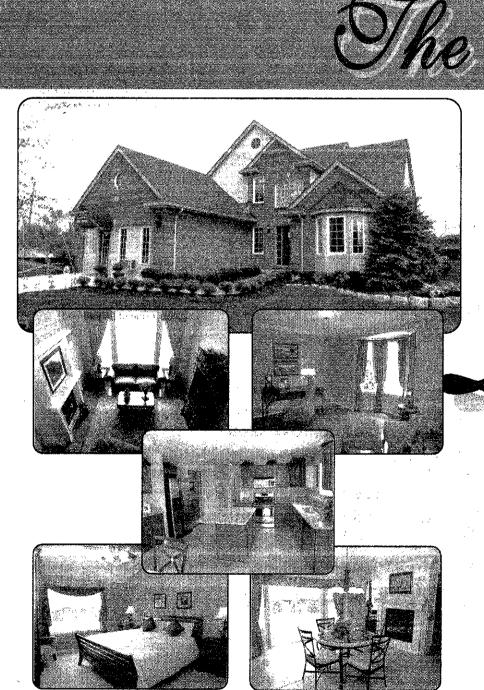
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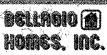
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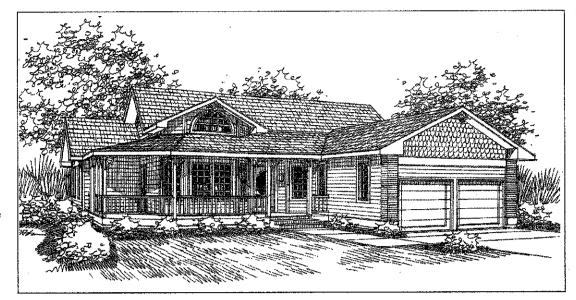
A large country kitchen is at the heart of the handsome 2,125 square foot Sensational (335-042). The abundance of features here will assure your success when entertaining guests or preparing savory meals for the family.

The center island has a recessed tray ceiling and tile countertops help make cleaning up a lot easier. Other kitchen bonuses include a fiveshelf walk-in pantry and a built-in bar with sink and wine

French doors open from the kitchen into a sky lit screened porch. A built-in planter box and adjacent trellis will put your green thumb to good use. The back deck offers a great spot to put the barbecue and soak up some sunshine.

The tiled entry, monitored for your safety by a home security system, has a roomy guest closet and opens to the vaulted living room on the left. A big bay window looks beyond the railing of the wrap-around front porch to the surrounding landscape.

The adjoining dining room boasts a hardwood floor, builtin hutch and plate racks for displaying your fine china. What an elegant atmosphere in which to dine.



To the right of the entry is a modest office. Whether you run a small business from home or just maintain the household accounts, this room will serve you well.

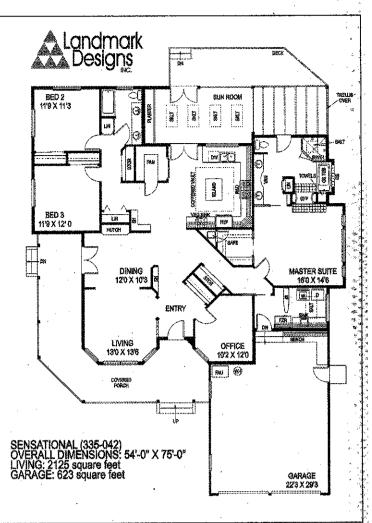
The two secondary bedrooms are located at the left rear of the Sensational. Nearly equal in size, they share a full bathroom equipped with twin basins. On the opposite side of the home, the isolated master suite has all the amenities you would expect in a much larger

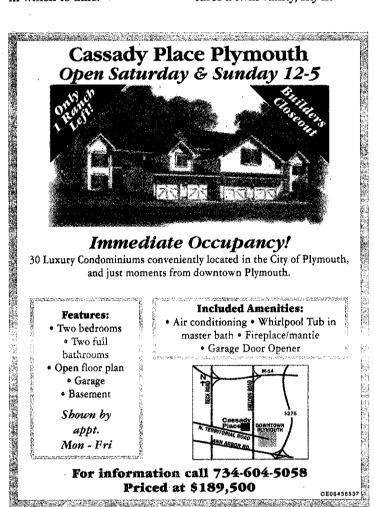
The private bathroom features a twin vanity, sky lit

shower, oversized tub, linen storage and a double-sided gas fireplace. A generous walk-in closet has a secret panel that conceals a repository for your valuables.

A sizeable utility room, brightened by a skylight and complete with sink, built-in ironing board and freezer, is located by the access to the two-car garage. An L-shaped workbench provides an excellent spot for tackling those weekend fix-it projects.

For a study plan of the SEN-SATIONAL (335-042), send \$15.00, to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call 1-800-562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for you dream home (\$5.00 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at www.ldiplans.com.







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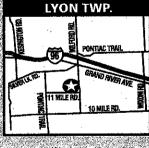
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When appliances are left in the home, ask yourself why. It could be that the sellers don't have room for it in their new house. It may be also be that



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they want to upgrade to newer appliances. Another possibility is that the appliances may not be in good working order.

Measure your furniture.

You want to be reasonably sure that your couch set will fit into your new family room and that your bed fits into your new bedroom. Otherwise you may find yourself having to buy new furniture.

■ Check to see if the sellers can throw in a home warrantv. A home warranty usually insures that if the appliances don't work or possible structural problems occur within a year it will be fixed at little or

no cost to you. Not all sellers offer home warranties. I am not suggesting that you shouldn't buy a house because it doesn't include a home warranty, however, it should be something to consider.

The location within the subdivision. It may be great to be far deep in a sub as far as privacy goes. However, what happens when you need to buy some eggs or butter. How far will you have to travel? It may

be that the extra time to get to a grocery store may be well worth the quietness of the area. It's important to think of the trade-off.

■ The wiring of the house. Is the house wired for cable or digital TV? Does it have a DSL connection? Things have gone pretty high tech. If you are taking advantage of the technology you may want to look at what is available in the home and what would be the cost to insert the

extra wiring if needed.

Examine what traffic is like during rush hour. In some areas traffic is much more congested than other areas. If you have a long drive to work this may be important to you.

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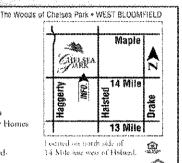
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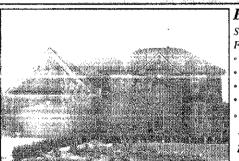
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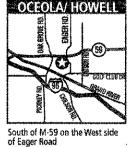
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Building Industry Association

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will pres-

■ Its Macomb County Golf Spectacular 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, at Cherry Creek Golf Club, 52000 Cherry Creek Drive (24 Mile and Van Dyke), Shelby Township. Fees, including 18 holes of golf (spikeless course), cart, lunch, refreshments, dinner and golf competitions are \$145 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan

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■ A development site tour of Partridge Creek in Clinton Township 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2. The tour begins at Burton Katzman, 30100 Telegraph, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Bingham Farms. Parking is available on the south side. adjacent to the boundary of Bingham Office Park and Fitness USA. The community will feature 360 single family homes, 40 models and already constructed homes, 600 condo units, senior housing and a 600,000square-foot lifestyle center. The community is developed by Taubman Group and Trinity Land Development. Registration fees, including lunch, are \$40 for BIA members and \$60 for nonmember building industry professionals. For

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■ A Certified Graduate Builder Series seminar on "Introduction to Business Management" 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. It will be taught by Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services. The seminar introduces builders and remodelers who are interested in improving their bottom line to systematic planning processes used by industry experts. It focuses on basic management tools such as developing a business plan and implementing control procedures to monitor efficiency and profitability. Fees are \$140 for Remodelors Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

Apartment Association of Michigan will sponsor a technology seminar, "Electronic Rent Collection," 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Kirk McNeil and Greg Fish of Biznet Internet Solutions will demonstrate the benefits of an e-payment program. Fees, including continental breakfast, are \$10 for AAM or BIA members, \$20 for nonmembers and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

■ BIA's Sales & Marketing Council is sponsoring a real estate continuing education seminar presented by Lori Chumura of Middleton Training. It will be 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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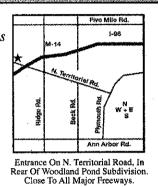
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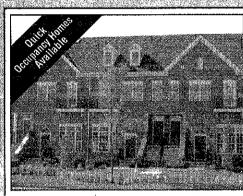
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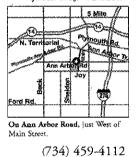




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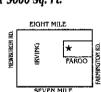


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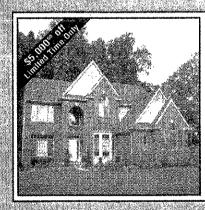
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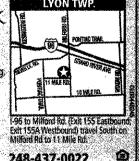
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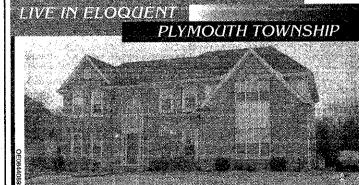
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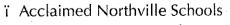


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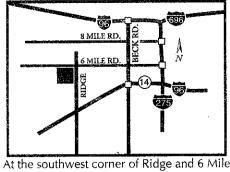
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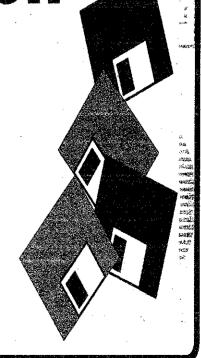
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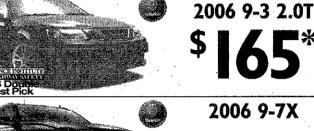
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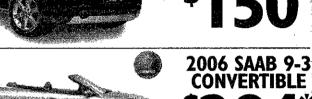
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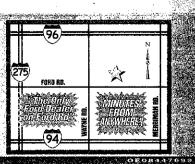
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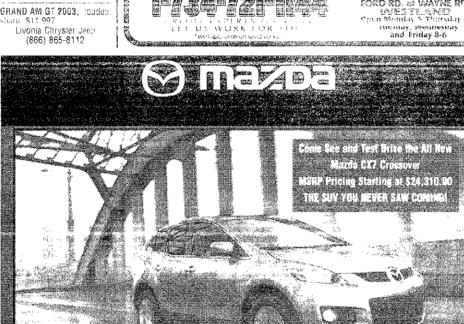
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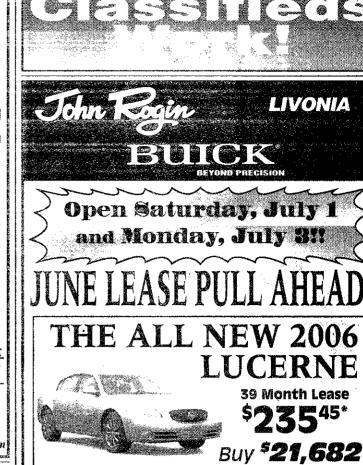


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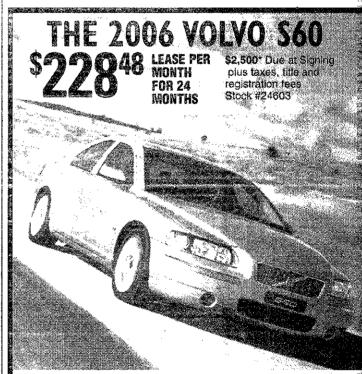


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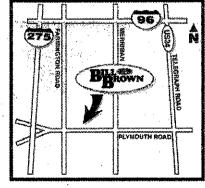
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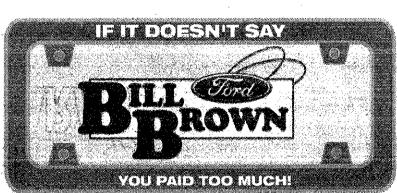
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