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New voting machines will allow disabled to vote with no help

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

For the first time, disabled voters will be able to vote independently when the Aug. 8 primary introduces them to the township's new

AutoMARK voting machines. "Anyone can use them, but they are designed to help the disabled vote independently," Township Clerk Terry Bennett

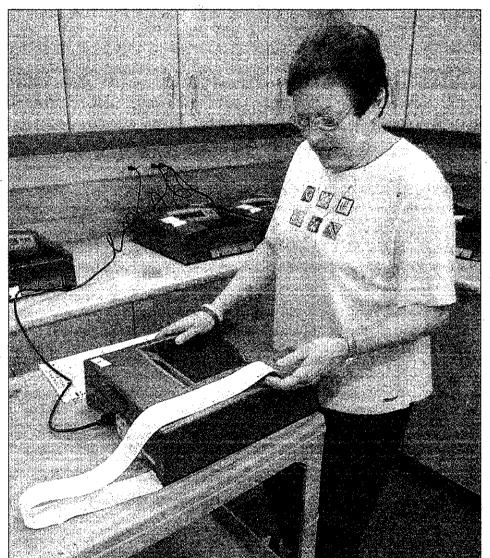
The township purchased 29 AutoMARK machines for its 39 precincts (one in each voting location) with money from a federal grant, part of the Help America Vote Act, which

requires every municipality to have an AutoMARK machine at each polling location. As part of the same grant, every municipality in Michigan is now equipped with OptiScan voting equipment.

The AutoMARK is equipped with headphones, enabling the blind to vote without needing the help of someone to read the ballot, while the touch screen allows people with tremors, cerebral palsy or Parkinson's disease to vote, even if it's not possible to hold a pencil or pen.

"This offers the disabled

PLEASE SEE VOTING. A4



Elections worker Pam Popejoy tests the new voting equipment that will be used in upcoming elections.

Officers cracking down on illegal signs

BY CAROL MARSHALL

For the past two weeks, Canton's ordinance officers have been working on the transition from working in building and inspection services, to their new home in public safety. And according to Public Safety Director John Santomauro, the first item on their collective agenda is signs which clutter the township's right of way areas.

"Every Saturday they sprout up like mushrooms," Canton Township Trustee Melissa McLaughlin said of

the cardboard signs which get "planted" alongside Canton's roadways.

But the Department of Public Safety has a way to deal with the clutter.

"You handle it the same way police do. You want compliance, you serve notification," Santomauro said. "If we can do it the nice way, we'll do it the nice way. We'll be nice until we can't be nice anymore."

Though candidates for political office are not the worst offenders of violating Canton's ordinance that prohibits placing signs in the right of way, or within 100

feet of a polling place entrance, the public safety department has started addressing the issue with the candidates first.

The department last week mailed requests to each of the candidates in the Aug. 8 primary, informing them of the ordinance, and asking that they tell their campaign employees and volunteers to comply with the ordinance, Santomauro said, adding that the ordinance will be strictly enforced by the police department's ordinance unit.

"Basically, you can't put any signs in the right of way other than traffic signs," Deputy Chief Alex Wilson said. The only time other signs in the right of way are legal is when a permit is granted to do so, he added.

Even though the department started to address the problem by contacting political candidates, they are certainly not the biggest offenders of the ordinance, Wilson said.

"Who is the biggest offender? Have you driven through Canton lately?" he said. "The most I see as a motorist are those from the builders. And people who are concerned with whether or not I am married, or if I'm one of the Canton singles."

The department will issue warning tickets for first offenses, then if the offense is repeated, they will be cited and will have to pay a fine, which is 90 days in jail or \$500 or both.

Signs - political and otherwise — may be placed on private property with permission of the property owner. No enforcement action will be taken on any such placement.

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Vorva vows to end Lansing's 'status quo'

STAFF WRITER

Jason Vorva says if he's elected as the 20th House District's next representative, he's not going to Lansing to keep the status quo.

In fact, the 31-year-old Plymouth resident said if voters elect him to office in November, it won't be business as usual for state government, if he has his way.

"I want a 10-percent cut in state spending, across the board," Vorva said. "Is anyone going to look me in the eye and tell me there's not at least 10 percent waste in government? I don't believe so. If that 10 percent isn't enough, then we'll cut more. I think that it will encourage prioritizing."



Vorva said he doesn't plan to stop there.

"It's a good place to start, but we'll need to cut more to pay for the elimination of the Single Business Tax (\$1.9

Vorva

billion), elimination of personal property tax on business and take all the sales taxes off of fuel," Vorva said. "Why are we dou-

ble-taxing fuel? We already pay a gas

Vorva, a Realtor and mortgage officer, is one of five Republicans on the Aug. 8 primary ballot who want to succeed the term-limited John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) in the 20th House district. The district includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township, Canton east of I-275 and the city of Wayne. Vorva said his campaign has a

simple mission statement.

"It's time to change Michigan politics and take the profit out of public service," he said. "We need fresh, new ideas. That's why I got into this race. I saw the people in it, and I didn't see anyone who would propose, or have the courage, to stand on anything different."

Vorva said he attempted to get on the ballot as an independent, but because of state election laws he would have had to garner 600 petition signatures, instead of paying \$100 to file as a Republican or Democrat.

"I'm a disgruntled Republican," Vorva said. "I'm a true conservative, which is limited government; doing only the essentials, which I consider roads, schools and crime. I don't need anyone else to hold my hand in a lot of areas of life."

While many candidates admit to considering "tweaking" Proposal A to give school districts more state funding, Vorva isn't buying it. "We could easily take out 15-20

percent in administration costs," Vorva said. One of the few, if not the only, top-

ics on which Vorva agrees with most of his opponents is the elimination of the Single Business Tax.

"I don't believe business should

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What is killing the ducks?

There is a difference of opinion on why ducks are dying in Heritage Park ponds

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Every day, Canton resident Nancy Spencer goes to Heritage Park, a bucket of corn in hand, to feed and check on the ducks. During the last three weeks. she's been alarmed to find that 16 of them have died.

Spencer believes something sinister is going on with the ducks, while Canton police and the Department of Natural Resources say they may have met their demise in a more natural

"The ducks are floating in the water, and their necks are broken," Spencer

She believes someone has been breaking the ducks' necks because their heads are tipped backward.

So she filed a police report, and asked that the Canton Police Department investigate. Police officials say they

Canton police sent one of the ducks to the DNR office in Lansing. The DNR performed a necropsy to determine what killed the duck.

"They've determined that it's a bacterial infection," Sgt. Rick Pomorski said, though further testing is needed to determine which bacteria - likely ecoli or botulism - killed the duck.

The irony, he said, is that it's likely that Spencer's habit of feeding the ducks may be a contributing factor in the ponds' rising bacteria levels.

'The DNR said they see high levels of bacteria all the time when you have ponds, high heat and stagnant water," Pomorski said. "But they do advise that no one should feed the ducks. If you feed them, they keep coming back, then they die, and that perpetuates the bacterial growth. It's a paradox; the more you feed them, the more you're hurting them."

The presence of the hundreds of ducks which do stay near the ponds also perpetuates the problem.

"I think it's going to continue to be a problem in these ponds because people feed the ducks, and the ducks are (defecating) in the pond," said Bob Belair, Canton Engineering Services. "I think a lot of the growth in bacteria is coming from the excess excrement in the ponds. We try educating people that feeding these wild animals is not natural. They need to stop."

But Spencer's not buying the theory that the ducks died from bacterial infections.

"You don't get a twisted neck from a bacterial infection," Spencer said. Pomorski said there has been no evi-

dence pointing to the ducks dying of broken necks. Spencer said that for 17 years, she's been feeding the ducks — not enough

to sustain them, just enough to attract

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Hospice support group

Heartland Hospice has started a new support group for widows and widowers. The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 2, at Heartland Healthcare Center, 7025 North Lilley Road, Canton. The focus of the group will be on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss. This group is ongoing and will be held the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The group is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. There is no charge to attend. For additional information, contact Ann Christensen, Heartland Hospice bereavement coordinator, toll free at (888) 973-1145.

Chamber golf outing

Golfers are still needed for the Aug. 8 Canton Chamber of Commerce golf outing at Pheasant Run Golf Course. To Register for this event, call the chamber at (734) 453-4040. Golf/sponsorship packages are still available but going fast, and offer a savings of \$50. Call Melanie at (734) 453-4040, to secure your reservations.

Leadership Canton

Applications are now being accepted for Leadership Canton 2007. Learn about community leadership building, meet community leaders and gain experience in the community planning process. This program is open to all

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persons living or working in Canton. Every year, each class develops a positive community project. Class size is limited. Tuition and Application are required by Aug. 18. Classes start in October. For more information, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

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Professor honored

Canton resident Martin Hershock, associate professor of history and chair of the Department of Social Sciences at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, received the Professional Growth and Development Award from UM-Dearborn's Alumni Society in a ceremony this spring.

After receiving his bachelor's degree from UM-Dearborn in 1985, Hershock earned a master's in American history at Wayne State University and a doctoral degree in 19th century American history from U-M Ann Arbor. He also pursued numerous opportunities to teach and soon established himself as an outstanding lecturer. Hershock joined the history faculty at Hobart and William Smith College in New York, before joining the UM-Dearborn faculty in 1999.

Hershock's first book, The Paradox of Progress, a history of Michigan politics in the 19th century, was named one of The Michigan Notable Books in 2004. He is the author of several articles and numerous book reviews and is co-editor of the forthcoming The History of Michigan Law.

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Hershock has received UM-Dearborn's Distinguished Teaching Award and the campus's Humanities/History Internship Programs' Faculty Mentor of the Year Award.

Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its next networking luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 2 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages, dessert and a guest speaker presentation. This luncheon is open to the public.

The August luncheon will feature guest speaker Jeffrey Omtvedt, co-author of the soon-to-be released book The DataBased You, which takes an inside look at the erosion of privacy and identity theft. Omtvedt holds a B.A. from the University of Michigan, with a focus in American government and political theory. He was nominated for The Crain's Detroit "20 in their 20s," an award given to tomorrow's smartest, brightest and most creative business stars.

Seating at the luncheon is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is noon on Friday, July 28.

Art exhibit

Canton resident Diane Mitchell, a pastel artist who primarily draws and paints landscapes, will have her work on display through July 30 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The exhibit is open to the public Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday and Saturday from

Surprise visit

Former football coach Bill McCartney recently made an unexpected appearance at Crosswinds Church, bringing with him his message about the powerful potential for people who cultivate a "one heart beat" relationship with God. And then he quickly slipped out to catch his airplane back home. Bill McCartney is well known for his roles as former head coach at the University of Colorado and cofounder of Promise Keepers, a



Christian men's movement that filled stadiums throughout the country in the 1990s. Crosswinds Church meets for worship at 10 a.m. Sundays at Dodson Elementary School at the corner of Beck and Cherry Hill

7-9 p.m. and Sunday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Village Theater is located at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, 48187.

Mitchell's work has been exhibited in many of the annual Canton Project Art shows for some she has won awards. Her works are also displayed in many local residences.

Many of these are of the Canton landscape. In addition to the awards she's won in Canton, she's received other awards in the metro Detroit area.

Her work is also displayed in other private collections throughout the United States and Canada.

Canton High 25th class reunion

Plymouth Canton Class of 1981 will hold its 25th reunion on Aug. 26 at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth Township. This will be a casual, low-cost event so as many people as

possible will want to attend. We are asking for \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. We will be having appetizers, pizza and cake. One alcoholic beverage will also be provided. There will also be a cash

If you are interested in attending, please send your check made payable to "Kallie Michels/Canton-1981" to Kallie Bila Michels at: 48714 Pine Hill Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170.

You can also send your cur-

rent contact information, including an e-mail address, to one of the following committee members: Ann (Genrich) Rockov, arockov@aol.com; Beth (Berberet) Schumacher, BSchumacher@jeromeaustin. com; Bob Mullen, RMullen@plymouthlegalgroup.com; Janet (Secord) Mailot,

janetmailhot@yahoo.com; Jeri (Tomolak) Craig, rjcshrm1@aol.com; Kallie (Bila) Michels, Kallie@umich.edu;

Marilyn (McKendry) Smiatacz,

Smiatacz@umich.edu; Robin (Dansby) Hays, robays@comcast.net; Terry (Garrett)

czh_ttreasure@yahoo.com. Organizers will contact you again soon with the specifics of the reunion. They would also appreciate it if you could send updated contact information on others.

The committee is also incorporating a fundraising event for classmate Craig Oster, who has ALS (Lou Gerhig's Disease). If you are attending the reunion and would like to make a donation, you can do so that night. If you are unable to attend the reunion, and you would like to make a donation, you can make a check payable to "Craig Oster Trust" and mail to: Craig Oster Trust, c/o Bonnie Oster, 1431 S. Sheldon, Apt. 3, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170.

For more information about the event, visit the reunion Web site at http://sitemaker.umich.edu/c anton1981.s

Plymouth High reunion

Plymouth High School will hold a joint 40-year reunion class of '65 and '66 on Sept. 9, at the Plymouth Elks Lodge. The event will include live music.

The contact for the class of 1965 is Jay Reynolds, who can be reached at jreynolds@comcast.net or (248) 645-9671.

Lynn Keil is the class of 1966 contact. She can be reached at LynnKeil@sbcglobal.net or (734) 972-

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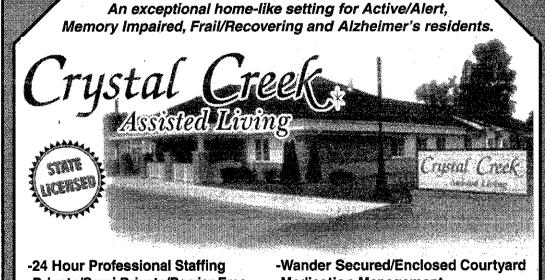
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Group takes Stewart complaints to state

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

A group calling itself
Citizens to Save the
(Plymouth Historical)
Museum has sent certified
letters to the Internal
Revenue Service and
Michigan Secretary of State
Terri Lynn Land seeking
investigations into alleged
campaign violations by executive director Beth Stewart, as
well as possible violations of
the museum's nonprofit status
by the Plymouth Historical

Plymouth Township resident and former police chief Carl Berry identified himself as a member of Citizens to Save the Museum, but declined to name others, or indicate how many are attached to the complaint.

Another source indicated Citizens to Save the Museum "consists of 10-20 people," and doesn't include two members of Republican 20th House candidate Mark Abbo's campaign — Mark Mandell of Northville Township, chairman, or Tom Hickey of Plymouth Township, finance director — who leveled the same allegations with Berry on July 11.

The complaint by Citizens to Save the Museum charges Stewart, a candidate for the seat in the 20th state House district, and members representing the museum "went on to jointly conduct prohibited political campaign activities in favor of Stewart to the exclusion of four other candidates"

Among the grievances:

Stewart was allowed to
use the mailing list of the
Plymouth Historical Society
to send a museum newsletter
that announced and promoted her candidacy.

Restaurt's use of the Plymouth Historical Museum for her campaign, including June 12, at the same time a book signing was being held by former Gov. William Milliken.

■ Allowing Stewart to use the museum's nonprofit bulk rate mail permit.

Stewart's use of "the valuable name and goodwill of the Society" in her mailings and Web site.

"What they're doing is wrong," Berry said. "It's not dirty politics, it's a violation of campaign law, and I won't turn my back on it.

"If independent sources say nothing is wrong, good," he added. "If something is wrong, they have to take steps to fix them."

Stewart, on leave from her 17-year position since June 1 to seek the Republican nomination in the Aug. 8 primary against four other candidates, said she paid \$75 to use the lower level of the museum to discuss the campaign with her supporters, but only after the Milliken event was

Stewart also produced a letter signed by interim executive director Sanford Burr, permitting Stewart to use the museum's bulk rate permit. Stewart said she paid regular bulk rate to the U.S. Postal Service, not the nonprofit rate, in sending her campaign materials.

Stewart said she was unaware of the complaints sent to the IRS and Secretary of State.

"I'm sure my opponents are behind it," Stewart said.

"We have taken care of everything they've (the museum's board of directors) asked."

Stewart said she's complied with the request not to use

the bulk rate permit, which was used for two mailings, for future campaign materials. She said she paid for the use of the museum's copy machine.

"I did send them money at the Kinko's rate for any copies," Stewart said. "I sent them \$25, but I only made 10-20 copies."

Citizens to Save the Museum has hired attorney Eric Doster of Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, which has offices in Lansing and Farmington Hills.

"You can't take charitable resources, like those given the Plymouth Historical Society, where people got taxdeductible donations and thought their donations were going to promote history, and then find out it's for promoting Beth Stewart's campaign," Doster said. "The rules are there for a reason."

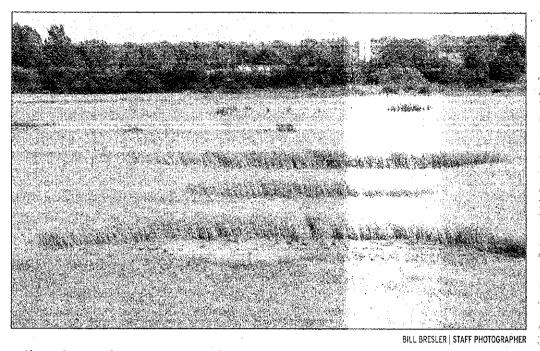
The Plymouth Historical Museum has plans to meet Wednesday in Plymouth with attorney David Thoms of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone. Thoms said he hasn't completed his investigation on all the allegations given to him.

"I don't believe the museum, as an institution, meant to do anything wrong," Thoms

A July 20 release by the Plymouth Historical Society said the Society does not support or endorse any candidate for political office.

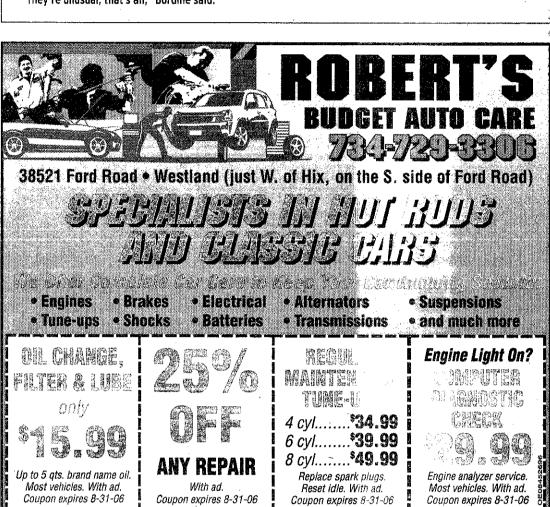
"Ms. Stewart is on leave from her position as executive director at the museum, and has been advised that she may not utilize her office, any office equipment or other resources of the museum," the statement read.

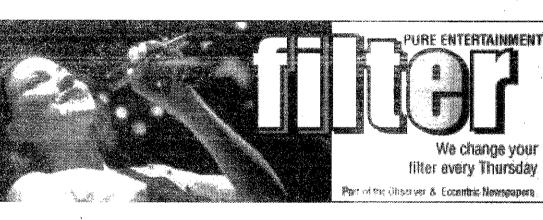
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Alien invasion?

Way off in a planted wheat field at the corner of Gotfredson and Cherry Hill are five crop circles in all, about 40 feet in diameter. Longtime Canton resident Duane Bordine noticed them a week ago, and said it was the first time he'd seen them in Canton. Though he has no opinion on what they are, he said they're interesting. "They're unusual, that's all." Bordine said.









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Waste Round-up will be held Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Canton's Department of Public Works Building, located at 4847 Sheldon Road. This event is open to Canton residents only and is an excellent opportunity to make your home and environment safe by properly disposing of waste that is considered toxic, flammable, or corrosive.

Examples of acceptable waste being collected on Sept. 9 include, but are not limited to, fluorescent light bulbs, oilbased and latex paint, paint thinner, turpentine, bug sprays, floor-care products, expired medicine, computers and scanners, dry cleaning solvents, rat poison, household batteries, propane tanks, mercury waste, antifreeze, brake fluid, diesel fuel, kerosene,

Canton will be unable to accept commercial waste, construction debris, explosives or ammunition, fire extinguishers, firewood, radioactive material, smoke detectors, and tires. To obtain a detailed list of what is and is not acceptable please call Canton's Public Works Division at (734) 394-

The Wayne County Department of Environment's Land Resource Management Division will also hold a **Hazardous Waste Collection** on Saturday, Aug. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of Wyandotte's Bishop Park, located on VanAlstyne Street off of Biddle Street, between Elm and Oak Streets.

All hazardous household waste items will be accepted at no cost from Wayne Country residents only. In addition, a

be given to individuals bringing a mercury thermometer for disposal.

One additional countywide collection date has been scheduled for Nov. 4, at a location to be announced. For more information on the Aug. 5 collection please call Wayne County's Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-

For year round disposal, Canton Waste Recycling (CWR), located at 42020 Van Born Road, will accept limited items on scheduled Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on scheduled Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. CWR's next scheduled recycling date is Aug. 11. Additional dates can be found in Canton's monthly Focus Newsletter under the community calendar or by calling CWR at (734) 397-5801.

Hazardous waste round-up scheduled Teenagers ticketed for throwing eggs at cars

Canton police ticketed four Canton teenagers after they were caught throwing eggs at parked cars.

According to police reports, an officer on patrol the evening of July 14 saw a car in the area of Saltz and Copeland Circle. The officer saw an object come flying out of the car window; the object struck a parked Hummer.

The officer shone a spotlight on the Hummer and saw that the object was an egg, which was splattered on the

He pulled over the car from which the egg was thrown, and found there were four

teenagers in the car. The two back seat passengers confessed to throwing eggs, and the front seat passenger, who first denied throwing eggs, admitted to participating after the officer pointed out to him that there was a broken egg on the floor in front of him.

The passengers were ticketed for throwing the eggs, and the driver was ticketed for malicious mischief. The officer found three other cars with egg on them, and made the teenagers clean the cars.

COP CALLS

TRAILER TAKEN

A Canton man called police after he discovered that his trailer full of lawn equipment was missing.

He said he parked his truck and trailer near his home on Columbia Circle the evening of July 14.

The morning of July 15, the trailer was gone, according to police reports.

The trailer is worth \$2,500, the man said. There was also a riding lawnmower, an edger and a lawn blower in the trail-

BURGLARY STOPPED

A Canton mother thwarted a break-in at her home the night of July 15.

According to police reports, her son woke her up, saying that he heard someone trying to open the sliding door down-

The woman heard two male voices outside, and one said, "Let's kick in the front door."

She called 911 and spoke

loudly enough to the dispatcher that the would-be burglars could hear her. They ran away from her home when they heard her calling police.

PIZZA MONEY MISSING

A Canton business owner told police he believes it was a gambling problem and tough finances which may have led an employee to embezzle from his business.

Canton police were called to a Michigan Avenue pizza restaurant on July 9, after the owner of the restaurant said an employee failed to bring in his shift's deposit.

According to police reports, the owner of the restaurant had told the employee to take the cash from his shift's sales home with him, then bring it to work the following day so the owner could take it to the

bank. When the worker failed to doso, the owner called him and gave him the chance to bring in the \$681 to be deposited.

He still has not done so, the business owner said.

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person for the first time the opportunity to vote independently," Bennett said.

Bennett, Canton's top elections official, said she expects to have a 20-percent turnout for the Aug. 8 primary.

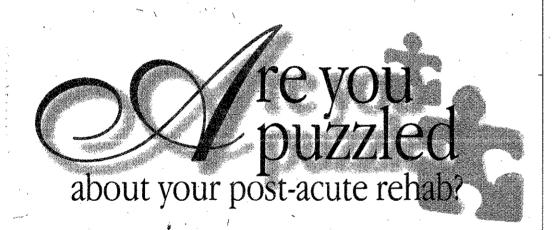
AutoMARK uses exactly the same ballot as every other voting machine, and marks it to be placed in a tabulator along with all the other ballots, Bennett said.

There is still a paper

ballot with a right-hand oval to be filled in and scanned.

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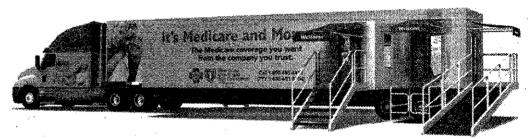
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The Canton Township Clerk's Department is now accepting applications for the position of precinct inspector for the 2006 primary election on Aug. 8, 2006 and the general election on Nov. 7, 2006.

The position of precinct inspector is limited to working on designated election days in the Charter Township of Canton. Applicants must be qualified, registered voters within Wayne County, and they must be United States citizens.

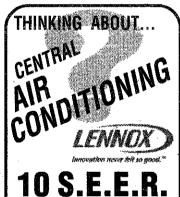
The applicant must fill out the application in their own writing and be willing to declare a political party affilia-

Applicants must be able to work closely with others, assemble simple voting stations, read and write legibly in the English language, perform simple math calculations, follow instructions provided by the precinct chairpersons and possess interpersonal skills to work with the public.

The position is for the primary election on Aug. 8 and the general election on Nov. 7. The rate of pay is \$125 per day for precinct inspectors. Inspector training is paid and attendance is mandatory.

Applications may be picked up in the Township Clerk's office during regular business hours, or may be downloaded from www.canton-mi.org; click on "Voting" to locate employment and inspector applications. For additional information call (734) 394-5120.





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have any special taxes levied on them, especially at a time when we're worried about jobs and economic growth," Vorva said. "Anything that's a hindrance to commerce and job creation needs to be removed."

Vorva's campaign war chest doesn't amount to much, and he likes it that way.

"I'm not taking special inter-

est money, because if I'm elected I'm going to be free," he said. "I'm not going to vote for any budget that increases spending. I'm not going to vote for anything that raises taxes or fees."

Vorva said any monetary cuts faced by the general population should also be borne by members of the state Legislature.

We should have a 50-percent cut in pay for legislators," Vorva said. "Pensions for legislators should be eliminated, and their staff should be cut in half. Government is too big.

"We have the highest-paid Legislature in the country, and we're at the back of the economic bus," he said. "You can't, as a leader, say I'm going to make you hurt, but, by the way, where are the tea and crumpets."

Vorva said if elected, he'll only accept a portion of the \$79,650 annual salary.

"I'm giving away half my salary in a lottery to residents of the district," he said.

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them so that she can keep an eye on them.

"Whether I'm here or not, the ducks would be coming here," she said. "Ducks instinctively return to the place of their birth. The ducks who give birth at the Meijer don't do it because it's a good place to shop. It's that they were born there for generations and generations and they don't know it's a Meijer store."

And she has no intention to

stop feeding them.

"I care for them because no one else will," Spencer said.

In the meantime, Canton Leisure Services treats the ponds for algae only, according to Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin.

We treat them once every three weeks, May through September, and we only treat half the pond at one time, so the wildlife will still be able to use half the pond while we're treating the other half," she

The township does not treat the ponds for bacteria, but does chase out the geese.

"(The bacteria levels) in the ponds far exceed what's safe for swimming, but we don't allow swimming," Conklin said. However, the bacteria levels are safe for fishing, she added, and Pomorski said the DNR told him the same thing.

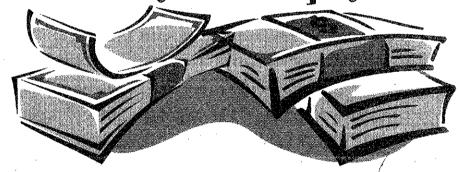
Pomorski added that there have been extra patrols keeping an eye on the ponds, just in case there is someone intentionally harming the ducks.

"If we find someone doing this, of course they would be prosecuted," he said.

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Next week, the DDA adds another special concert to the schedule when it hosts the Ohio Air National Guard for a 2 p.m. performance Sunday, July 30.

At this concert, attendees will see 3 ensembles: The jazz/big-band

"Thunderbirds" under the direction of MSgt. Phil Smith; "Wingspan," a

popular music band, directed MSgt. Teresa Hudson; and the concert band is under the direction of Lt. Col. Robert Krichbaum.

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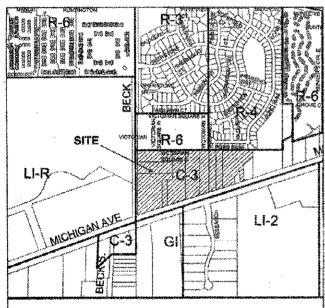
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GRAND SAKWA MICHIGAN AVENUE COMMERCIAL CENTER SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A REGIONAL COMMERCIAL SHOPPING CENTER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.03B.1 FOR PARCEL NOS. 131 99 0001 000 (4795 BECK S), 131 99 0002 000 (4855 BECK S.), 131 99 0003 000 (47036 MICHIGAN AVE.), 131 99 0004 000 (47086 MICHIGAN AVE.), 131 99 0005 000, 131 99 0006 000 (47000 MICHIGAN AVE.), 131 99 0007 000 (46956 MICHIGAN AVE.), 131 99 0012 000, 131 99 0014 000 (46750 MICHIGAN AVE.) and 131 99 0015 000. Property is located at the northeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Beck Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, August 3, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review



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Waiting, hoping, praying

Livonia man awaits family's return from war zone in Lebanon

BY DAN WEST STAFF WRITER

Hussein Ammar was enjoying a day off work at his Livonia home July 12 when he received an anxious telephone call from his brother.

He was told to turn on the television and watch news reports as Israeli military planes dropped bombs on targets in the Lebanese capital city of Beirut — dangerously close to where Ammar's wife and two sons were visiting relatives.

"I immediately grabbed the phone and called over there," Ammar said. "I wanted to talk to my wife. I wanted to talk to the boys.

"One of my sons said he heard one of the bombs hit

something." Within hours, Zeinab Ammar and her sons Hassan, 13, and Bellal, 10, packed their bags and headed 30 miles west of Beirut to take cover at a relative's summer home in the mountain town of Komatia. They took refuge there until they could find a way out of Lebanon and back to Livonia. From Komatia, they have been able to talk to their husband and father by telephone several times a day.

"They are staying in this twoflat home with eight other families," Hussein, 40, said Thursday. "My wife said she just wants to get out of there."

REUNION THWARTED

The trio had just left July 7 for a two-month trip to Beirut to visit Zeinab's mother and attend a family reunion that was attracting relatives from across the globe. For Zeinab, it was the first trip to her homeland in 10 years and her first travel experience without her husband since the couple were married in 1989.

"She was looking forward to this trip," Hussein Ammar recalled. "She was going to see a lot of people she hadn't seen for a long time."

For plenty of those relatives, this would be the first chance to see the boys: Hassan, who just completed seventh grade at Riley Middle School, and Bellal, 10, who just completed fourth grade at Adams Elementary School.

Hussein Ammar, who works as a food service coordinator at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, was scheduled to join his family in Lebanon for two weeks next month, "but I'm not going anymore," he said.

The country's civil war in 1983 motivated Ammar, then a teenager, to move the United States and live with one of his brothers, Mike, who lived in Livonia. Ammar has called this town home ever since.

In a visit to his homeland in 1989, he met Zeinab, fell in love, convinced her to marry him and join him in Michigan.

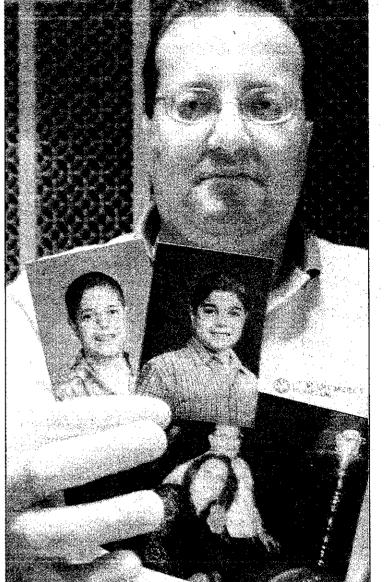
ANXIOUS EVENINGS

Ammar has not slept much in recent days. He works his shift at the hospital, catches a nap in the evening, then he begins his new overnight routine. He visits his mother, Sound Ammar, who lives Westland to give her updates on his family's situation. They are frequently joined by Ammar's older brother, Mike, who still lives in Livonia, and younger brother, Moe, who lives in Canton.

Then, Hussein Ammar returns home where he has two televisions, his computer and telephones stationed in one room. From there, he starts making phone calls at 10 p.m., when it is morning in Lebanon. While following developments on television news broadcasts and Internet Web sites, he's on the phone talking to his family, the U.S. State Department, travel agents and other relatives.

Travel agents couldn't do much for him since there are tens of thousands of people from Europe, Canada and the United States who were trying to escape the violence in Lebanon as soon as possible.

The most frustrating part of this ordeal, Ammar said, was



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Livonia resident Hussein Ammar is working on a way to to transport his wife, Zeinab, and sons Hassan, 13, and Bellal, 10, back home from Lebanon.

his contact with the State Department.

Every time I called, I would get a different story about what to do," he said. "I'm trying to figure out how to get them out of there, but I couldn't develop plans because things kept changing."

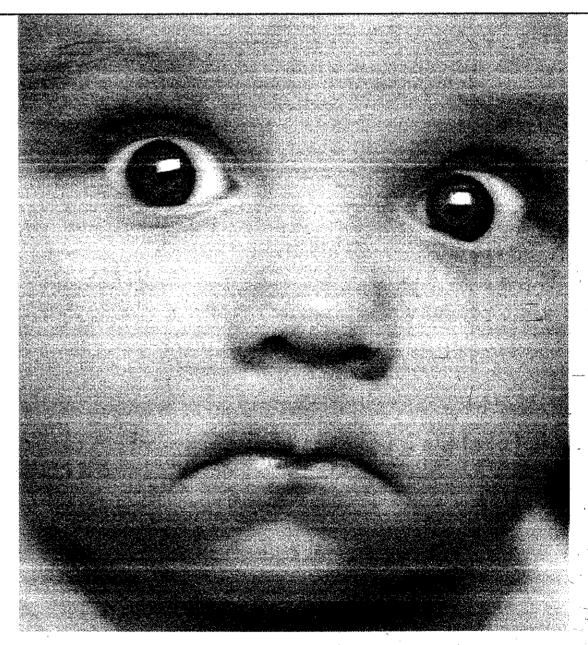
He received a break this week when U.S. officials agreed to cover the tab for American citizens trying to leave Lebanon. Ammar said he was prepared to pay about \$10,000 to get his wife and sons back home.

"I'm not worried about the money," he said. "I'm worried about the safety of my wife and boys."

Zeinab, Hassan and Bellal were scheduled to be transported Friday to a port town north of Beirut, where they were to catch a cruise ship that would take them to the island nation of Cyprus. Ammar said the trio are to stay in Cyprus for several days and wait for an opening on a flight to the United States sometime later this week.

Ammar said he was becoming less tense with plans in place for his family's return, but he said will remain anxious until he's able to hug them and see them return home safely.

"I can't wait," he said. "I'm having a big party when they get back."



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The Rouge River would be clean | Lawmakers strike out on state if we had saved some wetlands

had one of those days last week that us fishermen long for every time we pick up the ol' fish-

While fishing in a local river, I landed within an hour's time three northern pike in the 24- to 28-inch range, all of which thrashed around and fought with the tenacity the species is so well known for. They were the kind of encounters that get the blood boiling, and that we anglers hope for every time we cast our line. I also caught a fair number of rock bass and smallmouth bass.

Believe it or not, this local river is the Middle Rouge River in Hines Park.

I've actually had decent luck there over the years, and have seen the fishing continuously improve. In my opinion, it is a testament to how

far the restoration of the Rouge River has come. In fact, this year is a huge milestone in that effort. Last month, Rouge Rescue, the annual cleanup of the Rouge River, celebrated its 20th anniversary.

All indications are that the Rouge is becoming healthy again. Dissolved oxygen levels are up and dangerous e-coli bacteria have diminished. Aquatic insects, which are very sensitive to pollu-

tion, are coming back to many parts of the river where they haven't been seen in years. And, as my little excursion last week proves, the fish are also

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The Rouge's revival is a model for other communities trying to restore polluted rivers. As such, it has attracted national attention. Brian Williams of NBC was recently in town to shoot a segment about the Rouge. So, yes, there is much to be proud of.

Of course, all that changes every time it rains. It is then we see how urbanization of this watershed has and continues to impair the river. Our stormwater system — the sewers connected to our roads and parking lots — sends a rush of water directly into the river every time it rains. Along with massive erosion comes pollutants like motor oil, paint, anti-freeze and whatever else gets into the storm drains.

While I waded through the river the other day, every place in the river where any sand and sediment had collected, every mucky step brought up a terrible stew of pungent smells. It was almost as if someone had buried motor oil or some other form of industrial waste under the river bottom. Not exactly healthy. More like nasty. At least that is the word that came to my mind.

Each time that smell hit my nostrils, I thought about the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision concerning two Michigan cases involving the development of wetlands. The court sent the two cases, in which state and federal regulators enforced Clean Water Act protections against two developers who filled wetlands, back to lower courts. In so doing, the court re-opened the debate about what kinds of wetlands should be protected.

Growing public awareness and concern for

controlling water pollution led to enactment of the Clean Water Act in the 1970s. The Rouge River could have been the poster child for why a law protecting the chemical, physical and biological integrity of all the nation's waters was desper-

Of course, developers complain that the law is too stringent, depriving them of their full property rights. One of their arguments is that the only wetlands that should be protected are the ones that are directly adjacent to navigable waterways, which is what Justices Antonin Scalia and John Roberts ruled. Fortunately, they were in the minority. At least this time.

Wetlands are really the lifeblood of any river system. To destroy a watershed's wetlands is akin to cutting off the roots of a tree. It doesn't matter how far it is from the main body of water. All those "ditches" and "drains" that some developers say shouldn't be protected are the headwaters that feed larger waterways downstream.

In the Rouge watershed, where most of the wetlands have been covered over with roads, subdivisions and shopping malls, the headwaters are really the stormwater drains. Instead of wetlands that filter and slow down rain water, we have sewer lines that send a rush of polluted water directly into the Rouge and its tributaries.

Frankly, I think we need more wetland protections, not less. We are still losing wetlands at an alarming rate, even still here in the Rouge watershed. Urban sprawl is particularly acute here in southeast Michigan, where development is occurring at at least twice the growth rate of the actual

Let's look at Canton, for example. Currently there are about 1,200 single-family homes and condos for sale in the township. Many sellers are growing increasingly desperate to sell their homes. Some are selling for far less than what they thought their homes were worth. The situation is one of the main reasons Loren Bennett, a longtime Canton politician, is running for Wayne County Commission this year.

Yet despite this grim housing market, developers, including Pulte Homes, have decided to build another 1,400 homes on Canton's southwest side, which means more vacant land will be carved up. More impervious surfaces will be constructed. And more water will be flushed into the Rouge River and its tributaries every time it rains. Not to mention it will be that much tougher for current sellers to unload their homes.

I don't mean to be picking on Canton, because the town is certainly not alone. And frankly, there is nothing a municipality can do to stop developers, except make them abide by zoning laws.

So, no, I don't think we've done enough to protect our waterways. And if you don't take my word for it, go head down to Hines Park and wade through the Rouge River. Make sure you plug your nose.

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budget priorities for 2006-07

his week, lawmakers in Lansing will pat themselves on the back as they wrap up the fiscal year 2006-07 budget and send it to the governor, who will gladly sign the negotiated bill. They claim that the budget reflects priorities of Michigan residents. Unfortunately, if you are a resident who wants to live in a safe, well-functioning community, which can attract and retain local jobs, your priorities were left behind.

This budget marks the sixth year in a row of massive cuts in funding to local communities across the state. This funding, known as rev-

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enue sharing, is what local communities use to pay for police officers, firefighters, road repairs, trash removal, sidewalk repair and many other services that make our communities the types of places where people want to live and businesses want to locate.

The impact of these cuts on local community services cannot be underestimated. Michigan has nearly 1,500 fewer police officers on the street today than it did before the cuts started coming from Lansing. Those cuts now total more than \$2 billion.

Our governor and Legislature have failed to recognize the critical connection between economic development in Michigan and essential services in local communities. Who wants to live or work in a community with crumbling infrastructure or a reduced police force? We must be able to offer business and residents quality communities in which to locate or we will never succeed in the race to attract jobs.

A recent survey conducted by CEOs for Cities showed that two-thirds of college educated 25- to 34-year-olds make a decision of where they want to live first, then look for a iob within that area. Making all of our communities safe and attractive places to live and work must be a priority if Michigan is going to prosper in the new economy.

As Michigan seeks to move forward toward better economic days, lawmakers must take into consideration the financial health of our communities. Just like economic incentives, revenue sharing must be thought of as an investment, an investment in local communities that helps to attract and retain jobs by providing services that create a high quality

So when legislators come back to their local communities this summer and boast about balancing the state's budget, you should ask them on whose backs did they balance it? If you would say public safety, infrastructure and quality of life in your hometown are priorities ... the answer is

Daniel P. Gilmartin is executive director of the Michigan Municipal League.

Fraud was committed

Let there be no doubt in anyone's mind that signatures were collected in a fraudulent manner in the petition drive regarding the affirmative action ballot proposal. As a member of the Board of Canvassers, there was nothing I could do but vote to put the issue on the ballot.

Because I knew there was fraud, I passed on the first vote and wrote a letter to the Legislature for review. The courts and the Michigan constitution are clear detailing the responsibility of the board of canvassers. If the language and signatures have been approved by the Secretary of State's office and affirmed by the courts, the board must vote to put it on the ballot.

Since the Legislature refused to consider the issue of fraud, and even though I disapprove of the process and the ballot proposal, I had to do my duty to vote to put MCRI on the ballot. The two Democrats who fought to the bitter end are no longer on the Board of

There is an assumption on the part of Michigan voters that if the board of canvassers votes to put a ballot proposal on the ballot, that it has passed all the requirements and has not been tainted by fraud. This is not so. There is no process to deal with fraud when the Secretary of State's office and the courts mandate that a proposal be placed on the ballot. Only the Legislature can change

Ballot proposals have become big business. Campaign companies are paid millions of dollars to hire signature gatherers and run the campaigns. We are becoming more like California, where ballots are like books.

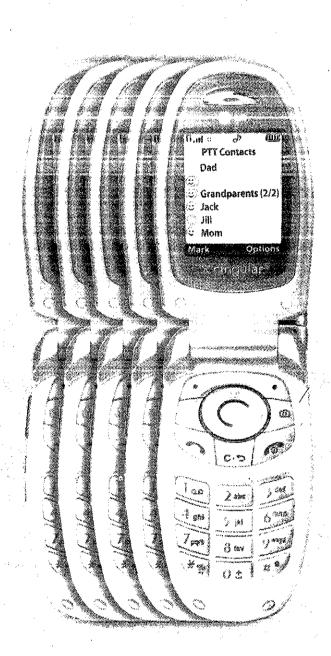
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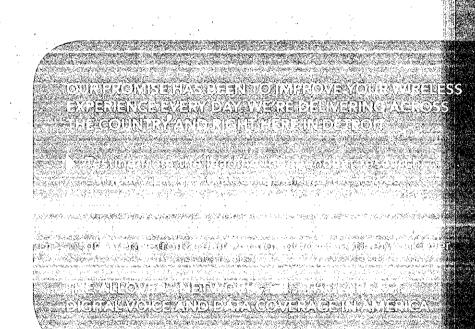
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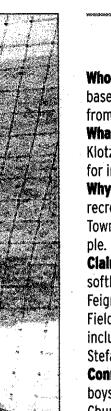


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Hank Klotz always maintained friendships with the players he coached at Redford Union, including Mike Stefanski. In this mid-1990s photo, Klotz meets up with Stefanski during the latter's playing career in the St. Louis Cardinals organization.

Honoring Hank

Memorial fund to keep family man's baseball-loving legacy alive at RU

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

othing brought a smile to Hank Klotz's face more than wearing the blue and gold uniform of Redford Union's varsity baseball team and helping kids in the process.

The personable family man was an assistant baseball coach for the Panthers from 2003 until his death May 16 from melanoma (skin cancer) at the age of 64.

But even though his widow, Deanna, and three adult children recently insisted he never was about having the spotlight turned his way - he'd always put others first - that's what's happening with the newly created Hank Klotz Memorial Fund.

'In New York, it was so big where we lived. I think he loved the small-town feel of Redford. He'd go into Your Better Market (On Six Mile) and he knew everybody in there." Bill Klotz, eldest son

About his dad's connection with Redford

"People obviously want to donate when someone passes away, and we were trying to think of things that he really would have wanted," said 30vear-old son Tom Klotz of Livonia, who actually graduated from Redford Catholic Central but then redeemed himself in his father's eyes by marrying an RU girl (Jacklyn).

Hank's family, also including older sons Bill and Robert (1981 and 1986 Redford Union alums, respectively), approached RU head baseball coach Mike Taylor and athletic director Brett Steele about starting the fund in lieu of flowers or other donations.

"We'd like to enhance the facilities and honor Hank and his dedication to the program," said Steele recently.

SAYING THANKS

Donations will help spruce up the Redford Union baseball field for future

PLEASE SEE HANK, B3

DIAMOND GEM

Who: Hank Klotz, Redford Union assistant baseball coach (2003-06) who passed away from skin cancer in May.

What: RU is establishing a memorial fund in Klotz's name, with money possibly earmarked for improvements to the baseball field.

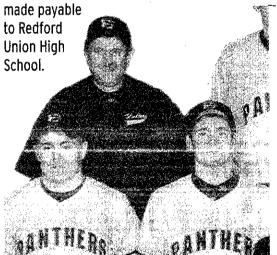
Why: The 64-year-old Klotz was a longtime recreation and school league coach in Redford Township who always had time for young peo-

Claims to fame: Klotz played in a fast-pitch softball league against the legendary Eddie Feigner's "King and His Court" at Claude Allison Field; players he coached during the years included current Cincinnati Reds coach Mike Stefanski.

Connection: In addition to RU, he coached boys and girls basketball at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia (1979-84), basketball for the Redford Township Junior Athletic Association (1979-90), baseball for North Redford Central Little League (1979-96) and baseball for Our Lady of Loretto in Redford Township (1998-2001).

Donations: Contact Redford Union athletic director Brett Steele at (313) 242-4270 for information on donating to the Hank Klotz Memorial Fund.

Contributions can be mailed to the Redford Union Athletic Department, 17711 Kinloch, Redford Township, MI, 48240. Checks must be



Being part of Redford Union's coaching staff was a dream come true for Hank Klotz, shown posing with players in an undated team photo. A memorial fund recently was established to honor his legacy.

MHSAA: Steroid testing not in foreseeable future

STAFF WRITER

A precedent-setting program in New Jersey that randomly tests high school athletes for performance-enhancing drugs won't be implemented in Michigan any-

That was one of several important issues discussed at a state-ofthe-Michigan High School Athletic Association media conference held Monday at Ford

"One of the biggest questions

regarding testing high school athletes for steroids is, Would it be appropriate to test athletes and not non-athletes?" said MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts. "We don't think so. That's like putting the athletes on a pedestal, something we're not in favor of.

"Plus, with drug tests, you're dealing with an invasion of privacy issue that a lot of parents aren't comfortable with. A lot of people have a problem with asking a high school athlete to go in a room with a stranger and (urinate) in a cup.

"Also, studies have shown that by far the biggest drug problems with high school athletes these days involve tobacco and alcohol. Steroid abuse is well down the list, so there isn't a groundswell of

PLEASE SEE MHSAA, B2

Medal-winning run

Reighan Fisher of Garden City continues to excel in track and field competitions. She proudly displays a medal earned when she recently placed first in the 1500-meter run at the USATF Regional Track Championships held in Ohio.

Canton wrestlers pin down national tourney berths

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

When it comes to popular summer-vacation destinations, Cedar Point, Disney World and "Up North" take a backseat to Fargo, N.D., for high school wrestlers.

Fargo is the site of the **USA Wrestling National** Championships beginning today through July 30. It will also be the home-away-fromhome for Canton wrestlers Corey Phillips and Brent Winekoff, both of whom will be competing against the nation's best grapplers as a part of Team Michigan, a statewide All-Star wrestling team.

Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph, who was asked to serve as an assistant coach for Team Michigan, said the event not only attracts top-notch wrestlers, but big-time college coaches

"This is the biggest event of the year for high school wrestling, so college wrestling coaches from



across the country will be there," Randolph said Thursday night from his seat on the Team Michigan charter bus, which was in the early stages of the 15-hour trip to Fargo. "It offers great exposure for the kids.

"Three collegiate coaches have already told me that they're going to be watching Corey and that they want to talk to him out in Fargo. It's a great event. They have 17 mats set up in the Fargodome and that place

rocks once the matches start." Phillips, a three-time Division 1 Michigan high school state qualifier, will be competing at 140 pounds in the Junior Division (17- and 18-year-olds) in both GrecoRoman and freestyle. He also competed in the national event in 2004 in the cadet division (15- and 16-yearolds).

"Corey has a shot at being an All-American (a topeight finisher), it all depends on how well he wrestles and what kind of draw he gets," said Randolph. "There's no seeding - the brackets are determined by a blind drawso you could have the best two kids in a weight class facing each other in the first round.

"Corey has the talent to compete with the best wrestlers in the country, so he should be right up there."

Winekoff, who is the younger brother of former Canton wrestling standout Ryan Webb, also has a legitimate chance of earning All-American honors, Randolph said.

The freshman-to-be at Canton will compete at 130 pounds in the Cadet Division.

"Brent just beat a kid (8-0) from Jackson Northwest who finished sixth in the state last year in Division 2, so he has what it takes to do well," said Randolph. "I've been working with Brent since he was in the fifth grade. It's been fun to see him progress and

get to the level he's at now." Winekoff gave his older brother credit for helping him excel in the sport.

"Ryan has had a big influence on me," said Winekoff. 'He's the one that got me into the sport and he's helped me a lot when it comes to learning new moves. He's also supported me a lot at tournaments and at practices."

Randolph, Phillips and Winekoff all participated in a wrestling camp at Eastern Michigan University last week. Winekoff said the camp served as a great preparation course for the national tournament.

"We had three practices a day, so it was a tough camp," Winekoff admitted. "It was actually harder than I thought it was going to be, but it definitely got me ready for Fargo."



Coaching vacancy

Garden City High School is looking to hire someone to coach the 2006-07 junior varsity boys soccer team this fall.

Anyone interested in the position should contact athletic director Bob Dropp at (734) 762-8363.

Cheer clinic

The Livonia Stevenson varsity cheerleaders will be holding a clinic for all girls between the ages of 8 and 14 on July 31 and Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to noon at Stevenson High School. The cost of the clinic is \$40, which includes a T-shirt.

To register or for more information, contact Marcia Hermann at (734) 516-9619.

On a roll

Let's hear it for North Redford Central Little League's 9/10 All-Star Girls Softball Team, which as of Friday remained in the hunt for the Brownstown tournament championship.

The team ripped off four wins in a row to reach the semifinals and needed just one more win to make it to the championship contest. It is the furthest that a NRC squad has gone at the tournament.

Members of the team include Morgan Brenner, Danvelle Kelly, Kaitiyn Richards, Brooke Timlin, Allyson Anderson, Kelsey Klei, Rachel Bommarito, Jourdan Miller, Kamaria McFall and Raquel Urban.

Get your kicks

Redford Soccer Club is accepting players 5-18 years old for the Fall 2006 season.

Meanwhile, teams are being formed until July 31. for those whose birthdays are before Aug. 1. 1998. Limited space is available for older play-

After Aug. 1, space will be limited for all ages. Registration forms are available at the Redford Public Library on Six Mile or the Department of Parks & Recreation Office at the community centeron Capitol, 1/4 mile west of Beech Daly. For more information, contact Nancy at (313) 534-5687.

Arena promotion

Compuware Sports Arena general manager Matt Blasy has announced the hiring of Jim Vergona as assistant arena manager. Vergona comes to

Compuware from Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor, where he worked as a facility event manager. Vergona has a master's degree in Sports Science from the United States Sports Academy in Daphne, Ala., and a bachelor of arts degree in Social Studies/Political Science from Adrian College.

"We're happy to have Jim on our staff," Blasy said. "He brings a lot of experience to our facili-

Hot topic: Smoking at bowling alleys

he controversy grows: Should people be allowed to smoke in bowling cen-

ters? Several states - and neighboring Ontario - have enacted laws that prohibit tobacco

smoking in all public buildings. What is the impact on businesses in general and bowling

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ond-hand smoke and its possible adverse health effects on Alley other folks in the vicinity of the smoker.

These new Harrison tests have indicated that second-hand smoke is even

worse than we have previously believed. More and more smokers have been able to "kick the habit" in recent years, somewhat easing the problem.

Yet, there are lots of folks who do not go to the bowling centers simply because of the cigarette smoke they are exposed to. Conversely, smokers have the right to enjoy their habit.

I decided to take a survey of people who are involved in bowling, and to take an impartial view of both sides of this burning question. There were 61 league bowlers at Country Lanes who responded to the questionnaire in one day. Nineteen of the respondents were smokers, 42 were non-smokers, a pretty good cross-section.

Among the non-smokers, Wanda of Farmington says "smokers should be in a special

Jacob, an 80-year-old from Detroit, said "They should have a special ventilated area."

Livonia's Pamela, 44, says "75 percent of adults are non-smokers and many of them stay away from bowling centers because of the smoke and the true bowlers who smoke would just deal with

Kim from Farmington Hills says, "I've come to expect it to be smoky in a bowling alley, but I would prefer no smoking."

Erika, 18, of Farmington Hills thinks smoking should be banned in public places to avoid

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the risk of lung cancer. Pete of Southfield says.

"smoking stinks and is deadly." Tom and Dolly Lehman of Redford indicated that they were not concerned either way.

Charlie from Farmington says, "studies have shown that second hand smoke can cause

Fran of Southfield says, "We should absolutely be allowed to bowl in a smoke-free environment."

To the question of whether smoking should be banned or otherwise restricted in bowling centers, almost all checked the "Yes" box. A 44-year old smoker from Livonia says, "I think the number of bowlers would drop and the lanes would suffer financially."

Another smoker, Bobbie, 43, says "close the tobacco companies." Petunia, 50 of Farmington Hills would continue bowling, but smoke outside the door. Tammy, 40, of Livonia indicated that she would quit bowling.

The majority of smokers who responded indicated that they would continue bowling and just not smoke where prohibited.

HELPING ANIMALS

This Saturday, July 29 is the date for the "Bowl-4-Animal Rescue" taking place at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills. It will run from 4:30-to-7:30 p.m. and three former professional women bowlers will be on site – Aleta Sill, Michelle Mullen and Lisa Bishop.

The \$25 donation covers the entry fee and includes three games of no-tap bowling, food, rental shoes and ticket for the Lucky Strike Jackpot. Cash bar will be open. This one may be a full house, so if interested, get your name on the entry list quickly. Call for reservations: (248) 615-9060 or email: michellemullen@twmi.rr.com.

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support to start testing for them." 'ADDITIONAL REVENUE?

While drug-testing isn't on the radar screen, the appearance of brand-name logos on prep athletes' warm-ups, helmets and uniforms may be coming to high school gymnasiums soon as a revenue-producing option for financially strapped high schools athletic programs.

Roberts said he wouldn't have a problem with Coca-Cola or other companies paying a school to place a small logo on a team's warm-ups, but he cautioned that he would oppose the idea if the ads grew to NASCAR-like proportions.

"Good judgment would have to be used by the school's administrators and the ads would have to be in good taste," he stressed. "Obviously, alcohol and cigarette ads wouldn't be allowed. But I wouldn't have a problem with a small logo on a basketball warm-

INVALUABLE INPUT

Roberts said the association has learned a lot about what student-athletes like and don't like about high school sports thanks to a student-athlete advisory council the MHSAA coordinated

last year. "We assembled a group of junior and senior athletes and asked

them to be a sounding board for us," said Roberts. "We asked them what they liked and didn't like about high school sports.

"On the positive side, we found that the students participate in high school sports for the three F's: fun, friends and fitness.

"We also discovered that one of the things the athletes dislike about high school sports is the pressure some coaches put on them to focus on one sport yearround. They don't have a problem with the length of the seasons — for example, basketball players like playing 20-some games. But it's the pressure to participate in out-of-season activities, especially during the summer, that they dislike."

To help alleviate the problem, the MHSAA has established a three-pronged program that fea-

tures: ■ A seven-day "dead period" during the summer months that takes effect in 2007. During that period, schools will be prohibited from conducting open gyms or conditioning programs, and coaches will not be allowed to have instructional contact with student-athletes. The dead period does not apply to the regularly scheduled practices and competition of non-school summer

baseball and softball programs. "Students would continue to

be free to pursue athletic activities off campus and without their coach present," Roberts added.

A "down period" for all sports, which will take effect beginning with the 2007-08 season. During this period, which will kick in immediately preceding the first day of allowable practices for a sport, "schools may not conduct open gyms that involve that sport, and no competition may take place between groups that resemble school teams at any locations with any of the schools' personnel present," according to an MHSAA release. The period would begin Aug. 1 for fall sports, March 1 for spring sports and 14 days prior to the first allowable practice for winter sports.

■ The MHSAA's representative council voted to prohibit the offering of single-sport classes beginning with the 2007-08 school year. If a class offers instruction specific to an MHSAA tournament sport, the class must offer instruction on at least two other topics in equal proportion taught to all students enrolled, and the class must be

open to all students. "It will be up to the schools to police themselves," Roberts said. Michigan high school sports in set participation records for the-

third consecutive year in 2005-06 as 313,589 student-athletes. took part in MHSAA-sponsored

Area courses feature unique design

"Hills" and "Forrest" seems like an appropriate name for a golf course architecture company – Arthur Hills/Steve Forrest and Associates. Anyone who plays golf in Oakland County is

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familiar with the design work of this creative company.

Founder Arthur Hills was born, raised and runs his operation out of Toledo, where the LPGA is wrapping up

its Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic pre-

sented by Kroger this weekend. But the Ohioan was educated at Michigan State University and the University of Michigan, and done most of his linest work right here in our state – "north of the border," if you will. In fact, Hills did restoration and redesign work at both the University of Michigan Golf Course and MSU's Forest Akers Golf Club.

The 76-year-old has designed more than 200 golf courses worldwide, including the famed Bighorn Golf Club and the TPC at Eagle Trace, both of which have hosted PGA Tour events, but Oakland County is where it's at if you're a Hills fan. So prevalent are the "works of Art" here that an "Arthur Hills Golf Trail" has been assembled to market the courses as a cluster.

But in Oakland County, specifically, golf courses such as Fieldstone, Shepherd's Hollow, Pine Trace, Lyon Oaks and Oakhurst come to mind, with Riverview Highlands, Canton's Pheasant Run, Fox Hills in Plymouth, and Taylor's Lakes of Taylor and Taylor Meadows not out of reach.

That's 10 golf courses in the

Metro Detroit area created by Hills! Only Donald Ross himself, the legendary Scotsman, can challenge that kind of proliferation here, having designed Oakland Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Franklin Hills, Detroit Golf Club, Rackham, Rogell, Warren Valley, Western Golf and Country Club and Grosse Ile.

Fieldstone Golf Club, operated by the City of Auburn Hills, is just across I-75 from The Palace. The site used to be home to Arrowhead Golf Course, but Hills says he never even saw Arrowhead before he replaced it with Fieldstone by using topographical maps.

"The process of laying one golf course over another is called 'palimpsest,' a word that originally refers to writing on papyrus over previous writing," Hills explained. The result is a golf course strong enough to host the Monday qualifying event for the PGA Tour's Buick Open each year.

Shepherd's Hollow, in Clarkston, has received a great deal of attention because it features 27 secluded holes on terrain most people assume you have to travel "up north" to find.

"There was almost more rolling terrain than could be utilized for a golf course - 160 feet of elevation change!" Hills recalled. "The ambiance of the place is wonderful with beautiful, huge oaks and maples." Shepherd's Hollow was sonamed because it is built on land owned by an Order of Catholic Jesuit priests. Hills credits developer Mike

Bylen with the success of Rochester's Pine Trace, one of the area's original "up-scale, daily fee" course that brought a "country club feel" to public golfers when it opened in 1988.

"Bylen was ahead of the curve. He made his grounds around the clubhouse very pretty with flowers and lined the entrance road with pines. Some of the design details in the greens and some of

the strategic holes were a little more elaborate than the simple municipal courses Pine Trace was competing with at the time." said Hills. "Plus Mike instilled and enforced a rule that you had to play Pine Trace in no more than four hours and 15 minutes. If you didn't finish the front nine by a certain time, you were given: your money back and respectfully asked not to play the back nine."

Hills went to high school in Toledo with a man named George Valassis, who would go on to become a Detroit industrialist. George's son Craig founded Oakhurst Golf and Country Club, a private facility and residential community in Clarkston which opened in 1998.

Like most Hills courses, each hole at Oakhurst is a thoughtful adventure, and the adventure is enhanced by the fact that popular celebrities and athletes from Detroit area sports teams - the Red Wings, Lions, Pistons and Tigers, frequent the place. When Kid Rock was dating Pamela Anderson, she was spotted at the pool from time to time.

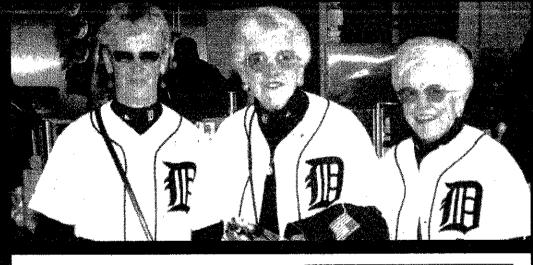
"At the grand opening reception for Oakhurst I came across a gregarious golf fan named L. Brooks Patterson," Hills recalls. The Oakland County Executive decided he liked Hills' work and commissioned his company to build Lyon Oaks, a sophisticated vet affordable municipal course in Wixom.

If you're playing good public golf in Oakland County, chances are you're playing a course with hills and forests - designed by Hills and Forrest!

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RU-Klotz connection always strong HANK

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

Between periods of a high school hockey game in early 2003, Mike Taylor found out he was the new Redford Union baseball coach.

Taylor quickly had an assistant coach, whether he wanted one or

"Hank found out I put my name in there," said Taylor, who himself starred for the Panthers before graduating in 1999. "I came up to me at a basketball game and said, 'Have you got your staff together yet?' And I said, 'Not really.'

"He said 'Well, you've got an assistant coach and I don't want any money."

The tandem couldn't have worked out better for either of them. It was a chance for Taylor to reunite with the man who actually was his coach at Redford's Our Lady of Loretto.

"Hank respected Mike (Taylor), he was almost like a son to him, the last couple years coaching with him," said Robert Klotz, 37, the second-born child of Hank and Deanna Klotz and a 1986 RU grad. "He respected Mike, who was like my dad in a lot of ways."

And Klotz loved coaching and spending time with young peo-

"He loved kidding around with the kids, he kept them loose and made sure they enjoyed the game," said youngest son Tom Klotz, 30. "He wasn't a disciplinarian, he wasn't hard on kids."

Meanwhile, Tom emphasized that it was a kind of blessing in disguise that his dad had the chance to coach at RU when he

Shortly after his retirement from General Motors, Hank joined Taylor's staff and just a month or so into that first base-



Right up until his illness made it too difficult to continue, Hank Klotz made his presence felt as an assistant coach for Redford Union's baseball team.

ball season the skin cancer was discovered.

Being able to coach the Panthers at all was "a perfect fit for him," Tom added.

After the diagnosis of melanoma, that coaching job also provided a welcome distraction from the subsequent trials, tribulations and treatments associated with the illness

In the three years that followed, Hank kept on fighting and showing impressionable teenagers what it takes to deal with adversity never faced on a baseball diamond.

STILL SWINGING

For example, Deanna said doctors removed a huge growth from her husband's chest wall on a Friday. The next day, miraculously, he was coaching in full uniform.

That's the determination he had," she said. "He tried to make every day count."

Examples of that abound. Given six months to live at

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that point, Hank lasted three years. In April 2005, his life expectancy was about two weeks as he entered a hospice. Thanks to various treatments as far away as Pittsburgh, he managed to hang on another 13 months.

And his love for Redford Union baseball prevailed, right up to the final pitch of his valiant battle this spring.

At the beginning of the 2006 Panthers season, Hank suited up for some games and barked at the umpire as vociferously as always.

"He would still be telling them what to do," Taylor said.

Robert Klotz said his dad managed to get into uniform one last time for a game about three weeks before his death May 16 at age 64.

That dedication did not go unnoticed by the players.

Deanna Klotz said nine of them went up to give eulogies at the funeral home. "So we had a baseball lineup" of fitting farewells.

generations to enjoy, with any improvements pending school district and township approval, of course. Among ideas being kicked around is a new entrance that would feature a plaque bearing Hank's name.

They said they'd like to start a memorial fund and obviously, we were all for that," Steele said. We've received over \$3,000 through donations, and Mike and I are looking into things we

Deanna Klotz shook her head in amazement about all that is being done to honor her late husband's memory. "He'd be very proud," she said, reminiscing with her sons in Tom and Jacklyn Klotz's back yard. "I think he'd be very humble about it, he was not the type of person to brag. But I think he'd be very proud."

Whatever can be done would serve as a way of saying thanks to someone who poured much of his time and energy into helping kids became better players and persons. It didn't matter whether they were his own or came from other families in the township.

Some of those "kids" showed up in droves at Hank Klotz's May 20 funeral at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia to honor the small-statured but big-hearted man who died after valiantly battling his cancer for three years.

The 2006 Redford Union baseball team, with players wearing their uniform shirts, were among those who packed the church.

That turnout, and the memorial fund spearheaded by Taylor, perhaps signified a heartfelt payback for all the hours Klotz gladly spent coaching many of Redford Township's youngsters since moving his family from Long Island, N.Y. in 1978.

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he'd routinely get home from his sales job with the international division of General Motors and trot out to neighborhood sandlots to coach in the North

Redford Central Little League. "Even working in the corporate world he found a way to get to the games by 4 p.m.," noted Tom

Or, Hank would guide basketball teams with the Redford Township Junior Athletic

Association or at Faith Lutheran. At Faith Lutheran, according to 37-year-old son Robert Klotz of Royal Oak (a 1986 RU grad), Hank took the boys basketball program "to another level," winning two state championships and helping the teams qualify for a national tournament of Lutheran churches held in Indiana.

"He took castoffs that folks at RU didn't want on the basketbasll team and they played for him (at Faith Lutheran)," said Bill Klotz, 42, of Troy. "They weren't even Lutheran."

According to Klotz, there was no end to his dad's giving nature. He said if it were up to his dad, he would rather wear shoes with holes in them and give needy kids money to buy new footwear.

Hank would also connect with teenagers as if he were one him-

"I'd show up at home and I'd have buddies sitting in the living room talking to my dad," Bill said. "And I was like, 'What are you guys doing here?' They'd said

they were shooting the (breeze) with my dad. They weren't there to see me. That's the kind of person he was.

When I was in high school my dad was 37, so he was a young guy. So, he related with these kids, he was still a kid himself for

the most part." Yet nothing resonated in Hank Klotz's heart as much as his own family - especially grandsons Billy, 13 and Mike, 11 (whose parents are Bill and Sue Klotz).

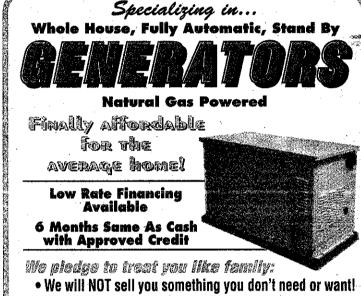
"Very rarely did he miss one of my son's games," Bill Klotz said. "I had him at Billy's middle school basketball game in February, and we had to take him out of the gym, that's how sick he

And in early April, Tom chimed in that such games gave Hank reason to hang on, even when his health was failing.

"He had told our pastor his only regret - he was perfectly content with dying - was not seeing his grandkids play high school ball," Tom said. "That's what he wanted to see."

But Hank's sons insisted their dad did get to "see" something after all, when Tom used a lob wedge to sink a hole-in-one on Memorial Day. The brothers 1946 were enjoying an afternoon of easy golf at the Strategic Fox at Fox Hills in Plymouth.

There was divine interven- ee tion," said Tom, wearing a wide smile. "There's no doubt in my mind that he helped put the balls in the hole."



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It is open to girls in grades 4-8 (this fall) who are members of St. Edith, St. Aidan, St. Colette, St. Kenneth and St. Maurice parishes.

■ A recreational volleyball program, 5-6:30 p.m. Sundays, July 9 through Aug. 14, at St. Edith, will be open to girls in grades 4-12. There is no fee, but a medical release must be signed by a parent or guardian.

■ St. Edith also offers adult recreation volleyball (ages 18and-up) from 6:30-8 p.m. Sundays, July 9 through Aug. 13. No experience is necessary. The cost is \$3 per person. (Babysitting is available on site for a minimal fee.)

For more information, call Gary Smart at (734) 432-5959; or e-mail smart5959@sbcglobal.net.

Benefit golf outing

Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia will host the second annual Wolverine Sports and Conservation Club golf outing, set for Sunday, Aug. 27.

The outing features a scrambles format with a shotgun start, along with contests for longest drive and closest to the pin. Tee-off time is 11 a.m., with registration at 10:30

Fox Creek is located at Seven Mile and Wayne Road in Livonia.

Cost is \$70 per person, due at time of registration. Included are 18 holes of golf, cart, hot dogs and beverages at the turn and dinner immediately following at Wolverine Hall (27531 Grand River at Inkster in Livonia).

For more information, call Benny DiCicco (734-427-3044) or Marty Knorp (734-261-4429).

Proceeds from the event will be used for continuing operations of Wolverine Sports and Conservation Club.

4-on-4 volleyball

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage a 4-on-4 co-ed sand volleyball tournament for ages 17-and-up beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at the Livonia **Community Recreation** Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

The registration deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, at the LCRC.

The team registration fee is \$72. The one-day tourney included pizza lunch and prizes for the first- and second-place team. Warmup begins at 8:30 a.m.

Call Barb Gamber at (734) 466-2918.

Gems auditions

Gems on Ice Synchronized Skating Teams are currently holding private auditions for the 2006-07 season.

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The Europeans also seem to like the Ryder Cup a lot more than the Americans do. How else would you

explain their recent dominance in the semi annual competition? Here is how it all shakes out:

1. The Masters for the sake of argument)

2. The U.S. Open

3. The British Open 5. The PGA Championship

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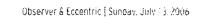
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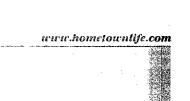
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Whalers hockey players enjoy busy summer

Several Whalers have been selected to participate on a world stage for various tournaments later this season.

Goaltender Jeremy Smith (Brownstown Township) was selected by USA Hockey for its Under-18 Select Team in the 2006 Under-18 Memorial of Ivan Hlinka Tournament in Piestany, Slovakia and Breclay, Czech Republic from Aug. 8-12.

Smith was excellent in the 2006 USA Hockey Select-17 Players Development Camp earlier this summer, leading all goaltenders with a 1.21 goals-against average and .966 save percentage.

"There were some difficult decisions to be made, as you have to build a team in a short period of time. We were looking to get a combination of size, speed, character and moxie," said USA Under-



18 Select Head Coach Ed Olczvk. "We've assembled a really good bunch of character kids. I'm humbled and honored to get the chance to coach these young men."

Whaler draft choices Vincent LoVerde and Nick Petrecki also made the team.

Earlier this summer, veteran Dan Collins received an invitation to tryout for Team USA and James Neal for Team Canada for the 2007 World Junior Championships, which will be held Dec. 26, 2006-Jan. 5, 2007 in Mora and Leksand, Sweden.

Team USA is being coached by Ron Rolston, and assistants Phil Housley and Nate Leaman.

Sault Ste. Marie head coach Craig Hartsburg is running Team Canada this

"Nobody is guaranteed a position just because they were here last year," Hartsburg told the Sault Star. "We'll meet with the returnees separately and tell them that. They can't take anything

"We have a really good group of new players (including Neal) coming in. Our returning players have to take their

experience from last year and use it as a leadership role."

Canada won the gold medal at last year's World Junior Championship, held in Vancouver, BC. Whaler center Chris Terry was selected to attend Team Canada's National Summer Under-18 Team Selection Camp in Calgary, but declined the invitation to continue the rehabilitation of the knee injury he suffered at the end of last season.

Terry's rehabilitation is going well. He's expected to be ready for the Whalers training camp in late August.

WHALERS HOCKEY SCHOOLS

Bill Morrison, from Westland, enrolled his 7-year-old son, Ray, during the first week of camps, which featured Collins (a Florida Panthers draft), Tom

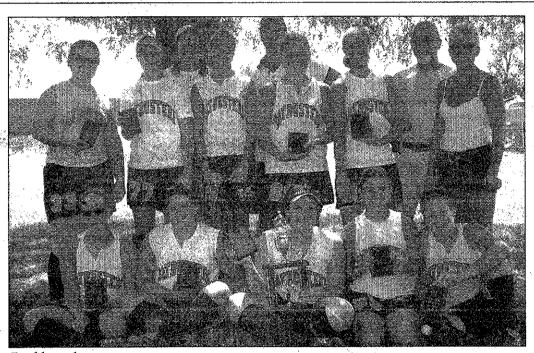
Sestito (Columbus), goaltender Justin Garay and Compuware Sports Arena Learn-to Skate Director Susan Bottrell

as instructors. "The camp has been excellent for Ray," Morrison said. "He played novice last year and needs to improve on his

skating. He's been able to do that this week. It's neat that there are some NHL-guys here helping out. "Registration was very easy. We saw a mention of the camp in the Observer &

Eccentric and faxed in our registration." "The kids look like they're having fun," Collins said. "And they are improv-

ing. We're having fun, too." The camps run through August 18. Check www.plymouthwhalers.com for more information about the Plymouth Whalers Hockey Schools.



Batbusters

The members of the Batbusters softball team are (front row, left to right) Chrissy Albrecht, Miranda Cleary, Leah Reinhold, Carly Lasagna, Jessie Thick, (second row) Sara Cupp, Carlea Hazzard, Becca Cleary, Hillary Timm, Krista Hakola, coach Brant Engel, trainer Bonnie Cupp, (back row) manager Randal Hazzard and coach Mike Albrecht. Not pictured are players Hannah Atkinson and Ellen Panetta.

SPORTS BRIEFS

GRIZZLIES TRYOUTS

The Plymouth/Canton Grizzlies 9U travel baseball team, which will be coached by Michael Murray and Tim Baechler, is holding tryouts for the 2007 season on Saturday. Aug. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on diamond #2 at Plymouth Township Park, which is located on Ann Arbor Trail, just east of Beck Rd.

All players must be 9 years old or younger as of April 30, 2007, and reside or attend school in Plymouth, Plymouth Township

For more information and to pre-register, send an inquiry to terrimurray@sbcglobal.net.

WRESTLING CAMP

The annual Salem Wrestling Camp will be held July 31 to Aug. 3. Novice and advanced sessions will be offered for kids who are entering third through 12th grades.

The camp is run by Salem alumni, including former individual state champions Mike Goethe (2003) and Jeremy Henderson (2006), along with Salem staff and members of the 2006-07 squad.

Among other things, the camp will focus on techniques, strategies, drills and attitudes that will bring wrestlers success at all levels. Each wrestler will receive a T-shirt.

To register and receive session assignments, call Goethe at

(734) 718-6984 no later than Friday, July 28.

FALL SOCCER

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for its fall soccer program for kids between the ages of 4 and 11. The program is filled on a first come-first served basis.

Practices will begin the week of Sept. 18, and games are set to start Saturday, Sept. 30. There will be eight practices and seven

The cost is \$68 for program members and \$85 for community members. All participants will be required to purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15. If you are interested in participating or coaching your child's team, please call (734)

453-2904 for more details. CARDINALS TRY-OUTS

Tryouts for the 2007 9U and 10U Canton Cardinals travel baseball teams will be held soon.

Tryouts for the 9U team will are set for Aug. 6 and Aug. 9. Tryouts for the 10U squad will

be held July 25 and Aug., 6. For more information on the 9U tryouts, contact Dan Hejka at (734) 776-3918.

For more information on the 10U tryouts, contact Jim Hejka at 658-2446.

GCYBSA SIGN-UPS

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GCYBSA) is currently accepting registrations for fall baseball for kids between the ages of 4 and 18. Games will begin the first week of September and run through the end of October.

The registration deadline is Aug. 15.

Registration forms are available at the Canton Softball Center and the Summit on the

For more information, call the GCYBSA hotline at (734) 394 5489 or (734) 394-5358, or check the Web site at csc.cantonmi.org.

CAR & BIKE SHOW

The Canton High School girls swim team will be holding its 2nd Annual Car & Bike Show on Tuesday, Aug. 22, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Home Depot, which is located at 39825 Ford Rd. (east of I-275) in Canton.

The first 50 individuals to register will receive free dash plaques and goodie bags.

Pre-registration (postmarked before Aug. 1) is \$10. The admission at the gate is \$15.

For more information, contact Jane at (734) 891-9909 or gcracker60@wowway.com.

CANTON SWIM FUND-RAISER

The Canton High School girls swim team will be holding a carwash fund-raiser on Saturday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Marathon gas station located on the corner of Warren and Lilley roads in Canton.

Summer Hours:



ORDINANCE NO. 2006-2

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS SECTION 1-13, GENERAL PENALTY, PARAGRAPH (a)(5) AND ARTICLE VII, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, OF CHAPTER 18 BUILDING REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH AND REPLACE WITH NEW SECTION 1-13 PARAGRAPH (A)(5) AND ARTICLE VII, OF CHAPTER 18, BUILDING REGULATIONS.

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Chapter 1 Section 13, paragraph (a)(5) General penalties and sanctions for violations of Code and city ordinances; continuing violations; injunctive relief. Is hereby deleted and the following paragraph substituted therefore:

(5) Sections 18-211, et seq., being the International Property Maintenance Code, 2006, and any amendments thereto and Supplemental Standards.

Chapter 18 Article XIV, Vegetation, Division 3, Noxious Weeds, Section 18-751 and 18-752 Section 2. are hereby deleted and the following paragraph substituted therefore:

DIVISION 3. NOXIOUS WEEDS

Sec. 18-751. Definitions The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning; Noxious weeds includes Canada thistle (Circium arvense), dodders (any species of Cuscuta), mustards (Charlock, black mustard and Indian mustard; species of Brassica, or Sinapis), wild carrot (Daucus carota), bindweed (Convolvulus arvensis), perennial sowthistle (Sonchus arvensis), hoary alyssum (Berteroa incana), quack-grass (Syropyron repens), crab-grass (Digitaria sanguinalis), poison ivy (Rhus toxicodendron), poison sumac (Rhus vernie), ragweed, goldenrod, and all weeds or grasses over eight (8) inches in height, on the average, or other plants or grasses which, in the opinion of the city commission, shall be regarded as a common nuisance.

Section 3. Sec. 18-752. Duty to cut.

It shall be the duty of every owner, occupant, or person having charge of any land within the city to cut down or cause to be cut down and destroyed all noxious weeds prior to May 15 in each year and to again destroy same prior to August 1, and as often as may be necessary to prevent same from going to seed or exceeding a height of eight (8) inches, on

Chapter 18, Article VII Sections 18-211 and 18-212 are hereby deleted and the following Section 4. substituted therefore:

ARTICLE VII PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

DIVISION I. GENERALLY

Section 18-211. Adoption of Property Maintenance Code By Reference

That a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the Building Official of the City of Plymouth being marked and designated as "The International Property Maintenance Code, 2006" edition as published by The International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Plymouth in the Michigan; for regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Property Maintenance Code on file in the office of the Building Official are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 18-212 of this

Section 18-212. National Property Maintenance Code, Additions, Insertions and Changes. That the International Property Maintenance Code 2006 is amended and revised in the following respects:

Section 101.1 Title: These regulations shall be known as the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Plymouth hereinafter referred to as the property maintenance code or "this

Section 103.5 Fees: The fees for activities and services performed by this department in carrying out its responsibilities under this code shall be as determined by resolution of the

Section 106.4 Violation Penalties: Any person who shall violate any provision of this code or fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be prosecuted under a Municipal Civil Infraction and shall be prosecuted within the limits provided by state or local laws. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served, in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof, shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 302.4 All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of eight (8) inches in height. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees and shrubs as further delineated in Section 18-751 of this Article, provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

Section 304.12 Insect screens: During the period from April 1st to October 1st, every door, window and other outside opening required for ventilation of habitable rooms, food preparation areas, food service areas, or any areas where products to be included or utilized in food for human consumption are processed, manufactured, packaged or stored, shall be supplied with approved tightly fitting screens of not less than 16 mesh per inch (16 mesh per 25mm) and every swinging door shall have a self-closing device in good working

Section 602.3 Heating supply. Every owner and operator of any building who rents, leases or lets one or more dwelling units, rooming units, dormitory or guest rooms on terms, either expressed or implied, to furnish heat to the occupants thereof shall supply heat during the period of October 1 to May 1 to maintain a temperature of not less than 65°F (18°C) in all habitable rooms, bathrooms and toilet rooms.

Section 602.4 Occupiable work spaces. Indoor Occupiable work spaces shall be supplied with heat during the period from October 1 to May 1 to maintain a temperature of not less than 65°F (18°C) during the period the spaces are occupied.

Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed: Section 5.

That Title VIII-Building Regulations Chapter 18, Articles VII of the General Building Regulations of the City of Plymouth and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6. Savings Clause: That nothing in this Ordinance or in the Property Maintenance Code hereby adopted shall be

construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 2 of this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 7. Effective Date:

That the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause the same to be published as required by law; and this Ordinance shall take full force and effect Twenty-one (21) days after the date of final passage and approval.

Made, passed and adopted by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan, this 17th

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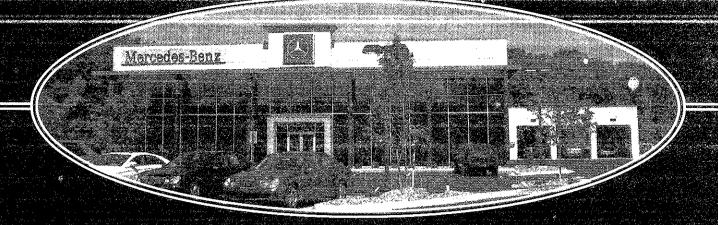
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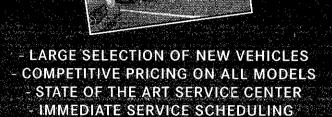
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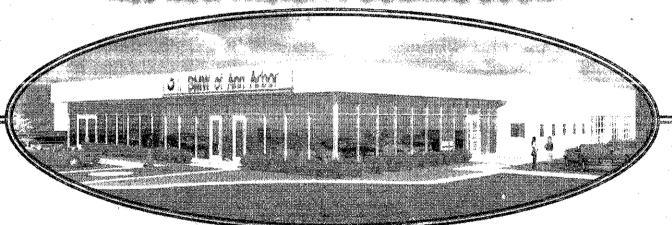
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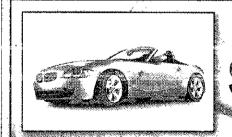
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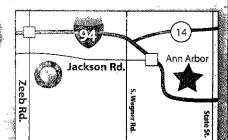
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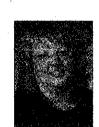
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mat should I do if my mom and dad are always fighting (arguing) over very, very minor things? Fed Up in Garden City

arguments

It sounds like you're worried about your parents and their relationship. It's hard to hear your parents argue - especially if it happens a lot! The best thing you can do is take care of yourself. When your parents are arguing, go outside, listen to your radio or iPod with headphones, or go to a different room in your house. Try not to focus on what they are saying to each other; instead, focus on your music or a good book. All people disagree at times and arguments are bound to occur. In fact, arguing itself can be one way of



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making your opinion known. However, arguing is a problem when the people involved stop respecting each other and begin to call each other names, put each other down, or physically hurt each other. If you're concerned that your parents' arguments are signaling a future disaster, sit down and talk with them. Let them know how you feel when they argue and how it affects

you. Ask them to find another way to work out their differences. If they don't seem to be able to do that, suggest that the family meet with a family counselor that can help everyone handle their disagreements better. Sometimes a "referee" is needed to help us get past our differences.

What can I do to get rid of my depression without taking pills?

Drug-free in Garden City Depression is a serious condition that can be very difficult to cope with; it should be taken seriously. If your symptoms of depression have been around for more than two weeks, you should talk to your parents about them. Symptoms of depression include having a depressed mood most of the day nearly every day, losing interest in things you used to enjoy doing, large change in weight, change in appetite, trouble sleeping or sleeping too much, feeling restless or feeling very slowed down, loss of energy, fatigue, feeling worthless, being unable to concentrate or make decisions, and thoughts of death or ideas of suicide. A professional counselor, social worker, or psychologist can determine if you are clinically depressed and can help you overcome your depression. Sometimes, just talking to someone about how you're feeling and what's going on in your life is enough to ease the symptoms of depression. Exercise and healthy eating can help, too. Many times, we don't manage the stress in our life correctly, which can lead to depression. By practicing relaxation techniques, we can reduce stress and impact

our feelings of depression. Try taking some time to relax and focus on deep breathing while you visualize your favorite vacation spot.

However, it is very important to take depression seriously; for some people, these holistic approaches are not enough to combat depression. For these people, medication is the only thing that allows them to enjoy their life and be productive. Please talk to your parents and find a professional you feel comfortable with.

There are professionals who will work with you to treat your depression holistically, using medication as a last resort if other methods don't work.

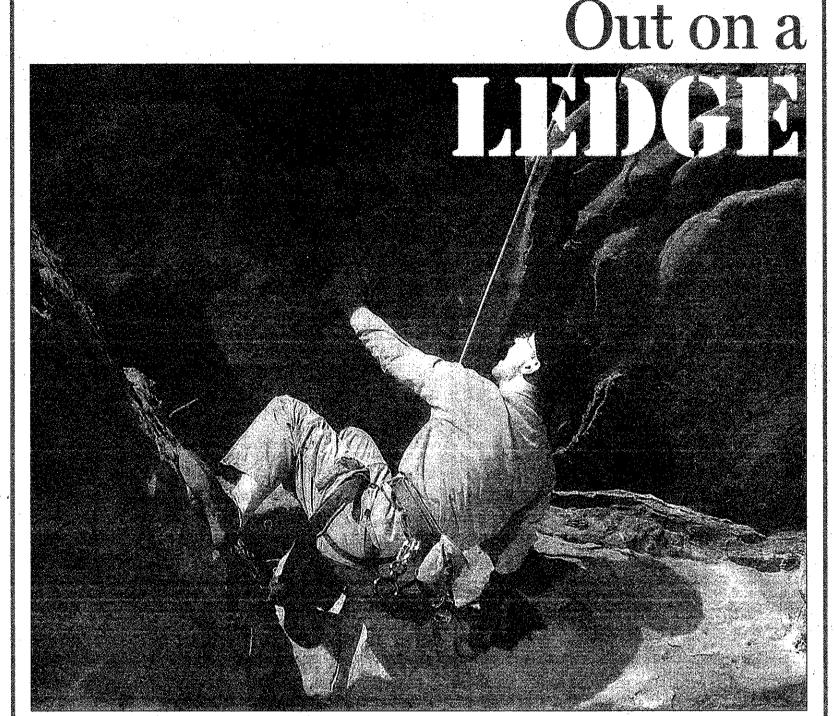
A couple of my friends want me to smoke with them and I don't know if I want to because I feel like they'll tell everyone if I do or not. What should I do? Confused in Garden City

If your friends are pressuring you to do something you don't want to do, you need to ask yourself if these friends are truly your

It sounds to me like you aren't interested in smoking and would be embarrassed if other kids found out that you smoked. If that's the case, stick to your guns! Don't smoke! Tobacco is very addictive and causes lots of health problems (which I'm sure you know). Why would your friends want you to hurt

yourself? Be strong and resist the pressure! Tell your friends that you have no interest in starting that disgusting habit. Let them know that smoking is not cool, it smells bad, and that you don't want to be addicted to anything. If your friends make fun of you, it's time to find new friends!

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.



The cliff along the Grand River in Grand Ledge is a favorite rock climbing destination for Kevin Flohr, an instructor at the Livonia Recreation Center.

Rock climbing challenges body and mind

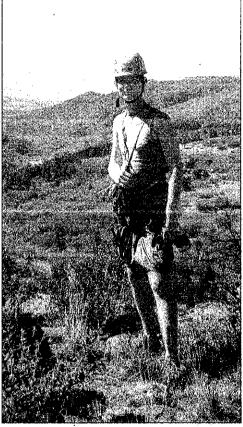
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

The view 100 feet above Red Rock Canyon is so breathtaking that Kevin Flohr would be willing to climb twice as high for just a glimpse of the Colorado landscape. Flohr can't get enough of rock climbing especially in the great outdoors where ledges and formations test the body and mind. When Flohr isn't teaching the sport at the Livonia Recreation Center, the 20-year-old is climbing the cliff along the Grand River in Grand Ledge.

Flohr says he's loved the outdoors since he was old enough to go camping with his parents. He was introduced to rock climbing as a member of Boy Scouts Troop 782 at St. Andrew's Church in Livonia.

"When you climb indoors it's a controlled climate and very few things can

PLEASE SEE CLIMBING, C2



Kevin Flohr especially enjoys rock climbing out west where ledges and formations test the body and

prepare climbers for great outdoors BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Indoor facilities

STÁFF WRITER

Kristina Pruccoli would more than likely be a regular visitor to REI-Recreational Equipment, even if she didn't work there. The Troy store's three-dimensional pinnacle helps Pruccoli stay in shape for outdoor rock climbing. Indoor facilities such as REI in Troy and Northville, the Livonia Recreation Center, and Planet Rock in Ann Arbor and Pontiac not only offer instruction, but a place

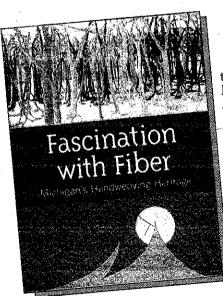
"It's good for parties," said Pruccoli who first took to rock climbing as a middle school student in Birmingham. "Groups of over 5 and up to 12 can climb for \$20, 6-8 p.m. Monday evenings, groups of 13-14 for \$40.

"For members of REI we offer rock climbing for free and discounts on adventure tours that go all over the world with different levels of climbing. There's a climbing trip in Africa and a three-day trip to Virginia coming up."

REI membership is \$15. For more information,

PLEASE SEE INDOOR, C2

Authors weave lively tale about fascinating fiber



Co-authors Marion Marzolf and Marie Gile formed a great friendship while working on the book detailing Michigan's handweaving heritage.

STAFF WRITER

Authors Marie A. Gile and Marion Marzolf knew they had a good story to tell about the history of handweaving in Michigan. The result is their book, Fascination with Fiber: Michigan's Handweaving Heritage, published in May this year by the University of Michigan Press in partnership with the Michigan State University Museum.

"We're both fascinated by the process of weaving," said Marzolf, like Gile a weaver and fiber artist. Gile is textile specialist and research associate at Michigan State University Museum in Lansing. Ann Arbor resident Marzolf is professor emerita in the Department of Journalism and Communications at the University of Michigan, having retired in 1995.

"I got involved about four years ago," said Marzolf of the project Gile had started in 1998. "The last two years were very intense. We worked very well together. We formed a really good friendship."

The paperback includes material on the Cranbrook Educational Community in Bloomfield Hills, where the Academy of Art, opened in 1932, became a place for handweaving to flourish. Finnish architect Eliel Saarinen was named president and head of the architecture program. His wife, Loja Saarinen, "established her own weaving studio and the school's first weaving classes," the book notes. Most of the weaving in her studio in the early years was created for the school buildings.

Also described in the book is Hartland, where J. Robert Crouse Sr.'s Hartland Area Project, proposed in 1931, recommended a village center with schools, music, drama, handicrafts, library and health/welfare

Crouse bought the Hartland Grist Mill and renovated it in 1934 to be the first home for Cromaine Crafts, the heart of his new village. As it grew, it moved to an old tavern on Avon Street, which was the weaving center's home for the next 40 years.

The book notes that Hartland was one of the largest producers of handwoven fabrics in the U.S. outside Appalachia in the 1930s and 1940s. The authors go back earlier in history, describing the immigrants who brought skills with them across the

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call the Troy store at (248) 689-4402, or the Northville store at (248) 347-2100.

For more information on the tours which are available for a variety of sports including hiking, kayaking and cycling, visit www.REI.com and click on adventures.

Scott Spahr recommends taking a few classes before attempting outdoor rock climbing.

The Livonia Recreation Center offers instruction for ages 6 and up on Saturdays and Sundays. Call (734) 466-2900.

For experienced climbers, open wall time runs 5-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

"Instruction is the same regardless of age excluding the Wall Crawlers (ages 6-12) that don't learn how to belay or act as a safety person," said

Spahr, fitness and wellness coordinator for the Livonia Recreation Center.

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Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts can earn merit badges by taking a 3-4 hour course to cover safety and climbing techniques for \$26 per person.

"We offer other activities on the wall including a Rock the Wall Climbing Social 5-9 p.m. every Wednesday for \$3 per climb," said Spahr.

To keep things exciting every so often the staff changes the routes that climbers take up the 42-ft. high wall.

"One unique feature is an 8-inch specialized cushion floor. In the event of a fall there is some protection, but we've never had anyone fall," said Spahr. "We've been injury-free since we opened in April 2003."

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go wrong. Outdoors it's a thrill like riding a roller coaster," said Flohr. "I like the feeling of being off the ground. It's adventurous, a great exercise. Vigorous climbing can be compared to running with a comparable calorie loss and you're working your arms and legs. And it's a great social activity. I meet a lot of people when I'm climbing."

Since climbing is a partner sport, Flohr usually climbs with his best friend Patrick Oakley of Livonia. The two take turns climbing while the other remains on the floor. When Oakley's not available a staff member at the rec center will belay or act as the safety person for Flohr.

Rock climbing is not as dangerous as it's thought to be if the proper precautions are taken. Outdoors helmets are worn to protect the head from falling objects. Indoors all that's needed is a harness and pair of tennis shoes. The only time a climber doesn't need a harness is when bouldering or moving sideways 10 ft. above ground.

"It's definitely a lot of fun for people of all ages, from about

age 6 and up," said Flohr, who's studying environmental technology at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. "It's something to challenge yourself."

Scaling mountains gives Mike Wolf a sense of personal accomplishment. For many years he climbed in the Pacific northwest and lived 40 minutes from Mount St. Helens in southwest Washington state. Today, he coordinates activities on the Livonia rec center wall.

"It's a challenge to do things that are incredibly uncomfortable, to push yourself past your physical best," said Wolf, a 56year-old Plymouth Township resident who once a month climbs to do maintenance work on the Livonia wall. "I encourage people to become involved with it as a lifelong sport, but it is a risk sport, a high-risk activity. Education is important. A bad way to start is with your friends. Climb with a professional climber. The stress needs to be on safety."

While Katie Jones emphasizes safety as a rock climbing instructor at the Livonia rec center, the Garden City resident is just as apt to focus on team building skills. Only last week a group of

lifeguards took her class to learn to work together. Jones climbed regularly when she was a reporter for a news station in Morgantown, West Virginia, but was introduced to the sport on the wall of the recreation center at Wayne State University where she was a student.

"There are many rocks to climb in West Virginia," said Jones, 23, who grew up in Canton and graduated from Plymouth Salem High School. "Outdoor climbing is a big thing. You don't find too many indoor gyms. That's the mountain state. Indoor is meant to get you prepared for outdoor."

Jones says that anyone attempting rock climbing needs to be open minded. According to Flohr one of the biggest challenges he faces as an instructor is getting people to let go of the wall once they reach the top so they can be lowered to the ground on a rope.

"They need to let go and have fun," said Jones, who begins studies to finish her broadcasting degree at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield in the fall. "A lot of people are afraid of heights. They need to let go of all fears

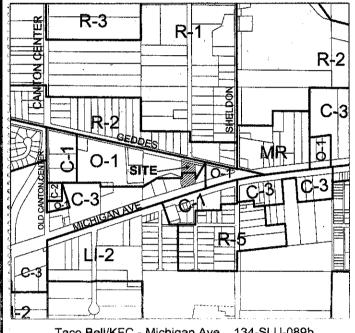
and inhibitions."

Kristina Pruccoli was a middle school student in Birmingham when she was invited to a birthday party at Planet Rock in Pontiac. While she loved climbing, it wasn't until 2004 that she began to take the sport seriously. Since then she's climbed in Grand Ledge, Joshua Tree in Calif., and Cooper's Rock, West Virginia. During the winter she visits Planet Rock in Ann Arbor and Pontiac when she isn't scaling the three-dimensional pinnacle at REI-Recreational Equipment in Troy where she works. REI also offers a 25-foot high wall at its Northville store. The Troy pinnacle is 27-ft. and free standing.

"Usually customers come in and see people on the wall and say they'd like to try it and we give them an introduction," said Pruccoli, 26. "We show them how to put on a harness, tie the knots, let them experience the climb first. The challenge is more than physical, but mental to reach the top. They don't have to be in the best physical shape. It doesn't matter the body type. Age and body type have no relevance. It's your determination and your heart."

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEARBY 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, August 7, 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 special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:



Taco Bell/KFC - Michigan Ave. 134-SLU-089b

TACO BELL/KFC SPECIAL LAND USE AMENDMENT CONSIDER REQUEST TO REMOVE SPECIAL LAND USE CONDITION FOR CHANGE OF HOURS OF OPERATION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 27.03B.12 FOR PARCEL NO. 133-02-0075-306 (44570 MICHIGAN AVENUE). Property is located.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, August 3, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2006 AT 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be

AUGUST 10, 2006

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty

and Steven Johnson.

Acceptance of Agenda 1. James A. Bolton of Jan Signs, Inc., 5395 Cogswell, Wayne, MI 48184 representing Hungry Howies, 30300 Stevenson Hwy, Madison Heights, MI for commercial property located at 44275 Ford Road, SE corner of Ford and Sheldon Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, (4), b, update logo on existing sign.

Zone C-2 Parcel 057-01-0001-000

(Building) Swadad Carremm, 238 Nassau Ct., Canton, MI 48187 for residential property located at same address, north side of Palisades Dr. between Brittany St. and Corrine Avenue, appealing Buildings and Building Regulations Chapter 78, Article 5, Section 78-131, (4), a, fence variance.

Zone R-5 Parcel 060-03-0083-000 (Building)

Bryan L. Amann of Amann, Demopoulos & Persiconi, 355 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187 representing ERC, Inc. of Rose's Restaurant, 201 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187 for commercial property located at 201 N. Canton Center, Canton, MI 48187, west side of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Saltz Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, (4), a, ground sign variance. Zone C-2

Parcel 064-99-0017-703 (Building)

4. Sign Fabricators, 43984 Groesbeck, Clinton Twp, MI 48036 representing Ted Zuchlewski of Dunkin Donuts, 40827 Village Wood, Novi, MI 48375 for commercial property located at 41439 Michigan Ave., west side of Haggerty Road between Michigan Ave. and Bituminous Drive, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, wall sign variance to do face change.

Zone C-3 Parcel 137-99-0012-712 (Building)

Approval of the July 13, 2006 Minutes

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188.

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AROUND TOWN

Grub crawl

The Northville Chamber presents the second-annual Northville Grub Crawl 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 25. Join 300 hungry patrons as they make their way through some of the best restaurants in the Northville area. Twelve restaurants are offering free samples of appetizers and signature items along with cash bar specials for our "Crawlers". Participating restaurants are Bahama Breeze, Bonfire Bistro & Brewery, Brann's Steakhouse & Grill. Deadwood Bar and Grill, Edward's Café and Caterer, Five Restaurant, Genitti's. George's Senate Restaurant, Little Italy Ristorante, MacKinnon's, Poole's Tavern, and Uno Chicago Grill. Highlights: Free event T-shirt, free shuttle transportation courtesy of Independence Village of Plymouth, grand prize drawing for Char-Broil Barbeque Grill courtesy of The Home Depot. Tickets are \$35 (must be 21 or over) and can be purchased at Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store or the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

Genealogical Society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Aug. 3, with guest speaker Linda Wright talking about "Scandinavian Research." A help session takes place at 6 p.m. The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 1041 Grand River in Howell. For details, call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7745.

Alzheimer's walk The Alzheimer's Association's annual Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease takes place Saturday, Aug. 26 at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. It marks the 15th-annual Memory Walk to benefit the metro Detroit Region of the Greater Michigan chapter. Nearly 4,000 people are expected to participate in this year's 2k fun walk to raise funds and promote the progress surrounding Alzheimer's. To register for the walk or to make a donation, contact the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter at www.alzgmc.org or call (248) 351-0280.

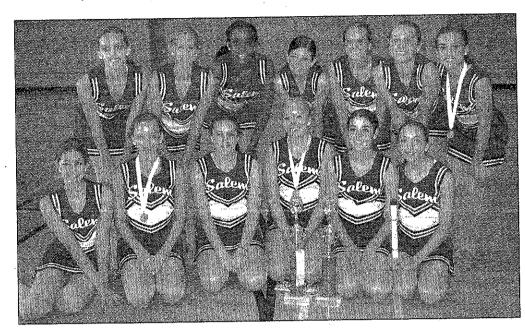
Hospice series

Heartland Hospice announced a new support group for widows and widowers. The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour begins 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, at Héartland Health Care Center, 7025 N. Lilley in Canton. The focus of the group will be on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss. This group is ongoing and will be held the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The group is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. There is no charge to attend. For additional information, contact Ann Christensen, Heartland Hospice Bereavement Coordinator,



Dance camp success

The Salem varsity and junior varsity Rockettes dance teams recently competed in the Universal Dance Association Camp at Oakland University. Both squads earned numerous awards for their efforts. The varsity team (top) took the Choreography Award for team routine, second place home routine, and the Superior Trophy. There were also nine all stars chosen from the team. The junior varsity squad (below) took second place in home routine, earned the Superior Trophy, and had three all stars selected. Both teams were awarded the Spirit Stick every day of the competition.



toll-free at (888) 973-1145.

Sibling harmony

Welcoming a new baby into the family can be an adjustment for big sisters and brothers. The Marian Women's Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a Sibling Tour 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19 in Classroom 1. There is a \$10 fee per family. Pre-registration is required by calling (734) 655-1159. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 34675 Five Mile, at Levan, in Livonia.

Childhood health

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The National Wellness Foundation

hosts a local expert on common childhood health problems, including falls, traumatic birth, ear infections, etc., during a workshop 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 26 at the Carl Sandburg Library. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

Golf outing

The Division of Kinesiology at the University of Michigan holds its fourth-annual Movement for Life Golf invitational Monday, Aug. 21 at the University of Michigan Golf Course. Registration starts at 9 a.m., with a

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shotgun start scheduled for 10:30 a.m. The day's festivities include 18 holes of golf, a continental breakfast and lunch, followed by dinner and a live auction and raffle. The cost for the day is \$200 per golfer. Pre-registration is required by calling Jim McIntyre, (734) 615-4272.

Art/craft festival The Ann Arbor Women's City Club



hosts its 23rd-annual Art & Craft Festival 9 a.m. to-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at the AAWCC, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor. There will be 50 juried exhibitors from Michigan in attendance. Admission is \$3, children 12 and under are admitted free (no strollers). For information, contact Penny O'Malley, (734) 429-8137 or email pennyhomalley@aol.com

Health savings accounts

Gail Perry-Mason, author of "Money Matters for Families" and co-author of the national best seller "Girl, Make Your Money, Grow," does a free presentation and Q&A session about financial control through HSA's (health savings accounts), a new health care option that combines a qualified highdeductible health care plan with a tax-free savings account. An H.S.A. results in a health care option that empowers people to save pre-tax income, in an account much like a 401(k), for use toward future medical expenses. The seminar takes place 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, July 25 at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois in Troy. For more information or to register, visit the Web site at www.whatishsa.com/seminar

Ciccarelli golf outing

Former Detroit Red Wing Dino Ciccarelli hosts his seventh-annual Celebrity Players Tour Invitational to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The event begins friday, July 😤 28, with a Pairings Party Gala at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester, followed by two days of golf at the Orchards Golf Club in Washington. Thirty teams will participate, and each are comprised of four amateurs and a different celebrity each day of golf. This year's celebrity list already includes actor and comedian Jackle Flynn, "Fresh Prince" actor Alfonso Ribeiro, former NFL player Ed. Marinaro, and former major league pitcher Pat Hentgen. Teams are mostly from the metro-Detroit area, but a few are from across the nation.

There are still a few openings for teams, which are \$6,500 and include two days of golf, tickets to the Gala on Friday evening, food and beverage for the weekend, a color team photo each day, and four premium gift packages. All participants are invited Saturday evening to Club 22 in Shelby Township, Dino's new nightclub that features cocktails and dancing to "Decades of Music."

Anyone interested in forming a team, placing an ad or another type of sponsorship, please visit the Web site at www.dinoandfriends.com or contact tournament staff at (248) 756-6100.

RIVER PARK HOME OWNERS ASSOCATION REQUEST FOR BID

River Park Home Owner's Association in Canton is looking for a qualified electrician/landscaping company to do the following:

Replace & Beautify Electric Meter Mounting Replace Main Shut-off and Circuit Breaker for Light and Sprinkler Replace Light Bulb in Subdivision Light Pull necessary permits, as required by law and contact DTE as

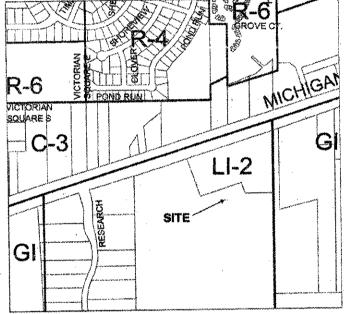
necessary. Submit Bids to: River Park HOA PO Box 87171 Canton, MI 48187

For details on the project, contact Sandra E. Commager at 734-397-9651

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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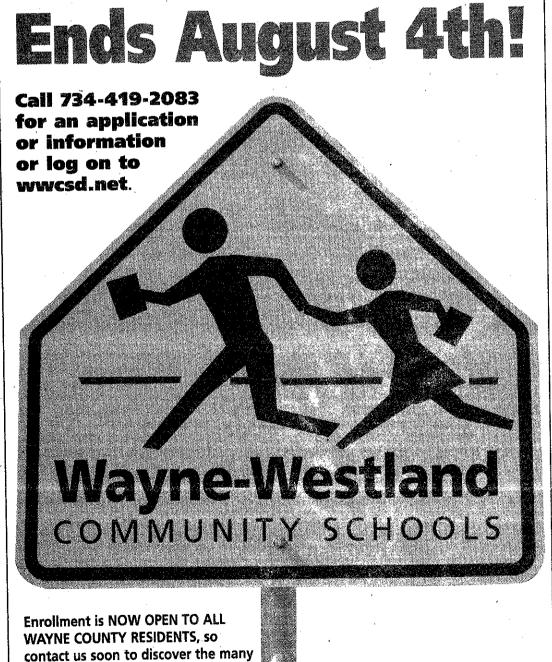
T-MOBILE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.02B.14 FOR PARCEL NO. 131 99 0016 701 (46555 MICHIGAN AVENUE). Property is located south of Michigan and west of Belleville Road within Victory Park.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, August 3, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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ENGAGEMENTS

Douglass-Mason

Jeffrey and Linda Douglass of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter Leslie Anne Douglass of Westland to Jesse Mason of Ypsilanti.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 2005 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in vocal performance. She is currently working on a master's degree in vocal performance at **Bowling Green State University** in Ohio.

The prospective groom is the son of Joseph and Sharon Mason of Saline. He is a 2005

Tyminski of Redford Township

announce the engagement of

their daughter Jennifer Ann

Augustus Warren of Redford

The bride-to-be is a 1996

School and a 2004 graduate of

employed as a radiology coder

The prospective groom is the

son of Alvin and Nancy Warren

of Ewen, Mich., and Joesphine

and Dan Hendrix of Traverse

City. He is a 1991 graduate of

Traverse City High School, a

1995 graduate of the University

graduate of Thurston High

Schoolcraft College. She is

by the Visiting Physicians

Association in Farmington

Tyminski to Joseph Lister

Tyminski-Warren

Township.

James and Suzanne



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graduate of Eastern Michigan University and is currently working on a master's degree in physics education at EMU.

A June 2, 2007, wedding is planned at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.

of Michigan-Flint and a 2001

University School of Medicine.

graduate of Michigan State

He is employed by ER/One

Oakwood Healthcare System. An Oct. 7, 2006, wedding is

planned at the Inn at St. John's

in Plymouth. The couple will

make their home in Redford

Township.

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Canton High

Coordinator.

Hill-Lake

Becky and Dick Hill of

Kacey Joy Hill, to Bryon

Kathy Lake of Plymouth.

graduate of the Illinois

Vernon Hills, Ill., announce the

engagement of their daughter,

Edward Lake, son of Jim and

The bride-to-be is a 2006

Institute of Art Chicago with a

bachelor's degree in Fashion

Marketing and Management.

School and 2002 graduate of

Taylor University with a bache-

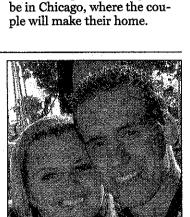
Kacey is working at Claire's

Stores Inc., as a Marketing

Brown-Hardin Richard and Katherine Brown of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Erin Nicole Brown to David Matthew Hardin of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Franklin High School and a 2004 graduate of the College for Creative Studies.

The prospective groom is the son of Wendy Hardin-Spreder of Grosse Pointe Woods and Bill Hardin of Canton Township. He is a 2000 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School and a 2004 grad-



lor's degree in Business

Business. He works at

Consultant.

Administration, International

Their August wedding will

PowerShares as a Portfolio

uate of the College for Creative Studies.

A summer 2007 wedding is

being planned.

Darcella Gray of Livonia and Rick Mandler of Taylor announce the engagement of their daughter Dori Lynn Mandler to Daniel Barr of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is employed at a travel consultant for TQ3 Navigant.

The prospective groom is the son of Finula Barr of Westland and John Barr of Rochester Hills. He is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is employed with Aim Vending and Breeze Freeze.



honeymoon will follow in Hawaii.

The couple will make their home in Howell.

McIntosh-Tigner

Howell. He is currently

Richeson-Kelly

David and Nina Richeson of

Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Heidi to

The bride-to-be graduated

from David Pressley in 1999

and is employed as a hair styl-

The prospective groom is the

son of John and Karen Kelly of

program at Schoolcraft College.

A September 2006 wedding

enrolled in the culinary arts

is planned at the Oak Pointe

Andrew Kelly of Howell.

ist in Walled Lake.

Paul and Linda McIntosh of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Marie McIntosh, to Daniel Jason Tigner.

The prospective groom is the son of Rick Tigner and Evelyn Burns of Coleman. He is a 1996 graduate of Michigan Technological University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, and earned an M.B.A. from Eastern Michigan University in 2004. He is employed at Ford Motor Co.

The bride-to be is a 2000 graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor's



degree in graphic design. She is employed at Excelda Manufacturing as a graphic designer. She operates her freelance design business from her home in Plymouth.

A September 2006 wedding is planned in the Traverse City

area.

Mandler-Barr



An Oct. 6, 2006, wedding is planned at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia. A reception will be held at the Hellenic Cultural Center. The couple will honeymoon at the Riviera Maya in Mexico.

They will make their home in Livonia.

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■ Names and cities of all

have any questions.

Clergy's name

ments, include:

attendants

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Thomas-Kuhns

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Arington of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter Jayme Marie Thomas of Ann Arbor to Timothy Donald Kuhns of Ann Arbor, son of Dr. and Mrs. Kuhns of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Michigan State University. She is employed as a human resources generalist with DTE Coal Services in Ann Arbor.

The prospective groom has a bachelor's degree in economics and master's degree in civil



engineering from Michigan State University. He is employed as a project engineer by Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment Inc. of Livonia.

A September wedding is planned.

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ELIZABETH (Betty) DUGAN

(nee Wallace), Age 88, July 17, 2006, in Cincinnati, OH, where she had lived for the last five years. Prior to her move to Cincinnati, she was a resident of Bloomfield Hills for 45 years. She was born June 13, 1918, in Watertown, MA, to William and Bessie Wallace Betty married James J. Dugan on April 6, 1942, in Pittsburgh, PA. He preceded her in death. Education was a large part of Betty's life. As a young adult, she earned a B.S. Degree in Education from the University of Pittsburgh, and later in life, as an educator, earned a M.Ed. Degree in Business Education from Wayne State University in Detroit. She taught business classes in the Bloomfield Hills school system for 28 years, retiring from her profession in 1987. During her tenure as an educator, Betty was highly regarded among her peers and educational community on local and state levels, receiving numerous awards and commendations. She was a leader in secondary school business education during her teaching career. Betty actively participated for many years in the Bloomfield Hills Schools Credit Union as an officer of the organiza-tion, as Chair of the Supervising Committee, and as a member throughout her career. Betty retained her involvement even after retiring from the school system. Betty was an avid Bridge player, and over the years played in several Bridge leagues. She started Bridge leagues in her neighborhood, among professional peers, and others interested in learning and play-ing the game of Bridge. She most enjoyed participating in the Church of St. Owen's Sunday Singles Bridge party and league, which she organized. Betty is survived by two daughters and a son, Deborah (Michael) Keating of Palo Alto, CA; Richard (Judy) Dugan of San Jose, CA; and Cynthia (William) Michels of Cincinnati, OH. There are six grandchildren. Mass will be celebrated Monday, 11am, at the Church of St. Owen, 6869 Franklin Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at

and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

church begins at 10am. Burial will be

in the family plot in Pittsburgh, PA. Memorial tributes, in lieu of flowers,

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Of Waterford, July 19, 1929 to July 19, 2006; Age 77; Virginia was loved and cared for by the Benner's, McFall's, Smith's, her aunt Laura, her brother Robert and her nephews Tom, Randy, Ricky, Robbie and Tim. Ginny's creative enthusiastic spirit touched the lives of many - her family, her friends. her teaching colleagues and the children she taught for over 40 years as ar educator in the Pontiac School District. She graduated from Fordson High School Class of 1947 and from Eastern Michigan University. Her travel adventures took her all over the United States and to many countries. She will long be remembered as the one to gather her loved ones or friends together for holidays and special occasions. She will long be loved for her sense of humor and her dedication to her family and friends. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Pontiac and was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Professional Sorority. Funeral Services will be Monday, July 24, 2006, 10:00 the RIVERSIDE CHAPEL Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home, 5630 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford. Officiating Pastor Roy Langwig. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday 1-4 p.m. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Creative Art Center of Pontiac. Online guest book www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

ADAM JOSEPH SCHUBEL

Age 91, of Marshall (formerly of Birmingham, Dearborn, and Franklin), died July 18, 2006. In June of 1940, he married the former Jean Carlson of Chicago. She preceded him in death on September 27, 1997. He had been employed with Shedd-Bartush and Beatrice Foods. He retired in 1981 as a Divisional President of Beatrice Foods. Survived by sons Richard (Lucille) Schubel of Tucson, AZ, and Jeffrey (Dian) Schubel of Marshall; a daughter, Lynne (Charles) Saperstein of Birmingham, MI; grandchildren, Adam (Stephanie) Schubel, Regan Schubel, and Joshua Saperstein. Private graveside service are being planned. Memorial contributions to the Jackson and Oaklawn Hospice Care. Arrangements by the Craig R. Kempf Funeral Home, Marshall, MI. To leave a personal message and sign the online guest register, please visit www.kemphfuneralhome.com



RUTH J. JANDA 84 of Canton, formerly of

Age 84 of Canton, formerly of Western Springs IL passed away on 2006. She was the loving wife of the late Benjamin, the beloved mother of David (Libby) Janda, cherished grandmother of Allison and Kathryn, and devoted sister of Evelyn Milcezny. She is also survived by cousins, Vivian Rice; Kevin Rice; and Lorraine Stanek. As a proud graduate of the University of Illinois "The Fighting Illini!!", she taught History in Chicago Public High Schools. Ruth was integral in the establishment of the B.H. Janda Construction Company. Funeral will be held Thursday 8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor, (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth, with visitation Thursday 3-9 PM, and interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Forest Park, Illinois. Memorial contributions may be made to the Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine, P.O. Box 7032, Ann Arbor MI 48107. To leave a message of condolence, www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

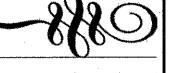
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Grandparents are Joan Zawislak of Livonia and Bill

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CLASS REUNIONS

WEDDING



Creehan-Murfey

Chris and Jan Murfey of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter Erin Nicole Murfey to J. Scott Creehan, son of James and Rose Creehan of Brighton, formerly of Livonia. They were married March 4

at the Shrine of Orchard Lake St. Mary's. Erin is a 1994 graduate of

Churchill High School, a 1998 graduate of Hillsdale College and a 2002 graduate of Georgetown Medical School. She is currently a family practice physician in Jackson, Mi. Scott is a 1994 graduate of

Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan Tech University. He is employed as a mechanical engineer at Advics Corp. in Plymouth.

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

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REUNIONS

Belleville High School All Class Reunion for Belleville High

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

Berkley High School Class of 1971

A 35-year reunion. 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, \$65 per person, spouses/quests welcome. Reservations due by June 15. Register and updates at

www.berkleyalumni.org. Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Sept. 23, at the Embassy Suites, 850 Tower Drive, Troy. Cost \$45. Send checks to Janice Broquet Pope, 8222 Coral Creek Loop, Hudson, Fla. Call. (727)868-8222 or email jpope14.tam-

pabay.rr.com. **Bishop Borgess High School** Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Fifth Avenue Ballroom and Billiards (second floor), 25750 Novi Road in Novi. You must reserve a spot in advance, contact reunion committee at bb76reunion@yahoo.com for ticket information and details.

Cass Tech High School Class of 1955-57

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

All classes ending in 6 The Cass Tech Alumni Association is

hosting its annual Alumni Reunion Weekend, Aug. 4-6. This year they'll celebrate all alumni that graduated in a year ending in six. The three-day event includes a picnic, golf outing and much more! the CTAA is also searching for all Cass alumni. Contact Steaphanie L. Jones (313) 804-8019 or siones@casstechalumni.org or www.casstechalumni.org.

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The authors found there weren't books that told the story of 20th century weaving, although there were books on the colonial era. "There's nothing that really shows our whole history," said Marzolf, who cited one book on Appalachia that's in the Michigan

"You get stories about the textile mills" which led to a decline of handweaving, she added. "We thought we would try to expand it to look at the whole history of the state."

Lively characters such as Mary Atwater, a gun-carrying weaver from Montana who helped to organize the industry, fill the pages. There are plenty of photos as well, and the authors' interviews and reliance on oral histories provide an in-depth look at the

The authors describe guilds which began in the 1920s and 1930s and came on strong with the craft revival after World War II. "Those guilds sustained an interest in handweaving," Marzolf said.

A committee of women helped gather the oral histories which enrich the book. Marzolf would like to see other states and regions take on such a project.

The book has been well-received, with Gerhardt Knodel, Cranbrook Academy of Art director, saying it: "is a well-documented history, with consequence! The authors reveal surprising continuity in relationships. with results that are far-reaching. Readers will be moved beyond border as they come to realize the extensive influences generated in Michigan."

Cost of the book is \$24.95. Information is available online at www.press.umich.edu.

CONCERT SCHEDULE

MUSIC IN THE AIR

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

- July 28 Westrin and Mowry, acoustic rock and pop
- Aug. 4 Retrospect Band, modern hits, new to the lineup
- Aug. 11 Rodeo Drive, modern country and radio hits, new to the lineup
- Aug. 18 Fifty Amp Fuse (formerly the Crackerjack Band)
- Aug. 25 Steve King and the Dittlies Sept. 1 – Lady Sunshine and the X Band

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Here's the schedule for the Music in the Park concert series for kids, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, New Liberty Bank and McCully Educational Resource Center; concerts are noon Wednesdays in Kellogg Park:

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Gordon Michaels has come a long way since graduating from John Glenn High School in Westland. Back then he was known as Gordon Smith. Today, film and television stars such as Dylan McDermott simply call him Gordon whenever he coaches them.

Michaels returns to Michigan to help budding actors learn the ropes during an intensive two-day workshop 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 29, and 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 30, at Genitti's Little theater, 108 E. Main, Northville. The fee is \$175. For more information, call (734) 776-1045 or (310) 663-7909, or send e-mail to

GordonMichaels22@aol.com. The workshop covers audition techniques such as oncamera and cold reading, head shots and resumes to name a few topics. Students should bring their head shots and resumes, and prepare a simple nursery rhyme not to exceed one minute. A prepared monologue is not necessary.

"It's about the business of show business," said Michaels who spent seven years acting on the stages of New York City before moving to Los Angeles. "It's for people who want to get

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involved in those different markets, the dos and don'ts."

These days Michaels is doing well in the business. He's still coaching McDermott, formerly of the television law series "The Practice" along with celebrities such as rapper Snoop Dogg. In between sessions, Michaels and McDermott are currently writing a one hour drama.

Michaels hopes that one day soon his Westland friends will be able to walk into a movie theater and see his first film "Unbeatable Harold" which is currently traveling on the festicontinues to help aspiring. actors reach their dreams.

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FICTION

- 1. "Twelve Sharp," Janet Evanovich 2. "Coming Out," Danielle Steel
- 3. "Can't Wait to Get to Heaven," Fanny
- 4. "Danse Macabre," Laurell K. Hamilton

5. "Beach Road," James Patterson

NON-FICTION

- 1. "Godless," Ann Coulter
- 2. "Marley and Me," John Grogan 3. "The One Percent Doctrine," Ron
- 4. "Godless," Ann Coulter
- 5. "Dispatches from the Edge," Anderson Cooper

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

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- Cambria Evans
- 3. "Down the Back of the Chair," Margaret Mahy
 - 4. "Room of Wonders," Sergio Ruzzier 5. "Miko Wants a Dog," Brigitte

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ACCURACY TESTING OF VOTING EQUIPMENT <u>JULY 28th, 2006 - 11:00 a.m.</u>

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 8, 2006. The test will take place on Friday, July 28th, 2006 at 11:00 a.m., in the Commission Chambers. City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

This test is open to all interested parties. City Hall is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible. For further information contact the Clerk's Office at 734-453-1234, ext. 234.

Linda Langmesser City Clerk

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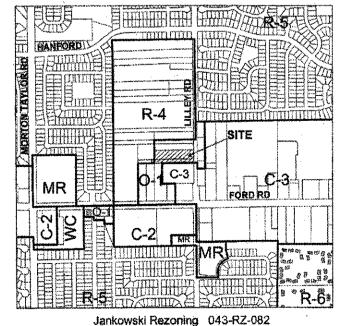
PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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, August 7, 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:

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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150-Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, August 3, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review



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On a roll Physical therapist saving one back at a time with book

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Donna Gambino is on a mission to save one back at a time with her new book of exercises performed on a roller. She started using the foam apparatus to treat physical therapy patients with back and shoulder problems 15 years ago.

While at least two technical books instruct professionals in their therapeutic applications, none has been written for the average person or patient interested in using the roller to strengthen the core muscles necessary to maintain good posture. Good alignment and posture is key to preventing back problems. On a Roll@Home: Home Exercises for Core Strength and Massage on the Foam Roller provides the means to not only improve posture, but stretch tight muscles.

Gambino lines up her spine on the roller to demonstrate a few of the exercises at Master's of Dance, the Canton studio where she teaches Pilates, a series of exercises to strengthen the core muscles in the abdomen, back, buttocks and inner thighs. Gambino incorporates the roller even in warm-up exercises so students can work on balancing muscles on both sides of the body. The lack of good alignment and a flexible spine cause problems and pain.



Physical therapist Donna Gambino takes the foam roller out of the clinic and Pilates studio and brings it into the home with her new book. Instead of lying totally flat against the roller, Gambino points out the arch in her back. The roller keeps the curve naturally. She says everyone needs this curvature for the spine to remain healthy. Gambino encourages students to try to keep a neutral spine instead of jamming the back into the floor when strengthening.

"All energy transferred to arms and legs is coming from the core," said Gambino, a physical therapist who lives in Canton.

"With the roller, you can control pain and spasms. If you have sciatica, pain down the leg and spasms, you can massage the muscles by sitting on the roller. If you're on a computer a lot, it can massage the neck and shoulders. Runners can massage calves and gain upper body strength. Skaters can use it for the outside of the thigh."

Gambino recommends using the roller for massage techniques to treat fibromyalgia as well. As a physical therapist, Gambino can tell by looking at someone's posture and movement where their weaknesses and strengths lie. Several of her Pilates students have gone through physical therapy before taking the class. It was during her career as a physical therapist that Gambino began using Pilates to treat patients and noticed them improving faster. She recommends not waiting until problems develop to get in shape.

"You heal faster if you're strong and have a healthy spine," said Gambino, who worked at Southwest General Hospital in Cleveland for seven years, then at Providence and Oakwood hospitals before going into private practice.

Marilyn Isaacs praises Gambino for writing the book, which she can suggest to patients so they can exercise on the roller at home. As a physical therapist, Isaacs regularly uses the roller to treat patients at the Botsford Total Rehabilitation & Athletic Conditioning Center in Novi and Providence Medical Center in Livonia.

"It's a safe way of exercising and getting progressive exercises," Isaacs said. "Donna is very meticulous in her setups and precautions. One can progress well and still get a good workout. For a couple of exercises, she puts a precaution, an indication not to do them, but for a large

majority it is good for people with back pain."

Gambino listened to her students when writing the book. She kept the content simple and text large so it could be used while working out on the floor. She begins with simple warmups and progresses to more difficult exercises. She cautions that those with acute pain need to seek the permission of their physician before beginning any exercise program.

Carolyn Anulewicz says the combination of doing Pilates and using the roller for massaging her muscles "really does help relieve the pain" in her back. Even though she takes Pilates classes with Gambino, she bought the book to make sure she is "doing everything the right way" at home.

"I have lower back issues," said Anulewicz, an assistant principal at Salem High School in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "When I was diagnosed, they told me it was good to build core strength to support my back. I use the roller almost every day or three to four times a week. It depends on my back."

Eddie Harmon could only drive his car for five minutes before he had to stop so he could walk around to relieve the pain from his sciatica. Harmon, 58, had been playing hockey last July and fell. He had gone to several specialists and been through therapy twice without success. Then he learned about the roller from his wife Sheryl, who takes Gambino's classes.

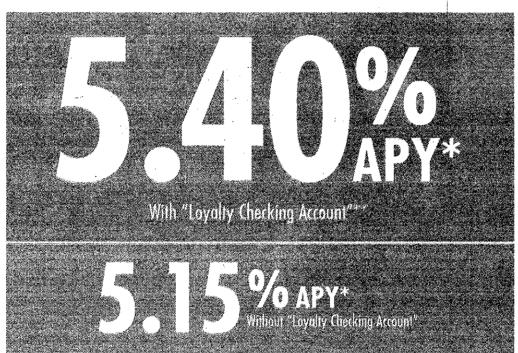
"Donna told Sheryl this is what he has to do. I did the exercises like she said. I could tell I was getting better right away," said Harmon, who owns NC Servo

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Fiber key to losing weight

Liz from Howell e-mails that she's tired of gimmicks and wants a weight loss program that won't cost a fortune.

Liz, one word could be the answer to your prayers, fiber. Some of the material in fiber your body just can't digest, and most of it comes from plants. Americans eat an average of 15 grams of fiber per day instead of the recommended 30 grams. Fiber slows the absorption of food in the stomach and gives you a sense of fullness. A new study from Tufts University shows that people who get an additional 14 grams

of fiber per day can expect to lose four pounds and cut food intake by 10 percent within four months. It doesn't matter if you get the fiber from food or supplements either. And, one good strategy is to take a fiber supplement 15 minutes before a meal.

It's a simple and inexpensive weight loss method you can really take to the bank!

Erin from Troy has a problem with sugar free jellybeans. After eating them, she comes



Peter Nielsen

down with series stomach cramps! She e-mails asking what to do about it. Erin, chances are it's not the jelly beans, it's what is in them. Some sugar free foods are sweetened with sugar alcohols. Research now shows that the sugar alcohols can lead to cramping and diarrhea. Some of the alcohols appear under names like Lactoid, Mautol, Mannitol, and Sorbitol. As little as fifteen grams can trigger digestive upset. That's approximately the amount you'll find in just two servings of sweets.

Check the label for the ingredients I mentioned and you should be able to avoid an unsettling experience!

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.

Organization urges parents to quit smoking

Sunday, July 23, is National Parents' Day and the Smoke Free Society is asking parents who smoke to quit and is providing several free ways to do so on its Web site at www.SmokeFreeSociety.org. The nonprofit organization is offerpledge their love, support and

ing free eCards for children and loved ones to send to parents to involvement in helping them quit. Smoke Free Society also offers a free online download of its Proven Stop Smoking Technique to help smokers quit in just 17 days without any substance or drug. There is no safe level of sec-

ondhand smoke. The Surgeon General's newly released report states even a few minutes of inhaling someone else's smoke harms nonsmokers. Over 125 million nonsmoking Americans are regularly exposed to secondhand tobacco smoke and tens of thousands die each year as a result including more than 35,000 from heart disease. The 670 page study cites "overwhelming scientific evidence" that secondhand smoke causes death from heart disease, lung cancer and a host of many other illnesses.

Parents are the most important role models in their children's lives. Research indicates that children whose parents smoke are twice as likely to

become smokers as children of nonsmoking parents. Every day in the U.S., nearly 4,400 children as young as age eight start smoking. More than 6.4 million children living today will die prematurely because of a decision they made as adolescents to smoke cigarettes. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), exposing children to the hazardous poisons in secondhand smoke can hinder the growth of their lungs and put them in danger of severe respiratory diseases, effects that can last a lifetime. Children whose mothers smoke during pregnancy are 31- to 40-percent more likely to have poor lung function than children born to nonsmokers.

The effects of smoking during pregnancy lasts up to age 12, while exposure to cigarette smoking after birth further worsens lung function.

The good news is that one of the best things parents who smoke can do to improve their children's health, wealth and quality of life is to quit smoking and Smoke Free Society can help. Support is one of the keys to helping smokers quit and remain smoke-free. Research shows smokers are up to eight times more likely to be successful when participating in a smoking cessation and support program.

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Divorce support

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, Co-Parenting Effectiveness Education, a workshop on how to co-parent effectively in divorce situations with Ellen M. Crain, JD. MSW, ACSW, at Women's Resource Center, Room 225, McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Asthma education

7 p.m. Thursday, July 27, Asthma and Living a life without limits (includes discussion on appropriate activity and exercise for children), in the Southfield Public Library auditorium in the complex at 26300 Evergreen. Kathleen Felice Slonager, an RN, presents the programs. Slonager is executive director of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter. While parents and caregivers attend sessions, children ages 21/2 to 5 are invited to a story time and craft program with a librarian in the meeting room. No charge. Call (248) 796-4224 or visit www.sfldlib.org.

Weight loss presentations

Brian Rosso, a registered dietitian, gives a series of presentations on healthy dieting for the public and residents at American Houses 3 p.m. Monday, July 31, at 27577 Lahser, north of I-696, Southfield, (248) 353-5835; Tuesday, Aug. 1, at The Village, 3617 S. Adams, north of South Boulevard, Rochester Hills, (248) 853-6000; Wednesday, Aug. 2, American House Parkway, 36725 Utica Road South of Metro Parkway, Clinton Township (586) 792-7231, and Thursday, Aug. 3, at 26600 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Telegraph, Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-6430. Each session is followed by lowcal, healthy refreshments featuring fresh fruits and vegetables. Rosso is food and beverage director for American House Senior Living Residences

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-



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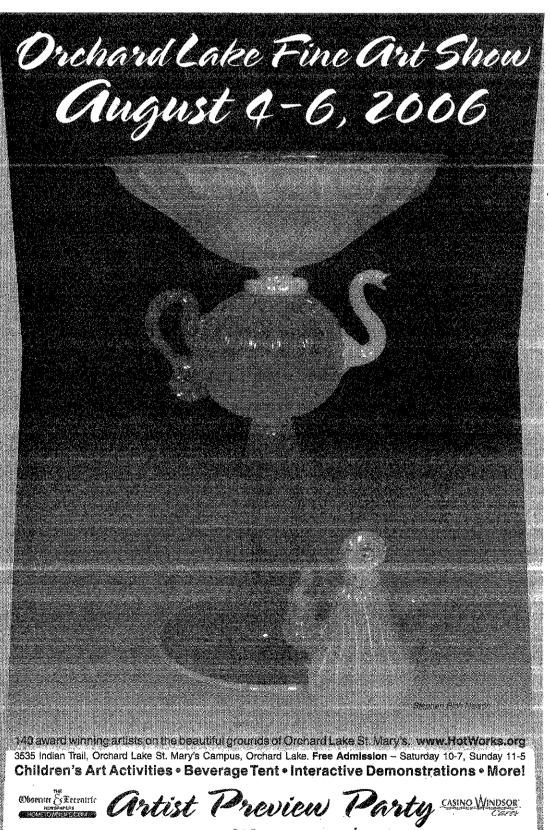
One way to explain what a rheumatologist does is to contrast his work with that of an orthopedist. Both specialties deal with problems and pain originating in bones, joints, muscles, tendons and ligaments. Orthopedists specialize in conditions that require surgical intervention such as fractures, replacement knees and hips, repair of torn tendons and ligaments, and the removal of cancers that have invaded bones, muscles

However, a host of other musculoskeletal problems remain such as rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, and recurrent pain and swelling in the arms and legs. These problems come under the care of a rheumatologist.

In addition, other bone and joint conditions occur which may be treated by either an orthopedist, a sports medicine physician or a rheumatologist. This includes a sudden swollen knee, a sore shoulder, ankle swelling, or a sore hand. In problems of the feet, overlap in training comes into play between podiatrists, and rheumatologists. The area of care that physicians ask for the assistance of a rheumatologist are bone

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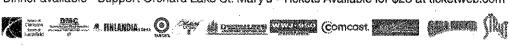
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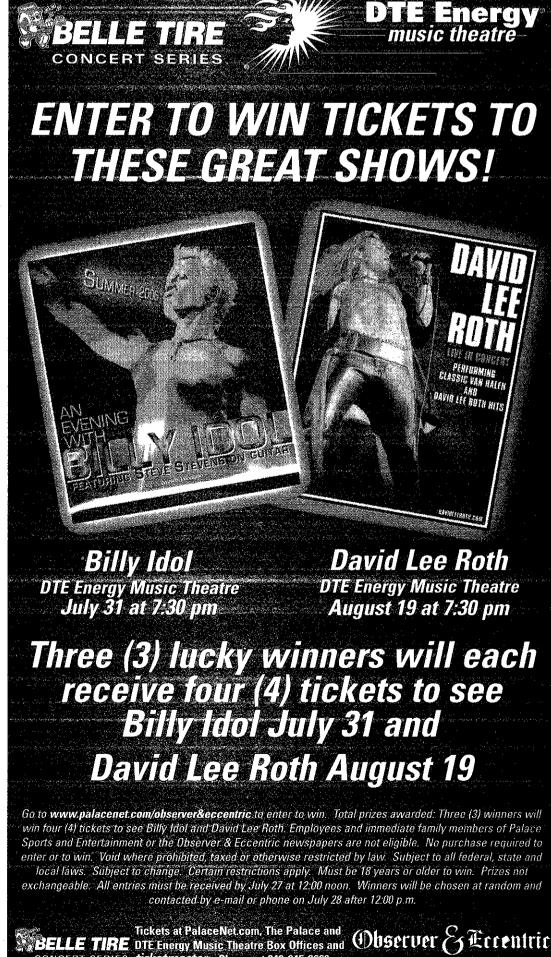
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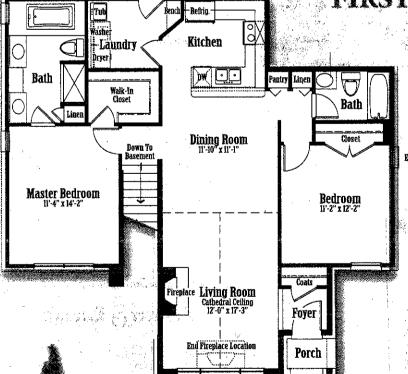
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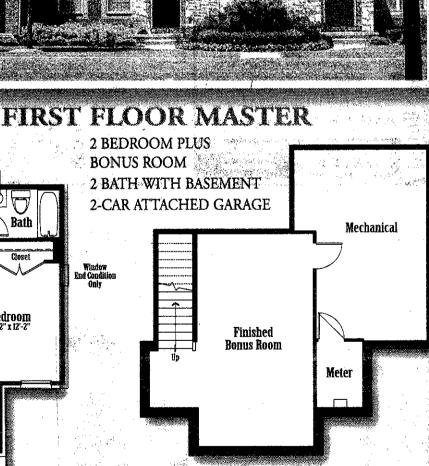
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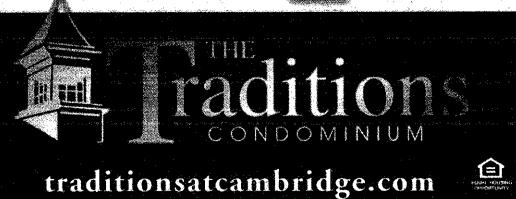
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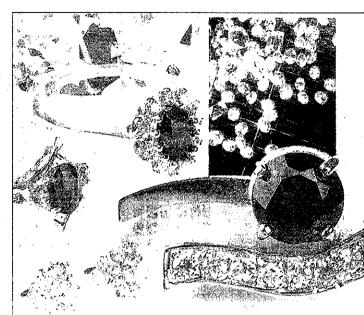
(NAPSI) - Want a career with staying power? Consider this: A recent Bureau of Labor Statistics report cited many occupations expected to decline severely between now and 2014 as advances in technology further eliminate the need for human interaction in the production process. Jewelry is one occupational sector where BLS projects excellent employment. Why?

Jewelry is big. Today's worldwide jewelry industry is conservatively estimated to be a \$120 billion-plus business. It employs people in science, manufacturing, distributing, designing, marketing and many other functions.

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Jewelry is made by people. In other industries, technological advances can eliminate jobs, but much of jewelry making can't be automated. Jewelry, like art and music, begins as an idea and requires the skills of designers and craftsmen to bring it to reality.

Jewelry will always be acquired by someone from



someone. The retail environment is changing with the Internet, discount stores and shopping networks working with a relatively small sales force. But these same distribution channels also increase demand for jewelry, offering new opportunities for skilled jewelers and gemologists. Many consumers prefer to purchase high-ticket, luxury goods from jewelry professionals they

know and trust. A changing population creates demand for jewelry and jewelers. According to the BLS, the increasing numbers of affluent individuals, working women, double-income households, an upcoming "bling" generation and fashion-conscious men will keep jewelry sales strong. And as more jewelers retire, the need for trained and skilled jewelers will contin-

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Recruiting costs up, efficiency down, but candidates are complaining

(PRWEB) - Recruiting costs have increased, efficiency has decreased and New Hire Quality measurement has climbed from 2 percent of participating organizations to 40 percent. In spite of these gains, job candidates are increasingly unhappy with recruiting and retention practices across the board.

Retaining the best and the brightest is going to become increasingly more challenging, and only those organizations that choose to work hard to keep the best people they have will succeed. Released this week, the Staffing Performance Report breaks out 13 industry specific reports containing the latest information to help organizations compare their performance data with their competitors. Hundreds of employees and job seekers also lent their experiences, positive and negative, to provide a fuller snapshot of surviving the work-a-day world.

According to the report, 40 percent of organizations surveyed, measure New Hire Quality — a drastic improvement from seven years ago, when less than 2 percent measured their performance. That number is expected to increase as quality remains the top priority for over half of organizations surveyed.

The average Time-to-Fill open positions for all industries examined increased from 51.5 days to 53 days. The fastest industry to fill open positions is banking, with an average of 19 days to hire for retail positions. Slowest is the biotech and pharmaceutical industry, with an average of 198 days needed to complete the same task.

"By learning what it takes to hire the right person the first time, industries are improving their New Hire Quality and decreasing their New Hire Costs across the board," said Nick Burkholder, founder of staffing.org. "By employing good communication and a clear process, second-tier organizations are now outrecruiting toptier organizations in catching the best available can-



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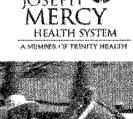
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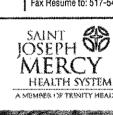
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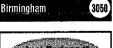


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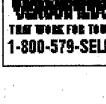
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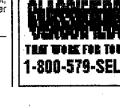
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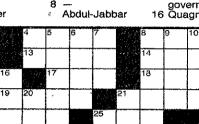
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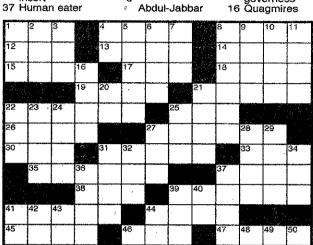
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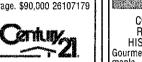
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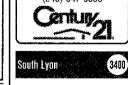
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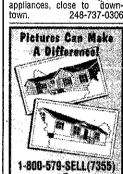
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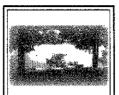


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BY JOE BAUMAN STAFF WRITER

Southeast Michigan's softening real estate market has prompted one area builder to lower the prices of new homes under construction in Commerce Township.

Officials for Farmington Hills based Phoenix Home Building say the new sales prices forsits GreenBriaz development in Commerce Township represents an unprecedented value for

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The first model home was unveiled Saturday. As an additional incentive, home buyers who sign a purchase agreement by Aug. 15 will receive their choice of up to \$3,000 worth of free upgrades as well as one year of paid homeowner association fees, which carries a value of \$1,800.

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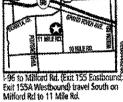
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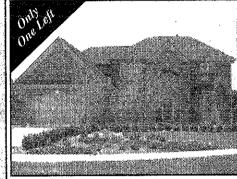
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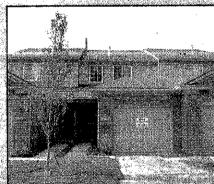
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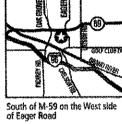
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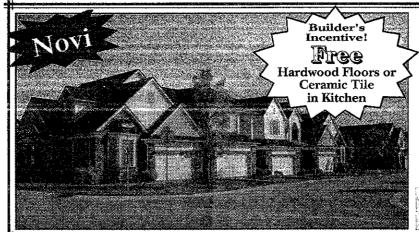
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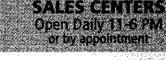
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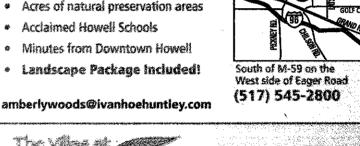




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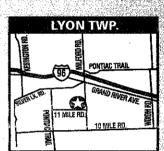


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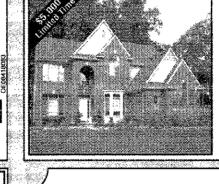
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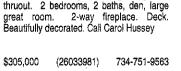
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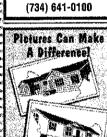
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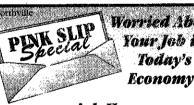
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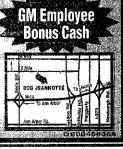
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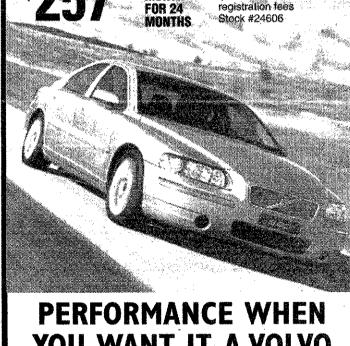
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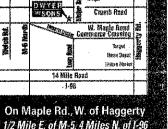
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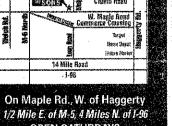
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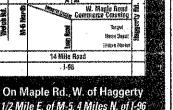


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I could swear that just getting near the 2006 Ford F-150 Harley-Davidson Super Cab gave me a rush of testosterone that made my voice deeper and my beard grow faster. Fortunately for me, it didn't affect my wife in quite the same way (I d hate to have to share my razor with her), but she did let out a slow whistle. That s what this truck will do to you —before you even get inside or start the engine.

I got to do both, and I can tell you the rush continues when you get behind the wheel. The interior is rugged in a classy sort of way (does that make sense?), and the throaty roar of the engine lets you know this truck means business,

But its the outside of the truck where you get your first impression, and the impression youll get when you see the F-150 Harley-Davidson is one of power.

It comes in only one color -black -which makes all the red and chrome trim just jump out at you. Harley-Davidson is spelled out in red script lettering along the side, and the front end features a chrome boxed billet grille and blacked-out headlamps.

Chrome-accented side tubes are located between the wheel wells, and in the rear there are dark-tinted smoked-out tail lamps and a Harley-Davidson F-150 badge. The rear look is completed with the slash-cut chrome exhaust tips.

This version of the F-150 gets some impressive-looking wheels -22-inch polished aluminum rims with a five-spoke design, and exposed lug nuts. Fog lamps are included, as well.

Inside, the package is equally impressive. The first thing you notice is the instrument panel. Unlike regular Ford trucks, the Harley-Davidson version of the F-150 has a turned metal-faced instrument cluster with unique pointers for the gauges, reminiscent of —what else? —a Harley motorcycle instrument

The interior is all black and chrome, with Harley-Davidson badging in the center console that includes your vehicle identification number and production date.

The black leather seats are unique to this version of the F-150. too. They re high-backed captain's chairs with the Harley-Davidson logo embedded within. The power seats are quite comfortable and provide good support, although the front shoulder belt seemed to cut into me and was hard to adjust for



2006 Ford Harley-Davidson F-150 Super Cab. Vehicle class: Pickup truck. Power: V8 engine. Mileage: 14 city/18 highway. Where built: Dearborn, Mich. Base price: \$38,285. Price as tested: \$42,765.

The leather-wrapped steering wheel contains both audio and climate controls, minimizing the need to reach for the dash.

The center console is deep for storage, and there are four cupholders within easy reach. In other nods to Harley, the pedals are chrome, and even the owner's manual is embossed with the Harley-Davidson logo, as is the bed liner.

There s plenty of room up front, but even in this Super Cab with small rear doors, room can be a little tight for those in the back. If the front seat passengers insist on putting their seats all the way back, expect adults riding in the rear to be cramped.

The rear seats themselves, though, are quite comfortable. Air-conditioning is standard here, as are tilt-wheel, cruise control, power windows, and remote keyless entry. Power sliding rear window, power sunroof, and heated seats are available as options.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/single disc CD system; you can upgrade to six-disc changer and get one that includes a satellite radio receiver with six months of service.

The system sounds fine, with booming bass and rich highs, but it shares what I think is a shortcoming with most Ford (and some other) audio systems —no way to tune to an individual radio station if the signal isn t strong enough to be caught by the system's seek and scan buttons.

When you do start the engine, the first thing you ll notice is it gives you a little bit more of a roar than the standard powerplant. That s a cute way of saying this thing is louder than

Im not a lover of loud engines, but for some -including, I suspect, many of those Ford is trying to attract with this package -volume means power. And this truck does have power. The 5.4-liter 3V Triton V8 engine is rated at 300 hp and

Its mated with a four-speed automatic overdrive transmission. You get pretty good acceleration off the line and the transmission shifts pretty smoothly. In fact, you ll be tempted to speed; it just doesn't seem like you're going as fast as you

Gas mileage is always the downside to all this power; it s rated at 14/18 mpg, although its own on-board computer showed an average mpg of just a little over 13. At least it doesn't require premium fuel, but with a 35-gallon fuel tank, you ll be shelling out a lot at each fillup.

You can get the Harley-Davidson version of the F-150 as a 4x2 or as an on-demand all-wheel drive. The ride is fairly smooth, for a truck.

The front suspension is a coil-over-shock, long-spindle, double wishbone system with sport-tuned shocks and a stabilizer bar. In the rear, it s a Hotchkiss-type, non-independent live, leaf spring system with sport-tuned shocks.

The steering is power rack-and-pinion and the truck is generally easy to handle, although backing up, like with any large truck, is always dicey.

Four-wheel ant-lock brakes are standard, along with traction control, and side-impact airbags.

The 2006 Ford Harley-Davidson F-150 Super Cab starts at a little over \$38,000. Add the upgraded audio system, heated seats, tow package, tow package, garage opener, power sunroof and power rear sliding window and you re at about \$41,000. That might be a lot for a Ford truck, but if you re into Harleys, or you just like the chrome-and-black look of power, you might want to slip into a Ford dealer and check one out. Just bring a fresh razor.

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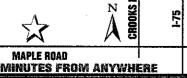
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