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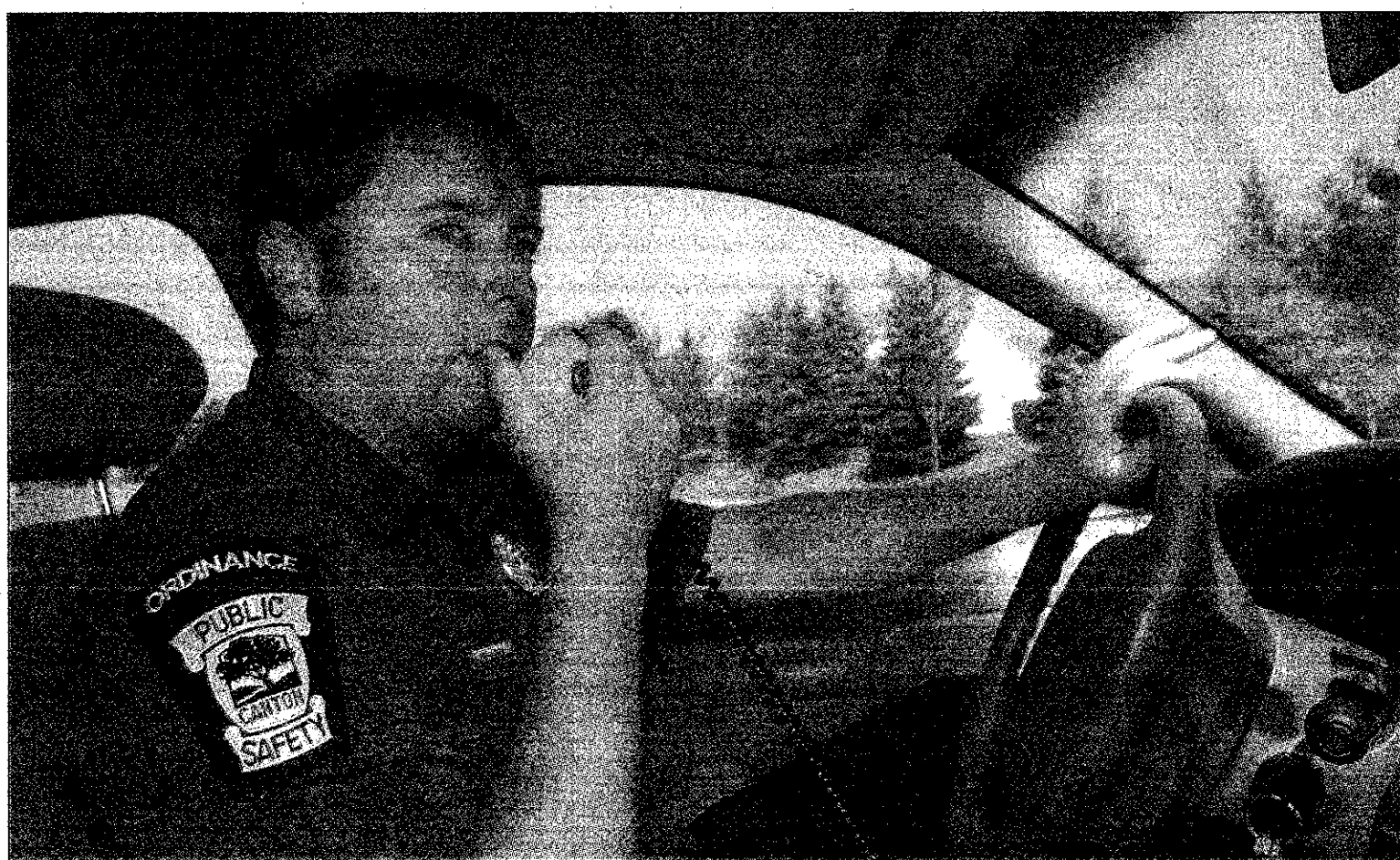
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## Shifting the mission

### Ordinance officers make smooth transition

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Earlier this summer, a raid shut down a "grow house" in a tucked-away home on a dirt road in Canton. Western Wayne Narcotics officers pulled from every room in

the house hydroponic marijuana growing equipment, along with the growers' crop. And that's when Sean Heck's work began.

"It was basically a factory," Heck said of the house.

Heck is one of Canton Township's four ordinance officers,

and it's his job to oversee the process of destroying the house, which has been deemed a dangerous structure, largely due to the damage caused by growing marijuana inside.

The police are working through the process of prosecuting the marijuana growers, as well as trying to sort out a complicated fraud surrounding the mortgage on the house, Heck said. But his mission — demolition of the house — is one part of the closure of the case.

This type of crossover of efforts was exactly what Public Safety Director John Santomauro envisioned for the restructuring of the township's ordinance inspection officers, which were last month brought under the umbrella of the Public Safety Department, from the Building Department.

The transition has so far been positive, Heck said.

"We have resources now that

PLEASE SEE **ORDINANCE, A8**

## Drama costs candidate her museum job

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Historical Society board of directors voted Wednesday night to terminate Beth Stewart as executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, an appointment she's held the past 17 years.

Stewart, who took a leave of absence June 1 from the \$25,000-a-year job to run for the 20th District House seat, recently came under fire for allegedly

using the museum and its resources to promote her campaign.

A group calling itself Citizens to Save the Museum, headed by former Plymouth Township police chief Carl Berry, filed complaints with the Internal Revenue Service and Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land seeking investigations into alleged campaign violations by Stewart, as well as possible violations of the museum's nonprofit status by the Plymouth Historical Society.

The Historical Society board passed several resolutions, including the one which called for terminating Stewart immediately.

"She is no longer the executive director," confirmed attorney David Thoms of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, who represents the Historical Society board. "The vote was unanimous."

Thoms declined to go into further detail, noting a letter will be sent to museum supporters

which will detail more information.

The Historical Society board also voted to form a search committee to find a new executive director. Historical Society President Sanford Burr is currently the interim executive director.

Stewart, who received word via a telephone call after the meeting, said of the museum board, "I don't blame them. They've been

PLEASE SEE **STEWART, A7**

## New Belleville principal is ready to get started

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

When Belleville High School students return to the classroom this year, there will be a new face to greet them. Sheila Brown was hired late last month to be the school's new principal. She reports for her first day on the job Aug. 7.

Brown comes to the district with more than two decades of experience.

"I spent 18 years at Huron High School, teaching psychology, history and law," Brown said. While teaching, she earned a master's degree in administration, and landed a job at Northville High School, where for five years she served as assistant principal.

"Then Belleville came up, and I was ready

to move ahead," Brown said. "And here I am."

Though it's not uncommon for principals to begin their careers as teachers, it's not so common for a principal to have so many years of classroom experience.

"I felt I really needed to learn my craft really well before moving on to an administration

PLEASE SEE **PRINCIPAL, A4**

## Building set for renovation

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

When the parks maintenance building was constructed in 1995, the 10,000-square-foot structure was built to service Pheasant Run Golf Course.

"At that time there were three full-time parks employees and five or six seasonal," said Abe Vinitski, parks and golf supervisor. "Since then, we've added Independence Park, Freedom Park, nine new holes at the golf course, Cherry Hill Village, which is like a city block."

And the building which services all those recreational facilities has become overcrowded, jammed to the rafters with equipment. The staff has ballooned to nine full-time and 25 seasonal parks workers, and two full-time and 25 seasonal golf course employees. From that building, all operations for Pheasant Run and the township's parks are coordinated and executed — including irrigation maintenance, mowing and landscaping, tree and snow removal, special events support, playground upkeep, trash removal and upkeep of athletic fields.

And it's becoming outdated to the point of inefficient.

Next month, the township will begin renovating and expanding the building, which is situated at the north end of Heritage Park. The expansion will increase the building's size to nearly 15,000 square feet, and will include enough wash rooms and break areas for employees to get out of the summer heat for lunch breaks.

"Right now we take our lunch breaks outside," said Tom Leh, golf operations supervisor, nodding toward picnic tables underneath an awning on the building's north side. Near the picnic tables, stacks of concrete blocks and bags of fertilizer are piled higher than a man can reach.

Working through the \$1 million construction project (which includes funding for improvements to the maintenance building at Victory Park) won't be easy, Vinitski said. The computer and electrical system which works the irrigation for Pheasant Run must be re-routed to a series of temporary construction trailers. And during construction, there is a disruption of work, as items get moved and shifted around. But the short-term inconvenience will pay off when the project is completed in six months, he said.

"We'll work around the construction. Most of our full-time staff has lived through the growth, so they're already used to changes," Vinitski said. "It's already been inconvenient for some time."

The expansion will allow for better storage of equipment and supplies, more complete training for employees, and more room for the department's two full-time mechanics to work efficiently year-round.

"The township has supplied us with lots of great equipment, and with dollars the way they are now, we have to take very good care of it and make it last," Vinitski said. "At the same time, we sometimes are a little too creative with where we put things."

He said that he would like for some of the mechanical equipment which now can't fit inside the building to be brought indoors, safe from exposure to the weather.

The project will be paid for by the 2006 Community Improvement Fund budget, which includes \$1 million for the renovation and expansion of the building at Heritage Park, and the parks maintenance building at Victory Park.

The estimated total costs for the improvements is \$1,052,955.

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# Incumbent: 'Institutional knowledge' key in district court race

Ron Lowe has an advantage he thinks is a key component in the race for his 35th District Court seat in Tuesday's primary election: His experience.

Lowe said his 12 years of institutional knowledge is important, and will become even more so when Chief Judge John MacDonald retires in two

years. Lowe, one of three candidates in Tuesday's election, took time to answer questions posed by the Observer:

**Q. How has the 35th District Court been impacted by the addition a few years ago of a third judge? Is the third judge still necessary?**

**A.** When I first took the bench the 35th had two judges and a caseload that often merited a third judge. The caseload was greater than what the Supreme Court Administrators Office (SCAO) recommended for two judges (roughly 30,000) but less than what would be necessary for a third judge (roughly 45,000).

The court had continuously updated its computers, processes and programs to facilitate and provide the most streamlined handling of the business of the court. All too often the courtroom had the appearance of what I called "production line justice."

Approximately four years ago a third judge was added, creating an environment where judges could take more time to hear a party or lawyer out, to ask another question, to explain their ruling or simply to answer a question.

**Q. How should the court balance rising costs with falling revenue?**

**A.** Almost from its creation the 35th has returned revenues in excess of its operating budget to the five communities we serve. For the first time that I



Lowe

can remember one community's revenues did not cover its share of the 2005 expenses for operating the court.

The year 2005 may just be an unusual one, or it may signal a trend that no one wants to see: a court that is funded by the communities. The court's administration needs to continue to diligently investigate all of the causes of this change in how the court funds its operation.

**Q. How effective are programs run by the court, particularly those affecting young people, and what would you do to improve them?**

**A.** Generally I believe the programs are effective. With that said I am never opposed to taking another look at any program the court has implemented to see how it can be improved upon or even whether it should be continued.

It was at the suggestion of the communities the 35th sought and obtained authority to handle juvenile matters, which I believe is very effective in addressing juvenile offenses that would otherwise be overwhelmed by if not lost in the Wayne County Juvenile Court. It was a suggestion by the public defenders office, working with the assistant Wayne County Prosecutor, that resulted in a sentencing "guideline" for domestic violence defendants. And it was my attendance at a conference, as well as conversations with other judges, that led to the creation of the 35th's "sobriety court" and the "teen court" as a tool for use by the courts juvenile probation officer when addressing juvenile offenders.

The 35th District Court was the first in the state to have its judges cross-assigned to act as Probate Court Judges on juvenile offenses committed in the courts jurisdiction. It is a win-win-win situation.

**Q. What are upcoming issues or areas of concern that could affect the 35th District Court?**

**A.** When it was determined that one of the communities would have to supplement the operation of the court for the year 2005 with tax dollars, I embarked upon a search for

an answer and discovered an immediate concern: As many as 35 types of tickets per the court's civil fines schedule currently collect an insufficient amount of money to cover the cost to the community to write that ticket.

As much as I believe that the punishment should reflect the crime I am not of the opinion that the fines and costs on civil infractions should be held below an amount sufficient to cover their costs. I have suggested to the court's administration that this be addressed.

In two years Chief Judge John MacDonald will retire and take with him his extensive years of institutional memory and experience. At that time the leadership of the court will fall to the other two judges and the new judge elected to fill Judge MacDonald's position. Whether the other two judges will have 14 and 6 years of experience to draw upon or only 6 and 2 will be determined by this election.

**Q. What can be done in the light of declining revenue and rising costs to make the court run more efficiently?**

**A.** Several months ago I found myself recommending, almost simultaneously to the court administrator making the same recommendation, that the court acquire a program that will merge with our current computer case handling system to facilitate follow up and collections on delinquent debt. The court has acquired that program. What remains is for the staff to be trained and the system implemented. Until it is implemented and fully operational it remains a step the court can take to become more efficient.

**Q. What makes you the best candidate for election to the 35th District Court?**

**A.** I am the only candidate in this race to have been rated "OUTSTANDING" (the highest possible rating) by the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association. I have 12 years of experience as District Court Judge. I strive to be fair, firm and consistent in all of my rulings. My experience on the bench as well as my community and professional involvement make me uniquely qualified.

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## Lawyer: Experience on both sides his edge

Plymouth attorney Brian Stacey hopes his varied experience in criminal and civil cases can overcome name recognition and an incumbent candidate in Tuesday's primary election for the 35th District Court.

Stacey is among three candidates running for one seat; the top two will face a run-off in the November general election.

Stacey took the time to answer questions posed by the Plymouth Observer:

**Q. How has the 35th District Court been impacted by the addition a few years ago of a third judge? Is the third judge still necessary?**

**A.** I believe the addition of a third judge has been a good thing. The court covers five densely populated municipalities which provide for a heavy caseload. With the new judgeship they are able to disperse the caseload giving the judges more time to deal with the parties on a more individual basis.

Furthermore, the addition of Judge Gerou specifically has been a very good addition to the bench. Since I am in the courthouse almost every day I see firsthand how busy the individual judges and the first-floor clerks are, and I believe the third judgeship is still necessary.

**Q. How should the court balance rising costs with falling revenue?**

**A.** One of the first things I would do is meet with the police chiefs from the five municipalities regarding the feasibility of writing more tickets under local ordinance instead of state law. When tickets are written under state law the local communities have to share revenue with Wayne County.

Another thing I would look at would be assessing the cost of prosecution on individuals at the time of sentencing.

**Q. How effective are programs run by the court, particularly those affecting young people, and what would you do to improve them?**



Stacy

**A.** I do not believe teen court is a good use of judicial time. It is my understanding the program only handles a few cases at the high school each half-day a judge is there. Whereas, during the same half-day a judge sitting at the courthouse would handle 30-40 cases. I also believe a young person would appreciate the seriousness of their offense more by appearing in the courtroom instead of at the school.

**Q. What are upcoming issues or areas of concern that could affect the 35th District Court?**

**A.** One issue is that the court allows prosecutors and social workers to bring cell phones into the court, but not attorneys who are there for civil or criminal matters. Almost all other courts in the state allow attorneys to bring cell phones into the court because that is where attorneys work. It may seem petty but I believe it is disrespectful to a member of the bar and makes their ability to practice law more difficult.

**Q. What can be done in the light of declining revenue and rising costs to make the court run more efficiently?**

**A.** I would look into charging more cases under local ordinances and assessing the cost of prosecution on criminal defendants. Another aspect of the court I would change is the way defendants are provided court-appointed attorneys.

The firm providing the court-appointed attorneys is doing a great job; however, almost anyone who asks for one gets one.

I would only enforce the Court, and therefore the municipalities, to carry the financial burden if there is a real possibility the defendant would go to jail, or the defendant signs an "affidavit of indi-

## Candidate plays up city attorney role

Northville attorney James Plakas has been a prosecutor and a city attorney for 11 years, and he has represented clients as plaintiffs and defendants in civil and criminal matters.

Plakas figures that would give him insight into how decisions made at the 35th District Court level affect local municipalities, an edge he's hoping carries him to a win in Tuesday's primary, where he's one of three candidates running for one seat.

Plakas took the time to answer questions posed by the Plymouth Observer:

**Q. How has the 35th District Court been impacted by the addition a few years ago of a third judge? Is the third Judge still necessary?**

**A.** The Court, with the addition of the third Judge, has been able to effectively and efficiently process all cases filed within the five communities it serves. Caseload, timely disposition, and the effective administration of justice are hallmarks of the Court



Plakas

District Court Management Council/Board and the Chief Judge. Every two years the Supreme Court State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) publishes "Judicial Resources Recommendations". It is my recollection that the last such SCAO report was issued in October 2005, and that a review of the report found that no change is contemplated/recommended at this time.

**Q. How should the court balance rising costs with falling revenue?**

**A.** A candidate for judicial office has to think about the purpose of a court's existence. Is it to generate revenue or is it to dispense justice fairly, equitably and

operation. Is the third Judge still necessary? This question requires serious analysis, and it would best be answered by the 35th

timely, and to meet all mandates required by the State Constitution and all laws pertinent to the District Court operation?

The total costs necessary to provide a safe, respectful, efficient Court operation that meets or exceeds the mandates of the law and the Court Rules as well as all Supreme Court directives, along with meeting the needs of the communities it serves, is paramount.

Recent trends toward improvements in data processing, communications and collections lead me to believe that under the leadership of Chief Judge John MacDonald, the 35th District Court is responding by providing a well run operation for the communities and the public it serves.

**Q. How effective are programs run by the Court, particularly those affecting young people and what would you do to improve them?**

**A.** Programs in place appear to be meeting the requests of the communities.

The work program/community service contingent, the juvenile case processing division, the drug and sobriety court programs all appear to be meeting the needs of the communities and the individual's judicial orders.

**Q. What are upcoming issues or areas of concern that could affect the 35th District Court?**

**A.** I look at the court as a leader among courts in delivering justice to the people it serves. One area that appears to call for reflection and study is how to effectively deal with the rise in domestic violence case filings in a way that breaks the cycle of abuse and preserves the family unit if at all possible. Additionally, given the widespread building, development and growth throughout the communities, building and property maintenance codes must be reviewed and properly enforced.

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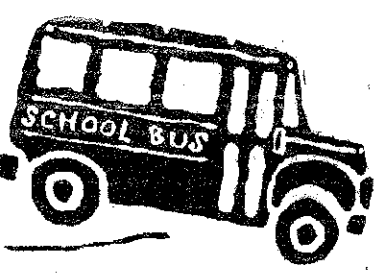
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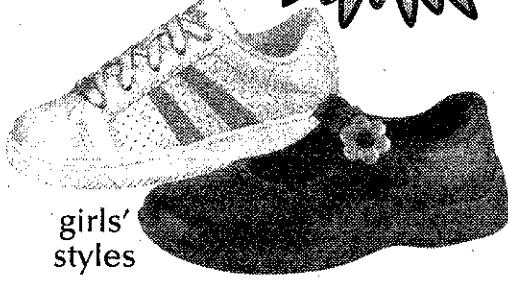
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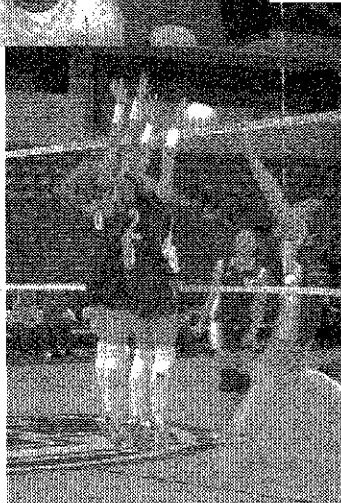
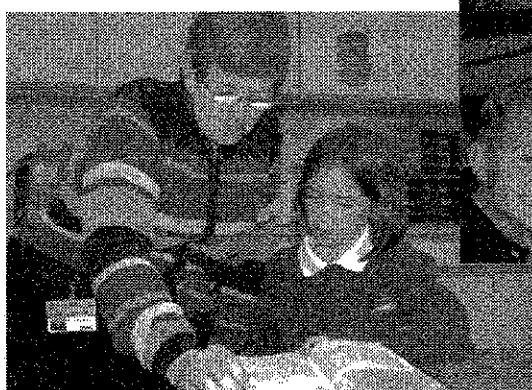
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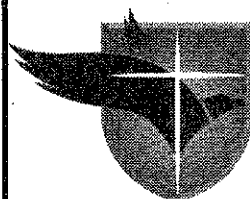


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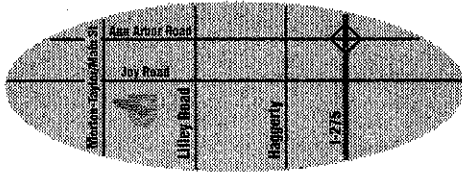
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## PRINCIPAL

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position," Brown said. "As a leader of teachers and faculty, I need to know what I'm doing. I need a good understanding of my craft, of teachers, and of teacher-student-parent relationships."

And Brown feels she has all of that.

"Teaching for 18 years made me a more knowledgeable leader with a pretty deep bag of tricks," she said. "When issues arise, I have a deep background from which to draw solutions."

She's looking forward to working in Belleville, which she said reminds her of the town where she grew up, Niles, Mich.

Though there are certain to be challenges when she takes her new position, Brown said the district has so many strengths, her job will be exciting.

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She noted a restructuring of the teaching program at the high school, one which includes moving to a seven-hour day.

"The restructuring takes the emphasis from just teaching kids and moves it to ensuring they learn the essential content. It's a mastery-of-learning program," she said. "It's innovative and has a proven track record in those schools which have used it, and we're moving forward with it. That's very exciting."

Brown is 48 years old, mar-



Belleville High School's new principal, Sheila Brown, will report for duty Aug. 7.

ried, and enjoys music and sailing. She earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Michigan, and her master's degree from Eastern Michigan University.

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## Joanne Lamar Candidate for State Representative - 20th District

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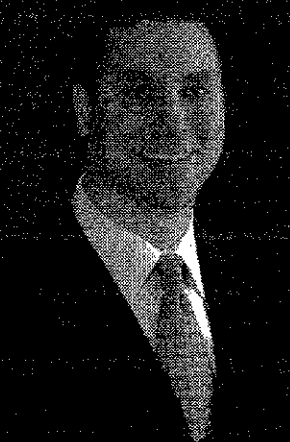
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## Yack at it again

Tom Yack, supposed Republican, is at it again, throwing his support behind a longtime liberal Democrat supporter.

Apparently, Yack is not content with controlling the township board, the Downtown Development Authority, the Planning Commission and a number of other committees in Canton. He now wants to exercise his control over the judiciary by supporting 35th District Judge hopeful and Westland City Attorney Jim Plakas.

Why did Yack choose not to support the seasoned and respected incumbent Judge Ron Lowe? Could it be because Judge Lowe has consistently shown impartialness (i.e. not one of Yack's puppets) as evidenced by his ruling that helped to save the Big Boy statue and left Yack and company with egg on their faces?

Or is it Judge Lowe's ability to help neighbors settle disputes without making the populace bow down to "city hall?" Or is it because Yack wants Canton to become another Westland? One thing that Yack and Plakas have in common is their mutual love for big government, big political donations and big developers.

A vote for Plakas would be a vote for Yack and his developer buddies at the citizen's expense. I'll pass on that. I'll stick with Judge Lowe.

**Bob Walls**  
Canton

## Applaud Stewart

Although I have found the dialogue regarding Beth Stewart's campaign mailings both interesting and humorous, it is time to get back to the real issues and identify who will best represent our district in Lansing.

I applaud the *Observer* for their endorsement of Mrs.

Stewart and echo their belief she will be the best representative for our district. Beth has been an extremely positive force in promoting our community, in her role as director of the museum, in her membership in other historical societies, and in her promotion and participation in many civic organizations and events.

If everything I read is correct, then Beth Stewart correctly handled the use of the bulk mailing permit by first obtaining permission from the permit owner and in paying the commercial rate for the copies and mailings. Also, I believe the meeting room is available for rental by any of the candidates at the same rate paid by the Stewart campaign.

If there is any issue here it is with the museum administrative process, not with Mrs. Stewart's candidacy or qualifications. Having said that, I would applaud Beth for making frugal use of the extremely limited campaign contributions.

This "frugal" attitude is exactly the type of fiscal responsibility I want in my state representative. Pursuing those types of cost-saving opportunities in Lansing could go a long way toward reducing the cost of government, reducing our tax burden, encouraging new businesses to locate in Michigan and improving the support of public schools.

As for Carl Berry and his mythical "Citizens to Save the Museum," I am a member of many organizations and I can actually name names of the members. I am a longtime member of the Plymouth Historical Society and I have never been informed the museum needed "saving."

In fact, no one has contacted me regarding the need for any action by the Society. As a matter of fact, I don't recall ever seeing Carl Berry at any of the

meetings. As for who is really behind it, I know Carl is "old school," but I thought we got rid of these Republican campaign tactics when we got rid of Richard Nixon.

**Donald Bain**  
Plymouth Township

## Supports Stewart

I support Beth Stewart for state representative for so many positive reasons. She is the hardest-working, multi-tasking, honest, reliable person I have ever met. I have worked with Beth at many levels of government (state, county, local) and the work product she has provided has greatly influenced the quality of life in our state, county and especially in our local community.

What we want from politicians today, are strong ethics that prevent them from being influenced by money from PAC's or lobbyists! We want someone we can call on to help us resolve problems through the bureaucratic maze.

I admire Beth so much that it is difficult to put my thoughts into words. I was in Lansing for 14 years. I don't have much respect for many of the new legislators who have gone to Lansing to do as little work as possible. They go to feed their egos. I want to support someone who will work hard for the people she represents and for the state of Michigan.

These are difficult times for Michigan. We need to send people to Lansing with special talents who can turn around this economy so that programs like education, tax cuts, higher education, roads and so on can be fully funded.

Beth Stewart is the only candidate that can get the job done.

**Lyn Bankes**  
executive director, Phoenix Mill Women's Museum

## Needs a clue

Our state faces severe unemployment, a crisis in education, and crucial questions about the Small Business Tax. But Mark Abbo, a candidate for State Representative, has identified the most important change he would bring to Michigan: Bringing back

"chain gangs for violent criminals in our prisons." I am not making this up - that's the sole issue raised in his recent campaign literature, that we should force criminals to "break big rocks into small ones."

We cannot afford to elect a representative who is so

estranged from the real issues facing this state. Vote for somebody who has a clue about what's important to the people of this district.

**George Shea**  
Plymouth

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## Suspects shoot out Farrand windows

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township police want to question three youths in connection with the vandalism of nearly 80 windows at Farrand Elementary in Plymouth Township.

Detective Ryan Krebs said construction crews discovered windows were shot with a BB gun two days this week.

"The construction workers noticed one or two Monday morning when they got to the site," Krebs said. "They noticed the majority were shot out Thursday morning."

Some of the windows were recently installed as part of renovations at Farrand, paid for with money from the 2004 bond issue approved by voters. Other work being done includes roofing, painting, carpeting and tile as well as air conditioning.

Krebs said he canvassed the neighborhood and spoke to a witness who saw three youths on Farrand property Sunday evening.

"Between 7-8 p.m., he observed three juveniles on the school property, with one of them in possession of a rifle-style BB gun," Krebs said. "The person with the gun wore a long, blue T-shirt, with the length of the T-shirt concealing the BB gun underneath it. The boy ... rode a BMX-style bike."

Krebs said the youths, including a second boy and a girl, ranged in age from 13 to 15.

"The (second) boy wore a baseball jersey-style shirt that had black stripes on it, and also rode a BMX-style bike," Krebs said. "We're not sure if the girl was involved, but we want to talk to all three subjects."

Krebs said anyone with

information can call with an anonymous tip to his office at (734) 354-3245.

Plymouth-Canton Schools Director of Communications Frank Ruggirello said damage is estimated at more than \$10,000. "All of the windows were on the back side of the building," Ruggirello said. "We don't have any dollar estimates, but it certainly won't be cheap to replace them, though they are covered by insurance. We expect to open Farrand on time."

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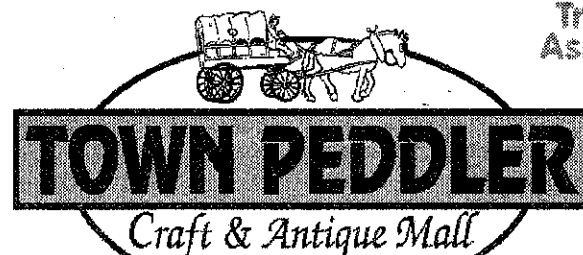
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Another reason for foot pain is because the foot can swell from standing, and is at risk for irritation because of being confined by shoes. This combination of swelling and confinement leads to pain in the back of the heel, the side of the great toe, the side of the fifth toe, and the top of the foot. These areas are where the swollen foot will rub against the tight shoe.

The treatment for foot pain from crystals such as gout and pseudogout is either medication, steroid injection or both. Therapy for hydroxyapatite crystals usually requires a steroid injection. In cases where foot swelling is precipitating pain and swelling, the best treatment approach is a combination of steroid injection and the purchase of a better fitting shoe.

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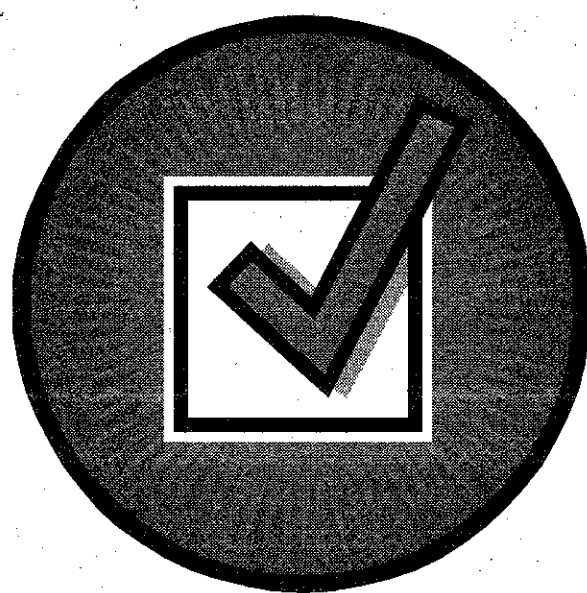
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## IKAS

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## STEWART

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Stewart called the allega-  
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Stewart, who is running in  
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against four other candidates,  
insists the allegations are base-  
less.

"I tried to keep the museum  
out if it as much as I could by  
taking my leave of absence,"  
Stewart said. "I did use the  
museum's permit number, but  
I paid the same rate as every-  
body else. Anybody is allowed  
to rent the museum."

Thoms said the Historical  
Society board also voted  
Wednesday night to:

■ Establish a committee to  
review and revise the museum  
policies relative to the use of  
the public room, archive collec-  
tion, photocopiers and other  
equipment, as well as other  
assets of the museum.

■ Establish, on an interim  
basis, a management commit-  
tee of three board members to  
oversee day-to-day operations  
until a new executive director  
can be found.

■ Establish a committee to  
review a checks and balance  
system regarding actions of the  
interim executive management  
committee or future executive  
director.

"The committee will deter-  
mine checks and balances so  
one person isn't able to give  
total permission and receive  
total permission to do things,"  
Thoms said.

Berry said it wasn't his  
intention to get Stewart fired.

"I just want to make sure the  
museum does the proper  
thing," Berry said. "I think  
they are taking the necessary  
steps, not only in relation to  
politics, but also in their policy,

to stay out of the political fray  
in the future."

Historical Society board  
members have declined to  
comment until the letter is sent  
to museum members.  
However, on the condition of  
anonymity, one board member  
said it was a sad day.

"Beth is a good friend to  
everybody on the board, and  
the board regrets the place it  
was put and the action it had  
to take, upon the advice of the  
attorney to save the museum,"  
said the board member.  
"Really, we had no other  
option."

Donna Keough, the exhibits  
coordinator at the museum,  
has been part of the museum  
the past 17 years, as long as  
Stewart.

"Things have gotten way out  
of proportion and there are  
people out to get her at all  
costs," Keough said. "They  
unfortunately picked on a per-  
son who has such integrity and  
intelligence. I don't feel any-  
thing she did was, in her mind,  
wrong."

Keough said the Plymouth  
Historical Museum will con-  
tinue to do great things,  
despite the absence of Stewart.

"Beth has built a very strong  
base, and gathered people  
around her that have talent,"  
Keough said. "We're all com-  
mitted to what the museum  
represents, and will continue  
to keep it going."

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Ordinance Officer Sean Heck checks the grounds of an abandoned home that was used to produce marijuana. It is Heck's job to find an owner to clean up the mess.

house she owed him \$2,000, Pomorski said.

Through the night police obtained the suspect's phone number, and convinced him to let officers speak with her to be sure she was safe. They met at gas station near Southfield and Plymouth roads, and she approached the patrol car.

"She said she needed help," Pomorski said. She got into the

patrol car, and was taken back to Canton. Once that part of the investigation was underway, the ordinance officers were brought in to deal with the home from which the woman was taken. Pomorski said there are unlicensed vehicles on the property, and there may be other ordinance violations.

By Carol Marshall

It wasn't necessarily the first time there had been a kidnapping in Wayne County, nor was it the first time a disagreement arose out of a disagreement over drugs. But it was the first time a Canton Township restructuring plan which folded the ordinance inspection officers into the police department had proven how sharing resources works in the community's favor.

It was a couple of weeks ago, right after the four ordinance officers were brought under the public safety umbrella, that a woman was taken from a house in Canton.

"According to the report, she owed money to a drug dealer from Detroit," said Sgt. Rick Pomorski. "She had been hiding for some time, and he found out where she was. He came there, entered the house, brandished a gun, took her against her will and went back to Detroit."

As he was leaving, the man told the other people in the

## ORDINANCE

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were not available to us before," he said, noting the LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) system, which can help him retrieve more information about people he's trying to bring into ordinance compliance.

Wearing a more official-looking uniform and driving a marked car doesn't hurt either.

"We're just easy to identify that way," Heck said. "And it just makes sense. We're sort of a mix between police and inspectors. Not that we carry weapons, or would want to, but we do sometimes have to write tickets, and we are enforcing our community's laws."

It takes a certain level of interpersonal skill to do a job like Heck's.

"We do a lot of explaining and educating people, and you have to be patient with people," he said. "If you get pulled over because you're speeding and you get a ticket, you can shrug that off and live with it. But when someone is telling you that your home is not in compliance with ordinance, that's more personal."

Heck said his colleague, Ken Kunka, excels at dealing with people consistently and compassionately. "What we want to do is to get people into compliance," Kunka said. "Sometimes we have to write tickets, but that's the last thing we want to do."

One such case was a large home day care in a residential neighborhood. The township's ordinance doesn't allow home day care operations that large. Kunka worked with the woman who owns the business, and she agreed, after being cited and going to court, to lease a building to operate the child care center.

"That had a positive outcome," Kunka said.

Because the public safety department is a 24-hour operation, very often officers are called to deal with issues that may otherwise be handled by ordinance officers, he said. Complaints about noise, blight and graffiti are often handled by police, when the appropriate person to handle the task may actually be an ordinance officer.

In order to become full civilian members of the police department, the ordinance officers underwent a two-week training period, which included an introduction to the culture of the public safety department, briefing on policies and procedures, an introduction to the community policing program, a one-day

ride-along with a police officer and a fire inspector, and a three-day orientation program.

The township spent \$2,200 to re-mark the ordinance officer automobiles, \$2,400 on uniforms, and \$300 to move their phone lines to the police station. The four salaries totaling \$206,000, and fringes amounting to \$82,400 were absorbed by the public safety budget.

It's Santomauro's hope that the ordinance officers will be able to move from a reactive method of operation to one that is proactive, focusing on public education, compliance to ordinances, and strict enforcement.

"I don't know why we would wait for someone to call," said Santomauro about complaints such as trash in the parking lots or commercial vehicles on residential property.

"Probably the whole essence of what ordinance (and inspection) does is property standards," Santomauro said.

And property standards have a direct impact on the perception of safety of any community, he said, a theory known as the "broken window theory," in which something as simple as fixing all the broken windows in a community immediately began to decrease crime rates.

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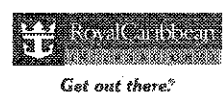
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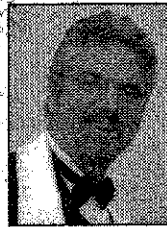


# We recommend these picks in Tuesday's primary elections

Here's a final look at the candidates we endorse in Tuesday's primary elections, and the reasons why:

## 35th District Court

We believe incumbent Judge Ron Lowe should be voters' choice to retain his seat on the 35th District Court. Lowe has handled more than 40,000 civil and criminal cases in his 12 years on the 35th District Court. Before that, he spent 12 years in private practice, including time as the attorney for the City of Plymouth.



Lowe

A resident of the district since 1968, Lowe has been instrumental in creating some of the 35th District Court's most effective programs, such as the sobriety court and teen court. The sobriety court focuses on substance abuse of certain qualifying offenders charged with drunken driving. The teen court, a tool used by the court's juvenile probation officer, is a partnership with Plymouth High School (and being renewed this year with the Northville High School) wherein students taking the practical law class are taught about the juvenile justice system, sentencing alternatives and when they would be appropriate, and how to fill the role of teen juror.

He's active in the community and either currently serves or has served on the boards of most of the major legal associations. His re-election would continue an institutional memory that will be severely hampered in two years when long-serving chief Judge John MacDonald retires.

## 20th House District

We recommend Beth Stewart in the Republican race and Marc Coriveau in the Democratic primary.

Stewart, is a strong community activist, serving for some 17 years as executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum and in the Plymouth A.M. Rotary, where she is the president-elect. She is a strong supporter of public education, having worked with local educators to write grants to bring federal dollars into the district. She's called education her top priority, and hopes to continue the fight waged by her husband. She also favors elimination of the single-business tax.

We think Stewart's moderate Republican views fit well in a district that seems to respond to them, judging by their turnout for a William Milliken book signing and their choice of Stewart's equally moderate husband, John, in three different elections. Stewart is our choice in the Republican pri-

mary.

Among the Democrats, we think Coriveau is the most ready to hit the ground running in Lansing. He cut his teeth in the 2004 election and ran an honorable campaign.

Coriveau said education is his top priority, and he'd tweak Proposal A to level out the funding problems, if that's what constituents wanted. He supports making prescription drugs more affordable, particularly to seniors. He also favors elimination of the single-business tax, though not before finding a replacement for its revenues, suggesting perhaps extending the sales tax to more than just goods.

## County Commission, District 11

Canton's Loren Bennett, 55, is the best choice to represent a diverse district that includes developed communities like Canton, Belleville and the city of Wayne, as well as the more rural townships of Sumpter and Van Buren.

Bennett's long political career includes eight years on the Canton Township Board of Trustees, six years as the township's clerk and eight years as a state senator. That experience will serve him well as a member of the county commission.

We recommend Loren Bennett in the Republican primary. He has the governmental experience, knowledge and skills to work with other commissioners to get things done. He best represents the interests of the people living in the 11th District.

## U.S. Senate

In the Republican primary for the United States Senate, we endorse the nomination of Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard to challenge incumbent Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow in November.



Bouchard

Bouchard offers a broad range of experience as a police officer, city council member, state legislator and, since 1999, sheriff of Michigan's second largest county. He has been emphasizing his expertise on homeland security issues. He has a strong conservative background balanced with a reputation as a state legislator who was able to work with Democrats across the aisle.

We believe he will offer voters a strong, thoughtful contest between two seasoned legislators with definite but not acrimonious differences on the important issues facing the U.S. Senate.

## Responding to allegations

Elsewhere in this newspaper, I presume it will have been reported that the Plymouth Historical Museum terminated my employment as its executive director. I know it was a wrenching decision for many board members. I have enjoyed the support of the board throughout my 17 years as director and have been fortunate to enjoy the support of a large network of dedicated volunteers, as well.

I understand and accept the decision to terminate my employment, which decision was made on the advice of its legal counsel. It was, I believe, a pre-emptive move to derail a possible investigation of the museum relative to the allegations made against me by the so-called "Citizens to Save the Museum."

This group, whose only known member is Carl Berry, has filed a complaint with the IRS, who oversees the activities of nonprofits. The museum must protect its tax-exempt status and to do so must establish it does not provide support to political candidates.

I would not do anything to jeopardize the ability of the museum to continue to be a major cultural and educational resource in our community. I have given my professional life to the museum. I want my professional legacy to include that I helped to grow a museum to serve the community in perpetuity. By terminating my employment, the PHM board will likely avoid an investigation of the allegations.

I would note that Mr. Berry supports another candidate. I would further note that not only is Mr. Berry not a member of the Plymouth Historical Society, his support for other community institutions and initiatives has apparently gone undetected.

Last week, in this newspaper, I refuted the allegations that I improperly used my relationship with PHM for political gain, both before and during my leave of absence. I accept responsibility for failing to more thoroughly examine and consider the ramifications

of my use of the museum's bulk mail permit (for which I received the museum's permission and paid the appropriate and required amount of postage) and for scheduling a campaign event at the museum (for which I paid the appropriate and required amount of rent) that followed the museum's Milliken event.

The decision to schedule the campaign event was mine and mine alone. The decision to use the bulk mail permit number was also mine and was based upon advice I received from a local postal official. With hindsight, I should have steered clear of anything that could have been construed to imply the museum's support for my candidacy.

I ask for your continued support for the Plymouth Historical Museum, its board of directors and its dedicated volunteers. And please view Mr. Berry's form of community initiative for what it is.

**Beth Stewart**  
Plymouth Township

## Admires Stewart

Normally, as a religious leader in the community, I do not comment on local politics. The very essence of a democracy is that we are free to express our varied opinions and I know within the 1,300 members of First Presbyterian Church-Plymouth we value all opinions.

However, the attack on the integrity of Beth Stewart in your newspaper needs to be addressed. We here at the church respect and admire her enthusiasm and her commitment to Plymouth. I have known her for 12 years and she approaches life with grace and dignity. She has done a remarkable job for the museum and given up the prospect of a healthy corporate career to serve the community and the church.

I would encourage you in your reporting to be balanced and to invite her political opponents to share their vision for revitalizing Michigan. From their approach it would appear that they are bereft of ideas.

Let the debate continue but let it happen around issues and not the gutter politics which

others seek.

**Rev. Dr. James Skimins**  
senior pastor  
First Presbyterian Church

## Supports Lamar

I am writing to recommend consideration of a vote for Joanne Lamar for state representative.

With the many issues facing our area and the State of Michigan, Joanne brings a unique background to positively address them. Her deep background in health care and education would bring a much needed perspective to key issues in these areas. However, these are not her greatest strengths for addressing economic and other issues.

Those strengths are her fearlessness and energy to address tough issues. I've known Joanne for almost 10 years and have seen her demonstrate this over and over again. She persistently asks the tough questions and makes the tough decisions needed.

Please take the time to vote in the Aug. 8 primary election and consider a vote for Joanne Lamar for State Representative.

**John Jackson**  
Plymouth Township

## Enthusiastic support

I write in enthusiastic support of the candidacy of Beth Stewart for the Republican nomination for State Representative in the 20th District. She has long been active in issues of education, the environment, small business, as well as a leader in local community projects, including the Plymouth Historical Museum. As an outstanding contributor to her community she would bring the same kind of energy and commitment to the whole 20th District and to the State of Michigan.

I wholeheartedly endorse Beth Stewart for the Republican nomination as State Representative in the 20th District. I believe she will make an outstanding contribution to the District and to the State of Michigan.

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# Tigers Trivia: Area woman put the growl in 1968 radio commercial

BY NORMAN PRADY  
CORRESPONDENT

Like hundreds or a thousand or more times before, she walked into the recording studio and took her place at the microphone.

It was a morning in 1968 on a day and date she can't recall. To her, just another workday. A producer had called her to perform on a radio commercial for a local advertiser. He told her that he liked her voice, calling it warm and intimate, sultry and legally seductive.

She looked at the script, saying the words quietly to herself, and then asked the producer what kind of reading he was looking for.

Gates Brown. "I had started out in acting in junior high," Paula Tucker said. "I tried out for the juvenile lead on the television show *General Electric Theater* but I lost out to a girl named Helene. I ended up as her understudy.

"I was a better actress but she was thin. I was a little on the chunky side."

Born Paula Jackson in Detroit, in a year she refuses to reveal, Tucker said she began acting in local professional theaters while still a teenager. But she was torn between the doggedly demanding life of an actress and the gratifying service work of a dog doctor.

Mickey Lolich, Norm Cash. "I tried out for plays and television shows and did some acting and also worked for a veterinarian after school. I cleaned kennels and assisted with operations, but when I got to college I didn't like the biology.

"I went to Wayne State, did shows at the Bonstelle Theatre. Wayne didn't have a theater department then, it had a speech department.

"At the Bonstelle, I was acting and building scenery and painting and doing lighting."

Bill Freehan, Joe Sparna, Pat Dobson.

Her backstage work developed into expertise that in turn led her to frequently step behind the scenes of the camera.

After being pressed to fill in for an absent script supervisor on an industrial film project, Tucker let her production work begin to take precedence over acting. Eventually, she received credentials and membership as an assistant director, then as a director, from the Directors Guild of America, the professional group that represents most of those who make the movies, TV shows, and commercials that we see.

Dick McAuliffe, Al Kaline, Dick Tracewski, Don Wert.

Over the years as a freelance director — and as a producer, the person who assembles the elements of a project and oversees its work — Tucker would have her name on films as well as commercials for Chevrolet, Lincoln Mercury, Quaker Oats, Betty Crocker, Hickok, Maxwell House, and Pillsbury, among many others. And, oh yes, a fellow named Hubert Humphrey.

"I was production manager on a documentary done for Vice President Humphrey when he ran for president. Traveled on the press planes, arranged for interviews.

"I even had a plane come back for my crew when we just missed getting there before take-off. I got a Christmas card from him and his wife."

Willie Horton, Tom Matchick, Ray Oyler, Wayne Comer.

Since 1970 (oh, she let that date slip out) she's been married to Bill Tucker, a professional bowler and pro shop owner. They live in Huntington Woods.

Two years before, on that forgotten date in 1968, she went into that studio "just to do a job." It was just a job, she said.

"If I'd been eager for recognition, I'd have stayed in front of the camera. Voice-over work is mostly anonymous. But my family and friends knew what I did that day.

"It doesn't bother me that all these years I've remained the unknown voice on a radio announcement that now seems to be going on forever. It matters to me that I was pleased with the performance I gave that morning."

Eddie Mathews, Jim Price, Mickey Stanley.

"I did what I was asked to do. I never like to leave a session until I'm sure it's my best work."

The work that Tucker was asked to do that morning in 1968 was to speak four words and make a sound.

The four words became the rousing cheer of the 1968 Detroit Tigers, all the way through their four-games-to-three defeat of the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series.

The four words Tucker spoke that morning remain the call that links Tigers fans together season after season, forever

restoring spirits on the team's worst days and intensifying the sunshine on its best.

The four words Tucker spoke that morning:

"Go get 'em, Tiger!"

And then what did she do? Yep. She growled. She said the four words and then she growled a growl that continues four decades later to evoke the crack of Detroit bats against balls, the perfume of fresh-cut grass, and an unyielding belief in the vision of victory.

It's a tiger growl that might echo endlessly at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull. Just ask the Tigers who played there.

John Hiller, Jon Warden, Fred Lasher, Roy Face, Jim Rooker.



Paula Tucker gave the Tigers their famous growl

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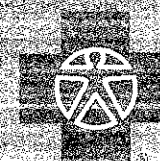


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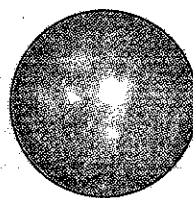
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There's no stopping this bus as members of Dynamic Boxing Club of Westland pose in front of their new mode of transportation.

## Riding in style

### Dynamic Boxing Club makes noise in K.C. with new bus

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

To go the distance, Chuck Phillips believes his Dynamic Boxing Club in Westland should have all the amenities. So the gym owner decided his team of boxers needed some reliable transportation traveling to tournaments. He went out and purchased a used 1983 Chevrolet school bus, which was recently reconditioned.

"We were fortunate to get it, we got it two months ago at the Wheat & Rye (restaurant)," said Phillips, who opened the club 16 months ago located on 28212 Warren Road. "We painted it and fixed it up. We whitewashed it and put our logo on it. It looks pretty good and it runs well."

"It's especially nice for local events because we can pile all the kids in it."

The bus, along with two vans, transported Dynamic Boxing Club members on the 800-mile trek last week to the Kansas City (Mo.) International Convention

Center for the Ringside Boxing National Championships, the world's largest amateur competition drawing competitors from as far away as Ireland.

"We've gotten a lot of positive comments from the people here about it," said Dynamic trainer and manager Paul Soucy of Livonia, who was accompanied by coaches Gary Stewart and Ferdell Pitts on the trip. "We're really appreciative of what Chuck Phillips has done for our club."

Action began Wednesday with two sessions each day. There were six rings going simultaneously with about 300 bouts per day.

Dynamic sent a contingent of 13 boxers to KC, including the 67-year-old Soucy, who was defending his 2005 Ringside title belt in the 165-pound class final Saturday against William Cruse, also 67, of Springfield, Mo.

They are the two oldest competitors in the field.

Also earning a spot in Saturday's final was super-heavyweight Dan Smith of

Garden City, who won his first bout with a decision over Hector Baca of Dodge City, Kan.

Livonian Cody Hay, 15, also reached the 185-pound (heavyweight) title match with a unanimous decision Friday over Havier Oras of Garden City, Kan.

On Friday, Dynamic's 5-foot-9 super-heavyweight Juan Goode (Detroit) gave away 11 inches as 6-8 Tim Washington of Toledo, Ohio, earned the decision. Goode opened Wednesday with a technical knockout over Richard Coor.

In the 141-pound class, Willie Prince (Detroit) lost a controversial decision Thursday to Daybon Gress of Maryland. Prince opened the tourney Wednesday with a unanimous decision over Terry Butterbaugh.

"It's a well-run tourney and most of the decisions have been fair with a few exceptions," Soucy said.

Also going 1-1 for Dynamic in the 141-

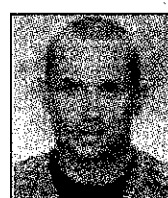
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## Heartfelt

### Yzerman takes stage at Celani Golf Outing to benefit St. Mary's

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

After 22 star-studded seasons in NHL, Steve Yzerman is beginning a new chapter in his life.



Yzerman

The recently retired Red Wings center remains active in the community as he will be the guest speaker for the 29th annual Hearts of Livonia Ben Celani Golf Outing on Wednesday, Aug. 16, at Burton Manor.

Proceeds will benefit the new cancer center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Because of a commitment to the Canadian Olympic Team, Yzerman was unable to attend last year's Hearts of Livonia outing. But Wings General Manager Ken Holland ably pinch-hit for the 19-year Wings captain as he followed a long line of illustrious past banquet speakers including Scotty Bowman, Bo Schembechler, Bobby Orr, Gordie Howe and Bill Gadsby.

Yzerman, a native of Cranbrook, British Columbia, played 22 years and logged 1,514 regular season games in the NHL, scoring 692 goals and adding 1,063 assists. He was a member of three Stanley Cup championship teams and logged 196 playoff games, scoring 70 goals and adding 115 assists.

He also won a gold medal with the Canadian Olympic Team at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games.

Dinner-only tickets at \$125 remain available for the event, which also includes a cocktail reception starting at 4:30 p.m. followed by an auction from 4:30-5:45 p.m.

University of Michigan football and Detroit Lion radio analyst Jim Brandstatter returns as master of ceremonies for the dinner and awards program, which begins at 6 p.m.

Although the field has filled up at both Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses, a few spots remain available for the 18-hole, four-person scramble at Idyl Wyld. (Carts are provided and soft spikes required.)

Registration begins at 10 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 11 a.m. Both golf and a banquet ticket are included

PLEASE SEE **YZERMAN**, B6

## Sidelines

### Hawks sign 6

Henry Ford Community College women's softball coach Michaelene Ruhl announced the signing of six players including two-time first-team All-Observer pitcher Bridget Long, along with three players from Canton High including pitcher Season Barnes, and Tiffany and Chelsea Quiroz.

Ruhl also signed Barbara Copeland of Allen Park Inter-City Baptist and Wyandotte Roosevelt's Lindsey Clark.

### MU adds assistants

Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham announced he has added two assistant coaches for the 2006 season including former Oakland University head coach Ed Tolentino and MU all-time assists leader Ashley Frost.

Tolentino, who served as an assistant last season at the University of Michigan, replaces longtime assistant Tim DeBeliso, who retired following 12 seasons.

Tolentino also served as an assistant at Michigan State and Eastern Michigan University, while most recently training the Premier Volleyball Organization where he coached the 18-and-under team to the Nationals.

Frost, meanwhile, is a four-year MU letterwinner who led the Crusaders to the 2005 NAIA Final Four and earned first-team All-America honors.

### Junior golf divots

■ Among the second-place finishers in the Meijer Junior Players Tour event (No. 26) July 31 at Beach Grove, Ontario included Garden City's Nick Walker (Boys 15-19), who shot an 82; Plymouth's Brendan Muir (Boys 13-14), 80; and Canton's Glenn Plot (Boys 8-9), 48 (for nine holes).

■ In the Top 50 Junior Tour event (No. 10) Aug. 2 at Paint Creek Country Club in Lake Orion, Garden City's finished fifth in the Boys 16-and-up division with a 76. Teammate Travis Dodson shot an 82.

■ Josh Proben (Livonia) shot a 72 Thursday to finish tied for second in the Kensington Metropark Junior Championship. He also qualified for the Top 50 Junior Tour state championship Monday at Flushing Valley Country Club.

Meanwhile, his 12-year-old twin brothers Ben and Nick Frost, both whom will be seventh-graders at Frost Middle School, finished fourth and sixth, respectively with 49 and 56 on July 18 at the Willow Metropark Junior Tourney.

## Fitness meet produces 7 gold medals

Fifteen athletes representing the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation came away with awards in the 48th annual 2005 Detroit Metropolitan Area Youth Fitness Meet held July 20 at Kensington Metropark.

Nineteen different communities, including two districts from the City of Detroit, were represented in the finals, which consisted of dashes (50, 60 and 75 yards), softball throw, standing long jump, running long jump, agility run, shuttle relay and chinning.

Boys and girls competed in the following age classifications: Class A, 13-14; Class B, 11-12; Class C, 9-10; and Class D, 7-8.

Among Livonia's contingent of 31 which captured first places included: Alex Ryktarsyk, chinning (Class B); Matthew Freed, chinning (Class C); Lauren Larson, running long jump (Class D); Robert Freed, standing long jump (Class A); Tasha McKinley, standing long jump (Class C); Chelsea Williams, softball throw (Class A); and Mairi VanDyke, 50 dash (Class C).

Second places went to Livonia's Sheila McKinley, agility run (Class C); Melani Kieling, chinning (Class B); Michael Brzezinski, running long jump (Class B); Maxwell Montini, running long jump (Class C).

Among the third place finishers for Livonia: Matthew Mangulabnan, standing long jump (Class B); Paige Ackman, softball throw (Class D); Justin VanDyke, 50 dash (Class C); and Michel Mestdagh, 50 dash (Class D).

## Rams win final Johnstown tuneup

The 20-and-under Michigan Rams, scheduled to begin play Monday in the All-American Baseball Association Tournament in Johnstown, Pa., improved to 26-11-1 overall with a 7-6 exhibition victory Wednesday night over host Troy Jet Box at Fraser High School.

The Rams, runner-up in the Livonia Michigan Collegiate Baseball League to the 22-and-under Michigan Bulls, finished exhibition play at 2-0-1.

Scott Cain (Grand Valley State) went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles for the Rams, who rallied for four runs in the top of the seventh inning

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to earn the victory over the unlimited-age Stan Musial Division team.

Cain delivered the game-winning RBI, scoring Ryan Shay, who went 4-for-4 with three runs scored.

Mike Sacha added two hits for the winners, while Matt Nickels, Eric Vojtkofsky, Andrew Stafford and Billy Anderson each knocking in runs.

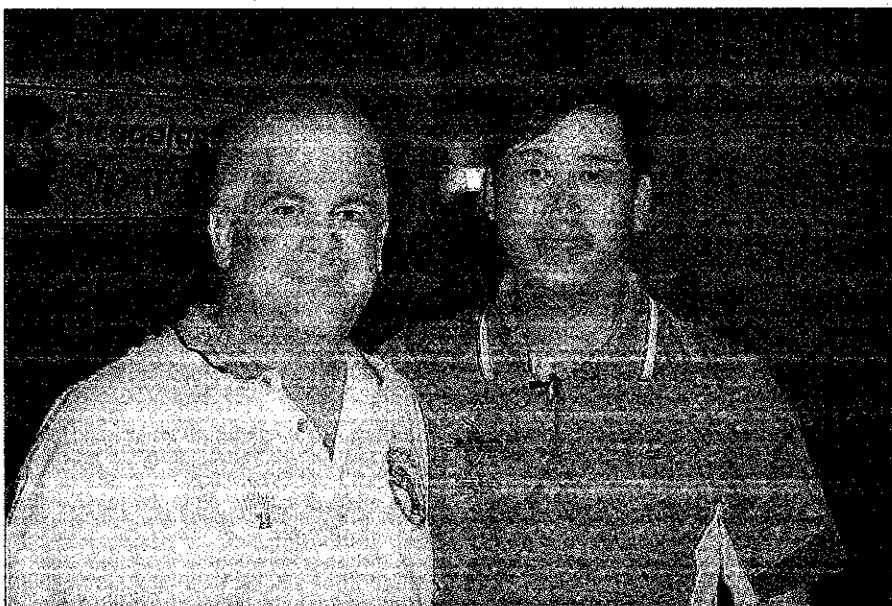
Winning pitcher Bobby Henderson pitched two scoreless innings in relief. The Eastern Michigan University lefty did not allow a hit, while striking out one and walking

two.

Paul Gergies was the losing pitcher in relief of starter Keith Perez for Jet Box (32-8). He gave up five runs on seven hits in two innings.

Ron Kochan went 3-for-4 with two runs scored for Jet Box. Mike Miller and Mark Abro collected two RBI each, while Don Wachowski went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

The 18-member Rams, who reached the final four in last year's double-elimination AAABA Tournament, returned eight players off last year's squad and a veteran coaching staff led by Rick Berryman, Harv Weingarden and Mike Taylor.



### On target

Livonia's archery coach Ron Elam (left) spent a day recently at a seminar conducted by U.S. Olympic archery coach Kisk Lee (right), who dealt with the Biomechanically Efficient Shooting Technique called BEST, a new method designed to teach archery. Elam will be incorporating this technique into his next class, Saturday, Sept. 23, which is being offered through the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation. To register or for more information, call (734) 466-2410.





## Incredible season

With a first team like Jenny, how could the Blue Team go wrong in the Incredible Girls Fastpitch Softball League JV All-Star game played July 29 at Madonna University Park. Jenny Kelley (Livonia Ladywood) and Jenny Kankowski (Livonia Franklin) shared MVP honors for the Blue, who earned a 13-3 triumph over. Members of the Blue team, coached by Ladywood's Bob Lulek and Patty Kolinski, included Sarah Stempin, Julie Bushart, Janie Bauer, Courtney LaValley, Gina Sykes, Jordan Searcy and Kelley, all of Ladywood; Alex Gortat, Sam McAtee, Chelsea Williams and Kankowski, Franklin; Ilene Tausch and Danielle Louisa, both of North Farmington. The Blue team consisted of players from Walled Lake Western, Livonia Churchill and Farmington Hills Harrison. The Livonia Sharks captured the league championship with an 18-0 record as Stempin earned MVP honors.

# Michigan Independent Athletic Conference seeks 12th school

BY DAN STICKRADT  
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The long-standing Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, comprised of several area parochial and private schools, is seeking to expand its borders.

Founded in 1978, the league could add at least one new member school this year and could see further expansion in upcoming years.

"We're definitely looking for a 12th school right now," said Ed Mehlberg, league president and longtime athletic director at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian. "We have been in contact with some schools already."

The MIAC, which sponsors 12 league sports (six for each gender), is currently split into two divisions, red and blue, based on enrollment and strength in a particular sport. Sports sponsored by the league include soccer, basketball, cross country, track, baseball and golf for boys, while for girls there is basketball, soccer, cross country, track, volleyball and softball. A couple of the current members also field football teams.

The current members include Oakland Christian (enrollment 199), Birmingham Roeper (185), Southfield Christian (278), Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (74), Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (116), Plymouth Christian (177), Novi Franklin Road Christian (82), Canton Agape Christian (85), Taylor Baptist Park (71), Warren Macomb Christian (89) and Parkway Christian (186).

Since its inception 28 years ago, the league has had 19 different members.

Roseville Calvary Baptist, Warren Baptist Christian, Clawson Christian and Troy Zion Christian were all members during the 1980s, but each closed its doors during that decade. Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian was also a member until it closed in 2001.

Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett and Lutheran High Westland all left in the early 1990s to join the Metro Conference.

The vacancy in the two-division league, which is made up of eight Christian schools, one Baptist school, one Lutheran school and one private school, occurred when two members, Sterling Heights Bethesda Christian and Warren Zoe Christian, merged this summer and will operate on Bethesda's campus as Sterling Heights

Parkway Christian.

"With those two schools merging, it allows us to bring in at least one new school," Mehlberg said. "Personally, I would love to see us bring in a few more, which would give us even more credibility and be larger, kind of like the OAA. But not everyone in the league is supporting that. We'll see what happens."

"We're a bunch of small schools," continued Mehlberg, noting that all members are Class D schools with the exception of one Class C school. "But as a whole, we have some very competitive teams in a lot of sports and some schools have won state championships over the years."

The MIAC has sent letters to a handful of small parochial and private schools around the Detroit area, the league doesn't allow for charter or public schools to become members, and has received an official application from one school - Ypsilanti Calvary Christian.

Calvary, which has 77 high school students, competed as an independent this past school year after departing from the Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference in 2005.

The MIAC has also been in contact with Detroit Urban Lutheran (103 students), Saline Washtenaw Christian (50), Taylor Light & Life Christian (85), Waterford Mt. Zion Christian (60) and Auburn Hills Greater Life Academy (86), among others, and will consider other applicants.

Light and Life and Urban Lutheran are both members of the Catholic High School League, even though they are not Catholic high schools. Mt. Zion and Greater Life are independents, while Washtenaw Christian is currently in the Mid-South Conference.

The league will consider all options before its next athletic directors/principals meeting this November.

"We'll go with 11 schools for now," Mehlberg said. "If one of these schools fits, as to what we are looking for, they might become members by the spring sports season or next school year."

Liggett officials have also stressed some interest in coming back to the MIAC down the road if the league had enough schools with football teams, according to Mehlberg.

Currently, only Parkway Christian and Southfield Christian sponsor football and Southfield Christian will be starting its inaugural football season this month.

## 4th annual Angela Run is Aug. 13

The Mary Angela Run committee is preparing for its fourth annual event to benefit Angela Hospice of Livonia. The run takes place at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, at the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

The event offers a 5-kilometer run, 10K run, and 1-mile fitness walk. A children's race is also scheduled.

"We had a great turn out last year and with the support of the extended Angela Hospice family, we're hoping to have another great event this year," said race coordinator Dan Jess.

Last year's event raised \$40,000 to support Angela Hospice programs for termi-

nally patients and their families. Now in its fourth year, the event was first conceived as a way to honor the memory of 24-year-old Mary Angela DiGiovanni who was involved in a fatal car accident in January of 2003. DiGiovanni was a University of Michigan Public Health student with a desire to improve health care and help people in need.

What began as an event planned with love by DiGiovanni's friends and family has expanded to an annual event with community-wide appeal. The 2005 event saw nearly 1,000 attendees.

"We're grateful to the DiGiovanni and Jess families who have put so much time

and effort into making this a wonderful event to benefit Angela Hospice," said Sister Giovanni, Angela Hospice president and CEO. "It is a wonderful tribute to Mary Angela and a blessing to all of the patients who benefit from hospice care."

The registration fee is \$20, or \$50 for a Mary's Angel sponsorship, which includes a special Mary's Angel T-shirt and recognition on event signage. Participants may register in advance or the day of the event beginning at 7:30 a.m.

For more information on the Mary Angela Run or to register for the event, visit [www.angela-hospice.org](http://www.angela-hospice.org) or call (734) 953-6015.

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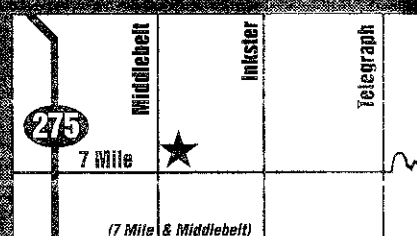
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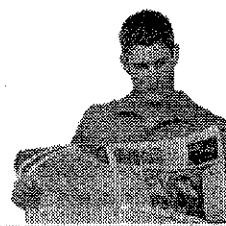




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The Schoolcraft College women's cross country team is seeking runners with scholarships available for the 2006 season.

For more information, call coach Sonny Gavoor at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5607.

## RU boys golf tryouts

Tryouts for the Redford Union High boys golf team will be at 7 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 10 at Glenhurst, which is located on Six Mile, just east of Beech Daly.

For more information, call Steve Fitzpatrick at (248) 894-4096.

## Churchill fall tryouts

Livonia Churchill High School has announced its fall practice and tryout schedule for the following sports on Monday Aug. 14:

Boys cross country - 9 a.m. at Cass Benton Park (call coach John McGreevy at 734-744-2650);

Girls cross country - 9 a.m. at Cass Benton Park (call coach Sue Tatro at 734-744-2650);

Girls basketball - 8 a.m. at the Churchill gym (call coach Keith McDonald at 734-744-2650);

Girls tennis - 9 a.m. at the Churchill tennis courts (call coach Denise Berg at 734-744-2650);

Boys soccer - 8 a.m. at the Churchill track (call coach Reid Friedrichs at 734-744-2650);

Girls swimming and diving - 8 a.m. at the Churchill pool (call coach Aaron Reider at 734-744-2650).

Other tryouts dates for the following sports include:

Football: 7:30 p.m. Monday,

Aug. 7 at the high school (call coach John Filatrout at 734-744-2650);

Boys golf: 9:45 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 10 at Whispering Willows (call coach Paul Worley at 248-476-4493).

## Franklin fall tryouts

Livonia Franklin High School has announced its fall practice and tryout schedule for athletics including:

Football (freshman, JV, varsity) - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, Aug. 7, at the Franklin field.

Boys golf - noon, Thursday-Friday, Aug. 10-11 at Idyl Wyld Golf Course (\$11.50 per day, 18 holes);

Boys and girls cross country - 9-11 a.m. and 3-4 p.m., Monday, Aug. 14 at the Franklin track;

Boys soccer - 6-8 p.m., Monday, Aug. 14 at Franklin field;

Girls tennis - 8-10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 14 at the tennis courts (wear appropriate clothing, bring a racket and water);

Girls basketball (freshman, JV and varsity) - 6-8:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 14 at the Franklin fieldhouse;

Girls swimming - 9-10:30 a.m., Monday, Aug. 21 at the Franklin pool.

Players must have a physical prior to being allowed to try out or participate on any high school team. Physical forms are available at the Franklin business office.

For more information, call Franklin athletic director Ron Hammye at (734) 744-2655, Ext. 47117.

## LHA needs coaches

The Livonia Hockey Association is seeking coaches for its Midget B divisions (play-

ers in birth years 1990-91) in the Little Caesars Hockey League.

For more information, or to obtain an application, call the LHA office at (734) 422-5172.

## Baseball tryouts

■ The Livonia Travel Baseball Club, in conjunction with the Livonia Baseball and Softball Association, will stage tryouts for the 2007 season for the following age groups Saturday, Aug. 12 at Bicentennial Park (field No. 8):

Under-14: 9-11 a.m.; under-13: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; under-12: 1-2 p.m.; under-11: 3-5 p.m.; under-10: 5-7 p.m. Ages are determined as of May 1, 2007 for next season.

Tryouts are for players committed to preparing themselves for high school baseball.

Arrive 30 minutes prior to registration and for warm-up. (A makeup date in case of rain is Sunday, Aug. 13.)

For more information, contact Dennis Russ at mi-blue@sbcglobal.net; or visit <http://eteamz.active.com/livonia/travelbaseball>.

■ Tryouts for the 2007 under-14 Motor City Chiefs travel baseball team will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8 and 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12 at UAW Field, located at 48055 Michigan Avenue, just west of Beck Road.

The Chiefs are seeking tournament quality players to compete in the Kensington Valley Baseball-Softball Association Elite League.

If you cannot make the scheduled times, and to confirm tryouts, send an e-mail to [Mayger22@aol.com](mailto:Mayger22@aol.com).

■ Tryouts for the under-11 Motor City Chiefs travel baseball team will be at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 9 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12 at UAW Field, located at 48055 Michigan Avenue, just west of Beck Road.

The Chiefs are seeking quality players for a high caliber team. If you are unable to make these tryout times, or have any questions, e-mail Ken Gaffney at [kgaffney8@yahoo.com](mailto:kgaffney8@yahoo.com).

■ Tryouts for the 2007 Vipers, an 11-and-under Plymouth-Canton travel baseball team, will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20 at Plymouth Township Park (field No. 2), which is located off Ann Arbor Trail (between McClumpha and Beck roads).

Eligible players must be 12 years-old by Aug. 20, 2007.

For more information, contact Tony Boucher at (734) 454-4992 and [tboucher14@yahoo.com](mailto:tboucher14@yahoo.com); or Don Clark at (734) 455-1224 and [arg8@aol.com](mailto:arg8@aol.com).

■ Tryouts for the 2007 Farmington Hills Yankees, a newly formed 11-year-old travel baseball team which will compete in league play and tournaments, will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, at Farmington's Shiawassee Park.

Pre-registration is required and alternate tryout dates can be established.

For more information, call Jim Etzin or Jeff Tomski at (248) 474-8315.

## Fall youth baseball

■ The Livonia Baseball and Softball Association and Livonia Travel Baseball are seeking players 12 or younger (on Aug. 20, 2006) for a 12-and-under team to play ball baseball.

The season runs Aug. 19 through Oct. 15.

Games will be doubleheaders

each Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, e-mail Dennis Russ at [mi-blue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mi-blue@sbcglobal.net).

■ The registration deadline for Greater Canton Youth Baseball-Softball Association fall baseball (ages 4-18) is Aug. 15.

Forms are available and may be dropped off the Canton Softball Center or at Summit on the Park.

For more information, call the GCYSA hotline at (734) 394-5489 or (734) 394-5358.

You can also visit [csc.cantonmi.org](http://csc.cantonmi.org).

Games begins the first week of September and conclude in October.

## WYAA football

The Westland Youth Athletic Association currently has opening for its Comets and Meteors varsity football teams (ages 12-14) who weigh between 100 and 165 pounds.

Registration is from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to

noon Saturdays at the WYAA Compound, 6050 N. Farmington Road, Westland.

For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

## WYAA Meteors cheer

The Westland Youth Athletic Association currently has spots open for its Meteor cheerleading squads for girls ages 8-14.

Registration is from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the WYAA Compound, 6050 N. Farmington Road, Westland.

For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640; or visit [www.westlandmeteors.org](http://www.westlandmeteors.org).

## MU alumnae game

The Madonna University women's softball team will stage its annual alumnae game at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1 at MU University Field.

All interested players should contact head coach Al White at 734-432-5783; or [awhite@madonna.edu](mailto:awhite@madonna.edu) for more information.



### The New U12 Michigan Dragons

The newly formed U12 Michigan Dragons Baseball Team will be having tryouts for the 2007 Season at

**Don Massey Field in Plymouth**  
**Sunday, August 20th**  
**Noon to 3 p.m.**

The Dragons will play approximately a 50 game season competing in the Kensington Valley Baseball Association including 6-7 tournaments and a week long tournament at Cooperstown Dreams Park. Previous travel baseball experience is preferred. All players must turn 13 after May 1, 2007 to be eligible. If you plan on attending or need further information, please contact:

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By Jeff Lesson

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There are other places (very exclusive ones) that also have great financing deals with very little money down. Of course, it is all about getting members to pay the monthly dues and fees for the clubs. That is the only way they are going to survive in this economic environment.

The reality of the situation is outside of Oakland Hills in Bloomfield Township and Barton Hills in Ann Arbor, there are very few if any other places with a waiting list. Most of the others are in dire need of members. These deals probably won't ever get much better.

Jeff Lesson hosts "Lesson on Golf" weekend mornings on WWJ Newsradio 950 and Saturday mornings 7-8am on 1270 XYT. He also co-hosts "Michigan Golf Weekly Saturdays at 6pm on CBS Detroit TV.

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# 70th Gavie Tourney launches new season

Each August marks the John P. Gavie Memorial Tournament, the traditional kickoff of the new bowling season.

The 70th annual Gavie will be Monday, Aug. 21 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. In the old days, there was a lot more hullabaloo with the big parade up Woodward Avenue all the way from downtown to the State Fairgrounds, where the orators and politicians would speak before the large crowd of spectators.

It was a much different Detroit back then. We had streetcars criss-crossing the town, Cunningham's drugstores at every main intersection.

The J.L. Hudson Co. was the hub of a very lively downtown. You could always find a Sanders' store along the way for a hot fudge sundae like nowhere



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

else in any other city as good. Those may have been the good old days, but the sport of bowling just goes on and on each year with new innovations, new people and newer technology.

In the early days, pinboys worked the pits and the choice of balls was limited to a very few. A 300 game was indeed a rarity, but over the years, it's still basically the same game.

The foundation of bowling is league competition.

Currently there are fewer leagues, but the Detroit area still maintains the position of Bowling Capitol of the World.

We have more bowlers, more leagues, more bowling centers and more casual participants than any other city in the world.

And for the second straight year, the youth bowlers will be able to participate in their own Gavie event, a few days earlier, beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19 at Thunderbird Lanes.

As for the main event, the senior squad will start at 3 p.m. (includes opening ceremonies and introductions).

Last year, the Gavie was a

great success with a huge turnout. This year's event is expected to be bigger and better than ever.

For more information, or to enter your team by phone, call Frank Gavie at (586) 773-1544.

■ All her best friends call her "Mud," which is a nickname worn proudly by Darlene Gunter of Garden City.

Bowling in the Wednesday summer house league July 26 at Town'n Country Lanes in Westland, "Mud" recently set a new house record for high series by a woman when she rolled games of 248-247-279.

That adds up to a whopping 774, which put her at the top of the all time list in the house. The previous high series was 769 by Sandy Byers.

A few years ago, "Mud" rolled a 300 game and for some strange reason gave the ball away to her husband, Greg.

He had it re-drilled by Aleta Sill to fit his hand, and rolled a 300 game himself with the same ball the very first try. He also had a second perfect game later on with the same ball.

Both husband and wife carry around a 200 plus average.

Asked why the odd moniker, she replied: "My dad used to always tell me, if you mess up, your name is Mud. I heard it so often that it stuck."

She also answers to Darlene, but whatever you call her she is a terrific bowler.

■ Congratulations are in order for Phil Horowitz of West Bloomfield for his victory in the Senior Olympics last week in Kalamazoo.

Phil captured a gold medal in the 65-69 age group singles with a 677 series, then he teamed up with Joel Eitner of Taylor to win gold in doubles.

"I don't remember the score," Horowitz said, "but we were behind the whole match until the tenth frame of the last game. I marked and Joel doubled for the win."

This qualifies Horowitz and Eitner for the National Senior Olympics in doubles and singles next July in Kentucky.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a 46 year veteran of the bowling scene. He is a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America and can be reached by phone at (248) 477-1839 or email to: [tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net)

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Learn to skate

The Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association is accepting registration for its Mighty Minis learn-to-skate program designed for the beginning player (must be 4 years-old by Dec. 31, 2006).

The program, which costs \$350, runs Saturdays from September through March. Full equipment is required.

Children will learn to skate, handle pucks and acquire the basic skills necessary to play the game of hockey. The PCHA instructional program is taught by experience USA Hockey certified coaches. E-mail [pchammm@comcast.net](mailto:pchammm@comcast.net); or visit [www.pchockey.or/pchaminimite.s.html](http://www.pchockey.or/pchaminimite.s.html).

**Fall youth lacrosse**

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is offering a fall instructional lacrosse program for boys and girls in grades 3-8. Registration runs through the entire month of August.

The season runs from mid-September through the first week of November. Practices will be mid-week nights only.

The program will also help prepare players for the spring competitive season. Visit [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us); or contact the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 302.

**Ignition tryouts**

Open tryouts for the Detroit Ignition, a new franchise in the Major Indoor Soccer League, will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Soccer Zone in Grand Rapids.

A second trial will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 at Soccer Zone in Lansing followed by a final audition at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23 at High Velocity Sports, official training facility of the Ignition, which will play its home games this season at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. (The season opener is Saturday, Nov. 4.)

All participants must be 18 years of age or older and must be a high school graduate. There is a \$25 registration fee and pre-registration is required.

To download a registration form and MISL waiver, visit [www.detroitignition.com](http://www.detroitignition.com).

Call Kyle Karns at (248) 304-2855; or e-mail [kyle.karns@detroitignition.com](mailto:kyle.karns@detroitignition.com).

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Sponsorships also remain available for \$2,500 (two four-somes, sponsor sign displayed on the course, eight banquet tickets) or \$1,500 (foursome, sponsor sign and four banquet tickets).

All golf ticket holders will receive a gift from Motor City Golf Warehouse, drawing for door prizes, lunch, banquet ticket and cocktail reception. Food on the course will be provided by

Bacco Ristorante and George's Senate Coney Island. A trip for 2 to Las Vegas drawing (includes airfare and hotel) will be held at 8 p.m. There will also be designated hole-in-one prizes including a 2006 Harley-Davidson motorcycle sponsored by Motor City Harley, and a Rolex watch, courtesy of Hour Media, L.L.C.

"It's a great outing with some really good prizes," said Donna Hammar, who is in her 16th year as administrative director for the Hearts of Livonia.

To reserve a spot for the dinner or golf outing, call Hammar at (248) 465-0083.

## BOXING CLUB

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pound class was Westland's Andre Windon, who won a decision over Daniel Barajas of Kansas City, Kan., before losing to Keith Brown of Kansas City, Kan., on a TKO. Meanwhile, Westland's Dwayne Williams (178) lost his bout against Glenn Hunter of Dunville, Ontario.

Dynamic also sent all five Rayner brothers from Detroit into the ring. Super-heavyweight

Mark Rayner lost on a decision to Alex Riviera (Desert Hot Springs, Calif.), while 165-pounder Lamar Rayner lost to Michael Ybara (Odessa, Tex.) on another decision. Jeff Rayner, also competing in the 165-pound division, lost on a TKO to Samuel Norwood (Oklahoma City, Okla.), while 185-pounder Steve Rayner fell to Jason Alt (Reno, Nev.), also on a TKO.

The lightest of the Rayner brothers, 90-pounder Malcolm, lost his decision Friday to Charles Dailey of St. Louis, Mo.

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## Nixon still teaching 30 years later

When I was a young girl my mom was always on the war path about my so-called character development.

"What is that?" I wondered out loud. Words like ethics and self-respect flowed easily from her mouth but, at the age of 5, all of this talk just went right over my head. It wouldn't be long before she got her chance to show me exactly what she was talking about.

The early 1970s offered up some confusing and challenging times for America. Recovery from the racially charged riots of the late 1960s was on the mind of many. Forced school busing would soon hold the nation captive. But, the summer of 1974 would take Americans to a place many would never want to see again.

In 1968, Richard Milhous Nixon became America's 37th President after he defeated Hubert Humphrey in an

extremely close race, and from all accounts it seemed that by this time politics had already made Nixon a bitter and suspicious man.

America would not learn the full extent of Nixon's bitter, mistrustful and vengeful nature until it was too late, but for now the 1968 victory was his to revel in.

I was barely a toddler in 1968, but my mom told me later on I was already poised to take on the world. All toddlers are in that state, I figured.

Nixon got a second victory in 1972 when he won re-election as President of the United States, this time in a landslide against Democrat George McGovern. This time, however, the glow of victory would soon dim.

By the time the five burglars broke into the Democratic National Committee offices inside the Watergate complex in June of 1972, I was 6 years old and if television news reports did not keep me abreast of the action, Mom sure did.

Mom was particularly interested as time went on with three individuals who roamed the halls of the Nixon White House. Nixon's Attorney General, Elliot Richardson, and his Deputy Attorney General, William French Smith, who would soon find themselves faced with a life-changing dilemma.

As it became more and more evident that Nixon's lies were beginning to catch up with him, Nixon set out to eliminate a key figure he knew would not stop his dogged pursuit and that was Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox, the third hero in my mother's eyes.

When my mom discovered that Richardson and Ruckelshaus refused Nixon's orders to fire Cox and resigned instead, self-respect really became her battle cry. She began to explain to me that I should never let anyone on God's green Earth intimidate me into doing something I know in my heart is wrong. She wanted me to follow their lead, she said.

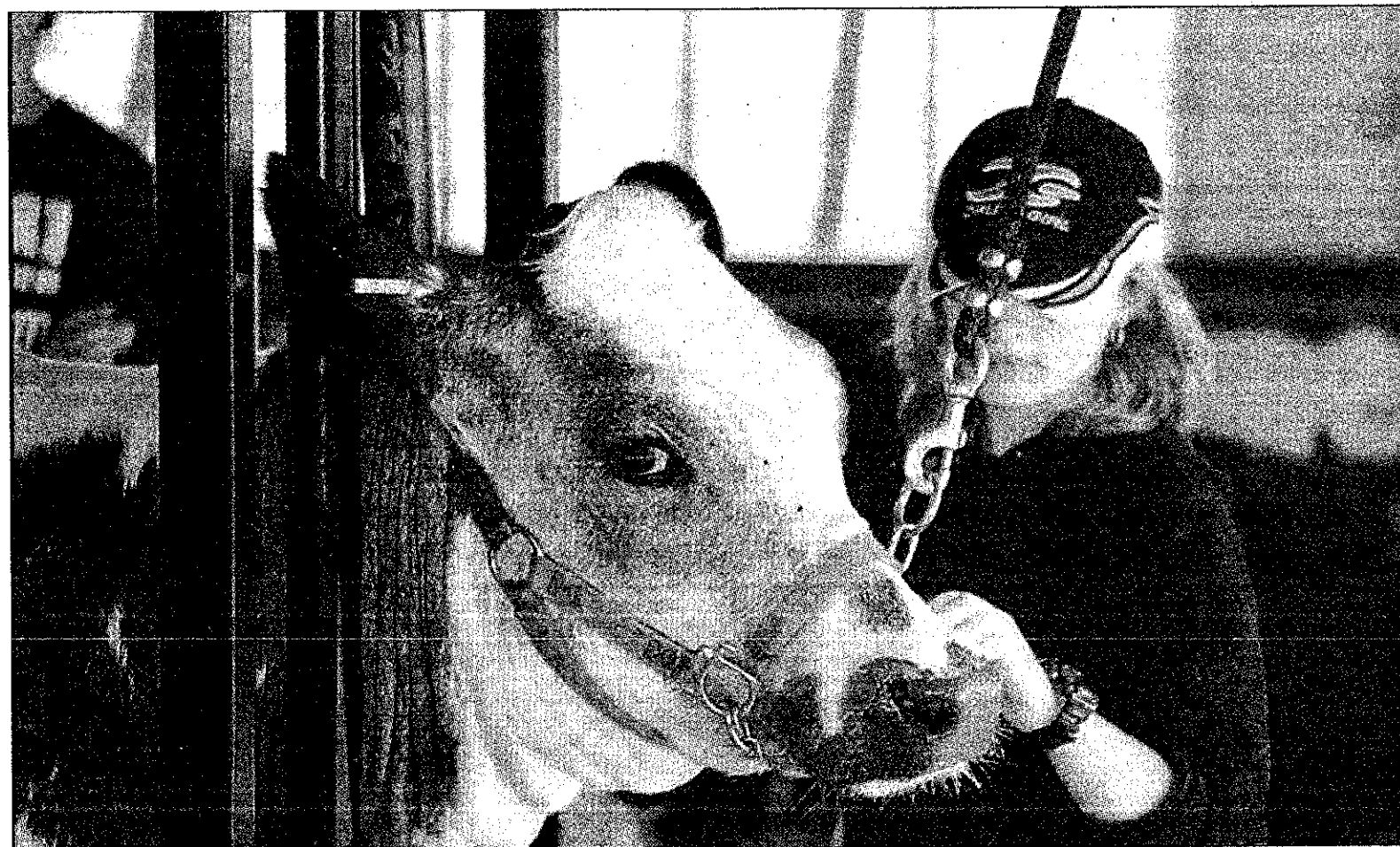
Every day as individuals we are faced with choices, some difficult, some easy, but every day after the previous day we have to wake up and look in the mirror. I began to see what my mother was talking about as I got older and have been able to pretty much stay on course. Have I been hated because I stand my ground? Yes. Have some labeled me a troublemaker for standing up for the common man and trying to do what's right? Of, course.

But, one thing keeps me going — something I heard Nixon say himself in an interview. Nixon wanted to relay to the American people what he had learned over the years and that was — If you allow the hatred of your enemies to get the better of you then your enemies win. Nixon knew this, but he still let suspicion, bitterness, hatred and vengeance cloud his judgment.

So, as the 32nd anniversary of Nixon's pitiful and disgraceful departure from the political landscape passes, I am allowing myself to learn the lesson that he is still teaching, and that is with God's help, never to do what he did.

I hope my fellow Americans are learning that lesson as well.

**Bobbie Jones** is a Belleville resident and a regular contributor to the *Observer*. She can be reached via e-mail at [workhard36@aol.com](mailto:workhard36@aol.com)



Petting the animals is one of the favorite activities of children at the fair.

## Family fun

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Tom Koppin agrees it is unusual to feature alligators at the Wayne County Fair in Belleville. For the last 60 years families have come to the fairgrounds expecting to see cows, sheep and rabbits as well as the biggest and best produce around.

The Wayne County Fair board has no intention of altering the agricultural format of the fair which runs Tuesday-Saturday, Aug. 8-12. Although Koppin is now fair board president, he began volunteering 20-years ago because his three children were raising and exhibiting livestock at the fair through 4-H. In fact, Koppin says his children's interest in animals led to their career choices as adults. Daughter Kelly Schalte is a technician at Canton Center Animal Hospital and son Paul is studying to be a veterinarian. Livestock will always be the heart of the fair, but the board wants to offer a variety of new family fun like rock climbing in addition to the popular pony rides, mini-modified tractor pull and demolition derby.

"We have a couple of new things this year," said Koppin of Canton. "We'd like people to come out and see what we're all about."

"To a certain extent the fair has become somewhat smaller due to the fact we have less agriculture in Wayne County than 20 years ago, but we're always getting new volun-



This is the last year Stefanie Toms is able to exhibit her rabbits in the youth category at the fair.

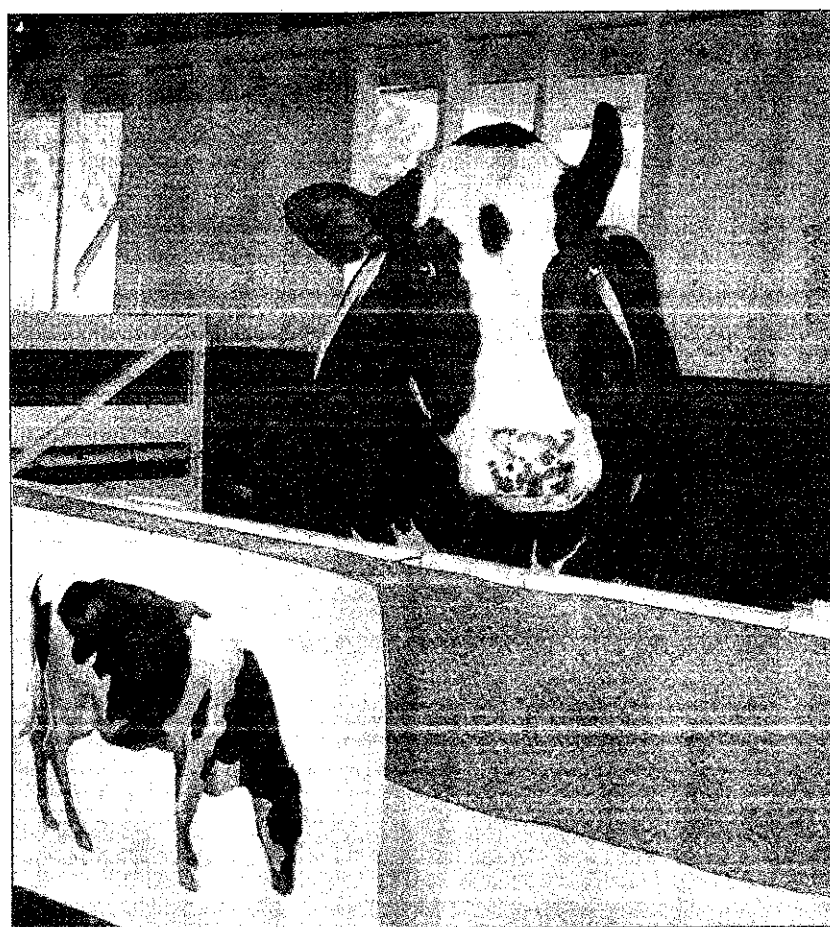
teers who help keep the enthusiasm for the fair."

Karen Slebodnik had loads of fun thinking up new activities this year. For \$5 visitors can purchase one of the blocks for Cow Bingo then wait for the cow to relieve itself on their number to win as much as \$60.

Kids of all ages will enjoy blowing bubbles in a corral set up just for this free event.

Slebochnik could go on and on about every aspect of the fair including the entertainment. A version of American Idol is sure to

## Wayne County Fair celebrates 60 years with new attractions



This cow isn't the only star attraction at the Wayne County Fair. Visitors can support the 60-year-old fair by playing Cow Bingo, a new game to raise funds for the event.

attract contestants as well as audiences at 7 p.m. every evening. The winner will perform at the Michigan State Fair.

For those who would rather watch than participate, the Redford Unicycle Club rides into the show

ring 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday. The Sobek Alligator Show offers plenty of thrills at noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

PLEASE SEE FAIR, C3

## Tea drinkers imbibe for pleasure and health

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Colleen Cannon is surprised that people are drinking tea in the hot weather, but then there's so many blends of black, green, red, and herbal to try at TranquiliTea, her new shop in Plymouth.

Tea is hot whether it's loose whole leaf sold by the ounce at Cannon's new shop, or bagged for medicinal purposes at Better Health in Plymouth.

On a nearly 100-degree day last week, it was cool inside both locations. At TranquiliTea, Cannon was serving up hot cups of Sweet Sin Rooibos, a red tea from South Africa. The garnet color sparkled in the white cup. Drinking tea is a sensual experience that stimulates the eye and palate as well as the sense of smell.

"Several of the blends are good for iced teas. Anything with fruit is

wonderful," said Cannon, a Livonia resident who left a corporate office in Farmington Hills to open her tea shop after visiting a similar business in Tennessee.

TranquiliTea literally offers a brew for every taste bud. From the moment a customer walks in the door, aromas tease the nose with black currants, cinnamon, lavender, and lemon myrtle. Cannon constantly taste tests new blends to add to the 70 she already carries from China, Sri Lanka, and around the world.

Sniff jars in front of each canister allow budding tea drinkers to select according to their noses. Connoisseurs have no problem choosing from a traditional like Lapsang Souchong, an ancient tea from China made from leaves dried over smoking pine fires, or a non-traditional like Paris, a blend of currant, caramel and bergamot.



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Better Health manager Bobbie Henrie offers a selection of herbal teas at the store in Plymouth.

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## 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:

- 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 Dittilies
- 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:

- Aug. 9 – Gemini
- Aug. 16 – Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express
- Aug. 23 – Matt Watroba

## CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170.

## REUNIONS

## Belleville High School

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

## 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 jbpope14.tampabay.rr.com.

## Birmingham High School

## Class of 1956

Oct. 20-22, Kingsley Inn, Birmingham. For more information, contact Barbara Sweeney Drisko (248) 644-8797 or baradrisko@hotmail.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.

## Class of 1987

20-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007 at the Livonia Marriott. For more information, email borgess87@hotmail.com.

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

## Clarenceville High School

## Class of 1956

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

## Cherry Hill High School

## Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion. Last graduating class, welcomes other classes. Friday, Sept. 15, at Double Tree Hotel, Romulus. For more information, contact Lisa (Brown) Graham at CHHS1986@hotmail.com or (734) 466-9939.

## Plymouth High School

## Class of 1956

50th Class reunion. 1 p.m. to sundown Saturday, Sept. 9. Hoping for full participation. For information, call Linda

(Lent) Oldford (734) 476-2947 or ljlortford@sbcglobal.net or Linda (Minock) Roose (734) 453-8301.

## All Classes 1917-1970

Class of 1956 sponsoring reunion of all faculty, staff and students. Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at the Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For information, call Sande Cutler, (734) 668-4073, or alsande@umich.edu or Shirley (Andrews) Bell, (248) 446-1266, or ssbell8993@yahoo.com

## Class of 1965-66

40-year reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 9, 2006, Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road. Contact for '65 class members Jay Reynolds at (248) 645-9671 or jreynolds@comcast.net; for '66 class members Lynn Keil at (734) 972-8104 or LynnKeil@sbcglobal.net.

## Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem

## Class of 1986

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

## Class of 1996

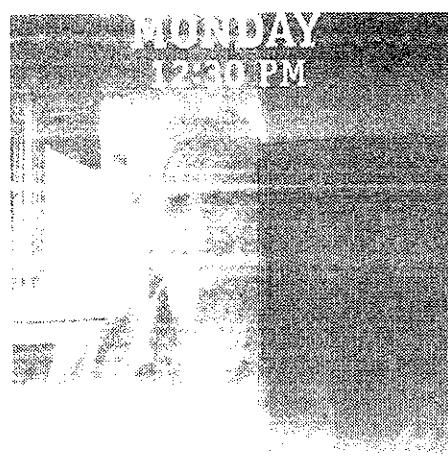
Ten year class reunion, Friday, Nov. 24, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Tickets are \$45 and include dinner, open bar and dancing. To purchase tickets go online to www.pcep1996.myevent.com.

## Plymouth Salem

## Class of 1976

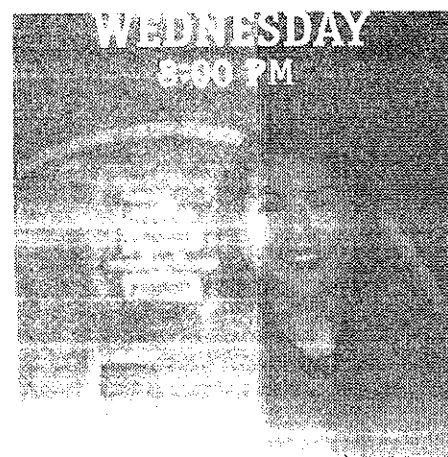
A 30-year reunion. 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at Rose's Restaurant, Cherry Hill and Canton Center Road, No charge. For information, contact, Barbara Yockey at (586) 726-9255 or byockey@aol.com.

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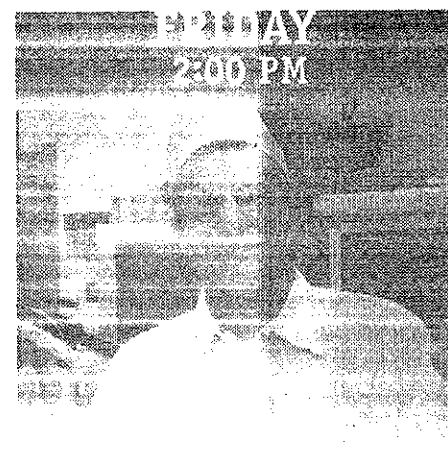
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## TEA

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Cannon recommends some of her best sellers for drinking cold. Iced Cherry Tea blends black, green and dried fruits. For those who can't drink caffeine, she offers Grandma's Fruit Garden with dried apples, black currant, strawberry and raspberry pieces, and strawberry leaves.

One side of the shop features primarily black teas, the other wall green teas. Depending on a person's tolerance for caffeine, they can select the amount of stimulant right for them. Someone watching their diet might want to treat their sweet tooth to the calorie-free Decaffeinated Chocolate Truffle while a college student who wants to cram for exams all night would drink Budda Boost with guarana for energy. Each ounce of tea makes 6-10 cups.

Cannon is a wealth of information not only about preparation and steeping times, but the history of tea. It was 2737 B.C. when Shen Nung, an emperor in China, accidentally dropped leaves into a pot of boiling water. By 1650, the Dutch were involved with trading throughout the Western world and brought the drink to America.

## THE EXPERIENCE

Cannon began drinking tea in her teens when the female members of her family celebrated special occasions with a pot of the beverage. She stocks traditional as well as contemporary pots for brewing along with cups and mugs, strainers, and tea bags. Infusers allow



Colleen Cannon sells 70 types of whole leaf loose tea, teapots and accessories at TranquiliTea in Plymouth.

any pot to brew tea quickly and easily. "My grandmother had us over for tea after church," Cannon said. "There is this sharing that goes on. Tea makes you want to sit down and relax. It does give you a good sense that people describe as relaxed energy."

## HEALTH BENEFITS

Bobbie Henrie's been drinking tea since she was a kid. Over the last 11 years in retail, she's watched the popularity of tea increase for a number of reasons.

"There tends to be trends. It's grown with all the talk about the health benefits of drinking black for cholesterol, green tea for antioxidants and cancer fighting, and the more people read and get educated, the more we sell," said Henrie, a Canton resident who manages Better Health in Plymouth. "Tea is the most benign way of introducing someone to alternatives (for health)."

"Originally tea came in as an alternative to coffee that tastes good. People weren't concerned about health benefits. Today we sell a lot of green tea."

Better Health offers a full array of herbal teas including horsetail (Equisetum Arvense) which contains silica and is not only good for hair, skin and nails but helps remove lead from the body.

Menopausal women buy black cohosh and red clover while pregnant moms drink ginger tea to curb their nausea. Other customers drink tea for pleasure.

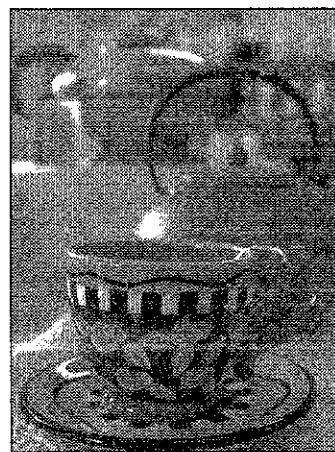
Chai tea sells better in wintertime as an alternative to hot cocoa or coffee. In summer for iced tea, Henrie likes to experiment by mixing Alvia spearmint with Celestial Seasonings Caffeine Free Herbal or Lemon Zinger.

"People view tea as a comfort food," Henrie said. "It's not difficult to make, and you're not investing a lot of money."

In addition to selling loose whole leaf tea, TranquiliTea offers several brewed selections to go at 580-3 Forest. For more information, call (734) 459-9686.

Better Health is at 4427 W. Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon. Call (734) 455-1440.

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## FAIR

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"We'll have horse shows all week long with kids competing who raised their own horses. We have 90 horses entered already," said Slebodnik, a Wayne resident who serves on the fair board.

"Tuesday night is the pony pull with weighted sleds. Wednesday is a motorcycle show put on by Metro Motorsport in Canton. There's all kinds of little things going on all over."

While some of the activities like foam dancing on a floor of bubbles is free, the money raised from rock climbing, voting for the cutest baby and pet photos, or attending the pancake dinner (7 p.m. Saturday) goes to the fair which costs between \$50,000 to \$60,000 to produce. Visitors also have an opportunity to support the event by purchasing a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of three, three-foot bears carved by a chainsaw artist.

Car and motorcycle enthusiasts can do their part by showing their street machine, muscle car, antique/classic, sports car, motorcycle, or truck Saturday, Aug. 12. Registration is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and costs \$10. Call (734) 635-1828 or (734) 697-7002.

"The fair is in bad shape financially," said Slebodnik. "We need community help, donations. Attendance has been low the last three years. One year we had rain and three years ago the blackout. It really put us in the hole. This year we're having inflatables for fun, no carnival for the first time in 60-years."

Sleobodnik and Koppin would like to see the tradition

of celebrating agriculture in the county continue. Sleobodnik began volunteering with the fair about 25 years after exhibiting baked goods and sewing. She won a trophy and gold ribbon and earned a spot in the state fair where she took second place for her chocolate chip cookies.

"I like organizing the fair to make it open for the public so they can have a nice time and something families can enjoy together," said Sleobodnik. "And we want to make it affordable for the family to come."

Wayne County Fair admission is \$2 a car from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. From 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday the cost is \$5 per person for ages 8 and up, \$7 per person Friday-Saturday. Children under age 8 are \$2. The fair runs 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, Aug. 8-12.

For more information about cutest pet contest, call (734) 697-3963 or (734) 635-1828. Photos are to be turned in at Community Arts Building, Wayne County Fairgrounds 3-6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7. Voting

ends 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12.

The Wayne County Fairground is on Quirk Road, west of Belleville Road (Canton Center Road north of Michigan Ave.). Take the 190 exit off of the I-94 Service Drive.

"People often confuse it with the Michigan State Fair in Detroit," said Sleobodnik. "A lot of people don't know there's a county fair."

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## ANNIVERSARIES

## Owings 40th anniversary

Dale and Charlene Owings of Livonia celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands.

The Owings were married June 11, 1966, in Cincinnati.

Joining them on their cruise were their children and their spouses: Kevin Owings of Canton, Kimberly and Keith Sandum of Virginia and Keith Joanne Owings.



## Coughlins celebrate 25

Michael and Rebecca Coughlin celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Aug. 7.

The Coughlins were married Aug. 7, 1981 at the Martha-Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village. The Canton residents are planning a second honeymoon trip to Maui, Hawaii, later this year. Maui was the site of their original honeymoon 25 years ago.

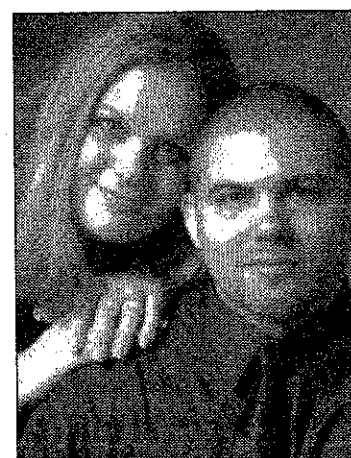
Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin has headed adult services at the Canton Public Library for 26 years, and Michael Coughlin sells cars at Michigan Car Mart in Detroit. Michael Coughlin is an avid sports fan and the couple shares a love of golf and enjoys getting out on the links together.



## Newstead-DuQuet

SPC Shane M. DuQuet, formerly of Novi, will wed Kelly L. Newstead of Livonia.

The couple have planned a local Sept. 2 wedding. After the wedding the couple will be relocating to Fort Bragg, N.C., where Shane is stationed.



## Krisher-Schwantes

Charles and Suzanne Krisher of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele Lynn Krisher of Waterford, to Thane Nathan Schwantes of Waterford.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1999 graduate of Schoolcraft College in applied science-culinary arts. She is employed as a licensed title examiner in Livonia.

The prospective groom is the son of Kenneth and Judith Schwantes of Watertown, Wis. He is a 1997 graduate of Watertown High School.

An Oct. 28 wedding is



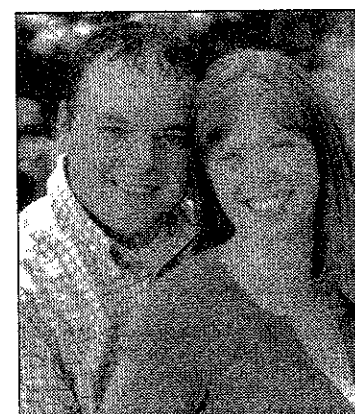
planned for Redford Presbyterian Church in Detroit.

## Loschiavo-Middleton

James and Loschiavo of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Ann Loschiavo of Livonia to Nicholas Keith Middleton of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as a financial analyst in Southfield.

The prospective groom is the son of William and Barbara Middleton of Ortonville. He is a 1995 graduate of Lake Orion High School and a 1999 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in



mechanical engineering. He is employed as an automotive design engineer in Ann Arbor.

An Aug. 19 wedding is planned for First United Methodist Church of Farmington.

## Clark-Fuller

Mary and Scott Bazinet of Jackson and Robert Clark of Wisconsin announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn M. Clark of Sterling Heights, to Anthony S. Fuller of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Jackson Lumen Christi High School and is employed with General Growth Properties.

The prospective groom is the son of Scott and Jeanne Fuller of Livonia. He is a graduate of Catholic Central High School and Lawrence Technological University. He is employed at Eaton Corporation as an electrical engineer.

A summer 2006 wedding is planned at St. John's Catholic Church in Jackson.

## Grima-Catner

Jennifer Grima and Eric Catner were married March 24 at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford Township.

The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Ethel Grima of Woodhaven. Ethel Grima attended her daughter as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were friends Joan Broses of Taylor, Debra Kubitskey of South Lyon, Kelly Orr of Traverse City and Lisa Barrett of Southgate. The bridegroom's daughter, Alexandra Adams of Southgate, was a junior bridesmaid.

The bridegroom is the son of Theresa Catner of Livonia. He was attended by best man Robert Pelletier of Livonia. Groomsmen were Anthony Catner of South Lyon; the bride's brother, Michael Grima of Woodhaven; and friends, Timothy Case of South Lyon, Michael Donnelly of Livonia and Michael Calabrese of New Boston.



A reception was held at Arnaldo's Banquet Center in Riverview. The couple spent their honeymoon in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

The bride is a police officer with the Taylor Police Department. The bridegroom is a detective with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

## Hunt-Loewe

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Hunt of Traverse City announce the engagement of their daughter Leslie Ann Hunt to Scott David Loewe of Plymouth.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of St. Francis High School in Traverse City and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in advertising. She is employed with Evie 360 design firm in Farmington Hills.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Loewe of Plymouth. He is a 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University with bachelor's degree in engineering and marketing. He is employed by Smith & Nephew Orthopedics as a medical device representative.

An Aug. 12 wedding is planned in Traverse City. The couple will make their home in West Bloomfield.



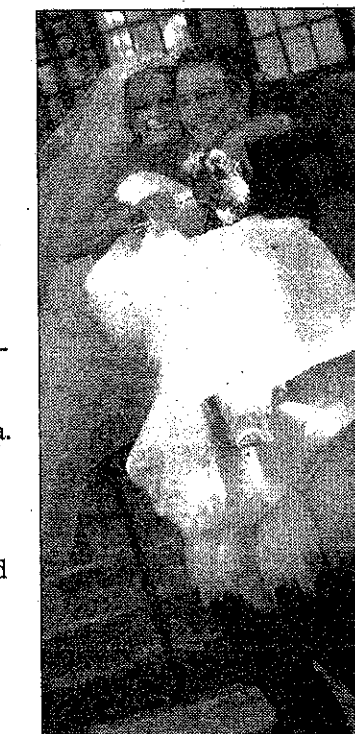
## Cole-Coats

Allison Elizabeth Coats and Todd Andrew Cole were married on May 6, 2006 at Kirk in the Hills followed by a reception at Orchard Lake Country Club.

The bride is the daughter of Betsy and Peter Coats of Birmingham. Allison graduated from Cornerstone University and is a pharmaceutical rep for Forest Labs.

The groom is the son of Laurie and Jim Cole of Livonia. Todd graduated from Calvin College and is employed by Sciele Pharmaceuticals.

The newlyweds took a honeymoon trip to St. Thomas and are making their home in Plymouth.



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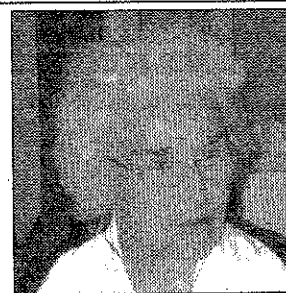
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## HERBERT C. ASHCRAFT

August 3, 2006. Age 87. Beloved husband of Martha. Dear father of Herbert Curtis Ashcraft, Jr., Gary (Joan), and William Dale Ashcraft (Laurie). Brother of Mary Gibson, Goldie Huber, and Delphia Ashcraft. Also survived by eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Yasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Sunday, 12 noon, until funeral service, 2:00pm. Additional services and burial in Camden, Ohio. Memorial tributes to the charity of donor's choice.

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## JANET C. GASS

87, passed away peacefully on July 17, 2006, in Virginia Beach, VA, surrounded by her loving family. She was born August 13, 1918, to Dr. and Mrs. Albert S. Crawford in Kuling, China, where her father was an instructor at Yali University Medical School. Janet was an accomplished woman who attended the University of Michigan and contributed to the WWII effort as a Ford Motor Company employee in Dearborn. She was the widow of Rev. Dr. Kenneth H. Gass, former Rector of St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham, and they had shared their lives in various Episcopal parishes in Ohio, Minnesota, and Michigan. Janet's giving nature extended beyond her parish families to her community, where she served as a volunteer in elementary schools, public libraries, museums, hospitals, and Meals on Wheels. Her zest for learning continually was spurred on by her love of travel and meeting fascinating people. Some of her trips included summer vacations in Wyoming, journeys to England, living in Belgium and Germany with her family, returning to China 75 years after she had left there, and her final overseas travel - to Spain with her immediate family for New Years 2002. She is survived by her daughter Patricia Braidwood and son-in-law Douglas of Virginia Beach; grandchildren Robb Braidwood and his wife Ashley of Alexandria, VA, and Kirsteen Lankford and her husband Tom of Virginia Beach; and the loves of Janet's life - her two great-grandsons, Curren Lankford and Samuel Braidwood. She also is survived by her brother, David Crawford of Sun City Center, Florida; sisters Katie Foss and Margaret Crawford of Houston, Texas, and Betty Chamberlin of Sterling Heights, Michigan; and 11 nieces and nephews and their families. A memorial service and interment will take place at St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham on August 12th at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to Episcopal Relief & Development (http://www.er-d.org) or The Nature Conservancy (http://www.nature.org/). The family wishes to thank the staff of Seaside Health Center at Atlantic Shores, Virginia Beach, for their kindness and loving care of Janet over the past two and a half years.

## LOUIS J. NORMAN

age 91, longtime resident of Plymouth, passed away August 2, 2006. Owner of LJ Excavating company. Also worked at the Ford Newburg Manufacturing plant in the 1930's and 40's. Served on the Plymouth Township board for 18 years and also a volunteer at the Plymouth Twp. Fire Department. Life member of the Plymouth Historical Society. Enjoyed fishing, hunting, and especially woodworking. Enjoyed spending time at his home in Barbeau, MI. Mr. Norman was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth. Survived by his children, David and Marilyn (William) Norgrove. Grandchildren David (Amie) Norgrove, Lorie (Jeff) Burrell, Joshua Norman, and Zachary Norman. Great-grandchild, Blaine Burrell. Sister Ruth (Joe) Hitt and Brother Robert (Jo). Sister-in-law Marie Norman. Services were held Saturday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth.

## RUSSELL STEELE STRICKLAND

Age 89, a retired Detroit businessman who lived in Pinehurst, N.C., died August 2 in Pinehurst following a stroke on July 25. A memorial service was held Saturday, August 5, at the Village Chapel in Pinehurst with Chaplain Larry Ellis officiating. A service will be held at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit, Michigan on Tuesday, August 8, 10 a.m. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Marcia Connell Strickland; two sons, Paul Kent Strickland (and his wife Elise Backinger) of Taos New Mexico and John Connell Strickland (and his wife, Cynthia Strickland) of Pinehurst; one daughter, Sheridan Strickland (and her husband, Michael Thomas) of Washington, D.C.; and two grandchildren, Christopher and Amanda Strickland. Memorial contributions may be made to The Duke University Medical Center, Department of Urology - "Cured" Organization or to the Village Chapel Foundation, c/o the Village Chapel, Pinehurst, NC.

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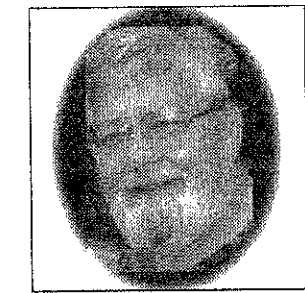
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## CARL J. AUSTERMILLER

Age 67, of Farmington Hills. August 2, 2006. Beloved husband of Sylvia for over 42 years. Loving father of Heidi (Ken) Weiss and Rebecca Austermiller. Cherished grandfather of Haley and Hannah Weiss. Dear brother-in-law to Robert Kryvicky and Cynthia Clarahen. Also survived by his nephews James and Andrew. Funeral service Monday 1 p.m. at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Avenue, Downtown Farmington (1 block West of Farmington Road). Visitation Sunday 2-8 p.m. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Oakland Community College Scholarship Fund, 2480 Opydke Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.



## JOSEPH CARR DUCKWORTH

Age 87, of Audubon, PA (formerly of Livonia and Canton, MI). August 2, 2006. Born February 26, 1919, in Philadelphia, PA. Survived by his beloved wife, Wanda (nee Roskowski) and his devoted children, W. Joseph (Loretta) of Berwyn, PA; Susan Marlotte of Ann Arbor, MI; and Dr. Kenneth (Dr. Mary McCarthy) of Boston, MA. Missed by his loving grandchildren, Jason (Angela) Duckworth, Christopher (Jessica) Duckworth, Sheara (Erik) Graber, David (Nicole) Ginsburg, Robert (Caitlin) Marlotte, Lauren E. Marlotte, Megan, Clare, and Kathryn Duckworth. He leaves behind six great grandchildren, Amanda, Lucy, Talitha and Ciana Duckworth; and Ethan and Alexander Graber. He is also survived by his loving sister-in-law, Helen Cook. Services were held Saturday, Aug. 5, at the Wayne Presbyterian Church, Wayne, PA. Arrangements by the Donohue Funeral Home, Newton Square, PA. Memorial contributions to The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Colonial Place Three, 2107 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22201-3042 would be appreciated. Interment will be private.

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■ **YOUR POETRY GROUP**, Sunday, Aug. 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — Roundtable readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. For more information, contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or [donhewlett@aol.com](mailto:donhewlett@aol.com)

■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Aug. 16, 7:30 p.m. — Members of this book discussion group are invited to read *Personal History* by Katherine Graham. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail [spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org)

■ **LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP**, Thursday, Aug. 17, 7

p.m. — This popular group meets monthly to discuss common garden concerns, new ideas and how the current gardening season is progressing. Gardeners at all skill levels are invited — no registration is required.

■ **ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION GROUP**, Monday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m. — He loves the skies and after this informal gathering, you will too. Plymouth resident Mike Best leads a lively discussion each month for adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or [starmikebest@comcast.net](mailto:starmikebest@comcast.net)

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Aug. 23, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read *The Jane Austen Book Club* by Karen Joy Fowler. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Dixie Cocagne at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail [dcocagne@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:dcocagne@plymouthlibrary.org)

■ **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, Aug. 28, 7-9 p.m. — Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group

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■ **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**, Friday, Sept. 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — The week leading up to Labor Day will find local hospitals with depleted blood inventory. Plan now to give — donors can safely give blood every 56 days. Sign up in the Library lobby. Walk-ins welcome too. For more information, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 217.

## Youth Programs

■ **LAP SIT STORYTIME**, Monday, Aug. 14, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Saturday, Aug. 19, 10 a.m. — This 15-minute program is designed for the very young — babies ages 6-24 months and their caregivers. No older siblings please. Registration is required — call Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **BABY PLAY**, Monday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. (no Saturday Baby Play this month) — This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other

children. Registration is not required for Baby Play.

## Teen Program

■ **SUMMER READING WRAPUP ICE CREAM SOCIAL**, Monday, Aug. 7, 6:30 p.m. — Enjoy ice cream concoctions and wait in suspense as the Summer Reading grand prize drawing takes place. One lucky participant will win a \$100 gift certificate to Twelve Oaks Mall.

■ **BOOKS & ICE CREAM**, Tuesday, Aug. 15, 3 p.m. — Read *Silent to the Bone* by E.L. Konigsburg. Thirteen-year-old Branwell is wrongly accused of injuring his little sister and loses his power of speech. His friend Connor is the only one who can help him. Register at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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■ **INTRODUCTION TO MS WORD**, Wednesday, Aug. 9, 7 p.m. — Students will learn how to open, close, modify, save and print a basic Word document. The class covers basic features of this software program only. Students must be comfortable keyboarding and using a mouse prior to taking this class. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **INTERMEDIATE MS WORD** (new class), Wednesday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m. — In this class students will learn how to adjust a layout using

Page Setup, use auto correct, insert dates and symbols, work with two Word documents at the same time, and more. All class participants must be able to type on the keyboard and be comfortable with using basic MS Word functions.

■ **ADVANCED MS WORD** (new class), Wednesday, Aug. 23, 7 p.m. — Expand your Word capabilities as you learn how to insert bullets and numbering, alphabetize, use tables, insert symbols and more. All class participants must be able to type on the keyboard and must be comfortable with using basic MS Word functions.

■ **LABELS IN MS WORD**, Wednesday, Aug. 30, 7 p.m. — Learn to create an address book, mail merge and make labels using MS Word. Participants must be familiar with basic MS Word functions to take this class.

## LIBRARY PICKS

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4. "Pegasus Descending," James Lee Burke
5. "The Ruins," Scott Smith

## NON-FICTION

1. "Marley and Me," John Grogan
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## Ease back into running

Jamie from Rochester Hills hurt herself running and e-mails asking for tips on getting back on track the healthy way.

Jamie, in this case slow and steady really does win the race! Your best step is a gradual return to action. Start with walking and jogging, then move to slow jogging and

running. After that, you can try going back to running for speed or endurance.

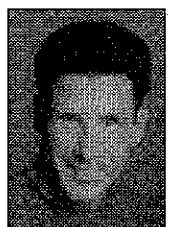
Most runners really aren't interested in walking, but it doesn't cause the trauma of running and will give your body the time it needs to heal. If running causes discomfort, run less frequently and for shorter distances. Don't increase the intensity of your workout more than 10 percent per week. Also, don't walk or run more than four days a week during the first two weeks. Finally, try to wait at least three months before trying a marathon-style run.

Carl from Westland has heard that men can suffer the symptoms of menopause and e-mails for more information.

Carl, research shows that men suffer from hormone fluctuations that trigger the signs of menopause too! With men, the changes in testosterone levels are more gradual so they tend to be less noticeable. Also, testosterone levels in men tend to drop the most during times of stress, so try taking it easy.

Men should get in at least 30 minutes of moderate exercise per day. In addition, a proper diet is a key factor to staying healthy. Men usually gain weight around the waist and fat cells in the abdomen have been shown to lower testosterone levels. So try to cut down on your intakes of sugar and fatty meats because they can also help prevent the signs of male menopause.

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



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## Bariatric surgery changes lives dramatically

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

For the first six years of his daughter's life, Larry Keenmon could only lie in bed after coming home from work. His job as produce buyer for Mike's Marketplace in Livonia wasn't draining his energy. It was the 414 pounds on his 5-foot, 11-inch frame. Today, Keenmon is able to play soccer and bicycle with 7-year-old Cam, thanks to gastric bypass surgery at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia on Jan. 16. Since then he's lost 185 pounds, no longer uses a C-pap machine for sleep apnea, and takes one pill a day for high blood pressure instead of two. Prior to surgery he took seven medications including an anti-inflammatory for knee and leg pain that prevented him from walking less than a block in his Canton neighborhood.

"I walk all the time now and never get tired anymore," said Keenmon, 44. "It's about quality of life. I had been overweight since high school, and every year it kept getting worse. I tried other (medical weight loss) programs including drinking nothing but liquid shakes for 130 days. I lost 120 pounds and gained back about 150."

Bariatric surgery is changing lives, but it is a serious step that should be taken only if all other methods of weight loss have failed. The surgery isn't for everyone since the procedures, for the most part, are permanent and require drastic lifestyle changes. Candidates need to be at least 100 pounds overweight with a BMI (body mass index) of greater than 35 to 40 depending on medical conditions.

## Permanent weight loss



Larry Keenmon is now able to play soccer with his 7-year-old daughter, Cam. He has lost 185 pounds since his gastric bypass surgery at St. Mary Mercy Hospital on Jan. 16.

Many morbidly obese people have serious health problems so benefits from the surgery usually outweigh the risk. Gastric bypass and lap band, the two most available forms of minimally invasive bariatric surgery, do carry risks such as infection, hernias, bleeding, leakage and blockage at connections, blood clots, and death. Both surgeries reduce the size of the stomach and intake of nutrients necessary for health. Keenmon vomits whenever he eats too much. On the other hand, morbid obesity leads to cardiovascular disease, Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol, degenerative joint disease, and a shorter life span.

Dr. Tallal Zeni, who directs the minimally invasive and bariatric surgery program at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, primarily performs Roux-

en-Y gastric bypass where a small pouch is created for the stomach before a large portion of the stomach and duodenum are bypassed. Although several hospital programs in the area offer lap band surgery, Zeni does not, saying the lap band is "a foreign body that can erode into the stomach and patients can have problems if it slips." Other surgeons regularly use the procedure, especially on women who are planning to become pregnant and need to expand their intake of food.

"For people who are morbidly obese it's not just (done for) weight loss but the gastric bypass surgery cures other diseases, diabetes in 84 percent of patients," said Zeni who completed a fellowship in minimally invasive and bariatric surgery at



Shelly Salazar before gastric bypass surgery at St. Mary Mercy Hospital on Sept. 26. The 50-year-old woman was the first patient in the bariatric program.

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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

AUGUST

### Health camps

The Amazing Me camp focusing on health and the human body for second-, third- and fourth-grade students 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 7-11, at the Saint Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station, 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. Cost is \$169. Call (734) 398-7518.

At an asthma camp, participants will learn about what asthma really is, review personal triggers, medications, risk factors and self-management while participating in interactive games and hands-on projects (for second- through fifth-grade students with asthma) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 14-18. Cost is \$175. Call (734) 398-7518. Camps are all located in the Health Exploration Station, an interactive health education center, where kids can see real germs grow, crawl through a giant intestinal tract, and learn about body systems.

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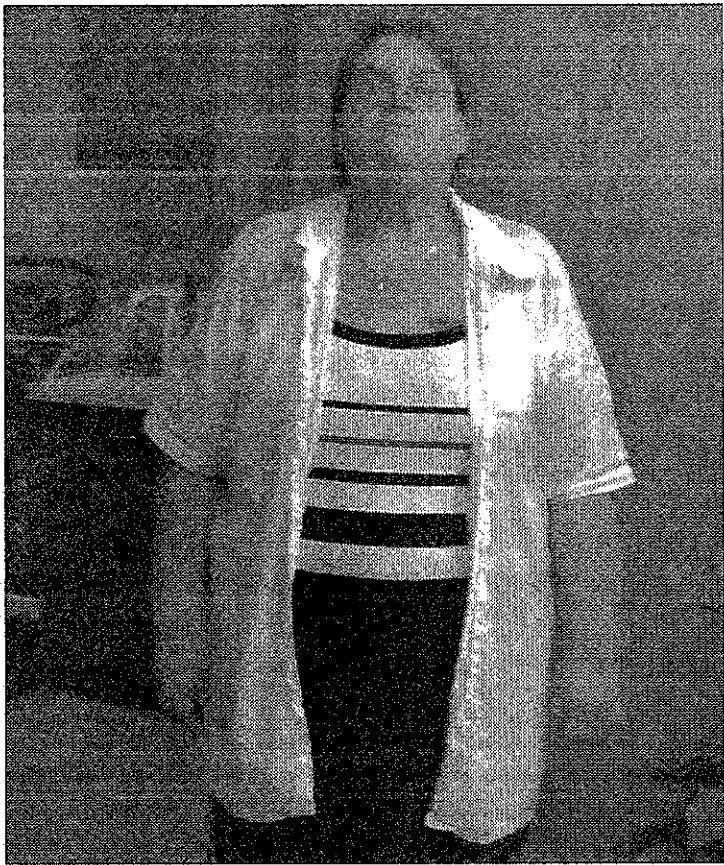
# PERMANENT

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analyst for Quicken  
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said Contreras, who went  
size 32 to size 16. "It was  
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Arthur Carlin's bariatric  
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Henry Ford Hospital  
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At Henry Ford Hospital,  
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tional seminar on behav-



Shelly Salazar has lost 117 pounds since her gastric bypass surgery on Sept. 26.

lorial modification and nutri-  
tion.

"The 30-day mortality and  
early significant complications  
decrease with the band, but  
they don't get as much weight  
loss and there's less elimination  
of medical problems like dia-  
betes," said Carlin, who learned  
laproscopic surgery as part of  
residency training.

Open gastric bypass, which  
was first performed in 1967, is  
rarely done anymore as the sur-  
gery increases recovery times  
and the possibility of complica-  
tions because of the large incision.  
With laproscopic, there is  
less risk in terms of infections,  
hernias and patients have far  
less pain. The hospital stay is  
usually two days with 2-4 weeks  
of recovery, but some bypass  
patients have gone back to work  
in one week.

"The laproscopic approach  
has made it safer and easier on  
patients," Carlin said. "The most  
common complications are  
nutritional. We have them take  
multivitamins, calcium with  
vitamin D, and consume ade-  
quate protein. This operation is  
not the end-all, be-all just a tool

to help you lose weight."

Dr. Kevin Krause cautions  
those thinking about the sur-  
gery to do their research before  
selecting a physician. Since  
2001, he's done more than  
1,000 surgeries at Beaumont  
Hospital in Royal Oak.  
Beaumont offers laproscopic  
gastric procedures at the Troy  
hospital also.

"With both gastric bypass or  
lap band the vast majority of  
patients do well," said Krause,  
who did a fellowship in  
laproscopy. "Yes, I have had  
mortalities. There's risk,  
although relatively low. They  
want to make sure that they're  
getting surgery at a high-vol-  
ume center, make sure they  
have training in laproscopy."

"In regard to risk, sometimes  
that scares people. People have  
to realize maintaining their cur-  
rent health also carries risk.  
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of dying in five years than those  
who have had surgery. Those  
who have the surgery increase  
their chances of living to be old  
and healthy."

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# MEDICAL

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## Stress reduction workshop

With Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C. 6:15 p.m.  
Tuesday, Aug. 8, at 8524 Canton Center  
Road, Canton. No charge. Call (734) 455-  
4444.

## Divorce support

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug.  
8, group discussion, attorney Patricia  
Kasody-Coyle will be available to  
answer questions on a first come, first  
served basis; an attorney from the firm  
Woll & Woll will be available 5-7 p.m. the  
third Monday of each month (anyone  
interested may sign in beginning at  
4:30 p.m. that day), a certified financial  
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Planning is available 5-7 p.m. (sign-in  
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each month, at Women's Resource  
Center in Room 225 of McDowell Center  
at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty,  
between Six Mile and Seven Mile,  
Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

## Elder law tips

7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at St.  
Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at  
Levan, Livonia. Call (734) 655-8961.

## Meningitis vaccinations

Parents, be sure your student is immu-

nized for bacterial meningitis. The  
Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast  
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gitis vaccinations noon to 2 p.m.  
Thursday, Aug. 10, at the First United  
Methodist Church of Northville.  
Advance registration is required by call-  
ing (248) 349-1144. Cost is \$105 payable  
by cash or check. Consent forms can be  
downloaded at [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org) and will be  
available the day of the clinic.  
Vaccinations are also available at VNA's  
Oak Park office Monday-Friday from 9  
a.m. to 1 p.m. The office is at 25900  
Greenfield, Suite 600. Walk-ins wel-  
come, advance registration is preferred.  
Call (248) 967-8755 for more informa-  
tion.

## Wellness seminar

The Five Keys to Wellness with Dr.  
Michael Brackney, D.C. 6:15 p.m. Tuesday,  
Aug. 15, learn how to eat, drink and  
sleep to reach your optimal levels of  
health, at 8524 Canton Center Road,  
Canton. No charge. Call (734) 455-4444.

## Water aerobics classes

For moms and senior citizens, spon-  
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p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at Sheldon  
Pool, 3123 Van Court, Livonia, and 11:30  
a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday and  
Thursday, at the Southfield Municipal  
Complex, 26000 Evergreen. No charge

For registration information, call (313)  
664-8420.

## UPCOMING

### Common pediatric conditions

6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, in  
classroom I of the Ellen Thompson  
Women's Health Center at St. Joseph  
Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Features Dr.  
Harvey Leo talking about asthma and  
how life threatening food allergies pose  
a significant issue for both adults and  
children. Dr. Scott Moore discusses ear  
infections and their causes and treat-  
ment options. Pediatric neurologist Dr.  
Brian Woodruff focuses on childhood  
headaches and seizures, symptoms and  
diagnosis, and treatment options. Pre-  
registration required. Visit [www.sjmercy-health.org](http://www.sjmercy-health.org) or call (734) 712-5800.

## ONGOING

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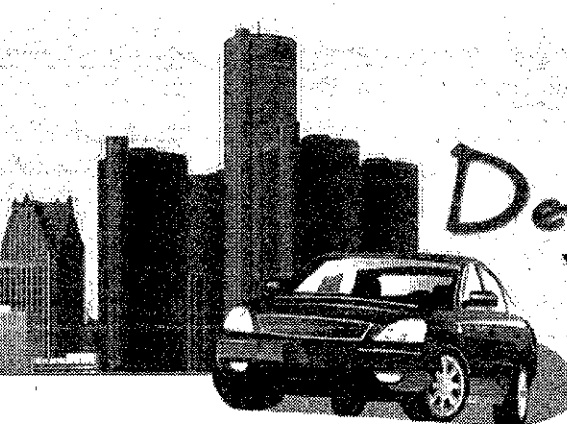
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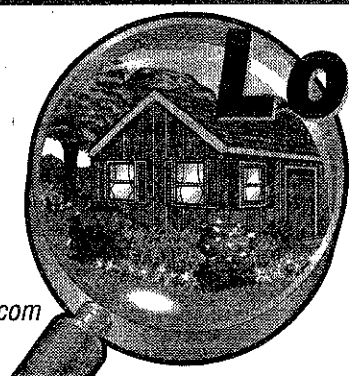
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# Exchange students cross borders, cultures on stays with local families

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

Jose Mangune gives new meaning to the idea of an extended family.

As an area representative for ASSE International Student Exchange Programs, the Livonia man's family now extends across the globe. Like the host families he finds across Michigan, Mangune opens his own home to exchange students from all over the world.

"That is really part of the program," he said. "Not only do the students become part of your family, their family (does too)."

Mangune said ASSE was created as an exchange program between the U.S. and Sweden, but has grown into a nonprofit organization that includes 40 countries. Mangune is always seeking host families to participate in the yearlong exchange, as well as shorter-term programs through ASSE.

For families like the Iadipaolos of Livonia, it's already a rewarding experience.

Patrick Iadipaolo signed his

family up to host for the first time this year. They have welcomed a Japanese student named Mayumi Uesawa into their home.

"We thought this was a great way to introduce a global society to our children," he said.

Iadipaolo, a father of two teenagers, said the exchange program would be a good way to teach his own children about the similarities and differences of other cultures. The language barrier was among the first obstacles they experienced, but like the other ASSE students, Mayumi is enrolled in an intensive four-week program to improve her English skills.

"I'm hooked," said Iadipaolo last week. "One day I hope my kids will get involved."

Mangune said Michigan provides a great location for the program.

"It's one of the best places for students to come," he said. "There is diversity, the setting, all four seasons, the beauty of the north, the hustle and bustle of (Detroit)."

George Yang, a student from Taiwan, said he enjoyed a recent trip to a car factory in "Motown." He said he saw Ford

Field, the Detroit River and Canada. For Yosuke Kunimune of Japan, the program offers a chance to "discover another country."

Carolyne Bernard, who traveled from France, added to that sentiment. She said she's learning "a new way of life." Having visited the U.S. before, she called it "awesome" and she was eager to return.

"We are happy to be here," she said.

Like Carolyne, Santos DeLuna of Mexico is staying in Pontiac with a host family.

"I'm very happy," he said. "It's very good weather."

Santos said he hopes to learn all about American traditions.

When it comes to their American hosts, the students quickly become a new member of the family.

David and Virginia Wasson of Garden City have hosted

teens from places like Spain and Japan, as have Rob and Kathy Bartshe of Livonia and Nina Harris and her mother, Sally, who live in Garden City.

Kathy Bartshe said they got involved to "expose our family to different cultures."

Mangune said he's hoping to find more families willing to participate. He currently has students in need of host families for a Cultural Enrichment Program, which involves a four to 10-week stay.

All it takes is enough money and space in your home to accommodate a student, and an interest in learning more about another culture. Host families can meet with an ASSE representative and will be asked for character references from employers, clergy or social or civic organizations.

Students interested in participating must be 15 to 18



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Patrick Iadipaolo of Livonia and his family are hosting Mayumi Uesawa, 18, of Japan.

years old and show high academic standing and good citizenship. For information, call

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A portion of a 15 foot wide public alley, extending 114 ft from the west R.O.W. line of N. Harvey Street, between Church Street and William Street, adjacent to:

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CITY CLERK

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., Monday August 21, 2006.

The bid opening will take place at 2:00 p.m., Monday August 21, 2006 at Plymouth City Hall 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth Michigan for the following:

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c/o City Clerk  
Plymouth City Hall  
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Specifications and bid documents are available in the City Manager's Office, at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, 48170 during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>.

Questions regarding this bid should be directed to the Downtown Development Authority at [dda@ci.plymouth.mi.us](mailto:dda@ci.plymouth.mi.us) or (734) 453-1453.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk  
City of Plymouth

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR A 12 YEAR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR AVL POWERTRAIN ENGINEERING, INC. TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2006

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2006, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from AVL Powertrain Engineering, Inc., for a 12 year Industrial Facilities Exemptions for a facility, including the cost of new machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures to be purchased and installed within the leased facility located at 46097 Commerce Center Drive, Plymouth Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, August 15, 2006, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth

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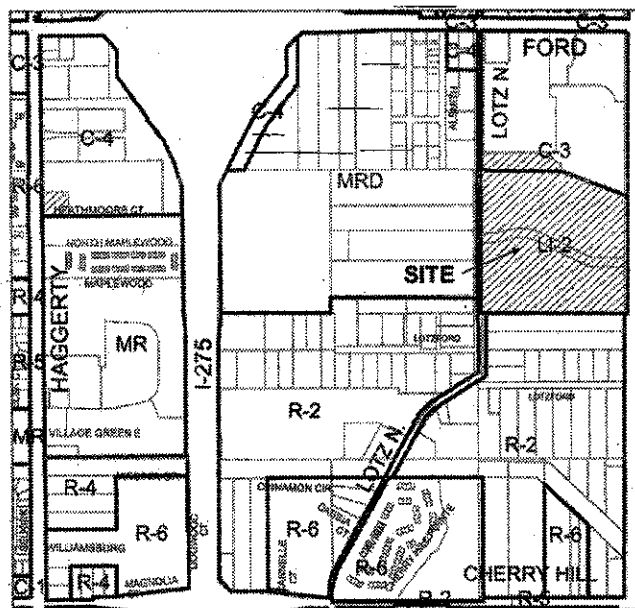
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**WELLINGTON WILLOWS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN)-** CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 049 99 0001 712, 049 99 0001 713, 049 99 0001 714 AND PART OF 049 99 0001 711 (39535 FORD RD). Property is located south of Ford Road and east of Lotz Road. **(First Public Hearing.)**



SECTION 13

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, August 17, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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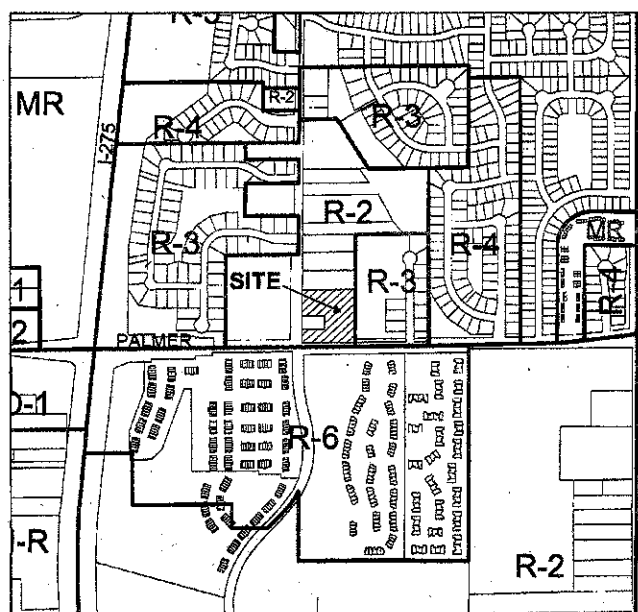
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**CODRAY REZONING -** CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 096 99 0009 701 (1753 LOTZ ) FROM R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the northeast corner of Palmer and Lotz Roads.



Codray Property Rezoning 096-RZ-062

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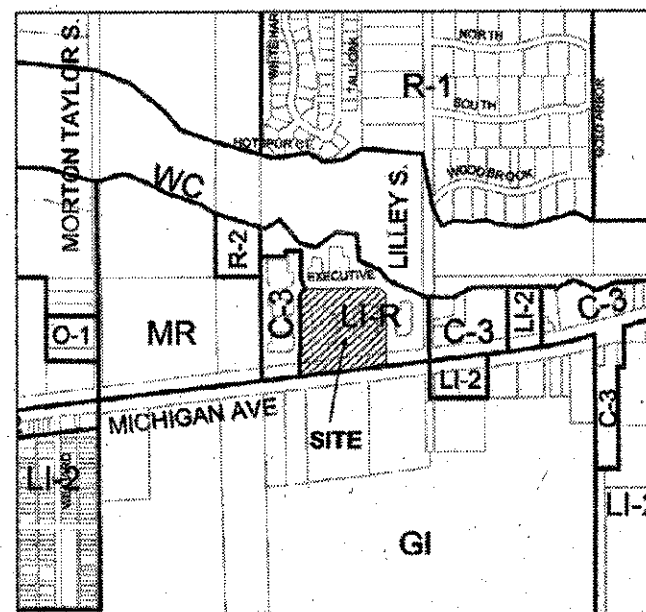
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Singh Executive Park Rezoning 138-RZ-056

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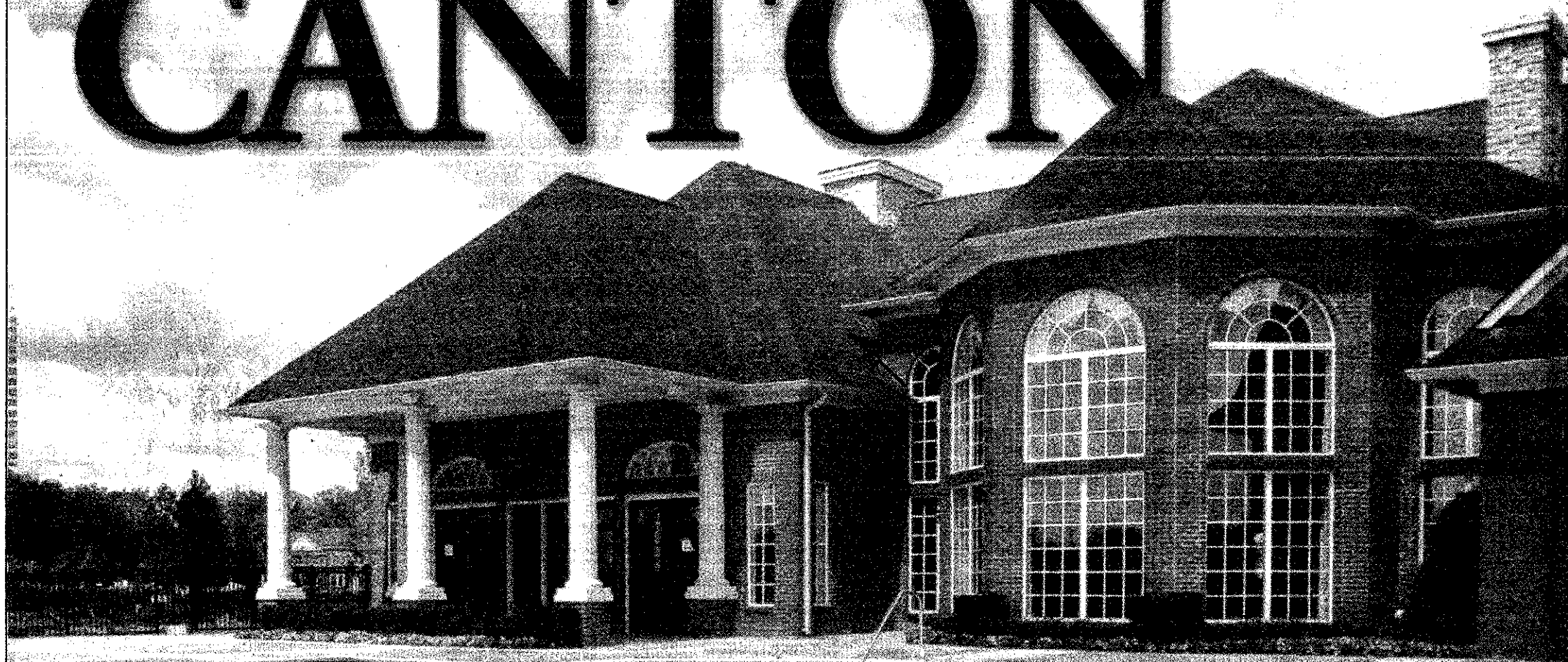
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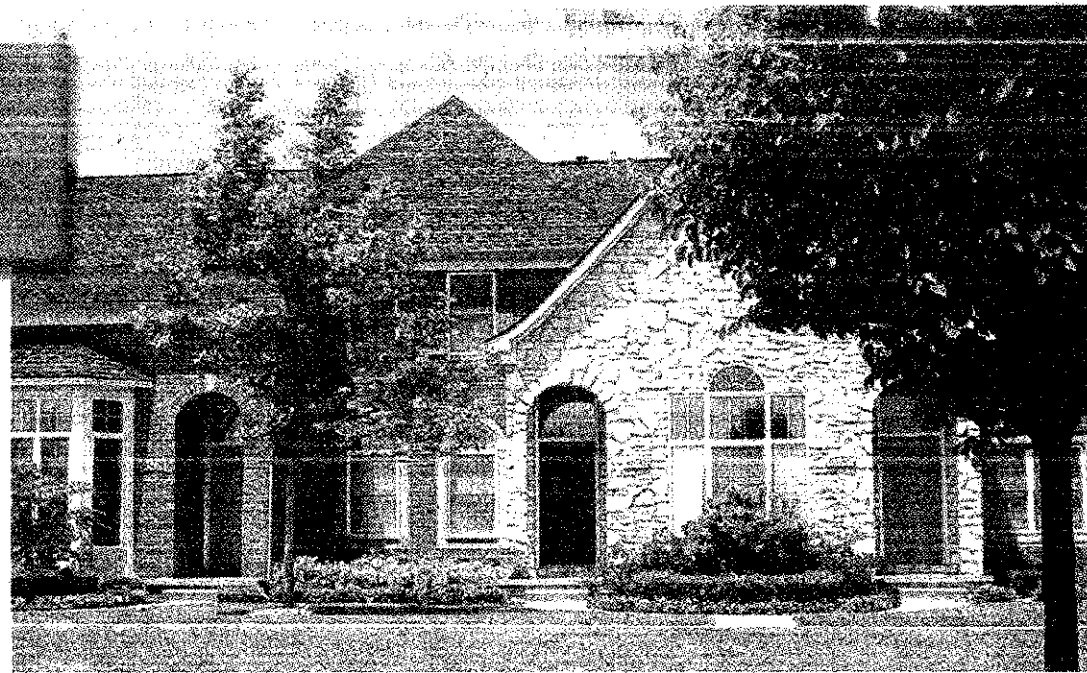
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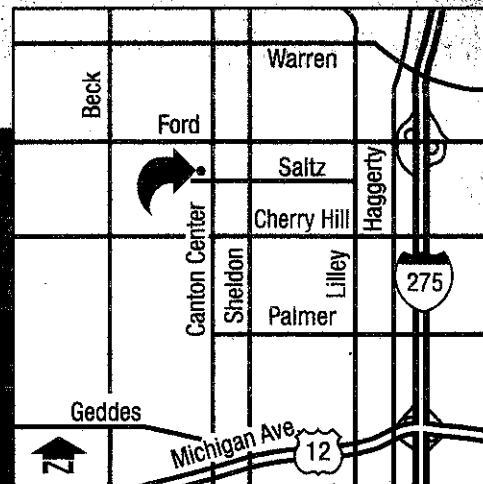
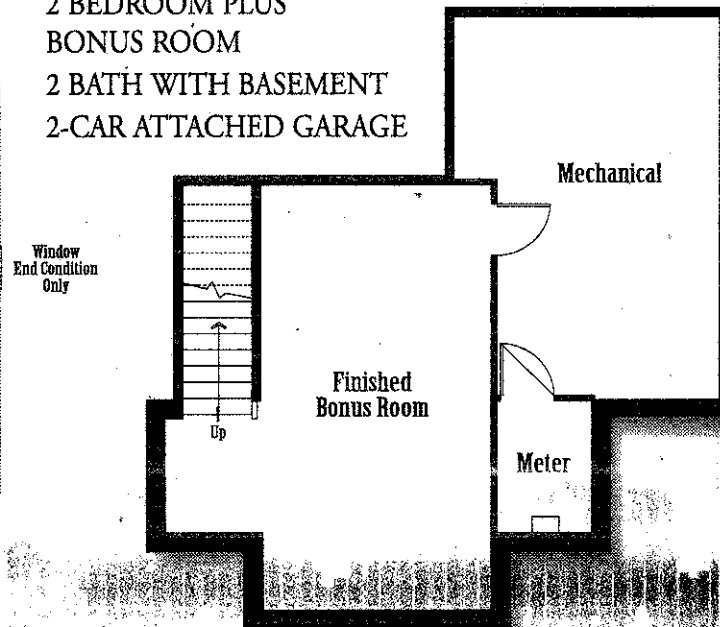
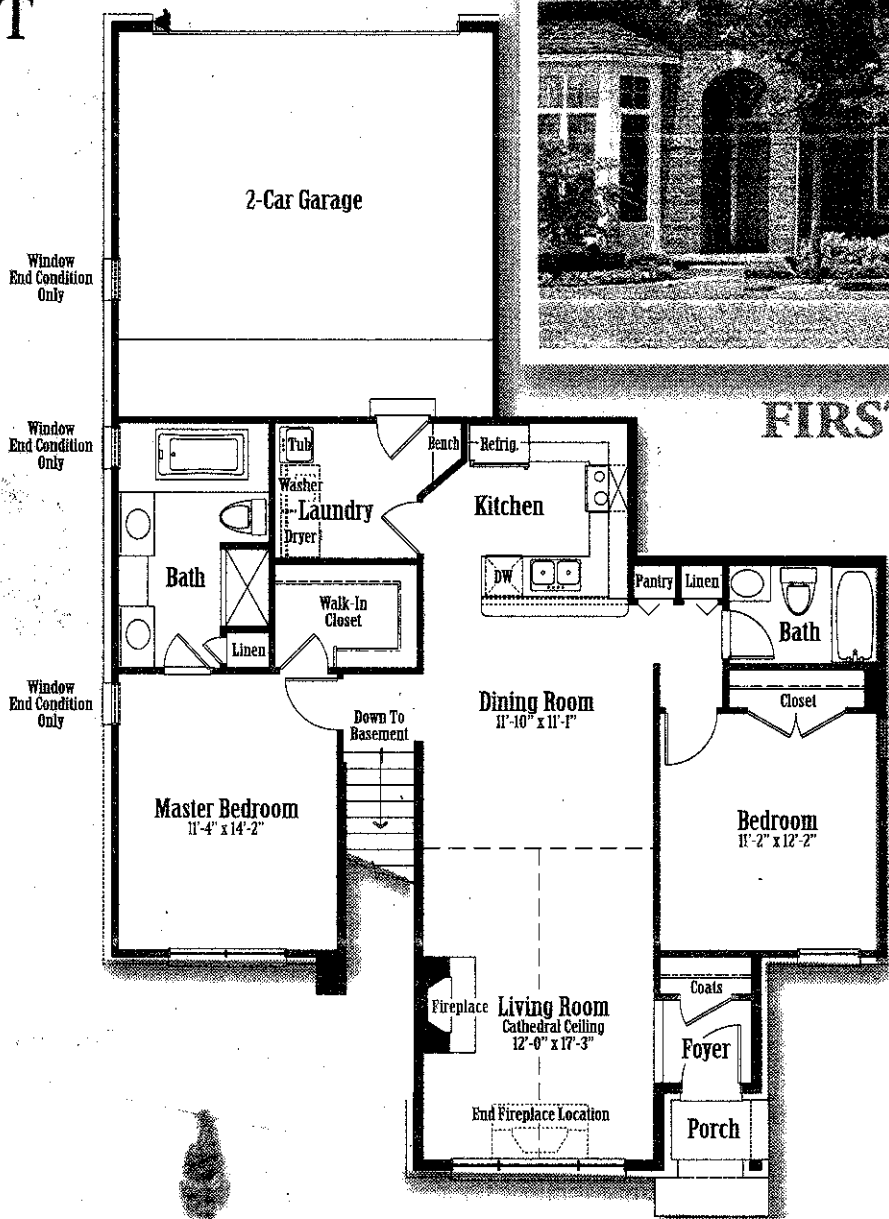
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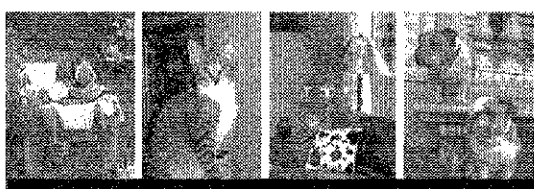
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## Remodeling boom puts spotlight on realistic laminates

(NAPSI)—According to the National Association of Home Builders, a record \$238 billion will be spent on home remodeling in the U.S. this year — and more than \$8 billion on new flooring alone.

"Installing new floors is one of the best investments people can make to their homes," said Fred Miller, managing director of the Home Improvement Research Institute, which recently conducted a study that revealed 25 percent of homeowners plan to replace floors as a way of increasing their home's value. To maximize the return on their investments, more consumers look to laminates.

Laminate flooring is the fastest-growing segment of the flooring market. No surprise, considering its appealing combination of cost, performance and maintenance benefits.

### MINIMUM INVESTMENT, MAXIMUM RETURN

"Laminate flooring is a quick, easy and relatively inexpensive way to dramatically transform the look of a home—thereby increasing its perceived value," said Don Cybalski, design director for Pergo, the inventor and leading manufacturer of laminate flooring.

Compared with spending \$4-\$6 and up for a square foot of solid wood, top-grade laminates typically run between \$2-\$4 per square foot.

### FAUX OR NO?

Today's laminates look and feel more like the real thing. Consumers routinely mistake

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laminates for higher-priced wood, ceramic or stone alternatives. Beyond the popular oak and maple varieties, laminates are available in rich wood looks like mahogany, walnut and cherry, as well as in classic tile designs including granite, marble and ivory.

"Among the hottest looks right now are exotic woods that draw their influences from Asia, Africa and the Pacific Islands," said Cybalski. "Laminates make it possible to enjoy the beauty of these rare and even endangered woods—such as jatoba, merbau and teak—without actually removing them from their natural environments, something that has become increasingly important to today's environmentally conscious consumers."

For a truly traditional wood look, laminate flooring is now available in narrow

widths with varying lengths that create a sense of realistic randomness. Offerings like Pergo's Vintage Home Traditional Strip or Select Traditional Strip collections feature special texturing technology that replicates the feel of hardwood and simulates natural wood grains.

### PEAK PERFORMANCE

Laminates offer durability and ease of maintenance far superior to any other flooring option. They won't wear through, stain or fade over time and never need waxing, polishing or refinishing.

"Solid wood can fade, dent and show scratches. It also requires sanding and refinishing to retain its appearance," said Cybalski. "Vinyl tends to yellow and tear and comes apart at the seams. Ceramic is hard on back and ankles, difficult to clean and is prone to cracks and chips."

### QUICK AND EASY INSTALLATION

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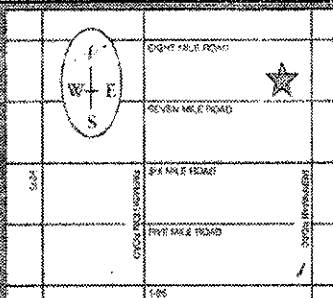


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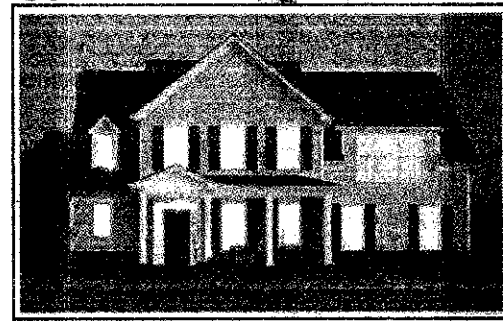
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Monday/Wednesday, Aug. 28 and 30, at the Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail. The seminar is designed to help people make better use of basement space. The instructor will explain space planning, meeting building codes, insurances, permits, estimating materials and the basics of construction. He will also discuss structural aspects of adding a home theater as well as working with subcontractors and finishing techniques. Cost is \$95 for residents plus \$10 for textbook and materials, or \$104 for nonresidents plus \$10 for textbook and materials. Pre-registration with payment by Aug. 24 to Henry Ford Community College, (313) 317-1500.

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# Wrenches, with a twist, and pliers with grip

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

We were pleased when we opened the mail recently and discovered that someone had sent us a sample of a new ratchet-style box wrench.

We were a little disappointed, though, when we thought that the package only contained two wrenches, not a full set.

But it wasn't a partial set at all. The two wrenches constituted a full eight-piece set of box wrenches.

Each of the two-box wrench ends is shaped into two sizes (two ends on each wrench, two sizes on each end, four sizes per wrench). Two wrenches – eight sizes.

Each end of each wrench boasts a reversible ratchet and a 5-degree ratchet lock. This means that the tool can be operated in a very tight space.

The tool is called the QuadBox. For more information on this product, go to [www.gearwrench.com/](http://www.gearwrench.com/).

When a major plumbing job arises, there is always the chance that a pipe wrench will be needed. But, for the smaller jobs, we like to use adjustable pliers.

We recently discovered that there is an adjustable pliers that is made specifically for use with round stock like plumbing pipe.

What makes this puppy different is its "V-shaped jaws." The curvature gives the jaw more contact surface on round or curved stock, resulting in a better grip with less force you need to exert.

We strongly recommend using adjustable pliers instead of a pipe wrench for most plumbing finish work. You can "feel" the pressure being exerted more readily with pliers. Over-tightening a connection is still possible, but less likely when using pliers.

For more information on V-jaw pliers, go to [www.channel-lock.com/](http://www.channel-lock.com/).

Looking pliers have a screw at the end of the handle that adjusts the size of the bite so that various things can be securely gripped – regardless of thickness or diameter.

Unfortunately, it sometimes takes two or three tries to properly adjust the tool to the task at hand.

Someone just invented a pair of "self-adjusting" locking pliers. There is no adjusting screw at the end of the handle because the tool automatically adapts to whatever size item you want to hold on to.

The tool is named Lock Jaw. For more information, go to

[www.lockjawpliers.com](http://www.lockjawpliers.com).

There are non-tool innovations that are equally as much fun to discover and work with. Here's one if you're planning a kitchen or bath remodel.

The little valves under the sink that are used to turn the water off to the faucet are called angle stops.

The problem with these is that it takes forever to shut them off, and once turned off, they usually leak.

Replacing them is heartache because the kind that work with copper have compression fittings and there isn't anything good about that kind of connection. They leak, they are almost impossible to replace and they are a pain to install.

We are used to placing a container beneath the angle stops that we have to work on to catch the drips that almost always occur.

Now, someone has designed a brand-new style of angle stop with a quick shut-off feature. This particular valve can be completely replaced with a flick of your wrist.

It comes with its own special piece of copper pipe (which has to be soldered into the line). In combination, the valve and the pipe marry via the push of a latch – and reversing the process for removal is just as quick and easy.

By the way, we don't think there would be value in using this valve unless you were doing new construction or a remodel. It isn't something made for retrofit installation.

The product is called SureConnect.

For more on this valve, go to [www.brasscraft.com/](http://www.brasscraft.com/).

And that's all there is to it. For more home improvement tips and information, visit the Careys' Web site at [www.onthehouse.com](http://www.onthehouse.com), or call their listener hotline at (800) 737-2474.

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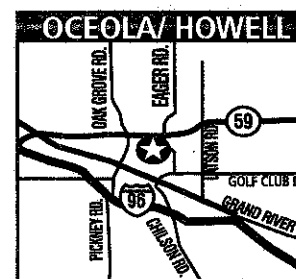
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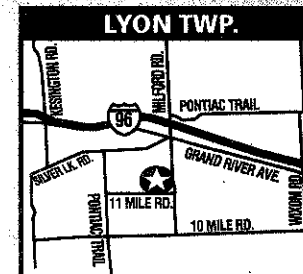
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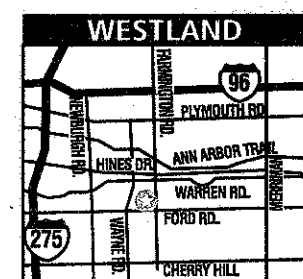
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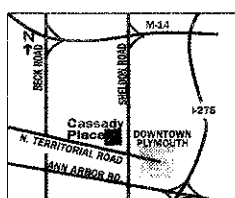
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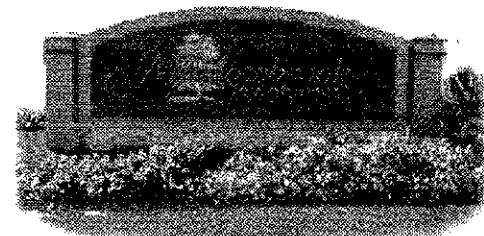
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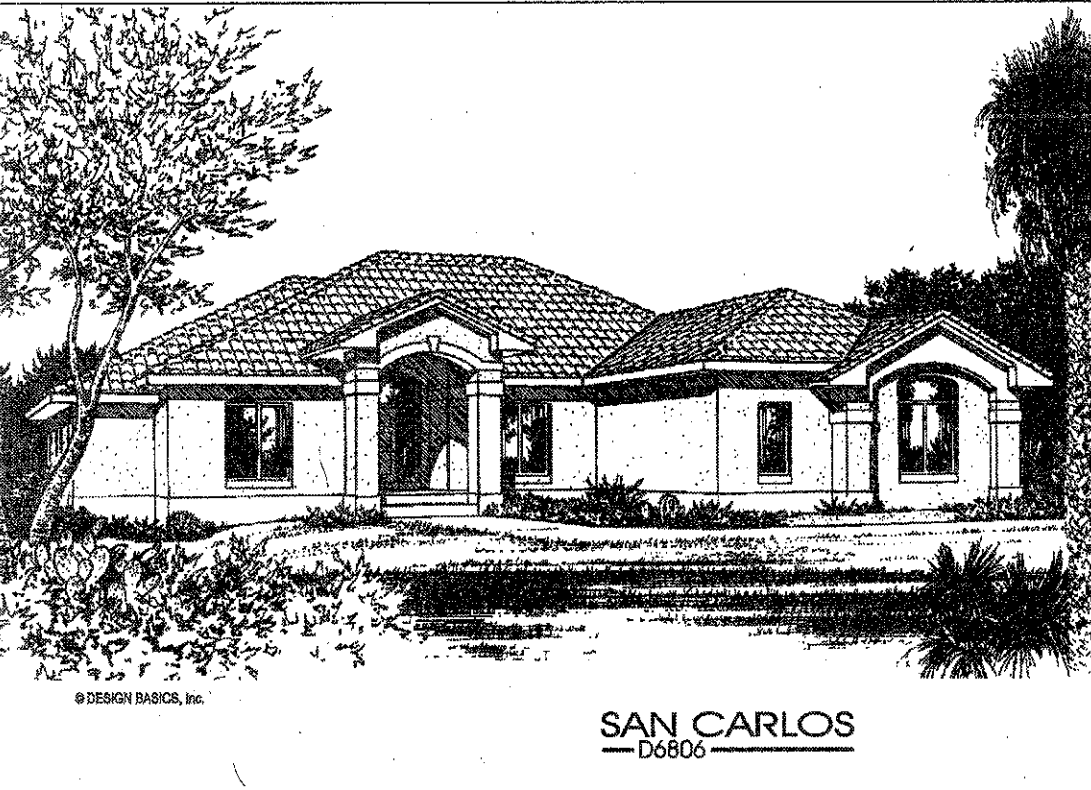
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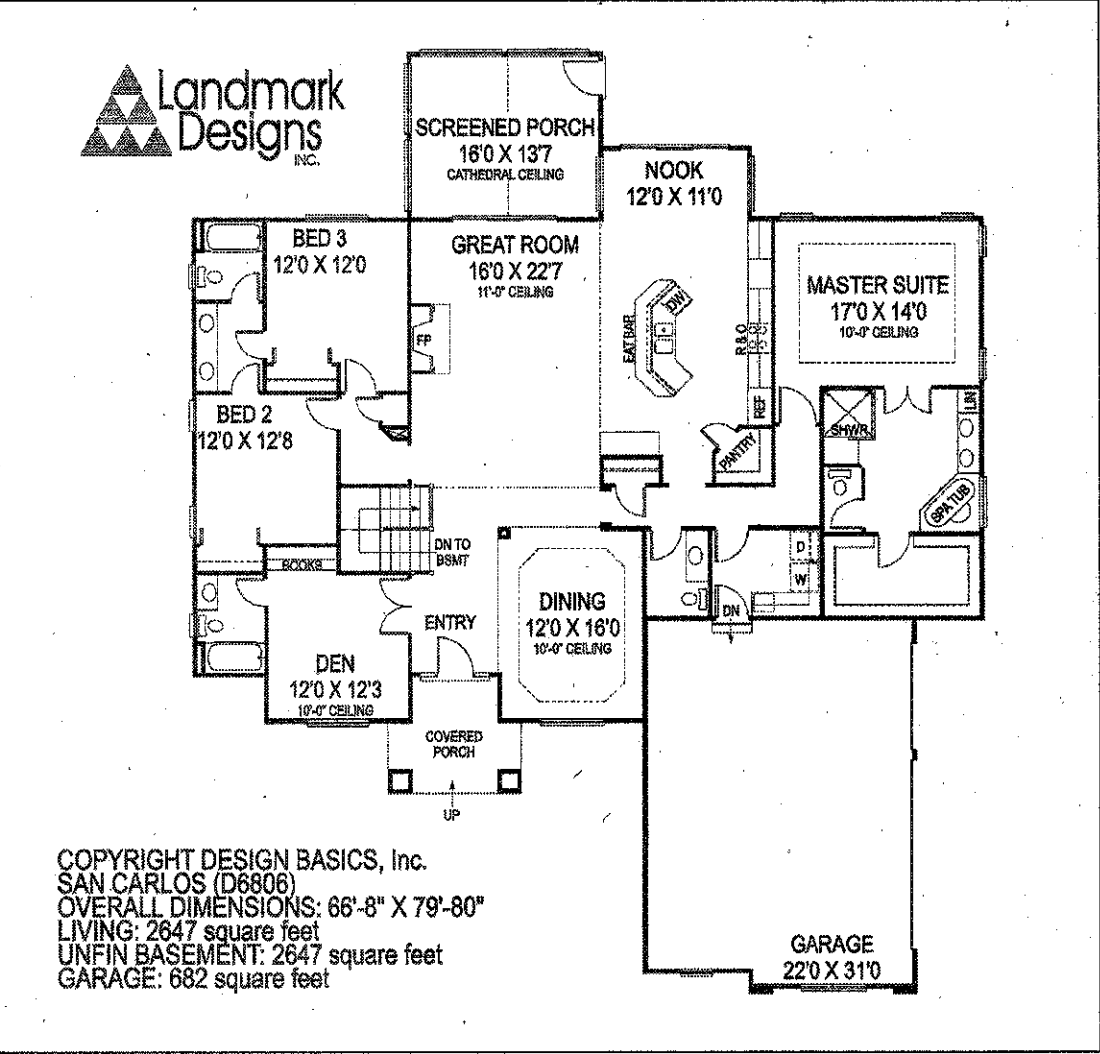
Such a design is the San Carlos (D6806). It has two gabled areas, one over a window and one as the front entrance.

The San Carlos has 2,647 square feet, with the center of the home being an open great room. The three-car garage has a side entrance. The many angles to this home provide a unique look that invites one to explore inside.

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Through the entry finds the great room in front, a formal dining room to the right, and a den to the left. The den has 10-foot ceilings, bookshelves hidden back in the corner, and lovely French doors. The dining room has coffered 10-foot ceilings and large windows. This room is separated from the kitchen and can be used a formal dining area when

friends are being entertained. The great room has tall 11-foot ceilings, a fireplace on the left side, and a huge kitchen/nook on the right. Through the back is a screened porch with cathedral ceilings. This is such a wonderful place to sit on those warm evenings, sharing a meal with the family or entertaining friends.



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SAN CARLOS (D6806)  
OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 66'-8" X 79'-80"  
LIVING: 2,647 square feet  
UNFIN BASEMENT: 2,647 square feet  
GARAGE: 682 square feet

The elongated nook and kitchen is open and provides an abundance of counter space and cabinets. There is a corner pantry, along with a center island that is divided with an eating bar on one side and a sink and dishwasher on the other. The nook, lined with windows, is bathed with light for early risers. Two bedrooms are found on the left side of the home with a shared bath containing dual sinks and a tub. The linen closet


is located in the hall, accessible to both rooms. The stairs to the basement is also located in this area. The master suite is on the opposite side of the home, nestled down the entire side. The master bath is large with an enormous walk-in closet at the end. It has an oversized shower, corner spa tub, dual sinks, and a linen closet. A half-bath and the utility room are located just outside the suite.

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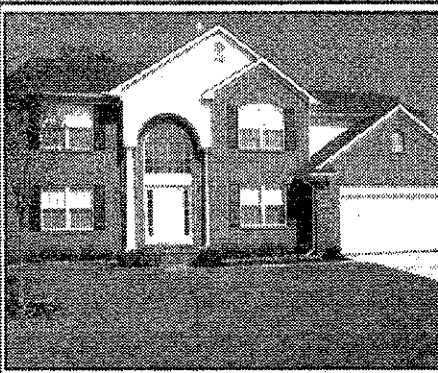


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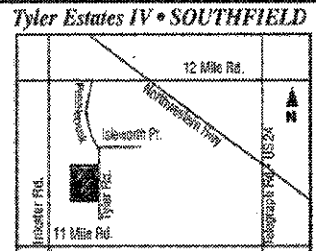
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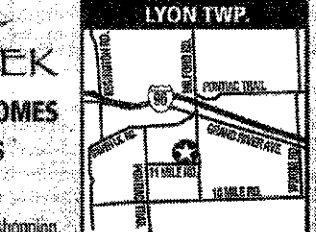
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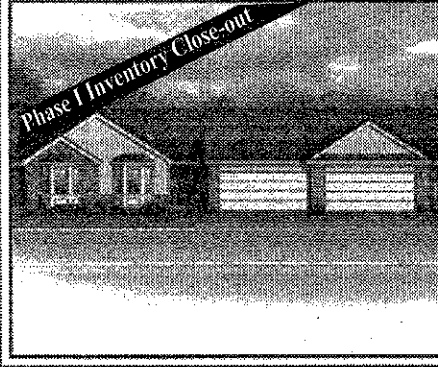
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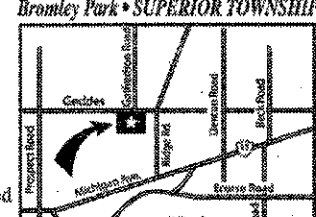
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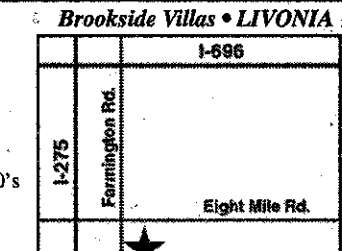
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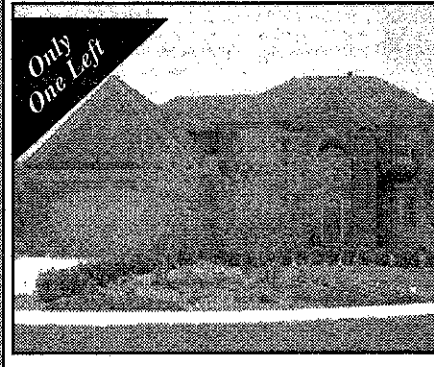
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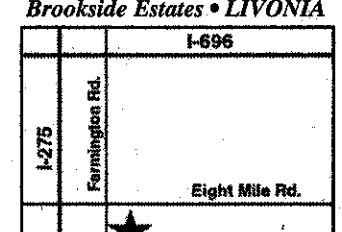
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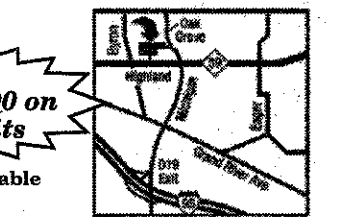


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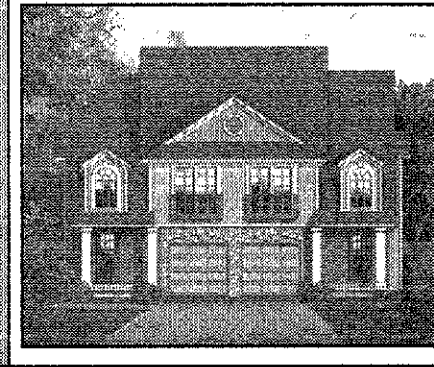
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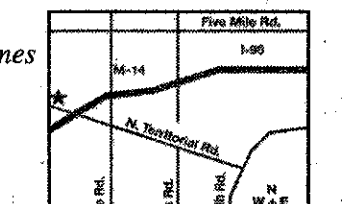


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# Put on thinking cap when it's time to sell home

I am going to sell my house. What are some things I should avoid so I can get the house sold for the most money?

Some sellers do make some costly mistakes when trying to get their house sold. Here are some common areas to avoid:

■ Expecting your house is going to sell based on what you need, rather than what the market dictates. Once you put your house on the market, treat it as if it's a commodity. It doesn't matter that you owe \$145,000 and have a \$3,000 equity loan. Yes, it does make a difference to you. However, it will not sell based on that information. It's not your needs that determines the ultimate price, the purchase price will be based on what buyers are willing to pay for it. This is a big problem in today's Michigan real estate market. Housing prices have gone down. Sellers are often unwilling to adjust their price to what the market dictates. As a result, houses are taking a very long time to sell. At the end they do sell if the price is



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based on the current market. How is price determined? It's based on what recent similar houses in the same area sold for, as well as what current homes are listed for. Remember, that the buyers' real estate agent will give them this information, and they will have it before placing an offer. ■ Getting emotionally involved in negotiating a sale. There is a tendency that if some sellers get a very low offer, that they may see red and not counter the offer. Many buyers see the negotiating process as a game and purposely give very low offers to see what they can get away with. I don't agree with this tactic. It only makes the whole process harder. Just like buyers have agents to supply them with the current market

Buying a home is an emotional experience. If buyers see a dirty cluttered house, even though the buyers could clean the clutter, they will get negative emotional vibes, and not even consider buying the house. Many repairs cost very little money to make, but could end up saving you thousands of dollars in the sale.

information, most sellers have Realtors that give them this information, as well.

■ Not thinking through the process. How much money do you need to pay off your mortgage and pay the expenses of selling your house? Do you need to sell before you buy? How much money will it cost to prepare your house for sale? These are all important questions to ask yourself before you start the process. Think through the process and plan for each step. If you need to still own the current house you may want to consider selling first. That way you will be able to avoid paying two mortgages. In this slower market, it's harder to sell, so selling first becomes

even more important.

■ Neglecting making minor repairs and cleaning up the house. Buying a home is an emotional experience. If buyers see a dirty cluttered house, even though the buyers could clean the clutter, they will get negative emotional vibes, and not even consider buying the house. Many repairs cost very little money to make, but could end up saving you thousands of dollars in the sale.

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# You're not stuck with stippled ceilings

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

From Doug of Winchester, Va.: "I live in a house that has stippled ceilings throughout. This was put on several years ago to hide imperfections. Is there a way to get rid of this texture so I can have smooth ceilings?"

Yes, you can have smooth ceilings again. The stippling effect is simply paint applied with a special stipple roller. If the paint used was latex, you can wet the paint and then scrape away.

If the paint used was oil-based, it will be slightly more difficult.

First, do a wash of the ceiling with synthetic TSP. Once dry, do a light sanding with 80-grit paper on a sanding pole. Finally, you can "float out" the surface with drywall joint compound.

Use a wide joint compound knife to spread thin layers of the compound into the voids on the ceiling to make a smooth surface. You may need to apply more than one layer.

Keep in mind that you will need to wait for the first coat to completely dry before adding other coats. Sanding each coat is also recommended.

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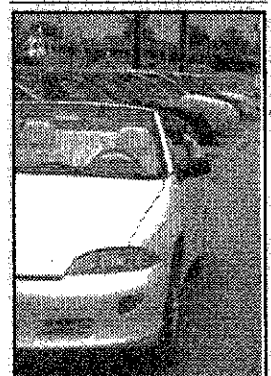
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## Mercury aims for young buyers with Milan Premier

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### CAReport



By Dave Menard  
Avanti NewsFeatures

Well, what do we make of the 2006 Mercury Milan? Mercury is pitching the mid-size Milan as a car for so-called Generation X customers, a car that it hopes takes some of the stodginess out of the Mercury name.

After all, when think of Mercury, don't you picture Grandma's head just barely visible above the steering wheel of her Grand Marquis?

To its credit, Mercury knows it has this image problem, and by introducing new models like the Milan, hopes to bring in younger car buyers. With four doors, above-average styling, decent power and a reasonable price point, those hopes may not be unreasonable.

Now that we know what the Milan is supposed to accomplish, let's take a look at how close it comes. We'll start with what I think is actually the strongest Milan feature—its styling. In an era of look-alike sedans dotting driveways across America, the Milan Premier looks a little different.

The trademark Mercury waterfall grille is here and the car's lines are excellent. The headlights wrap around the front fenders, and the grille and front fascia trim sport a satin finish. In the back, the Milan features LED taillamps, and the Milan Premier comes with twin exhaust tips. 17-inch, 14-spoke machined aluminum wheels are standard and they're sharp. Power heated outside mirrors are standard on the Premier, and you can add a package that will give you fog lamps.

Inside, the Milan features a choice of two styles—mahogany wood or satin metallic. The satin metallic finish of the test car's interior is attractive without being overbearing, and is definitely not your grandma's Mercury.

The instrument panel is uncluttered, with simple, easy-to-read, round analog gauges. There's a message center in the center of the instrument panel which displays the trip computer data, including miles-to-empty and trip odometers.

The center console features two cupholders and a storage area. Cruise control, manually-controlled air conditioning (automatic climate control is an option), power windows, and a tilt steering column are standard, and you can get a package that will give you a leather-wrapped steering wheel with redundant audio controls.

The leather seats (standard on the Premier) are comfortable and provide good support. They can be



**2006 Mercury Milan Premier. Vehicle class: Mid-size car. Power: V6 engine. Mileage: 21 city / 29 highway. Where built: Hermosillo, Mexico. Base price: \$22,845. Price as tested: \$25,495.**

heated, as an option. The driver's seat is a power-adjustable seat; the passenger's seat adjusts manually. The rear seats are 60/40 split seats and fold down to give you more cargo room. The trunk itself, by the way, is already fairly roomy.

Speaking of room, another of the Milan's strong points is the amount of passenger room it has. Folks in the back seat have plenty of room, and getting in and out of the rear seating areas is no problem. Up front, it's the same story. No problem with leg or head room.

The standard audio system on the Milan Premier is an AM/FM/six disc CD system and it sounds great. I'd like to be able to manually tune my stations, instead of relying on the scan and seek buttons, but you can't do that with this system. You can upgrade to what Mercury calls an audiophile system which will give you eight speakers instead of six.

Looking at the specs, the Milan Premier's powertrain should be very good, but I'd describe it better as competent. The specs say the standard 3.0-liter 24-valve DOHC V6 in the Premier is rated at 221 horsepower and 205 lb.-ft. of torque (the entry-level Milan comes with a 2.3-liter four-cylinder).

It's mated with a six-speed automatic that does shift smoothly and at nice shift points. So what's the problem? I just didn't get that kick when I hit the accelerator to pass on city streets. It does a bit better on the highway; passing in the 50+ mph range was noticeably quicker than in the 30-50 mph range. Of course, I could be expecting too much from what is supposed to be a family-type

sedan. In normal driving, the Milan performs competently enough, and at 21/29 mpg on regular fuel, you get decent mileage for a V6.

The Milan handles and rides pretty well. The front suspension system is a short- and long-arm front suspension that features double ball-joint lower control arms and coil-over shocks. The multi-link rear suspension performs like a double-wishbone setup. The cabin is quiet and the ride is fairly smooth.

Traction control is available as an option. The Milan comes with power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering. The car is easy to maneuver and park and the four-wheel anti-lock brakes are excellent.

The Milan Premier comes with dual-stage front air bags, a side-impact protection system, and an anti theft system. Side air curtains are optional.

The 2006 Mercury Milan Premier starts at a little under \$23,000, and that will get you a pretty well-equipped car; leather seats, manual A/C, cruise, the V6 engine, power driver's seat, CD audio with six speakers, and anti-lock brakes are all included at that price. Add the automatic climate control, upgraded audio system, fog lamps, leather-wrapped steering wheel with audio and speed controls, heated seats, traction control, and side curtain airbags and you're still under \$26,000.

Will it be enough to get younger buyers in the showrooms? Time will tell, but Mercury is making a good stab at it with the Milan Premier.

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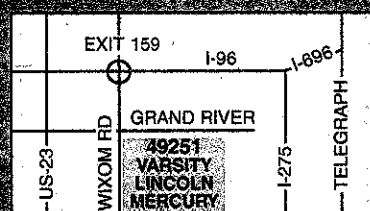


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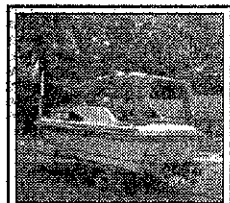
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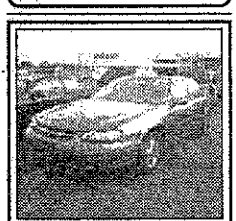
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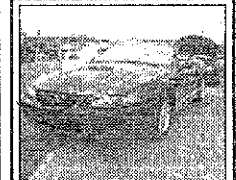
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**THUNDERBIRD 1986** - PS, PB, tinted windows, 90,000 miles, great for student, \$3000/best. 734-421-8556

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**CHEROKEE SPORT 2001**, 38K, one owner new, \$10,995.  
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**MIATA MX5 LS CONVERTIBLE 2003** Air, cruise, CD, PW, PS, PL, Bose AM-FM stereo, leather, Cobalt Blue. Excellent! \$13,995. 734-658-9010

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**Grand Am 2004** LOADED Assume lease. \$217/month extended warranty 734-417-6305

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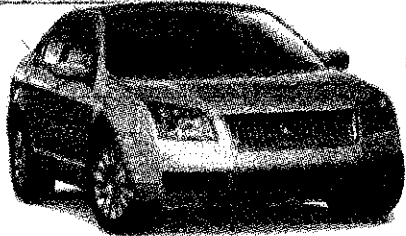
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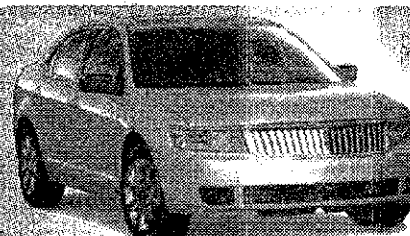
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3.0 24V V6, 6-spd auto, air, leather, power memory driver's seat, fog lamps, message center, side curtain air bags, wood trim, designer chrome wheels.

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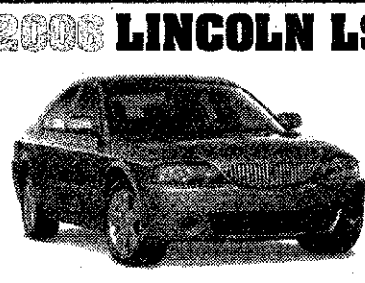
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**2006 LINCOLN LS**

3.9 V8, 5-spd auto, dual zone temp control, traction control, heated/cooled front seats.

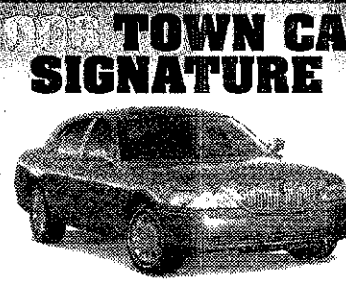
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**2006 GRAND MARQUIS GS**

4.6 Flex Fuel V8, auto, power adj pedals, air, traction control, keyless entry, conventional spare.

BUY FOR

**\$17,212<sup>75</sup>**

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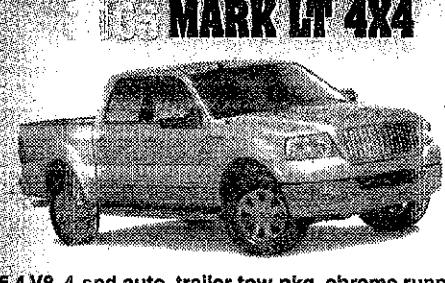
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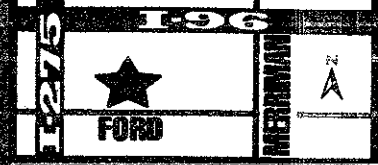
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