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Suspect in April slaying tracked down in Las Vegas

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The suspect in a Canton homicide was arrested late Wednesday and will be brought from Nevada to Wayne County to face open murder charges.



Andre Marcel Adams, a 33-year-old Ypsilanti man, was arrested by North Las Vegas police officers after Canton detectives Ken Robinson and Brian Schultz tracked him down and alerted officers in Nevada. A warrant for Adams' arrest had been approved by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office Monday.

He is wanted in the slaying of 46-year-old Robert Lee Armstrong, who was found dead in his Canton home April 16. Armstrong died of blunt force trauma to the back of his head.

"Thanks to the excellent police work done by these two detectives, he was tracked to North Las Vegas, and picked up by the North Las Vegas police department last night," Deputy Chief Alex Wilson said Thursday.

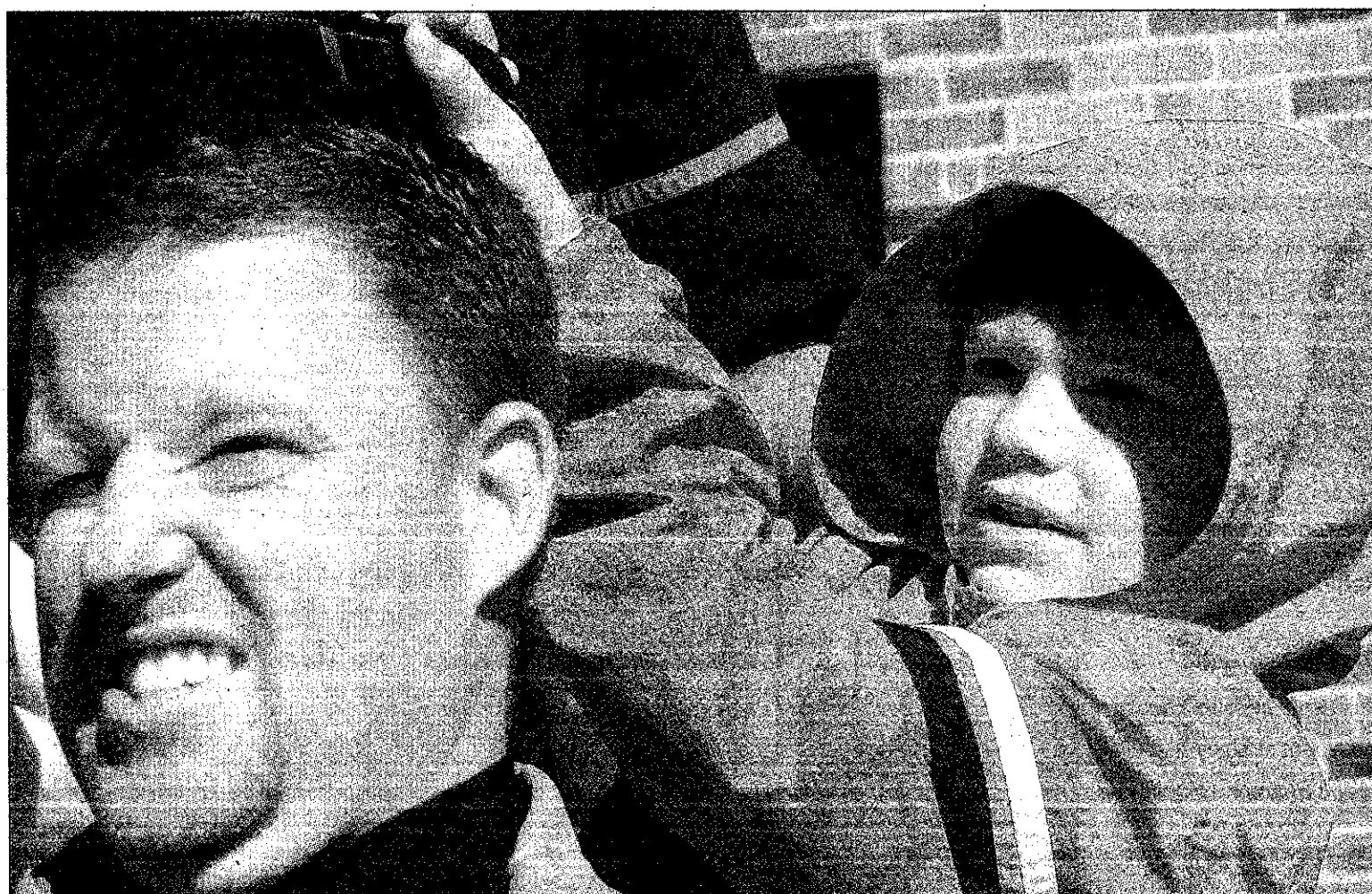
The officers followed all leads to locate the suspect, and one of those leads was a phone number, which they tracked to a residence in Nevada. Officers went to that address twice and on the second visit, Adams was found and taken into police custody.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's office will begin the extradition process to bring Adams back to Michigan to face open murder charges, Wilson said.

Police believe the suspect beat Armstrong to death with a flashlight, which was found at the scene of the crime. Adams is being charged with open murder, punishable by life in prison.

Adams has a long history of criminal activity and violence, including convictions for felonious assault and felony firearms. Earlier this year, Adams pleaded guilty and spent 11 days in jail on a misdemeanor assault and battery case from February, according to Livonia court records. At the time, he had multiple warrants for his arrest in Washtenaw and Kent counties.

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Gallimore first-grader Zachary Richards runs the clippers over the head of principal Kevin Learned, who agreed to the buzz cut as a reward for the students raising more than \$10,000 during a recent school fund-raiser.

Letting his hair down

Principal follows up on fund-raising promise

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Gallimore Elementary Principal Kevin Learned let students see him with his hair down Friday morning.

Actually, it was a buzz haircut as Learned fulfilled a promise to let students help shave his head if they raised more than \$10,000 in the Gallimore Roadrunner Rally walk-a-thon to raise money for the

PTO.

"If you say you're going to do it, you do it," Learned, in a teaching moment, told students before getting his hair cut. "So if you're going to say something, you better think if it's something I can back up with my actions. If you can't, you shouldn't say it. If you say it, you need to follow through and do it."

After chants of "shave



PLEASE SEE **PROMISE, A4**

Students at Gallimore Elementary School watch as principal Kevin Learned gets his buzz cut.

Successful jazz series likely to return in 2007

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of people took the opportunity this summer to stop for a while, have a seat, and relax. What makes that trend notable is where they chose to chill out — Ford Road.

They gathered to listen to a series of free jazz concerts, presented at various locations along Ford Road. The program, sponsored by the Canton Downtown Development Authority, and presented by local radio station Smooth Jazz V98.7, was deemed a success and likely to return next year.

"My impression was all of the elements (of the program) were good. What I did get from it was that people were relaxing on Ford Road. They came on their bikes, they walked, they came on motorcycles then just were hanging out," said DDA member Greg Greene, who also attended several concerts in the series. "That was refreshing. Usually when we're on Ford Road, we just get to where we're going, go in and get out."

Even the orange barrels couldn't keep visitors away, said Melissa McLaughlin, DDA chairperson.

"This was probably the most



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Musician Lin Rountree, shown here playing for Cheryl Jones, was one of the featured performers in the DDA's jazz concert series this summer. Township officials say the popular series is likely to return next summer.

difficult year we could have done this — with Ford Road construction, and the perception that IKEA was going to clog up

traffic," she said.
Radio station account

PLEASE SEE **JAZZ, A5**

Guided tour will introduce public to DDA art sculptures

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Since April, Canton residents have been viewing the sculptures along Ford Road by car. Now they have a chance to view them by bus in a docent-guided tour.

The Oct. 21 tour, which has been dubbed "Sculpt-Tours" will be open and free of charge to the first 40 people to make reservations. It's just one of a handful of events planned to help residents get to know the artwork which will be on display until the end of April 2007.

"The tours are about getting the art into the public

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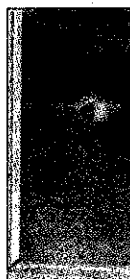
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Homeowners Advisory Council to meet

The Canton Homeowners Advisory Council presents "Ask the Attorney" at its

monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Oct. 9 in the Freedom Room located in the lower level of the Canton Administration Building on Canton Center Road. The group will have a local attorney on hand to provide a short presentation and then be available to answer homeowner association-related questions.

For more information, please call (734) 397-5495.

Fire prevention poster contest

To celebrate National Fire Prevention Week Oct. 8-14, the Canton Fire Department in conjunction with the Canton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a fire prevention poster contest for elementary school-age children. Children will be asked to draw, paint or color a 12- by 18-inch picture relating to this year's National Fire Prevention Week theme, "Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch what you heat." Information will be sent home through the Canton elementary schools

detailing the poster requirements, or you can obtain detailed information on Canton's newly created Web page on fire prevention specifically for children at www.canton-mi.org/fire/kids.asp.

Posters will be judged in two groups by age, with prizes being given out for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each group. Prizes include \$50 savings bonds and free passes to Glo Golf and Zap Zone. First place winners will also receive lunch for their classmates along with a couple of surprises. Contest deadline is Oct. 18. For more information, contact Fire Inspector Nichole Hamilton at (734) 394-5459.

Bentley Fall Fun Fest

On Friday, Oct. 27, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Bentley Elementary School at 1100 S. Sheldon Road is having its Fall Fun Fest. There will be games, food, and a haunted house. To kick off the event there will be a costume parade at 5:30 p.m. Tickets, which are three for a \$1, will be sold at the door. The event is being sponsored by the Bentley P.T.O.

Crafters needed

Crafters and Vendors are needed for The Plymouth Salvation Army's Craft & Vendor Fair Saturday, Oct. 14.

The fair runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost to rent an eight-foot table is \$25. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth. Call Cassie at 734-453-5464 or e-mail cassie_hull@usc.salvation-army.org for more information.

M-14 traffic advisory

Due to construction work on M-14, exit and entrance ramps to Beck and Sheldon roads off of eastbound M-14 are closed and eastbound and westbound

M-14 are both down to one lane between Gotfredson Road and I-275. Drivers are advised to seek alternative routes to avoid anticipated backups.

Work in this area is part of a large scale project to rebuild a portion of M-14 in western Wayne County. Construction being done includes miscellaneous bridge repairs on 17 Wayne County bridges, pavement patching form Sheldon Road to Haggerty Road, and reconstruction on lanes from the Washtenaw-Wayne County line to Sheldon Road.

Construction on this project started March 23 and is expected to be completed by Dec. 10, 2006, weather permitting. For more information regarding road projects going on in Canton visit www.canton-mi.org.

Quilt show

The "Timeless Treasures" quilt show will be held from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Oct. 14 and 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Oct. 15 at the Belleville High School Cafeteria (555 W. Columbia in Belleville). The featured quilter is Tina Roth, who will be showing 32 of her quilts. There will be an additional 200-250 quilts and antique decorations on display, as well as vendors, quilt raffle, silent auction, demonstrations, and door prizes.

Admission is \$4, and children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. All proceeds go to charity. For more information, contact Judy Bell at (734) 699-6698.

Eriksson Elementary hosts fair

Eriksson Elementary, 1275 Haggerty Road (between Ford and Cherry Hill), is hosting its Fall Fun Fair on Friday, Oct. 6, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. The

event, which is free to attend, will feature games, face painting and tattoos, crafts, balloons, a cake walk, inflatable bouncers, and prizes for the kids. Adults will be able to take part in a number of \$5 raffles. Prizes include a laptop computer, an iPod, and a digital camera. The \$1 basket-drop raffle will include numerous gift baskets filled with generous donations from Eriksson families and local businesses. Special donations, including sports memorabilia and tickets, will also be part of a silent auction. Food will be served.

Raffle tickets, food and game tickets, as well as game bracelets are now available for purchase. For more information, please contact the school office at (734) 981-5560 or visit the school Web site @ <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/eriksson>.

A toast to Canton

A wine and food tasting event to benefit the Canton Historical Society, Canton Christmas in Action and the Leadership Canton Alumni Scholarship Fund is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 27, from 7 - 9 p.m. at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill.

There will be approximately 20 wine tables with a wide variety of red and white wines. There will also be beer and non-alcoholic beverages available for tasting. A wide variety of hors d'oeuvres provided by Holiday Market is also included in the ticket price. Space is limited to 300 guests.

Tickets are \$35 in advance, and, if available, \$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Holiday Market and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The event is sponsored by Holiday Market, Waltonwood at Cherry Hill and the Leadership Canton Alumni Association in cooperation with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Charter Township of Canton. For more information, please call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Annual bug hunt

Friends of the Rouge will be holding their Annual Fall Bug Hunt on Saturday Oct. 14, at Schoolcraft College's

VisTaTech Center, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Volunteers must pre-register by calling (313) 792-9621. Children are welcome when accompanied by one adult per child, groups are limited to six individuals, and you must have your own transportation.

The Fall Bug Hunt is a group sampling event in which volunteers are pre-assigned to a team that travels to two sites and samples for the small aquatic insects, clams, snails, etc. that live in the streambed. Sites are located throughout the metropolitan area on small Rouge streams. No prior experience is necessary, just an interest in what lives in the river. This is part of a long term sampling program to assess the health of Rouge River tributaries.

Consumer expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual Consumer Expo on Thursday, Oct. 19, from 5 - 7:30 p.m. at Summit on the Park in Canton. The expo provides an opportunity for Canton businesses to connect with potential customers, promote their products and/or services, make contacts and sales opportunities, and learn more about other chamber businesses.

Applications to reserve booth space are due by Friday, Sept. 29 and will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis due to limited space. The event is open to the general public and door prizes and a cash bar will be provided.

For more information please call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

MARSP meeting

All public school retirees are invited to join the Northwest Wayne County Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) at the next luncheon meeting Wednesday, Oct. 11. MARSP meets at 11:30 AM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia.

"Help Me Find My Mind," tips on memory management, will be presented after lunch by Sandy Bauman. Make a reservation for Oct. 11 by calling (248) 477-9764. The cost is \$10.

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Fed up

Local woman starts group to help stem the 'invasion' of illegal immigrants

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The Mexican border is a long way from Canton. But that doesn't stop resident Peggy Robichaud from worrying about the 3,000 immigrants who cross over into the United States - illegally, she says - every day.

"I've read that there are as many as 20 million illegal immigrants in the United States right now," she said. And she's fed up. Robichaud is fed up with President Bush, and she's fed up with legislators who have failed to pass immigration reform initiatives to end the problem.

It started, for Robichaud, when people in her life started losing their jobs and were having a hard time finding work. She tried to figure out how that could happen, and found a lot of answers in her research on illegal immigration. Now she's holding leaders in Washington accountable for what she calls an invasion. As cofounder of Michigan Citizens for Immigration Reform (MCFIR) she's been picketing the local offices of U.S. Rep. Sander Levin and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, who is up for re-election Nov. 7. She's also not very happy with the efforts of President Bush.

"Twice this president has taken an oath to defend our country against invasion. If you don't call 20 million undocumented aliens an invasion, I don't know what is," Robichaud said.

She said that illegal immi-



Peggy Robichaud says there are 20 million undocumented aliens in the U.S.

gration costs money - a lot of money - by draining the country's educational and health systems, and that without safety precautions like immunizations for immigrants, Americans are exposed to diseases which have been virtually unknown for decades in the United States. And of course, there is the problem of unemployment.

"I'm old enough to remember when America was made up of people who were truly American," Robichaud said in frustration over immigrants who maintain their allegiance and language of their home countries.

She's specifically worried about Mexico, which can "fix its own troubles," she said.

"They have oil there, and tourism, and a good number of wealthy citizens. They have

ways of overcoming poverty. As long as we take their poor there is no motivation for that country to fix its own problems," Robichaud said.

According to its mission statement, the 120-member MCFIR "stands for stopping illegal immigration at once by effective border security and effective penalties against employers of illegal immigrants. We oppose amnesty for illegal aliens. We are an independent non-participant organization of private citizens who have come together because we are concerned about the invasion that is overwhelming our country. We are also concerned about the unwillingness of most politicians to confront the illegal immigration crisis."

The group believes in military enhancement of Mexico's border to the United States, and in the implementation of employer sanctions against those who hire illegal workers.

But it's not just about preserving American well-being, Robichaud said. It's also about forcing Mexico to face its social ills.

"And if we go under, what would happen to Mexico? That would be terrible," Robichaud said.

Meanwhile, back in Washington, Stabenow opposed a recent immigration bill because it didn't go far enough to protect Michigan jobs.

"While I consistently voted for tough enforcement provisions and to provide the resources necessary to secure

our borders, this bill does not do enough to protect American jobs. President Bush's new guest worker program opens our borders to hundreds of thousands of new guest workers every year. Importing cheap foreign labor is wrong for Michigan and wrong for America," Stabenow said. "I cannot support a bill that fails to strike the proper balance between security, fairness and preserving Michigan jobs. We need an effective immigration system that works for businesses and communities and that protects the basic rights of immigrants who are such an important part of our state economy and quality of life."

U.S. Sen. Carl Levin likewise agreed that the immigration system is broken, but has cautioned against quick fixes and hasty solutions.

"We need to make comprehensive, responsible and commonsense reforms that will stem the tide of illegal immigrants, will be fair to those who are here legally, and will deal realistically with the millions of illegal immigrants already here," he said in a statement earlier this year. "The bipartisan approach taken by the Senate Judiciary Committee would accomplish many of those goals. The bill would strengthen security at our borders through advanced technology, increased border patrol and heavier fines. It would create a sustainable temporary worker program to help fill the lowest wage jobs, which pay little and are short



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Canton resident Peggy Robichaud cofounded the Michigan Citizens for Immigration Reform because of her concerns about illegal immigrants in America.

of American takers. And it would provide a path to citizenship that does not bump anybody who is here legally."

But that smacks of amnesty, which Robichaud staunchly opposes.

"We have jobs going out and foreigners coming in. What ever happened to the American worker?" she said.

"If someone came here illegally they started off by breaking the law, so they have no respect for our laws and culture. I'd like to see the government just enforce the laws we have. It's our government's biggest issue."

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Man threatens to kill men impounding his car

Two tow truck drivers called Canton police after the owner of a car they were impounding threatened their lives. The drivers had arrived early in the afternoon on Oct. 2 to impound a pickup truck from a Mott Road mobile home park. The owner of the truck asked them what they were doing as they were hooking up the pickup to the tow truck. "You won't get far with my truck," the owner said, according to police reports. "I'll shoot the back of your tow truck." As the drivers were leaving the park, they saw the man in the rear view mirror, holding a rifle. Though he didn't point the gun at them, he did make verbal threats to kill them, the men told police.

CONDO ROBBED
A Realtor called Canton police after she discovered, in a most embarrassing way, that a home she was showing had been robbed. The Realtor was showing a condominium on Scenic Circle when the prospective buyer asked why appliances were not included in the sale. Turns out, they should have been, but they were stolen. According to police reports,

POLICE BEAT
The appliances were stolen sometime after Sept. 21, and included a stainless steel microwave, a stove and a dishwasher, worth a total of \$2,100.

INTERNET FRAUD
A Canton woman called police to report that a man she'd never met swindled her out of \$400. The 42-year-old woman said she'd met a man online in March of this year, and carried on a four-month-long friendship with the man who told her he lives in Nigeria, according to police reports. The woman was trying to make arrangements to visit him and had wired him \$400. But the trip never happened and she doesn't know what happened to her money. The case was reported to the National White Collar Crime Center.

CARS VANDALIZED
Canton police are investigating the vandalism of approximately a dozen cars, each of which had their tires slashed

on Sept. 27. The cars were all parked in a neighborhood north of Palmer and west of Haggerty, and one car owner reported his car was fine at 2 a.m. The first calls about the vandalism began coming into the police station at approximately 7 a.m., according to police reports. The officer investigating took a walk around the neighborhood and found that more than 10 cars had been damaged. A witness reported seeing three teenage boys wandering around the area late at night before the damage was reported.

BOTTLES STOLEN
An employee at a Canton restaurant called police after someone apparently stole empty bottles and beer kegs from a storage area behind the eatery. According to police reports, the bottles and kegs went missing sometime before 5 a.m. on Oct. 1. The culprit took approximately 20 empty kegs and 20 cases of returnable bottles. The total value was less than \$300.

Carol Marshall

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him, shave him," by 518 students who gathered outside to witness the event, Learned sat down in a chair as six students, one from each grade, used the clippers on his head, before being finished off by his own barber, Marv Hopper of McMullen's Barber Shop in Plymouth. "I wanted to get picked because I wanted to see Mr. Learned bald," said fifth-grader Eric Ealovega of Canton Township, who was chosen in a drawing to use the hair clip-

pers. "I thought he'd look funny." This year's Roadrunner Rally raised \$11,450 for the PTO, with the money earmarked for playground equipment. "This was our third walk-a-thon, and it's the most we've ever raised," said Donna McEvilly, rally chairwoman. "I think it was largely due to Kevin putting out the challenge that if we raised at least \$10,000 he would let the kids shave his head." Some students were hoping to raise enough money to reach one of two other challenge levels. One would have allowed students to tape

Learned to a wall during lunch. The other would have had Learned spend the night in the school lobby with the Gallimore Roadrunner, and then walk around school the next day in his pajamas. "I'd do anything to fire up the kids," Learned said. "Especially at the elementary level, it's about giving them experiences and things to connect to and remember. It has really raised the school spirit in the building to start this school year."

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JAZZ

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executive Johanne Maggard of Smooth Jazz V98.7 said all of the program's goals were met. The radio station organized eight concerts, which they called the Canton Color Tour. One concert was canceled on account of rain.

"The goals were to drive traffic through the DDA color districts," Maggard said. Earlier this year, the DDA adopted a new marketing and branding concept which divides Ford Road into different color districts.

Another goal was to "attract diverse 35- to 54-year-old adults with families to the area, and to convince them that Canton is a close and convenient destination for shop-

ping and leisure," Maggard said. That goal was also met, and each of the performances attracted upwards of 200 people.

Performers used the DDA's "Lots of Fun" portable stage. Though the series was considered a success, Maggard suggested changing the schedule a bit. Concerts were scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday evenings.

"We were finding that people were showing up at about 6:45 or so," she said. "Maybe changing the times to 7-9 p.m. would be better."

At the end of the series, a concert at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill featured Alexander Zonjic and Friends, along with special guest Jeff Lorber. The \$20 tickets for that show sold out, Maggard said. The radio station also held a drawing of people who

had attended the Ford Road concerts, and the winner, Theresa Hogan of Farmington Hills, was treated to a backstage meeting with Zonjic, as well as a \$500 Ford Road shopping spree.

The DDA paid \$50,000 in return for the programming and promotions on the radio. What they received was more than 250 radio ads, a link on the WVMV Web site, 10 e-mail blasts to 65,000 WVMV listeners, 2,000 color coded cards, 5,000 multicolored fliers that included the schedule, support staff at all the events and a chance to raise money for the public art program.

They also netted some \$7,000 from the final performance at the theater.

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ART

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eye, and also about educating the public," said Jennifer Tobin, Canton Arts Coordinator. "Once you're educated about the art, you can appreciate it so much more."

The tour will include information about the artists who created the pieces which were installed along Ford Road, as well as the kind of information you'd get in art class, Tobin said.

"The docent will talk about the materials, which are industrial in nature, and will also get into things like color, shape, form and texture," Tobin said.

Docent Peggy Grant will guide the tour on behalf of Midwest Sculpture Initiative, the group which was commissioned by the Canton Downtown Development Authority, in partnership with the Canton Cultural Commission's Public Art Committee to install the eight pieces of art along the DDA section of Ford Road for one year.

The DDA funded the project, at a cost of \$12,000.

"Public sculpture is the most visible of art forms and sends a message to businesses and visi-

tors that a community is forward thinking, energetic, and values art in its community," according to a DDA statement about the display.

But if riding on a bus and hearing about art isn't your cup of tea, you can still learn about the artwork, Tobin said.

"Canton Cable TV will tape the tour for those who can't get out to do this so people can sit at home and take the tour," Tobin said, adding that there will be another guided tour in the spring.

The DDA is also eagerly awaiting its piece of permanent art, a sculpture that will be installed this fall at the corner of Canton Center and Ford. That piece is not on loan; the DDA purchased it for \$50,000.

DDA members had hoped the sculpture would have been installed by now, but DDA director Kathleen Salla said the township engineers are making sure that there are no utilities under the site where the sculpture will be installed.

"We need to be sure that when we start drilling we don't drill into something," she said.

Once the DDA gets a firm installation date, a dedication ceremony will be scheduled.

The artwork — the purchased piece, as well as those

which are displayed for one year — are part of the DDA master plan, which was adopted in February 2003.

"We don't have historical markers and that kind of thing," Salla said. "Art along the DDA corridor creates an identity and makes it interesting to shop there."

Limited seating is available for the free bus tour of Canton's Ford Road temporary sculpture exhibition.

The first 40 to register will be able to take this informative tour on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. Registration is required and may be made by calling Jennifer Tobin at (734) 394-5484.

When registering, leave a name, phone number and number of seats you would like to reserve.

You will receive a phone call to confirm your reservation and give you the location on Ford Road to park and meet the bus.

For more information about the eight sculpture and the artists that created them, visit www.canton-mi.org/canton-publicart.asp. Visitors may also vote for their favorite sculpture on that Web site.

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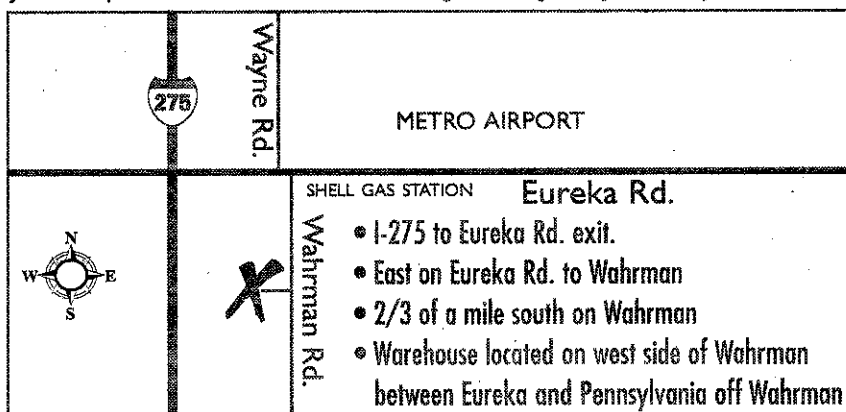
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Man of 'excellence'

Canton Township Trustee Karl Zarbo spoke during the annual Canton Chamber of Commerce awards luncheon Wednesday at the Summit. Zarbo was honored with the Chamber Excellence Award for his longstanding service to the Canton community. Previously to serving on the board, Zarbo served more than a decade on the planning commission. He was recognized for his involvement in a long list of charitable works, and for being the driving force behind bringing IKEA to Canton. He's served on Canton's marketing committee, on the sign ordinance review committee, on the Canton Liberty Fest Committee and on the Ford Road Task Force.

Residents are urged to use care when using lawn fertilizer

In an effort to help protect local water resources, Canton residents are urged to use fertilizer sparingly and carefully during the month of October. Excess fertilizer that washes from lawns into storm drains contains chemicals that are harmful to water resources.

With 1.5 million homes in Southeast Michigan, all residents need to be aware of the cumulative effects of our lawn care practices. You can help keep water resources safe by following these simple tips.

- **Sweep it:** Fertilizer and grass clippings left on sidewalks and driveways wash into storm drains.
- **Sweeping fertilizer and grass clippings back onto the lawn** saves our lakes and streams.
- **Hire smart:** Select a lawn service that uses organic fertilizers or offers a slow-release nitrogen, low or no phosphorus option.
- **You may also need to request a soil test** to ensure the right amount is applied.
- **Don't guess, soil test:** A soil test will tell you what, if any, fertilizer is needed in your yard. Contact your Michigan State University Extension county office for more information.
- **Buy low:** Choose a fertilizer with low or no phosphorus. Most lawns already contain enough phosphorus and excess phosphorus can cause algae blooms in our lakes.
- **Go slow:** Select an organic or slow-release fertilizer. A slow-release fertilizer is one with at least half of the nitrogen in "water insoluble" form. Slow-release fertilizers provide a steady supply of plant nutrients over an extended period of time.
- **Mow high:** Make your lawn cheaper and easier to maintain by mowing high -- three inches is the rule. Tall grass promotes root growth and shades out weeds. Let grass clippings fall back on the lawn. Clippings recycle nutrients back into the soil, so fertilizer needs can be reduced by 25 percent or more.
- **Make fertilizer-free zones:** Keep fertilizer applications at least 20 feet away from the edge of lakes, streams, or storm drains.

Urging residents to use fertilizer sparingly and carefully is just one step to keeping water clean. Additional steps include: Conserving water; carefully storing and disposing of household cleaners, chemicals and oil; cleaning up after your pet; choosing earth-friendly landscaping; keeping pollution out of storm drains; and practicing good car care. Information on all these steps can be found at www.semco.org or in the information racks located inside Canton's Administration Building.

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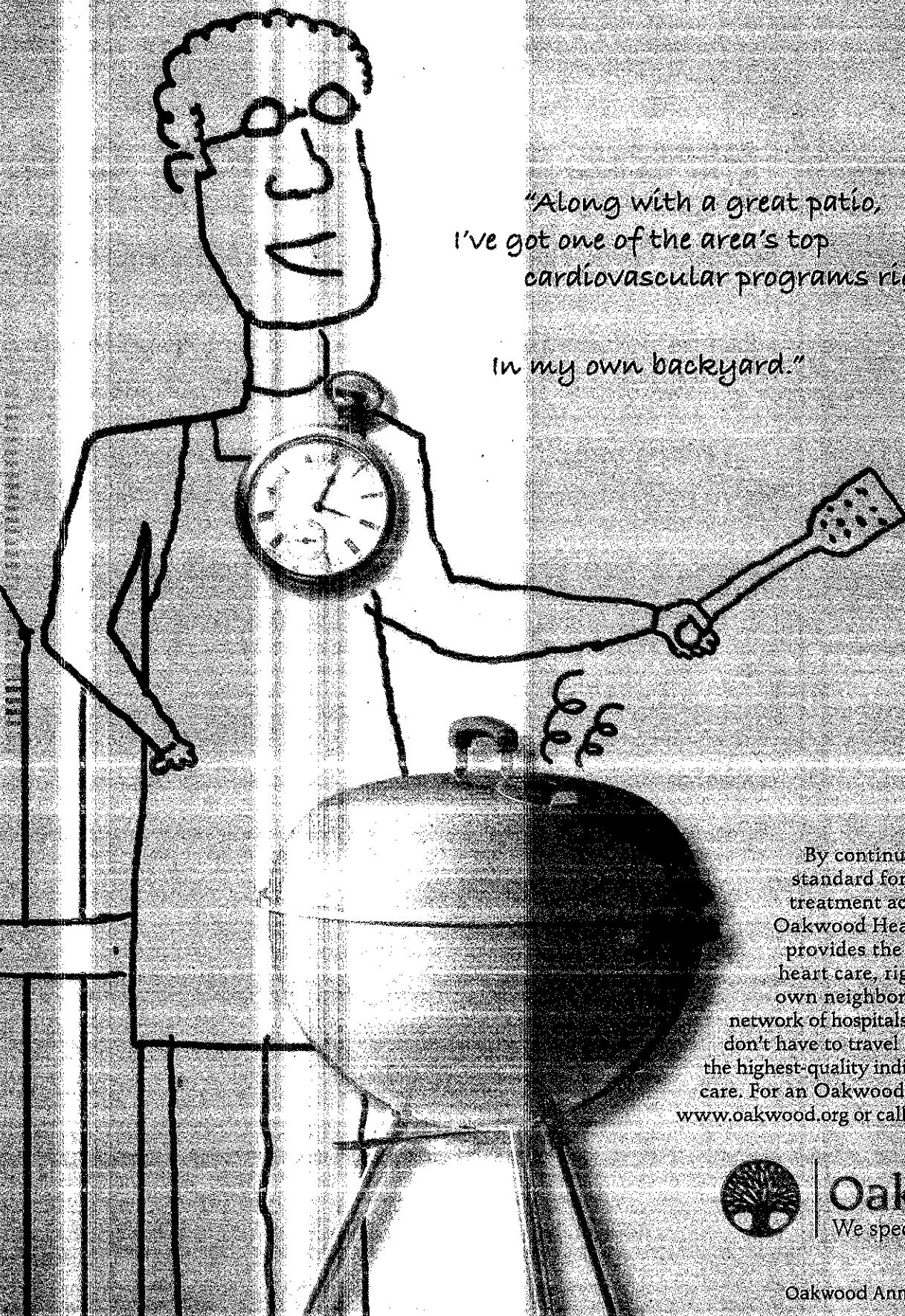
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District's annual report focuses on successes

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

People interested in finding out about the Wayne-Westland Community can get the information they're looking for in the district's 2005-2006 Annual Report.

The report is divided into two parts, one focusing on the district as a whole and the other in the each of Wayne-Westland's 24 schools, including its Tinkham Alternative High School.

"It's a celebration of our many successes," said Sam Barresi in presenting the

report to the school board. "It addresses MEAP, mathematics and reflects the tests required by the No Child Left Behind Act."

According to Barresi, assistant superintendent for instruction, the district is required to produce the annual report as part of No Child Left Behind.

The district report looks at such things as graduation and dropout rates. According to 2004-2005 figures, the most current information available at the time the report was prepared, 93.32 percent of seniors graduated. The

dropout rate for the same period was 3.99 percent.

The report also includes information on the district's Adequate Yearly Progress, also required by the No Child Left Behind Act, its MEAP scores and district-level improvement and accreditation.

In presenting the reports to the school board, Barresi highlighted two items - school performance and scholarship money.

According to Barresi, the class of 2006 received more than \$2.5 million in scholarships from colleges and uni-

versities and in Michigan Merit Awards.

"It's an indication of our academic successes," he said.

Under school performance, the report acknowledges schools like Schweitzer, Elliott, Roosevelt-McGrath and Taft-Galloway elementaries which have received the Golden Apple Award for improvement over a three-year period, the Encore Award for "continued significant improvement," and the Lighthouse Award given to Madison Elementary for "continued meritorious performance on the MEAP for

several years."

The much thicker composite report covers the same information, but on a school-by-school basis.

The district uses the reports as a marketing tool, making copies available to local real estate agents.

Barresi received kudos for the report which Trustee Ed Turner described as "great."

"It has an excellent layout," said Trustee Skip Monit. "You want to get a hold of this report and read it. There's a lot of misinformation out there about MEAP scores and the information is correct."



Photographs of students fill the covers and pages of Wayne-Westland's two-part annual report.

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Canton Observer takes five state press awards

The Canton Observer took five awards, among the 27 presented to the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers, in the 2006 Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Editorial Contest.

Plymouth/Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright earned three awards. He earned a second place award for Sports Feature, for his story "It takes their breath away"; a second place for Sports Coverage; and a third place for Sports Columnist.

Canton Observer Community Editor Kurt Kuban earned second place for Local Columnist. MPA judges said Kuban's columns are "a great read." Reporter

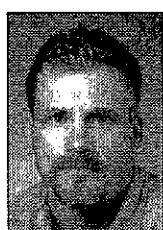


Wright

Carol Marshall earned an honorable mention in the same category.

This year's contest was judged by members of the Illinois Press Association. More than 4,000 entries were received from 138 Michigan newspapers.

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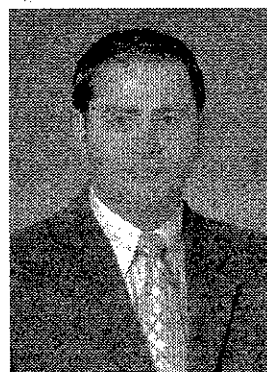
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Newspaper Week, observed annually during the first week of October.

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Tune into fire safety: 'Stand by your pan'

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If this scenario or a similar one doesn't sound familiar to you, you may want to think about it a little more because it's likely that you, a friend, or family

member has run the risk of having a dangerous fire. As a member of Livonia Fire & Rescue, I often talk to people about the ways they can stay safe in their homes. Too often, we have that talk after they've suffered a damaging fire.

It's my hope that people reading this article won't have to learn the hard way. If I could give just one fire warning, I'd say, "stand by your pan!"

Why? Because cooking is the leading cause of home fires, according to the non-profit National Fire

Protection Association (NFPA).

The latest statistics from NFPA say that one out of every three home fires started in the kitchen and more than 100,000 fires a year were related to cooking.

We're joining forces with NFPA and thousands of other fire departments across North America to commemorate Fire Prevention Week, October 8-14, "Prevent Cooking Fires – Watch What You Heat." The theme reminds us that leaving cooking unattended and other unsafe kitchen practices are a recipe for disaster.

Often when we're called to a cooking-related fire, the residents tell us they only left the kitchen for a few minutes. Sadly, that's all it takes for a dangerous fire to start.

The bottom line is that there's really no safe period of time for the cook to step away from a hot stove. A few key points to remember:

■ Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food. If you must leave the room even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.

■ When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.

■ Keep cooking areas clean and clear of combustibles (e.g. potholders, towels, rags, drapes and food packaging).

■ Keep children away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of three feet around the stove.

■ If you have a fire in your microwave, turn it off immediately and keep the door closed. Never open the door until the fire is completely out. If in doubt, get out of the home and call the fire department.

■ Always keep an oven mitt and a lid nearby. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan (make sure you are wearing the oven mitt). Turn off the burner and slide the pan off the burner. To keep the fire from restarting, do not remove the lid until it is completely cool. Never pour water on a grease fire. If the fire does not go out, get out of the home and call the fire department.

■ If an oven fire starts, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you or your clothing. If the fire does not go out, get out of the home and call the fire department.

A cooking fire can quickly turn deadly. I have seen too many homes destroyed and people killed or injured by fires that could have been easily avoided. Please heed these simple safety rules.

We firefighters would like to be in your kitchen, but only when you invite us for dinner!

For a demonstration of cooking fires, as well as an opportunity to meet many of your local firefighters, please plan a visit to Livonia fire station No. 3 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, for our annual Fire Prevention Week Open House.

If you can't make the Open House, stop by any of our five fire stations 9:30-11 a.m., 1:30-4:30 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. Oct. 9-13. For more information, call us at (734) 466-2444.

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Guild auditions for Gilbert and Sullivan operetta

The Comic Opera Guild will hold open auditions for its upcoming production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* in two locations: 7-9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, at Madonna College, Kresge Hall, 36600 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia (Entrance D) and 7-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, at University of Michigan School of Music, 1100 Baits Drive, Room 2058, Ann Arbor.

Lead and chorus singers are being sought for this production. The rehearsal period will allow most people to fit the show in their schedule. Interested people may come during the times listed above, or contact the Guild for a specific time.

You will be asked to sing a number that you bring with you, and lead candidates will be asked to read dialog.

The Comic Opera Guild will present *The Pirates of Penzance* at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 15-16 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17.

The Comic Opera Guild, a semi-professional lyric theater company, has performed classics of light opera over 30 years.

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Maybe 'civil and courteous' is too much to ask of campaigning

After a stormy primary season, in which the Republican Party went hard after one of its own, the thought occurred the other day: "When's the ickiness going to start in the general election campaign?" After events of the past week, we don't have to wait any longer. The gloves are off.

The week started with a seemingly innocuous campaign contrivance: a run by Democrat Mark Slavens, challenging incumbent Republican Bruce Patterson for the state Senate seat in the 7th District, and Marc Corriveau, the Democrat in the race for the 20th House seat being vacated by term-limited Republican John Stewart. Oddly enough, the group ended up posing for a photo op in front of, of all places, Stewart's office. That would be *Republican* John Stewart. Talk about politics making strange bedfellows.

The photo op came near the end of a campaign "jog" by Slavens, joined by Corriveau, from Slavens' office to Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Stewart, who said he's had "respect and ... a long-term relationship where I've seen how conservative and business-like a Democrat Mark Slavens is," said he offered to have the runners stop at his Main Street law office for water.

While there, the group gathered for a picture, joined by Stewart and his wife, Beth, who lost to Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo in an ugly primary.

Now, John Stewart said this week he "is not endorsing anyone" in the race for his open seat, but it doesn't take a genius to make that leap, what with campaign signs and two Democrat candidates taking up space on the front lawn of his office.

"I am not endorsing anybody," Stewart said. "It's obvious my own party has been the biggest problem for me. (But) I was elected to be a Republican, and I'm going to fulfill that for 85 days."

Given the opinion of party leadership on how Stewart has "fulfilled" that the last six years (in case you're wondering, it's low), what ensued shouldn't surprise anyone. Of course, the Republican Party wasn't just going to let it slide. Shannon Price, chair of the 11th Congressional Republican District, apparently found out about the little campaign rally and was on hand to take pictures.

Stewart, who blames Price and just about every Republican on Earth for what happened to his wife, took umbrage and asked Price to leave. Eyewitness accounts differ on who started what, but all agree it got sort of ugly before Price actually left.

Price, of course, is disturbed by Stewart's actions, because the party, according to Price, has always backed Stewart.

"We haven't always agreed with him, but he's always been our guy," Price told me Wednesday. "When he got elected, it was in a five-way primary, and the people who backed (other candidates) got behind John when he won."

"Now, because Beth lost, he's out there with Democrats," Price added. "I think it's just sour grapes."

Of course there are sour grapes; it's campaign season. And they couldn't be much more sour than at the end of Wednesday's candidates forum, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County. The forum was divided into two parts, the first for Corriveau and Abbo, the second for Slavens and Patterson.

Patterson, who had a previous commitment for a high-level meeting on energy issues, didn't think he could make it, so it looked like Slavens was going to go it alone, with only an empty chair and Patterson's name placard sharing TV space.

It was clear from the beginning that Slavens, normally a mild-mannered attorney who has served for years on the Plymouth-Canton school board, had devised a ramped-up game plan to batter Patterson's record and reinforce what Slavens feels is Patterson's reputation as a bully.

The problem for Slavens came when the "bully" showed up. His meeting ended earlier than anticipated, Patterson hustled out to the Canton Public Library and arrived some 10 minutes late, with Slavens in mid-diatribes. When Patterson got the microphone, he tried to issue what to us seemed a sincere apology and explanation for his tardiness, over the shouts and jibes of a pro-Slavens crowd.

Slavens continued to try to stand toe-to-toe with Patterson, criticizing the senator for his performance, in some cases trying to outshout his opponent. It would have helped if Slavens had had his facts straight; at one point, he criticized Patterson's efforts on behalf of the mentally ill. But Patterson revealed he was being considered for "Legislator of the Year" honors by the Mental Health Association of Michigan, a fact confirmed by that group's leadership.

"He is being considered because of his outstanding support for mental health parity legislation and his leadership in that area," said Mark Reinstein, MHAM president.

Unfortunately, rough-and-tumble simply doesn't seem to be Slavens' style. The audience, largely made up of Slavens supporters, applauded, but to many observers the strategy didn't seem to work.

And it degenerated toward the end into name-calling and personal attacks from both men, something upon which the League of Women Voters frowns.

"We discourage the audience from asking 'personal attack' questions, and we also discourage the candidates from flinging personal attacks at each other," League president Paula Bowman said.

"It is difficult for the League to make a judgment call regarding what is a personal attack by a candidate and what is simply criticism of the opponent's views. We assume that the candidates will be civil and courteous to each other."

Maybe that's just too much to ask in a political campaign season.

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At a time when we need more, politics reaches for a new low

This past week in politics is enough to make a political junkie swear off for a while.

Jennifer Granholm and Dick DeVos met in their first "debate." Tim Skubick, host of *Off the Record*, set the tone for the night by asking whether DeVos was offended by



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Granholm's campaign ads. Skubick kept acting like a political heat-seeking missile, zeroing in on the most testy and least illuminating subjects. The only questions about governing came from *Detroit News* reporter

Charlie Cain, and he got few opportunities to steer the conversation to more elevated levels.

Shame on Tim Skubick for wasting our time when the state faces real problems.

Granholm was considerably more polished than her opponent, who stared into the camera like a deer in headlights and kept repeating how "disappointed" he was. But Granholm also descended into political games with her accusations about a DeVos investment in a nursing home operation and an implication that he was somehow responsible for alleged resident abuse. His response was less than forthcoming, but bringing the issue up was cheap and distracting. Stick to real issues; this state is suffering.

Shame on Jennifer Granholm and her advisers because on substance and performance, she had it won until that point. This week's debate will be Tuesday. WDIV-TV (Channel 4) will be pre-empting a great new television series, *Friday Night Lights*, to show the debate. *Friday Night Lights* will be aired at 1:38 a.m.

WDIV, do us a favor, do the right thing. Show *Friday Night Lights* at its regular time and show the debate at 1:38 a.m.

Nationally, it's Mark Foley all the time. There are calls for Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert to resign. Assuming that he's telling the truth, that the only communication by Foley that he knew about was the ambiguous e-mail and not the salacious instant messages, he probably should not resign.

But before the Foley scandal broke, Hastert showed his true colors with his inflammatory, partisan, noxious comments about Democrats who voted against the bill giving the president more authority in handling detainees and denying detainees habeas corpus rights. He said that Democrats who opposed the measure, "voted today in favor of more rights for terrorists. So the same terrorists who plan to harm innocent Americans and their freedom worldwide would be coddled if we followed the Democrat plan."

Never mind that several detainees have been found to have no connection with terrorist groups and activities. Never mind that we are a nation founded on the idea that all humans have "inalienable rights" and that being brought before a court in a timely manner is one of those human rights. Never mind that there is a difference between being a terrorist and being "suspected" of terrorist activities.

Of course, the right-wing spin is all over the Foley matter. It's "clearly" a plot by Democrats to make Republicans look bad. Never mind that they do look bad.

Finally, closer to home. There is a scurrilous piece of literature being sent around by the Michigan Republican Party against state Rep. Glenn Anderson, who is running for the state Senate against state Sen. Laura Toy. The text on the front reads "The Ten Commandments, pretty hard to argue with any of them. Unless you're a radical liberal like Glenn Anderson." The next page asserts "liberal" Anderson is "controlled" by radical special interests.

It's clearly aimed at those just barely literate voters who don't understand what the words radical or liberal mean and don't have a firm grasp of the First Amendment. Glenn Anderson is anything but a "radical liberal." He's a decent man and a moderate Democrat who votes his conscience. Toy, who says she favors closer relations with those across the aisle, needs to disavow any connection with such garbage.

A sad, sad week for politics.

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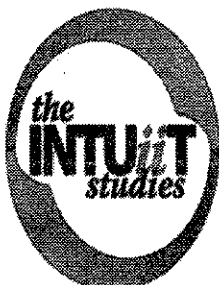
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Draw earns Canton first Division title since '02

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

With just over 11 minutes left in the first half of Wednesday night's Canton-Northville soccer match, the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division title bounced around in front of the Mustangs' net like a pinball, redirected by four sets of feet and a goal post.

Canton's Kyle Gring finally put an end to the 10-second mad scramble when he left-footed the ball into the back of the net from close range to give the Chiefs a 1-0 lead.

Although Northville fought back in the second half to earn a 1-1 draw, Gring's goal proved to be golden because — due to the

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league's tie-breaking formula — the draw was all the Chiefs needed to claim their first division title since 2002.

Canton will take a 13-2-4 overall mark into Wednesday's WLAA conference championship tilt against Salem, which earned the Lakes title by upending Livonia Stevenson last week.

Both Canton and Northville finished with 7-0-3 marks in the division, but the Chiefs won the tie-breaker since they allowed one less goal than the Mustangs in divisional games.

Salem and Canton's third meeting this season — both squads have one once — is

set for 7 p.m. on the P-CEP varsity soccer field.

"This team has an unbelievable desire to win and an unbelievable way of finding ways to win," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "They leave everything they have out on the field every game. We have great senior leadership and — from one to 22 — no matter who it is, they all have a tremendous amount of heart."

The Mustangs not only entered Wednesday's contest with hopes of a conference crown, they also owned an unbeaten overall record (13-0-5) and the No. 1 ranking in Division 1, according to the Michigan High School Coaches Association.

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THIRD TIME'S A CHARM

WHAT: Western Lakes Activities Association championship boys soccer match.

WHO: Lakes Division champion Salem (13-5-2) vs. Western Division champion Canton (13-2-4).

WHERE: P-CEP varsity soccer stadium.

WHEN: Wednesday at 7 p.m.

WHO'S GOING TO WIN?: "Both teams are very strong, especially defensively," said Northville coach Henry Klimes, who coached against both the Chiefs and Rocks this season. "Obviously, I think it will be a low-scoring game. I hate to do this, but in all honesty I think it's going to be a tie."

Chiefs dog Mustangs in 70-14 rout

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Northville's best weapon — Purina — wasn't nearly as effective as Canton's best weapon — Perino — in Friday's night's homecoming game at Canton.

Likewise, the Mustangs proved to

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be no match for the Chiefs, who galloped past their visitors, 70-14, in a game marred by an ugly dogfood incident during the Chiefs' first offensive possession.

The win boosted state-ranked Canton's record to 7-0 overall and 5-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Northville dropped to 1-6 and 1-4, respectively.

According to several Canton players and coaches, two Northville defensive linemen threw dogfood in the faces of a pair of Chief offensive linemen during the Chiefs' first offensive play.

The questionable strategy backfired for Northville as Canton's Winged-T offense turned the Mustangs' defense into kibbles and bits, scoring 42 points on just 13 offensive plays in the first quarter alone.

"Our kids picked up a handful of the dogfood, or whatever it was, and I took it over and showed their coach at halftime," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "I told him their defensive

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All together now

Participating in P-C Steelers football program proves to be bonding experience for family

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

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All four members of the Tata family (clockwise from upper left) — Vince, Catherine, Shareen and Nick — are heavily involved in the Plymouth-Canton Steelers youth football program.

On any given weeknight this fall, Vince Tata can take a couple-second break from his duties as a Plymouth-Canton Steelers assistant football coach, scan the fields that cover the acreage behind Plymouth's Central Middle School, and spot every member of his family participating in a Steelers-related activity.

Needless to say, the scenario is pleasing to the football-loving former Michigan State University gridiron standout, even more so because the other three Tatas seem to love what they're doing as much as Vince.

During an era when the demands of youth sports often push dads, moms, sisters and brothers apart for a good chunk of most evenings, the Tatas are drawn together by the Steelers' junior football program.

And Vince Tata couldn't be happier.

"To me, football is the greatest sport in the world, so to have every member of my family involved in this program has been a wonderful experience for all of us," said Tata, who was a three-year starting offensive lineman at MSU in the mid- to late-80s.

"A lot of times, families will have, let's say, a daughter who's in soccer and a son in baseball, so the family gets divided up when there are practices and games. Having everyone in our family involved in football is a neat situation to be in for us."

ALL IN THE FAMILY

At the request of some of the Steelers' parents and coaches, Vince's wife, Shareen, volunteered to serve as the program's unit director earlier this year. The all-encompassing job's responsibilities include everything from making sure each of the three football teams and three cheerleading units have the proper equipment on game days, to lining up parents for the first-down chain gang, to ensuring that the pro-



Plymouth-Canton Steelers assistant junior varsity coach Vince Tata works with Lowell Wade on his blocking technique during a practice last week at Central Middle School.

gram's coaches are carrying out the Steelers' core values.

Nick Tata, a 12-year-old seventh-grader at West Middle School, is a starting offensive tackle on the junior varsity squad and fourth-year member of the Steelers program.

And 8-year-old Catherine is a first-year cheerleader for the freshman team.

Put it all together and the Tatas' unofficial slogan is: "A family that coaches, blocks, coordinates and cheers together, bonds together."

HECTIC, BUT HAPPY

"Things can get a little nuts at our house after school and before practice," said Shareen Tata, smiling. "As soon as the kids get home, they usually grab something quick to eat and then get their homework done before practice. We'll get a hug in, but there's no time for warm fuzzies."

"I think football is the best sport because of what it does for the children — both the players and the cheerleaders. They learn about the

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Salem's Matt Smidebush watches his shot off the No. 2 tee during district play at Whispering Willows Thursday morning. For more, see Page B6.

Trosper earns Division 1 District medalist honors

Please see detailed story on Division 1 District tournament on Page B6.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

All those buckets of range balls Canton golfer Derek Trosper has launched at Mickey's Driving Range over the past few years paid off in a big way at Thursday's Division 1 District golf tournament at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Trosper, a senior, outlasted four other golfers in a marathon playoff to

capture medalist honors at the 12-team event. The three-over-par 75 he fired over the first 18 holes was instrumental in helping the Chiefs qualify for next week's Regional competition.

Trosper's dad, Don, owns Mickey's, where Derek has honed his swing.

"Whenever I go over there, which is just about every day, I hit balls non-stop," said the Chiefs' first-ever District medalist. "It helps me with my ball-striking, but not as much with my short game."

All aspects of Trosper's game were working during the five-hole playoff he endured against Livonia Churchill's

Tommy Lucko; Garden City's Hagan Risner and Travis Dodson; and Dearborn's Eric Carnacchi.

"I played the first two playoff holes with one of my best friends, Tommy Lucko, so I wasn't nervous at all," Trosper said.

The playoff field was eventually whittled down to Carnacchi and Trosper. The Chief senior parred the fifth extra hole while Carnacchi bogeyed.

"Derek was very poised and he seemed pretty loose throughout the entire playoff," said Canton coach Tom Alles. "He kept getting pars while the

other guys were eliminating themselves with bogeys."

"He's really been a steady player for us from tee to green. Today, he always seemed to get on in regulation and two-putt."

Trosper struggled early, bogeying three of the first four holes before finding a groove following the arrival of his biggest fan.

"My dad showed up at the fifth hole and followed me around the rest of the way," Trosper said. "That seemed to settle me down."

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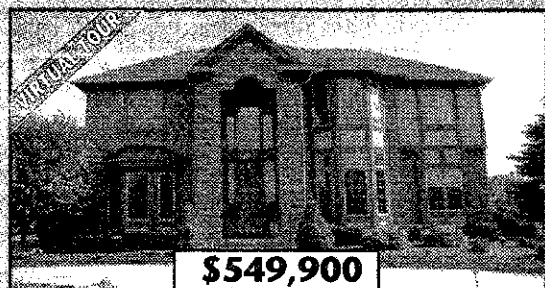
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'Field of Dreams' project needs still going

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The lush new soccer field that runs along Joy Road on the north end of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's campus offers proof that the "Field of Dreams" project has evolved into reality.

So do the four new protective shelters that have been constructed alongside the new field, and the existing varsity stadium field.

However, the two-year-old mission that was spearheaded by a group of Salem boys soccer parents to improve the Park's soccer facilities has hit a speed bump on the road to completion.

The new freshmen/junior varsity pitch that is situated about 50 yards west of the Joy-Canton Center intersection is just one of several modifications the "Field of Dreams" leaders envisioned when they kicked off the project in the fall

of 2004. However, funds that would have covered the cost of the remaining improvements — including a new concession stand, ADA-compliant restrooms and a press box for the existing varsity soccer field — turned to dust when the Plymouth-Canton Schools' bond request was defeated by voters in May.

"We're at a point now where the fund raising for the project needs to be re-invigorated and we need new leaders to step up and take over the project," said "Dreams" director Bob Harris, whose son, Thiago, starred for Salem before graduating in June. "(Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent) Dr. (Jim) Ryan has offered very positive and enthusiastic support for our project, but now we need some other parents of current players at the Park to step up and take over what we started."

"In the next few weeks, I will be meeting with the booster

clubs of all six teams — boys and girls — to try to enlist some volunteers."

Led by Harris and project fund-raising director Pat Williams, whose son, Sean, also played at Salem, the "Field of Dreams" committee raised \$293,150 over the course of two years. Approximately \$191,000 came from the school district, which had money left over from a 1999 bond.

Other major contributors were Yazaki North America, which donated \$30,000 for ADA-compliance improvements at the varsity stadium, and Mans Lumber, which has donated materials for the proposed concession stand and press box.

Other successes the committee has achieved are:

■ 102-person capacity bleachers with a four-foot center aisle is ready to be installed on the JV/freshman field prior to the first games next spring;

■ The varsity soccer stadium has been made ADA compliant thanks to the installation of a 9-foot, 8-inch by 72-foot long concrete pad that was poured between the front of the bleachers and the chain-link fence;

■ The varsity stadium scoreboard has been repaired and upgraded to wireless; the sound system was upgraded as well; and

■ The committee obtained exemption of a certified food manager for the varsity concession stand from the Wayne County Department of Public Health.

Among the ongoing fund-raising ventures is the sale of personalized bricks that will be placed at the entrance to the varsity soccer stadium.

Individuals and businesses can purchase a 4-inch-by-8-inch brick for \$75 or an 8-by-8 brick for \$150 by contacting Katy Brzys at (734) 394-0918 or kjbrzys@comcast.net.

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importance of responsibility and that if they work hard, they'll accomplish something by the end of the season.

"The best part of it all is that they do it as a team, which teaches them that they're a part of something bigger."

NO TIME TO WASTE

The unit director position can consume as many as 20 hours a week, Tata said. But she's not complaining.

"I love it," she said. "Especially because football has been such a big part of my life since Vince played in college. It's time-consuming, and I don't know how someone with a full-time job could ever do it, but it's rewarding, too."

"Shareen is in her glory when she's out there at practices and games," said Bob Callahan, a member of the Steelers' Executive Board. "And because she's been around the game so long, she's very knowledgeable."

1ST-RATE TEACHER

Vince Tata brings an impressive resume to his job as the Steelers' junior varsity offensive and defensive line coach.

He was a two-time All-State offensive lineman at Linden High School before serving as a key member of MSU's successful teams during the George Perles era.

"Vince is a great inspiration for all the players," said Callahan. "His leadership skills are unmatched because he can draw from his own experiences as a college football player."

While playing offensive guard at MSU, Tata joined future pros

Tony Mandarich and Dave Houle in clearing paths for star running back Lorenzo White during the Spartans' 1988 Rose Bowl season.

"I try to share some of my experiences as a collegiate player with the kids," Tata said. "But the most important thing I want them to know is that football is a great sport, but it's a tough sport, too, and they have to be in the right mindset when they're on the field."

"There will be times before practice when players will come up to me and say, 'Hey, coach Tata, I saw you playing on ESPN Classic last night.' I think they look up to me — especially the older players — because I played college football in the Big 10. It makes me feel good."

The proud dad admitted that, at times, the toughest part of his coaching duties may be focusing in on the team's line play as a whole, and not just on No. 36.

"One thing I've learned is that, as a coach, I have to be disciplined when it comes to watching the entire line play and not zoning in on my son," Tata said. "I'm responsible for the entire line, so I can't just keep my eye on him. At times, it does get difficult."

Having a passion for football must be in the Tata genes based on the way Nick took to the sport the minute he strapped on his first set of shoulder pads at the age of 9.

"Since football was such a big part of my life, I didn't want Nick to feel like he was being pushed into it when he was younger," Vince Tata said. "But when he was 9, he told us he wanted to play, so we signed him up. We told him he could play one year so he could see how he liked it. Well, he's loved it ever since."

Churchill surprises Salem kickers, 2-1

Taking a line from ESPN, the Livonia Churchill boys soccer team is "en fuego."

After knocking off the No. 7-ranked team in Division I Dearborn, 3-2, and tying No. 1 Northville, 1-all, the Chargers did it again Wednesday with a 2-1 victory over No. 3 Salem at Centennial Educational Park.

Andy Eshhaki scored both goals for the unranked Chargers, now 11-5-1 overall and 6-4 in the WLAA's Lakes Division. His diving header with four minutes left on an assist from Eric Puroll broke a 1-1 deadlock.

Salem (13-5-2, 8-1-1), the Lakes Division champion, took a 1-0 halftime lead on Kevin Cope's goal.

But Eshhaki tied it on the

Chargers' ninth restart goal in four games on an assist from Matt Winters after Churchill blocked the Rocks' second clear-out.

With starting goalkeeper Jason Corey out for the week with a concussion suffered in the Dearborn win, coach Reid Friedrichs used two goalkeepers on Wednesday with Ryan Walker playing the first half before giving way to JV call-up Adrian Motta.

"It was a really good week," Friedrichs said. "I'm so proud because they played so well. We had so many chances in the second half. We had so many balls in the box, but finally pushed a couple in. It's all about effort."

The Churchill coach credited his defense, made up pri-

marily of seniors, for pulling off another surprise. That unit consists of Dave Herbeck, Danny Martin, Vinnie Carozza, Bryon Niemczak and Will Debusschere.

Friedrichs also took his standout defender, senior David St. Amant, and used him as a right midfielder "to take advantage of their (Salem's) flanks."

"They are doing exactly what we're scripting and you couldn't ask for more," Friedrichs said. "We're playing as hard as we can and it's producing results."

"We just finished off an outstanding week, and I can't remember an outstanding week like that since I've been here (in seven years)."

PLYMOUTH 4, FRANKLIN 1:

Colin Rolfe's hat trick propelled the Wildcats (12-4-3, 6-2-2) to a WLAA-Western Division triumph Wednesday over host Livonia Franklin (6-10, 3-7).

Tyler Flood also scored for Plymouth, which led 2-0 at intermission.

Senior Caleb Lindsay's rebound goal off a free kick accounted for the Patriots' lone goal and ruin Plymouth goalkeeper Mike Baretta's shutout bid.

Senior Marc Langlois (nine saves) played a solid game in goal for Franklin.

Coach Vic Rodopoulos also singled out the play of seniors Brandon Filipiak and Tony Calleja.

SOCCER

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"It's kind of ironic that we're undefeated and ranked No. 1, yet we're not going to be playing for the conference title," noted Northville coach Henry Klimes, whose teams had captured the previous three Western Division titles. "But I take my hat off to Canton. They deserved it."

They played solid defense against us tonight, and that's what it takes."

Tomasso said his coaching staff did not inform the players that a tie would earn them a division title before the game, but considering the Chiefs are as proficient with calculators as they are with soccer balls, he didn't have to.

"We didn't tell them a tie was all we needed, but, hey,

they're statisticians as much as I am, so they knew where we stood," said a grinning Tomasso. "Even though we only needed a tie, we went into it with the mentality that we wanted to win it without giving up anything defensively. I think we accomplished that in the first half, but because of Northville's conditioning, speed and quickness, they were able to attack us and score in the second half."

Northville's lone goal of the night came with 18:49 left in the game when Chris Leonetti blasted a kick past Canton goalie Parker Laabs from point-blank range.

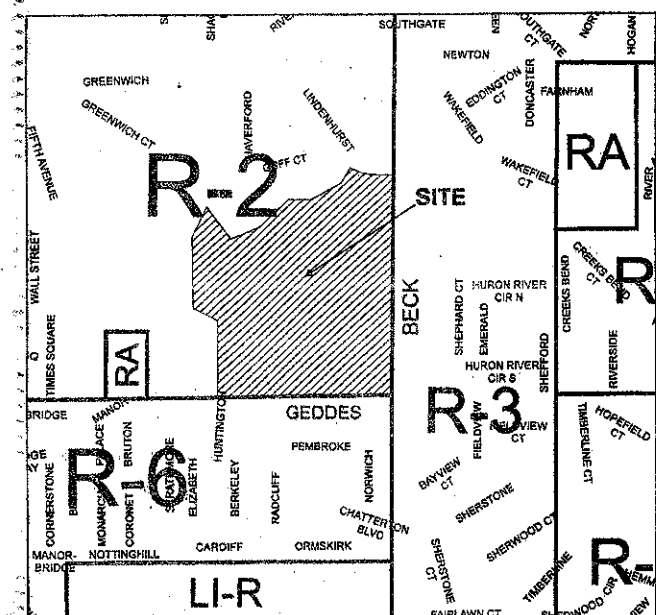
The Mustangs came within an eyelash of taking the lead with 8:52 to play, however, Laabs came out of the net to smother a bounding ball a split second before Jon Junca could put his cocked right foot on it.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 23, 2006, in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CHARGING CROSS PDD AMENDMENT NO. 1 (OAKWOOD HOSPITAL) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 116 99 0002 710 AND PART OF 116 99 0002 711. Property is located north of Geddes and west of Beck Roads.



Charging Cross PDD Amendment No. 1 116-PDD-016c

The purpose of the amendment is to change the area currently designated for multiple-family residential to medical office and hospital use.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, October 19, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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PLYMOUTH TWP. POLICE DEPT. 734-354-3232 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE AUGUST 8, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION

PLEASE NOTE: that October 10, 2006, is the last day to register for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 9 2006. Registration for Plymouth Township electors will be taken at the Office of the Clerk, 9955 Haggerty Road, or at any Secretary of State Office. The Clerk's Office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during regular office hours a call to the Clerk can set up a convenient time for the resident. Township Clerk's phone number is (734) 354-3224.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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PUBLIC NOTICE

At the request of the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees, Wayne County, State of Michigan and by the authority conferred on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources by Public Act 451 of 1994, Part 419, as amended, and Section 250, Public Act 380 of 1965, and Section 41, Public Act 306 of 1969, a hearing will be held in the Canton Administration Building Board Room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 19, 2006.

At this hearing the Department of Natural Resources will gather information from the public concerning possible changes in the interest of public safety to current laws concerning hunting and the discharge of firearms in all areas of Canton Township, Wayne County.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at 734/394-5100, a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

All interested persons are invited to attend and offer comments orally at the public hearing. Interested persons unable to attend this hearing may, within 30 days after the hearing, submit written comments to:

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Law Enforcement Division
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Southfield, Michigan 48034-5916

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LINDA J. LANGMESSER

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FOOTBALL

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linemen threw it in our linemen's faces. I told him that I didn't think he taught those things, but that I thought it was kind of bush."

Baechler said his team's best offensive output in nearly two years wasn't necessarily inspired by the dogfood incident.

"They (Northville) were just that bad on defense," Baechler added.

Senior strong safety Derek Perino was a one-man turnover machine for the Chiefs, recording two interceptions and a fumble recovery during a three-minute stretch in the latter stages of the first quarter and opening minute of the second against the Mustangs' usually potent, pass-happy offense.

Perino said he and his fellow defensive backs weren't extra amped by the fact that Northville's been known to throw the ball 30 times per game.

"We're always fired up no matter who we play and how much the other team throws," said Perino. "We have a lot of depth on defense and we don't really have any weak spots. We have good chemistry and everybody knows where everybody else is going to be. Plus, we have faith in each other."

Canton's Chris Bogdanski also contributed to the Chiefs' turnover fest by picking off a pass and pouncing on a Mustang fumble in the early going. The winners' sixth and final turnover came when Erik Wright picked off a pass midway through the fourth quarter.

"All week we told our defense that if Northville was going to run this kind of offense, we were going to have to make plays and get some interceptions," Baechler said. "It's high-risk and high-reward, but the kids did the job. Their quarterback threw some bad passes and we had them covered. Plus, a couple passes were tipped here and there, but overall I was very excited with how the defense played."

For the second-straight game, Canton third-string quarterback Adam Powers played like an All-League candidate. Filling in for the injured Steve Paye, who was filling in for the injured Ben Vaughn, Powers completed both of his passes for 64 yards and a pair of TD's (31 and 33 yards) to senior tight end Brandon Fender. Powers also ran the ball twice for 61 yards.

The Chiefs' offensive momentum didn't slow down a bit when Powers was relieved early in the third quarter by junior Ryan Neu, who racked up three carries for 96 yards and a pair of TD's (46 and 10 yards), as well as a 40-yard TD pass to junior tight end William Tidwell.

Baechler said he wasn't about to stop throwing the football with a big second-half lead as long as the Mustangs continued to blitz, which they did.

FOR ALL THE MARBLES

■ **WHAT:** Western Lakes Activities Association championship football game.
■ **WHO:** Canton (7-0) vs. Walled Lake Central (6-1).
■ **WHERE:** P-CEP varsity football stadium.
■ **WHEN:** Thursday at 7 p.m.
■ **WHO TO WATCH:** Canton's top players are DL Donnie Laramie, LB Colin O'Shaunessy, RB Nick Moores and RB Antwaun Hawkins. Central's top players are DB/SE Kevin Long, RB Mike Dennison and QB Torrey Stimson.
PREDICTION: Canton 24, Walled Lake Central 21.

"I told the refs at halftime that I was putting in my two's (second-stringers)," Baechler said. "I told them that if they blitz me, I'm throwing because these kids deserve to try to move the ball, too."

Senior running back Antwaun Hawkins enjoyed a banner night, running 16 times for 149 yards and three touchdowns. Nick Moores also eclipsed the century mark when he ran for 103 yards on 11 attempts and one score.

Chris Woudstra scored the other Canton touchdown, a two-yard effort in the second quarter.

Canton more than doubled-up the Mustangs, 544-231, in total yards and 20-8 in first downs.

Canton's big offensive night was extra-impressive considering its top runner, Deshawn McClendon, ran the ball just one time before leaving the game with an apparent leg injury.

The Chiefs converted 7-of-9 third-down tries while the Mustangs failed to convert six third-down plays.

Detrick Williams was Northville's lone offensive bright spot, gaining 203 yards and two TD's on 24 carries. Close to 80 percent of Williams' yards — and both of his TD's — came against the Chiefs' reserves.

Canton will carry the momentum into Thursday night's 7 p.m. WLAA conference title game at home against Walled Lake Central, a team Baechler has great respect for.

"I haven't seen them on film yet, but I know they run the ball extremely well," Baechler said. "Their defense is very fast and very good too. Hopefully, we'll have Deshawn back for the playoffs, and I'm not sure if Paye will be back for Central. We'd like to win the league championship and we're going to go for it, but we're not going to play guys if they're hurt."

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Wildcats drop game of inches

It was a matter of inches. Wayne Memorial's goal line stand in the waning seconds preserved a 20-16 WLAA-Western Division football win Friday night over visiting Plymouth.

Wayne is now 3-4 overall and finishes 2-3 in the division, while the Wildcats fall to 2-5 and 1-4.

On a third-and-13 play, Wayne junior quarterback D.J. Freeman scrambled out of the pocket and threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to senior tight end Josh Bayer to break a 14-all deadlock with only 2:41 remaining.

But Plymouth put itself in position to win the game when quarterback C.J. Gregory hit tight end Ronnie Goble with a 25-yard pass followed by a clutch fourth-down toss to senior wide receiver Kulraj Sandhu for 21 yards down to Wayne 5 with only 52 seconds remaining.

But the Zebras' defense stiffened as Dwayne Davenport stopped Nate Gholston (12 car-

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ries for 97 yards) on second down just inches away from the goal line and junior Eric Butler knocked down a Plymouth pass on third down, setting up a dramatic fourth-and-goal play.

This time the Zebras held again, stopping a Plymouth run up the middle with only six seconds left.

Quarterback D.J. Freeman then took an intentional safety in his own end zone just before the clock expired.

"We're a good football team," Wayne coach Craig Hnatuk said. "If we every put it all together, we can compete with anybody. I'd like it to be a little easier, but nothing ever comes easy for us."

Wayne took a 6-0 first-quar-

ter on D.J. Freeman's 28-yard run, but Plymouth answered in the second period on Gregory's 45-yard TD toss Goble, but the point-after failed.

In the third quarter, Alan Freeman (23 carries for 105 yards) capped a 14-play drive with a 1-yard TD run followed by D.J.'s two-point run for a 14-6 Wayne lead.

The Wildcats answered on the next series as Gholston scored on a 66-yard run and Gregory hit Goble with a pass for the two-pointer.

"We had the ball in Plymouth's territory the whole first half, but we got only six points," said Hnatuk, whose team had 273 total yards to Plymouth's 218. "We held the ball the whole third quarter. We went I-formation, power football."

Wayne had the edge in first downs, 18-8. Each team had one fumble.

"Our kids played their tails off," Hnatuk said. "Our main objective now is to finish with a winning record."

Spartans take care of Salem

Livonia Stevenson scored early and often en route to a 41-13 homecoming football win Friday night over winless Salem.

The Spartans, now 5-2 overall, finish 3-2 the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association and will play Livonia Franklin in a rematch from the second week of the season in a crossover (28-24).

Stevenson tallied all 41 points in the opening half as the White brothers — freshman Austin and junior twin brothers Mitchell and Myles — figured prominently in the scoring.

The Spartans took a 7-0

lead with 9:25 left in the first quarter, scoring on a six-play, 54-yard drive capped by Emmanuel Onwuemene's 3-yard touchdown run. T.J. Price, who was six-of-seven on the night, converted the extra point.

Austin White then scored on an 82-yard TD burst with 7:28 to go in the same period followed by Mitchell's 19-yard scoring toss to Myles with 4:44 remaining in the same quarter set up Derek Severson's 72-yard punt return.

Salem got on the board with 1:32 to play in the first quarter when sophomore Anthony Mullins scored the

first of his two TDs on a 38-yard run. John Cudney's point-after made it 20-7.

Stevenson put three more TDs on the board in the second quarter — Onwuemene on a 10-yard run; Mitchell White on a 9-yard run; and Tony Jenkins on a 2-yard run.

Mullins, who had 58 yards on six carries, finished the scoring with 9:46 left in the game on a 3-yard run.

Stevenson had a total of 379 yards to Salem's 183.

The 5-foot-10, 170-pound Austin White led all rushers with 114 yards on five carries. Jenkins added 66 yards on 12 attempts.

Houdek heats up at right time

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Like a simmering volcano, Canton senior guard Becci Houdek's stat line featured a lot of smoke, but little lava during the first 22 minutes of Thursday night's game against Livonia Franklin.

But when crunchtime rolled around late in the third quarter, Houdek erupted — much to the dismay of the visiting Patriots — and led the Chiefs to a dramatic 39-38 victory.

With her team trailing 28-25 late in the third, Houdek swished the first of her three consecutive three-point bombs.

She then added the deciding free throw with 4.3 seconds left after she was fouled while driving to the hole with the game knotted at 38.

What play did Canton coach Brian Samulski diagram during his team's final timeout with 19.9 seconds left?

"First of all, we wanted to get the ball in, then reverse it to Becci up top, which we did," said Samulski. "Then we got her a ball screen and let her create. She got to the rim, got fouled and made one of two free throws."

"Becci's a playmaker and the ball needs to be in her hands down the stretch so that she can make plays. However she does it — by scoring herself or

finding an open teammate — she always seems to make plays when it counts."

The come-from-behind victory improved the Chiefs' record to 9-2 overall and 4-0 in the competitive WLAA Western Division. Franklin, which led by as many as 11 points early in the third quarter, slipped to 7-3 and 1-3, respectively.

"Obviously, we wanted to try and stop Houdek from taking the shot at the end," said Franklin coach Mary Kay Whalen. "We wanted to make anybody else try and beat us if we could. The girls did a nice job of switching out of the zone to make sure Houdek was covered, but she made a nice play."

"She struggled early in the game and you can only hope that she doesn't eventually get it going like she did. We knew that the longer we could hold her off, the better."

"I was happy with the way we played defensively tonight. This is how we need to play all the time — hard and together."

Despite her early shooting woes, Houdek finished with a game-high 17 points. Her fellow senior captain, Ja'nee Morton, scored 11 points and grabbed six rebounds before fouling out with 1:57 left to play.

Senior forward Robin Whalen was a force inside for the Patriots, racking up 14

points, 12 rebounds, four blocked shots and three steals. Sophomore forward Briana Taylor added seven points and seven rebounds for Franklin.

Franklin's 2-3 zone gave Canton fits in the first half, which ended with the Patriots in control, 19-9. The Chiefs connected on just 3-of-22 first-half shots.

A strong inside basket by Taylor put the Patriots up, 22-11, with 6:40 left in the third, however, Canton countered with a six-point, 17-second surge a short time later to whittle its deficit down to 22-17. After Franklin regained a 26-17 advantage, Canton reeled off a 10-4 run and trailed just 30-27 heading into the final stanza.

Canton's first lead of the contest — 35-34 — came at the 5:25 mark when junior center Marie Martin drained a 15-foot jumper. Forty-six seconds later, Canton sophomore Leslie Weisz converted an old-fashioned three-point play on a fastbreak to give the Chiefs a 38-34 cushion.

Baskets by Whalen and Taylor evened the count at 38 before Houdek's last-minute heroics.

Franklin hit 8-of-18 free throws (44.4 percent) while Canton nailed 7-of-11 (63.6 percent).

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Langham's 15 pace Rocks' win

Senior forward Tayler Langham scored 15 points and grabbed five rebounds to lead Salem to a 43-28 victory over Westland John Glenn Thursday night in a WLAA Lakes Division game played in the Rockets' gymnasium.

Langham had plenty of help from a trio of teammates, including Alaya Mitchell (10 points, three assists), Teresa Coppiellie (eight points and 10 rebounds) and Lauren Kurtz (eight points and 11 boards).

Brittany Brewer paced the Rockets with 12 points while Shantinique Baker contributed eight.

The victory improved the Rocks' record to 9-2 overall

and 4-0 in the Lakes. Glenn fell to 6-5 and 2-2, respectively.

Glenn surged to a 12-8 first-quarter lead before the Rocks regained control by outscoring their hosts 26-5 over the middle two periods.

"It was a dogfight early on," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We played much better defensively in the second and third quarters. Offensively, we moved the ball better and shot it better after the first."

Salem will host Livonia Churchill Tuesday night at 7 p.m.

PLYMOUTH 64, WAYNE 30: On Thursday at Wayne Memorial, the Wildcats won

their third consecutive game to improve to 5-6 overall and 3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Sophomore center Shaakira Haywood paced the winners with 15 points and nine rebounds. Freshman forward Stacey Klonowski also had a big night, scoring 13 points. Megan Davis added 11.

Trenia Barbee paced the Zebras with 16 points.

Wayne slipped to 1-10 overall and 0-4 in the division.

The Zebras led 15-12 after one quarter before Plymouth stormed back to grab a 36-22 halftime lead. The Wildcats put the game away by outscoring their hosts 13-4 in the third stanza.

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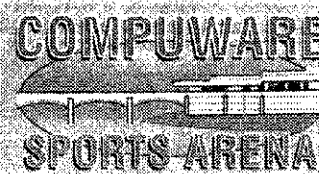
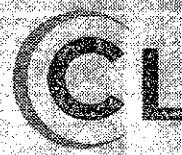
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Franklin (344): Justin Adams, 84; Alex Chisholm and Austin Stillman, 85 each; Tony Semonick, 90; Greg Killeen, 95.

Stevenson (345): Shayne Giordano, 80 (regional qualifier); Richard Wyman, 86 (regional qualifier); Mike Niesyto, 87; Drew Herron, 92; Drew Mossolan, 95.

Dearborn (345): Eric Carnacchi, 75 (regional qualifier); Kosta Ramirez, 83 (regional qualifier); Chris Ordo, 91; Daniel Dent, 96; Mike Lopez, 98.

John Glenn (360): Andy Myers, 79 (regional qualifier); Kevin LaFlave, 86 (regional qualifier); Dan Tamaroglio, 92; Jim Wood, 103; Steve Hickson, 109.

Edsel Ford (389): Eric Doolittle, 94; Darren Vanderhull, 95; Jeffrey Donaldson, 99; Tony Dewald, 101; Nick Kosin, 104.

Wayne (395): Jacob Smith, 89; Kevin Sample, 93; Michael Green, 105; Kevin Erdmann, 108; Jack Zimmerman, 113.

Romulus: Chris Withrow, 93; Chad Williams, 97; Carl Roscoe, 120.

Local golfers shine at District meet

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Six teams will live to play another day to play in the Division I state boys golf tournament.

Heading to this week's regional at Travis Pointe on a high is Livonia Churchill, which repeated as district champion on Thursday with a four-player total of 313 while playing its home course - Whispering Willows.

Also earning a trip to Thursday's regional is Garden City (321), Plymouth (327), Canton (332), Salem (334) and Livonia Franklin (344).

The Patriots earned the sixth and final qualifying spot by edging out Livonia Stevenson and Dearborn by a stroke.

Churchill was led once again by senior Tommy Lucko, who shot a 75 and was involved in a five-man playoff for individual medalist honors.

The Chargers also got a clutch performance from sophomore Kevin Robinson, who fired a 76. Junior Josh Proben and senior Josh Brist added 81 each.

"I'm very happy because this is more representative of what they can do," said Churchill coach Paul Worley, whose team was 7-3 Western Lakes dual meets. "We have not played very well in nine-hole conference dual matches, but we did play some of our better golf in the 18-hole invitationals earlier in the season. They

like to play 18 instead of nine because there is less pressure because if you make a double-bogey there's a lot of holes left to play where you can make that up."

Robinson's 76 helped offset Garden City's one-two punch of Hagan Risner and Travis Dodson, each shooting 75s.

Chris Cislo contributed an 82 and Nick Walker added an 89 for Garden City, which led the Mega Conference's White Division this fall with a 9-1 dual meet mark to win the regular season.

Risner's 75 came after he eagled No. 16, parred No. 17 and birdied No. 18 (draining a 25-foot putt).

Canton was led by individual medalist Derek Trosper (see story on page B1), who outlasted Dearborn's Eric Carnacchi on the fifth extra hole - the 360-yard, par-4 No. 14 - when he came up with a par.

Lucko was eliminated on No. 12, while Risner and Dodson bowed out at No. 11 and 10, respectively.

Last year at the University of Michigan Golf Course, Salem finished third in the regional after taking third at the district to earn a trip to the state finals.

The Rocks were led in the district by Tyler Jeleniewski's 76. Junior Joel Cheesman, who was also a member of last year's state qualifying team, added a 84.

"I'd thought we'd qualify and expected to be in the top six,



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Canton's Jake Andrews watches his shot off the No. 2 tee during district play at Whispering Willows Thursday morning.



Plymouth's Nathan Conroy watches his putt on the 16th green during district play.

but you don't know where," Salem coach Rick Wilson said. "Churchill is the class of this district.

"It's a fair test (of golf) in the district for the kids. To go with lift, clean and place was a good decision because the course was very wet. The scoring overall was better even though it was wet and cold. There were some tough conditions and you expect higher scores because of the wind."

One of the happiest coaches in the clubhouse afterwards was Franklin's Scott Rutterbush, who took over just prior to the start of the season when 13-year coach Steve Mato opted for the Madonna University men's golf position.

The Patriots got an 84 from Justin Adams, while Austin Stillman and Alex Chisholm added 85 each.

Additional regional individual qualifiers included the Stevenson duo of Shayne Giordano (80) and Richard Wyman (86). Westland John Glenn's Andy Myers (79) and Kevin LaFlave (86) also earned a trip to Travis Pointe along with the Dearborn duo of Carnacchi and Kosta Ramirez (83).

Tee time is set for 9:30 p.m. at Travis Pointe.



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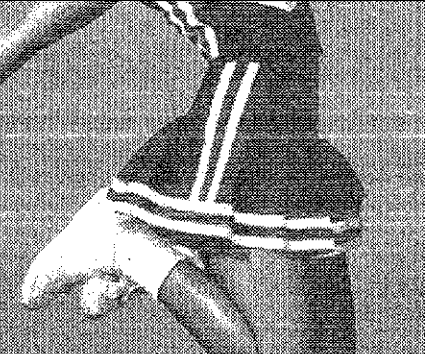
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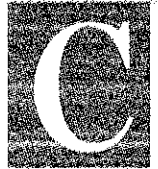


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Faith part of center's counseling

Samaritan Counseling Center opened its doors in 1986, to offer citizens of Southeastern Michigan a counseling agency where one's faith perspective is valued in the clinical process of health and healing.



Column
inside

Dr. Paul
Melrose

As a member agency of the Samaritan Institute network of pastoral counseling centers which total 93 in this country and Japan, and as an accredited service center of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC) with centers across the United States, Korea, and members in many countries around the world, these accreditations tell the public that trained and licensed clinicians also have the training

and perspective to support a person's faith or spiritual journey as they sort out problematic relationships, wrestle with psychological confusion and address emotional pain.

AAPC partners with many of the national mental health organizations to promote the Core Competencies for Parish Clergy, to support National Mental Health Screening Day in October, as well as National Pastoral Care Week in October. The Washington Post recently did an article on the role of pastoral counseling and AAPC in health and wellness. It can be found on the AAPC website at www.aapc.org.

Our local center came into being because a group of clergy in the Oakland County area were concerned about the emotional and spiritual wellness of their congregations. When they established the Samaritan Counseling Center they were bringing to this area an agency whose care and skill represent the combined healing approaches of spiritual and religious traditions with the best of counseling and clinical skills.

They believed that the advantage of such a professional is that this person is sensitized to the importance of faith, spirituality and belief systems in the overall mental health and stability of an individual, couple or family.

As a lay or professional member of a congregation him/herself the pastoral psychotherapist brings to the counseling situation not only a professional understanding of the place of faith or spirituality in a person's life but also a personal experience which brings understanding of why faith is important. By holding these accreditations the public can be assured, as with chaplains and parish nurses, medical doctors, other mental health professionals, of competent care held to the highest standards.

My colleagues and I practice pastoral psychotherapy, the area of behavioral/mental health care, which implicitly accepts and appreciates the belief or faith tradition which a client brings to the consulting room. Not only the experience but the willingness and ability to sort through and come to terms with one's beliefs provides a piece of the firm foundation on which a stable personality is built. A conflict with God, a feeling of unworthiness, an ability to forgive or be forgiven, a search for reconciliation which seems illusive, a sense of guilt or shame which is too devastating to the person to offer in prayer are profound spiritual issues which eat away not only at the soul, but the psyche and the physical self as well.

The partnership which occurs more often and more intentionally between professionals trained not only in the physical or behavioral arts and sciences but also with training, or at least an educated understanding of the importance of religious and spiritual beliefs demonstrates the way in which doctors, therapists of all kinds, and clergy of all of the major faith traditions try to work together for the cure and healing of the person in need.

To try to argue that some want to rely only on the religious tradition for healing is to try again to divorce one's faith from the rest of one's life, something which modern culture attests is not what people in need of health and wholeness are seeking.

Recent surveys demonstrate the active religious beliefs of our citizens. Other surveys overwhelmingly affirm the importance of prayer and its role in healthcare. A Gallup poll of the early nineties revealed that a majority of persons seeking mental/behavioral health care wanted to be sure that the therapist not only welcomed their religious beliefs as a part of the therapy but also many wished that the therapist might even share his/her own religious belief.

Dr. Paul Melrose is executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of SE Michigan. He can be reached through www.paulmelrose.com or 248-474-4701. The staff of the center can be reached at www.samaritan-counselingmichigan.com or 248-474-4701



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Michelle Karshneski twirls the hula hoop while Bart Wingblade and Debby Kearns talk about simpler times. Pete and Cheryl Masantuono of Farmington Hills provided the 1955 Ford Thunderbird that will be on display during a Fabulous Fifties benefit for Angela Hospice in Livonia.

Fabulous fifties

Sock hop brings back hula hoops to benefit hospice

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Gals put on your poodle skirt or pedal pushers, guys your school letter sweater. The Light Up a Life committee is bringing back bobby sox, saddle shoes and hula hoops at a Fabulous Fifties sock hop on Saturday, Oct. 21, to benefit Angela Hospice in Livonia.

Bart Wingblade doesn't remember the era, but he's already having fun planning the event with the 35-member committee. The 49-year old Farmington Hills resident is especially excited about the 1955 Chevy and 1957 Cadillac that will be on display along with Pete and Cheryl Mastantuono's 1955 Ford Thunderbird. The

Farmington Hills couple is loaning the car to Angela Hospice for the event being held at the Rock Financial Showplace-Diamond Center in Novi. The benefit begins at 6 p.m. with appetizers by Tribute and Forte restaurants, followed by a strolling dinner and desserts by Epoch Catering. A soda fountain opens at 10 p.m. Throughout the evening Steve King and the Ditties perform until the last dance at 11 p.m., when hot dogs will be available to go.

But first Kevin Sands kicks off the event by singing Frank Sinatra songs from 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Tickets are \$100, and available by calling (734) 953-6018, online at www.angelahospice.org, or in the Angela Hospice kiosk at



Bart Wingblade and Debby Kearns (left) are getting ready to have fun at a Fabulous Fifties benefit to be held Oct. 21 to benefit Angela Hospice. Michelle Karshneski is about to practice with a hula hoop as Pete and Cheryl Masantuono of Farmington Hills sit in their 1955 Ford Thunderbird which will be on display at the sock hop.

Laurel Park Place mall at Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia.

This is the 19th year for the event which in the past has offered guests a sit-down dinner and silent auction. This year guests can purchase \$5 tickets for a Fish Bowl Raffle to win gift baskets worth \$250 or more, fine jewelry, a sailboat cruise on Lake

St. Clair, sports tickets, or weekend getaways.

"Light up a Life is always a fun evening," Wingblade said. "This year we wanted to shake it up, wanted to do something fresh. We held a dance for New Year's Eve so we thought we'll try a

PLEASE SEE SOCK HOP, C3

Spiritus Sanctus

Catholic school creates environment for faith, learning

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER



Sister Mary Samuel Handwerker is principal of Spiritus Sanctus Academy.

For years, Carol Johnson spent so much time driving her children back and forth to school, she felt as though she lived in her car.

But Johnson, who every day made the 90-minute drive one way from her home in Adrian to her children's school — Spiritus Sanctus Academy in Plymouth — knew in her heart the effort was worth it.

And she hasn't regretted it since. Spiritus Sanctus, a private Catholic school run by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, has provided her children with exactly the type of education Johnson envisioned.

"The school has everything," said Johnson, a mother of seven who still has two students at the academy. "The teachers were superb, the environment is superb. The drive was absolutely worth it."

Spiritus Sanctus has as its mission creating "a unique educational environment in which learning and practicing the truths of the



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Spiritus Sanctus Principal Sister Mary Samuel Handwerker enjoys a few moments in the courtyard with students Margaret White, Genevieve Lilley and Maria Sapienza.

PLEASE SEE SPIRITUS SANCTUS, C6

Livonia symphony opens season with night at the opera

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Maria Nazarenko couldn't be more excited about singing with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra even though the musicians selected three challenging arias to open the 34th season.

A Night at the Opera comes to the Clarenceville High School Auditorium 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$5 for children, and available at the door or by calling (734) 421-1111.

Nazarenko is the guest soprano who made her debut with the LSO in 2001. She returns to sing familiar selections from Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro*, Puccini's *Madame Butterfly* and Verdi's *La Traviata*.

"I'm so fortunate to be working with Maestro Shesiuk again," said Nazarenko. "Before coming here from Ukraine he was conductor-in-residence at the Bolshoi Theatre which is comparable



Maria Nazarenko performs at the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's opening concert of the 2006-2007 season.

to our Metropolitan Opera."

Nazarenko, a Detroit resident, began singing as a child. At one time her father was a musical director in Europe. She studied the bandura, a Ukrainian stringed instrument, and performed all over the country including the Detroit Institute of Arts with

Prolisky, a four-member group. At age 19, she studied voice privately with Italian opera coach Lilo Genari then went on to receive a bachelor's degree in education and music from Wayne State University. Most recently Nazarenko performed with Stefan Sczakafarowsky, a bass from the Metropolitan Opera, but she loves sacred music as well and has sung in major churches in Michigan. She is also often invited to sing at Redford Theater concerts, and as a soloist for memorial services at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Nazarenko teaches English as a second language in the Dearborn school system. She says singers have to know languages. She can sing in German, Russian, Italian, English and Spanish.

"The orchestra picked these selections because people love them," said Nazarenko. "Everything from *Figaro* people love it. It's about the plight of a woman and what she's

going through. In *Madame Butterfly's One Fine Day* she sings he'll come back to me. In *Traviata* again the lead Violetta she's in a dilemma over a man."

Tom Bjorklund can't wait to hear the 50-year-old singer.

"We start the season out with Maria coming with raving reviews," said Bjorklund, LSO president.

"It's a somewhat different program for us. Further down the line we have a mixture of old standbys like Bach and later we're stretching our musical knowledge with Shostakovich who's known for his dark sides. The music committee's put together a great program to show us a lighter side."

Bjorklund is hoping the community especially turns out for *Over the Rainbow*, the orchestra's major fund-raising dinner, concert and silent auction Friday, Nov. 17, at Laurel Manor Banquet Center, Livonia. Tickets are \$55. Call (734) 421-1111.

"We need money," said Bjorklund. "The National Endowment for the Arts presented us with a challenge grant for \$10,000 if we can match that. It's a super opportunity for people in Livonia and the surrounding area to realize what this means. No orchestra in the country is able to survive with just ticket sales. With gifts from corporate organizations drying up over the years, it's been great that many individuals have stepped up to make donations. A symphony orchestra does so many things besides concerts. Last year thanks to the musicians union and volunteers from the orchestra we were able to visit four elementary schools in town to show them the joys of symphony music. One of the important things we need to do is continue our outreach."

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra season continues Saturday, Dec. 2, with *Sounds of the Season* featuring holiday music including selections from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*.

Conductor Volodymyr Shesiuk is looking forward to the return of concertmaster Sander Kostallari, and Julia Kurtyka at first violin.

"I appreciate my musicians,"

said Shesiuk, a Garden City resident. This is his 13th season as conductor of the orchestra and the first year that musicians have taken part in selecting the music.

"I wanted the music committee and head of the committee Jim Poe to take part in organizing a new season," said Shesiuk. "I thought this would be good."

■ Jan. 27, 2007 - Bravo Beethoven spotlights the composer's Seventh Symphony which premiered Dec. 8, 1813.

■ March 3, 2007 - The orchestra's principal string, brass and woodwind players take center stage for a program that includes a rarely performed tuba solo. The concert concludes with a Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra which brings all parts of the orchestra together.


■ April 14, 2007 - Shades of Shostakovich introduces the composer's lighter side. Often referred to as dissonant, the orchestra spotlights his witty, light-spirited side.

All concerts, except the November fund-raiser, take place in the Clarenceville High School Auditorium on Eight Mile, south of Middlebelt, Livonia.

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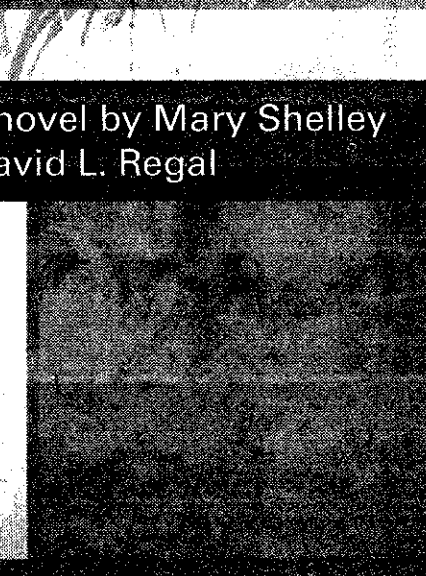
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Mature drivers workshop to hone road skills

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Karl Peters wants older drivers to know their license won't be in jeopardy by taking a Mature Drivers Workshop Oct. 11-13, at the Livonia Senior Center. Instead the seniors can expect to hone their skills to become better motorists.

The first two days is a refresher course in the classroom followed by 30 minutes on the road during the third day.

The cost is \$5 for Livonia residents, \$20 nonresidents. Lunch is included on two of the days. To register, call (734) 466-2555.

"On the third day they'll be on the road for 15 minutes and then their driving will be critiqued. You won't lose your license," said Karl Peters, the senior center's recreation supervisor.

"It's a refresher course for seniors to help with drivers skills and things that may have changed with age, reac-

tion time, diminishing eye sight."

Peters has sat through many of the sessions offered at the Livonia Senior Center twice a year in spring and fall.

"It's good for any age," said Peters. "I learned about sitting in a left turn lane not to turn your wheel prior to turning because if you're rear ended you can go into oncoming traffic. And do not drive with high beams on in the fog. It's for anyone who wants to continue driving and wants information to be a better driver."

The course is sponsored by the Livonia Commission on Aging and the Livonia Traffic Division, and no records, scores or workshop results will be kept. Joan Rich is the instructor from the Traffic Improvement Association. The nonprofit was created in 1967 by a group of concerned citizens and officials in Oakland County to reduce the county's rapidly increasing traffic toll. For more information, visit www.tiami.org.

The Mature Driver

Retraining Workshops was developed in 1988 as a 2 1/2 day workshop to allow older drivers to self-evaluate their mental, physical and driving skills. For 40 years, TIA has provided traffic safety leadership in Oakland County and nearby communities in Wayne and Macomb counties. Their mission is to facilitate engineering, education and enforcement programs to reduce human and economic losses caused by traffic crashes and congestion. TIA employs a staff traffic engineer who analyzes crash data at 1400 intersections and 2900 roadway segments for every TIA community. Engineering improvement projects were developed after analyzing crash data for more than 35 years. These individual changes helped reduce traffic fatalities and serious crashes.

The Livonia Senior Center is at Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, south of Five Mile.

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Arts Club returns to atrium for sale

The Livonia Artists Club is once again having their Affordable Art Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, in the Atrium of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

A total of 14 artists will be featured in the sale including unframed and small framed paintings and art objects.

This year's show spotlights watercolors, pastels, acrylics, oils, colored pencil, collage, and photography.

The club has been in existence since 1960 and is still going strong.

Many of the club's artists have been painting for years, but continue to attend classes and workshops for fresh ideas and new experimental techniques. There are also several new budding artists who are anxious to show their work.

The Livonia Artists Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of the month at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Visitors and aspiring artists are always welcome. For more information, call club president Marge Masek at (734) 464-6772.



Valerie Pentz painted this watercolor titled Daffodils.

SOCK HOP

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dance at Light Up a Life.

There's a lot of fun things that we can do, including a candy shop and Best Dressed 1950s Contest."

Debby Gearnis is looking forward to the new venue. The Dearborn Heights resident is ready for a change after serving on the committee for eight years.

"It's always fun to try new things," said Gearnis, who was wearing the Marilyn Monroe-style dress she'll wear that night.

"We sometimes work to 2 to 3 a.m. on the event. One year we built more than 50 displays for the gift certificates."

Michelle Karshneski volunteered to become a member of the Light Up a Life committee five years ago as a way of showing appreciation.

"Angela Hospice helped when my mom died in 1996 with home care. My dad and I were grateful," Karshneski said.

"They were always bringing meds or whatever she needed to make her life easier."

Angela Hospice's display in the kiosk at Laurel Park Place convinced the Mastantuonos that the nonprofit was a worthy cause. They chose to support the services that provide comfort to patients and their families by loaning their car for the evening.

They remember the Fifties as happy days. As members of The American Road Thunderbird Club for Southeast Michigan, the couple regularly visit nursing homes so elderly people can ride on Woodward one more time.

"I remember the drive-ins on Woodward, drive-in movies," said Pete Mastantuonos.

"Those were happy days, and this is a joyful place," said Cheryl referring to the Angela Hospice facility behind them.

Wingblade was drawn to the nonprofit because of the peacefulness and uplifting spirit found inside.

Last October, Angela Hospice celebrated its 20th

anniversary of providing hospice care to individuals in their homes. In 1994, it opened its home away from home with 16 private rooms on Newburgh. Angela Hospice offers a variety of programs for the terminally ill and their families including caregiver support. The Oct. 21 benefit makes the services possible. Two years ago,

Wingblade received the Crystal Butterfly Award to recognize the hours he's volunteered for hospice home care and assisting in the center's bereavement department. Angela Hospice offers several grief support groups for adults and children in the community at no charge, in addition to "Getting Through the Holidays" workshops in early December. For more information, call (734) 464-7810, or visit www.angela-hospice.org.

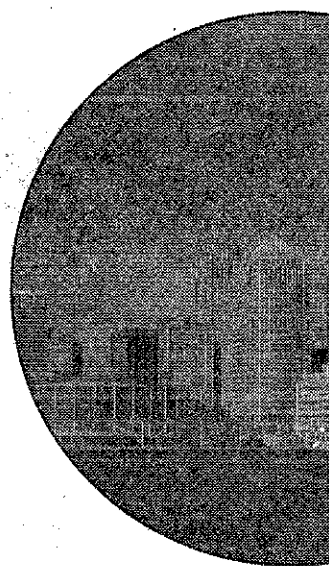
"I didn't know anything about hospice. Something led me to this place," Wingblade said. "I believe everyone who finds this place is destined to come here."

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BIRTHS

Colin Tomaszycski

Gregory and Dawn Tomaszycski of Canton announce the birth of their second child, Colin Joseph Tomaszycski, born July 30, 2006, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Colin weighed 10 pounds and measured 22-1/2 inches long at birth.

He was welcomed home by big brother Ryan, 5. Proud grandparents are Richard and Mary Mitera of Northville and Frank and Barbara Tomaszycski of Plymouth.

Proud great-grandparents are Margaret Daniel of Westland and Russell and Virginia Lemons of Northville.



Hallie Marie McKinney

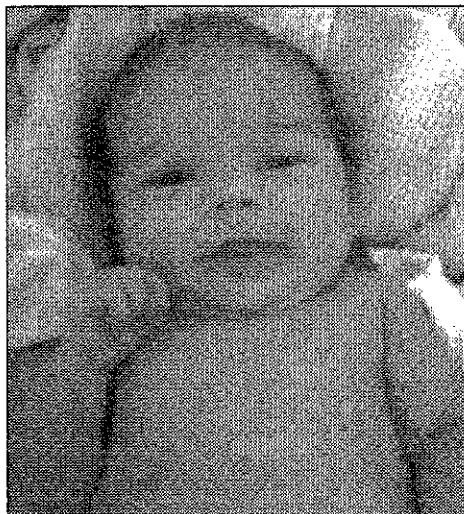
Bryan McKinney and Andrea Calderon announce the birth of their daughter Hallie Marie McKinney on Aug. 1 at Onslow Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, N.C.

Grandparents are Dave and Ravonda Cole and Lynn and Scott Kemp.

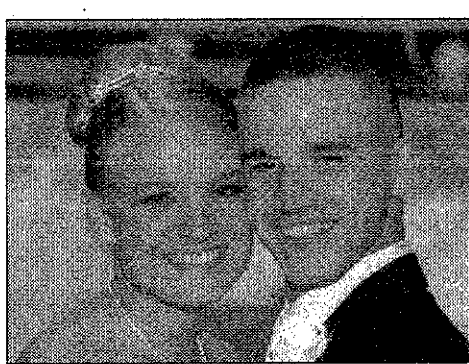
Great Grandparents are Bill and Charlotte McKinney and Leonard Cole. Hallie was 7lbs. 7oz. and 19.5 inches.

Her parents grew up in Garden City and graduated from Garden City High School. His parents live in Garden City.

Bryan McKinney is in the Marines and stationed at Camp LeJeune in North Carolina and has been deployed to Iraq for the next 7 months.



WEDDING



Shonce-King

Allison Joy Shonce and Michael Paul King were married July 8 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church with Pastor Robert Bayer officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Kevin and Jan Shonce of Livonia. She was attended by Larissa Galan maid of honor; Karyn Erkrantz, bridesmaid; Stephanie Feeney, bridesmaid; and Andria Hoffman, bridesmaid.

The groom is the son of Robert and Evelyn King of Livonia. He was attended by David Cilibraire, best man; Gregory Fret, groomsmen; Michael Camilleri, groomsmen; Stephen Shonce, groomsmen and brother of the bride; Michael Shonce, usher and brother of the bride; and James King, usher and cousin of the groom.

A reception was held at Woodlands. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. They are making their home in Boston.

ENGAGEMENTS

Auvil-Sayyae

Jodi Marie Auvil of Redford and Alan John Sayyae of Redford are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Cheryl Ann Dimambro of Tustin, Mich., and the late James Patrick Auvil Sr. She is a graduate of Schoolcraft College in fire technology and emergency medical technician.

The prospective groom is the son of John and Yvonne Sayyae of Milford. He is a graduate of Redford Union High School



and works as a landscape foreman.

Wedding plans are pending.

Matchynski-Potter

Mark and Kathy Matchynski of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Marianne Matchynski, to Kevin Potter of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Rochester College and is an elementary school teacher.

The prospective groom is the son of James and Carol Potter of Hillsdale. He is a 2001 graduate of the University of Toledo and is an engineer.



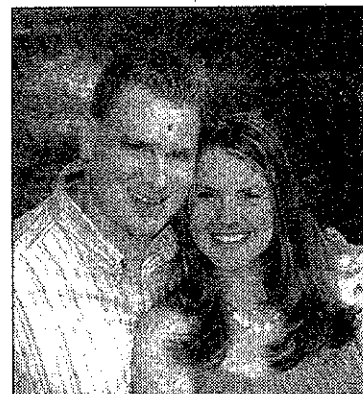
A December 2006 wedding is planned.

Brama-Ward

Melissa Brama and Chad Ward will be married Nov. 4 at the Wyndham Resort in Nassau Bahamas.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Cindy (Briody) Dunn of Garden City. She is a 1999 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and a former Grand Valley State University student. She is employed at Applebee's in Indiana as an associate manager.

The prospective groom is the son of Sam and Sherry War of Battle Creek. He is a graduate of Grand Valley State University and is employed as an associate manager at Cracker Barrel in Indiana.



The couple became official engaged on June 18, 2005, with a surprise engagement dinner in Grand Rapids.

The couple live in Lafayette, Ind.

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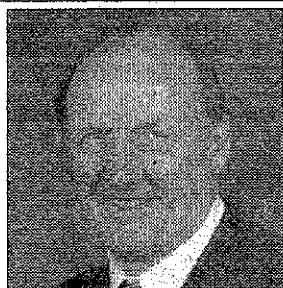
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ANNA WOJTYTS

Services for Anna Wojtyts, 82, of Plymouth, were held privately on October 4, 2006, at Riverside Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Anna was born on January 8, 1924, in Poland, and she passed away on October 1, 2006, at Medilodge of Plymouth. Anna and her husband, Jan, came to the United States in 1952. They had three children and settled in Detroit. Eventually, Anna and Jan discovered the quaint city of Plymouth, and it was love at first sight for Anna. They moved to Plymouth in 1988. After learning to drive in her late 60s, Anna used a city map to make her way along the side streets of Plymouth. Going to garage sales in the area was one of her favorite things to do. Anna also enjoyed walking around Plymouth and became a familiar visitor to many of the local businesses. She especially enjoyed spending time with the ladies at Community Financial, as well as the staff of Medilodge of Plymouth. Anna was a wonderful, caring mother and grandmother. She was also an excellent cook and was known for her delicious meatballs and pierogi. Anna also loved talking to people as well as getting a good deal during her garage sale trips. Anna is survived by her children, Diane, Jeanette, and John; her grandchildren, Lacey, Jenna, Evan, and Jessi; and her son-in-law, Burt, and daughter-in-law, Mary. She is dearly missed by her family and friends.



ARNE LAGERKVIST

Age 79, of Macomb Township, passed away September 30, 2006. He was a physical education teacher in the Detroit Public Schools for 34 years, where he introduced flag football and soccer to the district's curriculum. A 1945 graduate of Eastern High School in Detroit, he also earned a bachelor's and two master's degrees from Wayne State University where he was on the varsity swim team and a member of the Varsity Athlete's Fraternity, the Gas House Gang. An All American in Water Polo in 1956, Arne participated in the 1964 Olympic Trials. Throughout his life, he was an avid athlete, winning multiple medals in the Michigan Senior Olympics, competing in Masters Swimming, managing the senior men's softball team at the OPC in Rochester and playing on the Volleyball team. Arne loved working with children. He taught swimming through Detroit Parks and Recreation and was a coach of many sports at Matt Mann's Summer Sport Camps in Ontario, Canada. Proud of his Swedish heritage, he was an officer at the Vasa Club in Lapeer, was a member of the Vasa Viking Lodge in Flint, the Swedish Club and the Finnish Center in Farmington. Beloved husband of Lillian for 54 years, loving father to Lisa (Jeffrey) Johnson of Rochester, and Lynn (Martin) Metzker of North Carolina. Dear grandfather of Erik & Karl Johnson, Kerri & Kelly Metzker, and the late Zachary Metzker. Preceded in death by his mother, Antonia, father, Hjalmar, sister Birgit Stenson, brothers Bjorn Lagerkvist and Borje Lagerkvist. Survived by sister Eleanor Inga Murray of Palm Springs, CA, brother-in-law Julian Stenson of Metamora, sisters-in-law Anna (Don) Rust of Flint and Nancy (Jay) O'Shea of Lakewood, CO. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are requested by the family to create a new tennis court in his memory at the Vasa Club where he spent the summers of his life. Vasa CC, 870 Loggers Cr., Rochester, MI 48307. Memorial Visitation Thursday, October 12, 2-8 pm. Memorial Service Friday, October 13, 11 am, at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, 54880 Van Dyke at 25 Mile Road, Shelby Twp. (586) 677-4000. www.wujekcalcaterra.com

HERMAN C. CUSKIE

Died at his residence in Englewood, Florida on September 28, 2006, of natural causes. Long time resident of Birmingham, more recent years in Rochester Hills, with a winter home in Florida. Mr. Cuskie graduated class of 1935- Michigan Tech University Engineering Degree and has been active in the Alumni Association these many years. He received his Masters Degree in Engineering at Chrysler. With Chrysler Corp from college for 17 years, then with Ford Motor Company for 26 years. Retiring in 1978. He served in the U.S. Army during W.W.II, instructing small arms (sharp shooting). During his years with the auto companies, he was awarded several patents on brakes, tires, shock absorbers, stabilizer bars and suspension bushings. With Chrysler he did participate in the development of special vehicles- including a camera car for Paramount Pictures, a presidential limousine for President Kennedy and many other such projects. He was an avid sailor, very interested in teaching young people to sail, a group for this purpose in Florida (Rag Haulers) he was not only a member, but donated a boat. A long time member of St. James Episcopal Church of Birmingham. Husband of the late Josephine Hutchinson Cuskie, father of Sharon Jo Cuskie of Florida and the late Stephen Ross Cuskie, father-in-law of Christina Cuskie of Bloomfield Hills, grandfather of Lisa & Andrea, brother of Hazel Nay and uncle of Nancy Nay. Funeral Service at the Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple, Birmingham, Saturday, October 7, 2006 at 11:00 A.M. Visitation Friday 2pm to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm. Officiating The Reverend Father Frederick Elwood, Rector St. James Episcopal Church of Birmingham. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery - Birmingham. Memorial Tributes may be made to: Michigan Technological University, Mechanical Engineering- Engineering Mechanics, Endowing Excellence, 1400 Townsend Drive, Houghton, Michigan 49931

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MARGARET ELIZABETH
McGREGOR

Age 87, passed away October 3rd, at the Heritage Park Care Center in Carbondale, Colorado. Margaret was born May 9, 1919 in Detroit, Michigan, to Kurt and Ethel Sell and spent most of her life in the Birmingham, Michigan area. Margaret was married to Charles McGregor, a WW II veteran, for over 50 years. In her early years, Margaret worked for the Detroit Edison Company and also worked as a real estate agent. She was a founding member of the Northbrook Presbyterian Church. She was a terrific mother and homemaker. She also enjoyed her bridge club activities, traveling, and having fun in life. She also was an 8 year resident of Key West, Florida towards the end of her life. Margaret is survived by her two children, Ron McGregor of Key West, Florida, and Jaquelyn Frey, of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, and her grandson, Connor Frey, also of Glenwood Springs, and her brother, Robert Sell, of Madison Heights, Michigan. Burial will be at the Old Post Chapel in Arlington National Cemetery on November 9th, at 3:00 P.M., where she will be laid to rest with her husband, Charles McGregor.

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PHYLLIS B. CRUMP

Age 79 of Rochester, October 2, 2006. Loving mother of Diane (Gary) Dubuc, Carole (Steve) Horn, Tom Crump, Susan (Duane) McLean and the late David Crump. Grandmother of Jayme, Kayla, Dayne, Matthew, Scott, and Sarah. Sister of Lydia and Dorian. Preceded in death by her brothers Edward, Walter, and William. Mrs. Crump was a bookkeeper for Rochester Community Schools for many years. The family will receive friends Monday, October 9, 2006 at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd., Rochester, 11 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m. Burial will be at Van Hoosen Jones Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church Building Fund. Online guestbook www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

JOSEF F. PALME, JR.

83, passed away Oct. 4, 2006 at his residence in New Bern, NC. Born in Newark, NJ, Masters degree from New Jersey Institute of Technology, retiree US Navy Reserves, long-time member of the First United Methodist Church (Birmingham) choir and soloist. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, June of New Bern, NC; three children, Craig Palme (Dolores), Chesterfield Twp, MI; Gayle Finder (Roger), Portage, MI and Scott Palme, Orlando, FL; and three grandchildren. Memorial service on Oct. 8, 4:00 PM at Centenary United Methodist Church (New Bern, NC). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Centenary United Methodist Church, New Bern, NC or the Craven County Hospice, New Bern, NC. An online guestbook is available at www.pallockbest.com. Arrangements by Pollock-Best Funerals & Cremations.



CAROL ANN GRAVES

Age 56 and a resident of Northville since 1987. A graduate of Wayne State University and the University of Michigan in Physical Therapy. Carol practiced physical therapy for over thirty-five years and was currently working for Heartland Rehabilitation Group of Plymouth. She taught physical therapy at the University of Michigan and was past president of the Michigan Physical Therapist Association. She is survived by her children, Kelsey Graves, Joseph and Sean Sassaman. Also survived by her father Joseph and the late Mildred Trinkwalder, brother Tom (Caroline) Trinkwalder and the late Robert Trinkwalder and sister Terry (Bruce) Perrell. Visitation was held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth with a Memorial Mass held at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville. Interment followed at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Contributions suggested to Mother's Against Drunk Driving.

DAVID LYNN HUNT

Age 73, Thursday, October 5, 2006, in Nashville, TN. A native of Dayton, OH, he was born March 8, 1933, to the late Ralph Elwood and Eloise Grace Kirkpatrick Hunt. He was co-owner and operator of Hansen, Metty, and Hunt Insurance in Pontiac, MI, and was a member of the Elks Club in Naples, FL. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joanne Lowe Hunt, and his sister, Linda Sue White. Survivors include his son, James D. Hunt of New York, NY; his daughters, Kathryn Pennington of Nashville, TN, and Christina A. Sui of Hoboken, NJ; his sister, Bonnie Hutton of Plymouth, MI; and six grandchildren. A graveside service was held Saturday, October 7, at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Corydon, IN. Beamblossom-Cesar Funeral Home in Corydon is handling the arrangements.

ANNIVERSARIES

Golden Mishlers

Larry and Alice (Miller) Mishler of Plymouth Township celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 22, 2006.

The Mishlers were married in Cadillac, Mich., at the Presbyterian Church. They are active members of Plymouth Presbyterian Church. The Mishlers have two daughters, Vicky (Dennis) Lawrence of Georgetown, Ky., and Kim (Kevin) Moran of Grand Rapids. They also have three grandchildren: Brandon Lawrence of Georgetown, Ky., and Sophia and Olivia Moran of Grand Rapids.

The couple celebrated their



anniversary early with a family dinner, and also plan to take a Caribbean cruise with their family in December.



Bobceans celebrate 50th

Mel and Nancy Bobcean of Plymouth, Mich., are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year.

The couple met in high school and were married in Mt. Clemens, Mich., in 1956.

They started their life together in California where Mel served in the U.S. Army. They then returned to Plymouth to start their family and open Mel's Golden Razor, a barber shop that's been serving the community ever since.

The couple has three children: Laura (Jim) Freeman, Julie Ash, Kurt (Donna) Bobcean and seven grandchildren: Colton, Meghan, Audrey, Luke, Kayla, Sagan and Noah.

Dicksons celebrate 50th

Robert and Marlene Joy (Bridges) Dickson of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 15.

The couple was married Sept. 15, 1956, at St. Olaf Lutheran Church.

A 50th anniversary celebration was held Sept. 24 at the Elks Hall in Plymouth.



LIBRARY PICKS

Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of Best Sellers based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at www.plymouthlibrary.org

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2. "Rise and Shine," Anna Quindlen

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Coalition Dances

Club Venetian Banquet Center, 29310 John R, Madison Heights, Friday, Oct. 13. \$5 for members, \$9 for non members. For directions only call (248)399-6788.

Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$5 for members, \$9 for non members. For directions only, call (248)626-2600. Halloween Party Crowne Plaza/Novi Hotel, Novi Road at I-96. Prizes for best costume. Admission \$15. Attire, semi-scary costumes are optional, casual. For directions only, call (248)348-5000.

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A Celebration of Life Cancer Benefit Ball is scheduled for Nov. 4 at the Brownstown/Dearborn Moose, 22112 Sibley Road, Brownstown. Cost is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. All proceeds will go to the University of Michigan Cancer Comprehensive Research Center. For advanced tickets or more information, call Pat at (248)478-8977 or Harriet West at (734)449-2236.

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SPIRITUS SANCTUS

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Catholic faith are central to the development of each child." Subjects taught include religion, language arts, math, science, history, Spanish, physical education, fine arts and integrated technology. The school also offers intramural and extracurricular activities.

Every school day starts with a Mass, which is open to parents as well as staff and students. Confession is heard weekly. The teachers are all Catholic.

"They practice their faith," Spiritus Sanctus principal Sister Mary Samuel Handwerker said. "They're not just Catholic; they're living their faith. It's important to show that to the children."

Spiritus Sanctus is a K-8 school opened in 2000 with room for about 90 students, then expanded in 2004 to accommodate 200 students. A staff of four sisters and 12 laypeople teach a student body of some 170 students from some 30 zip codes, including Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Farmington and Redford.

The school teaches a specific curriculum in a very Catholic culture. The school includes a chapel, with the 20 Mysteries of the Rosary embedded in its ceiling. The school has its own priest and peaceful, contemplative facilities focused heavily on the school's religious teachings.

"Everywhere (students) go they're surrounded by their faith," Sister Mary Samuel said. "(Faith) isn't something you just teach for 30 minutes at a time."



Sixth-graders line up at the end of gym class taught by Marlee Juergens.

Terri Twellman is starting her fifth year teaching at Spiritus Sanctus, and the veteran Catholic school teacher — she's taught at four other Catholic schools — said this one's determination to remain steadfast in teaching the faith is one of its strengths.

"This is the best model of a Catholic school I can think of," Twellman said. "The curriculum is just right. Some might say it's too much, or too hard. I think we challenge our students. They're above-average in intelligence, and we challenge them."

That's what Carol Johnson thinks, too. She was home-schooling her son, Dominic, when she met Sister Mary Samuel at her niece's graduation.

"Before I knew it, my kids were enrolled (at Spiritus Sanctus)," said Johnson, who has since moved from Adrian to Ann Arbor and has much less of a commute. "My kids were raised with daily Mass. So for me, to have that opportunity, along with school, was definitely something that made me change my mind and put them in school."

The academy's K-8 students move on primarily to feed three high schools: Detroit Catholic Central in Novi; Gabriel Richard in Ann Arbor; and Ladywood High School in Livonia. The students are apparently prepared well enough at the academy: Three of them have gone on to be valedictorian at those three high schools.

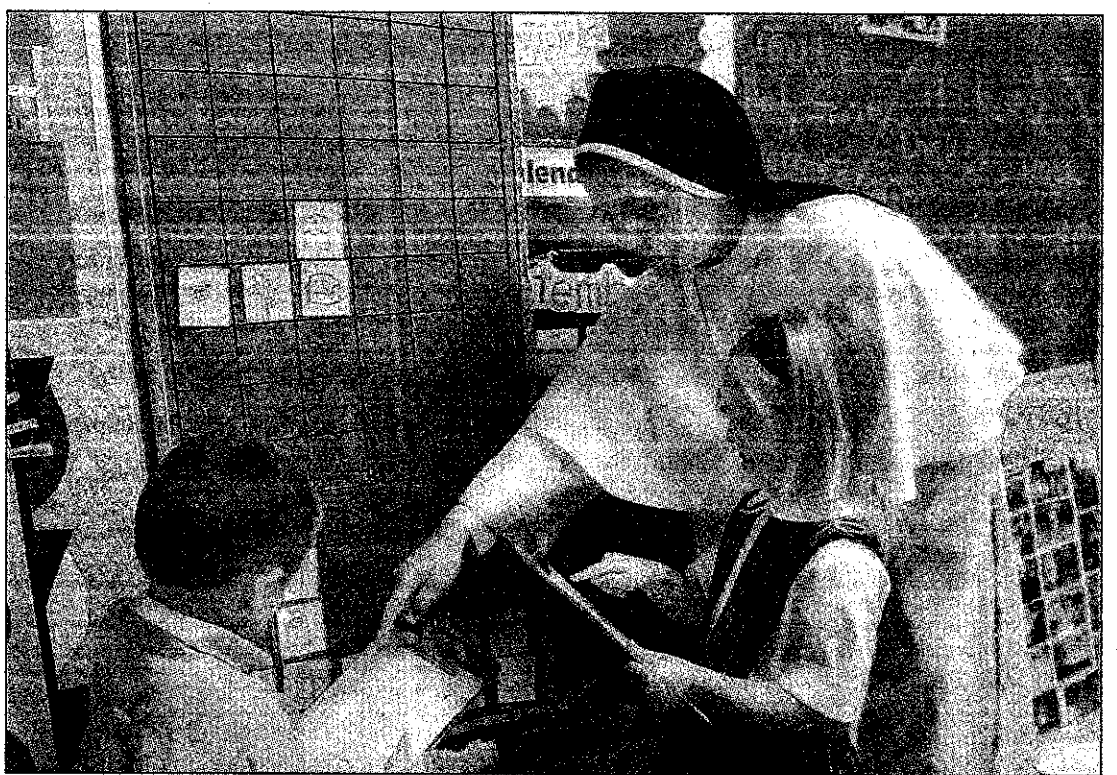
"The high schools want our kids," Sister Mary Samuel said. "They're disciplined, well-organized and well prepared for high school. They do make a difference when they get to high school."

Kindergarten, fourth- and sixth-grade classrooms are full at the moment.

Potential students have to make application for enrollment and are tested to be sure they can "handle a strong academic environment."

The school's traditional Catholic education strikes a chord with the families who do enroll their students, particularly the Mass which opens each school day.

"It fits their families,"



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Spiritus Sanctus Academy kindergarten teacher Sister Mary Jacinta works with students Marco Patti and Shannon Ryan.

Twellman said. "For parents who want a truly traditional Catholic education, this is the place. Imagine starting your day with students singing joyfully, it sets the tone for the entire day. We draw on that, and it carries us through the whole day."

Carol Johnson is the mother of seven — Dominic, 16, a senior at Catholic Central; Andrew, 14, a freshman at CC; 10-year-old Gregory and 8-year-old Anthony, both at Spiritus Sanctus; 12-year-old Ann Marie, who is being home-schooled this year; 4-year-old Nicholas; and 2-year-old Maria.

For her, the proof of the acad-

emy's success lies in her children.

"I had this conversation with Dominic the other day," Johnson said. "I told him, 'Yes, it was a hardship, but to see who you are now, it was worth it.' The people they're going to be because of this foundation ... it's hard for

kids these days, the peer pressure. Because of this foundation, they're able to stand up to that."

For more information on Spiritus Sanctus Academy, call (734) 414-8430.

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Fifth-graders Jonathan Rouhana, Stephen Mitchell and Steven Timm work in the computer room run by teacher Michael Coster.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR October meeting Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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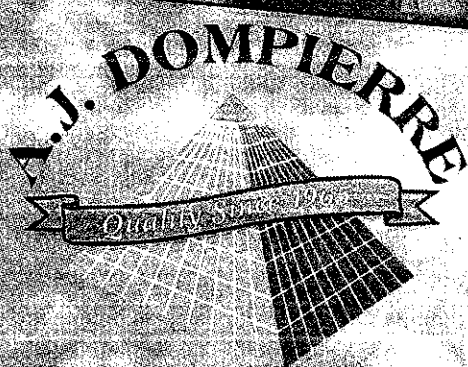
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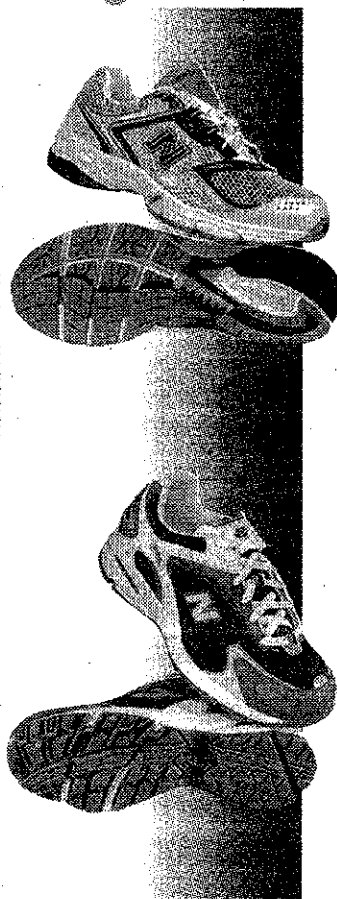
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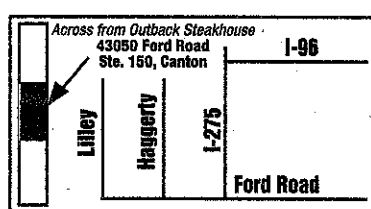
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AROUND TOWN

Olivet scholarship

Olivet College is offering every high school in Michigan the ability to nominate two graduating seniors to receive the new Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship. The scholarship is worth \$2,000 a year for four years equaling a total of \$8,000 for each qualified student. Enrollment availability is based on a first come, first served basis. The scholarship program empowers the guidance counselor or staff to choose two responsible seniors who have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and 19 or higher on the ACT. One of the selected students must also demonstrate a greater need for financial assistance. For more information on the Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship program, contact the Office of Enrollment Management at (800) 456-7189 or e-mail admissions@olivetcollege.edu

Western Wayne Genealogical Society

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. Local historian/librarian Al Smitley will speak on "The Ditch That Built Northville: The Erie Canal." A tour of the library or genealogy video will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Guests welcome to the free meetings. Margie, (734) 522-4050 or visit www.rootswest.com/~mlwccgs/

Sommelier Dinner

The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 15th annual Sommelier Dinner Tuesday, Nov. 7, at The Earle in downtown Ann Arbor. Sponsored by JP Morgan Chase, the event features local community leaders who act as wine stewards to benefit the Art Center's community outreach programs. The event traditionally sells out with nearly 300 guests attending each year. The 18 sommeliers participating in this year's event include Richard Biffle, Foster's Wine Estates; Newcombe Clark, Bluestone Realty; Greg Cook, Ann Arbor Transportation Authority; "The Ride"; Charles Crone, Comerica; Clay Johnson, Technical Engineering Consultants, Inc.; Kristin Jonna, Vinology; Jim Jong, Key Bank; Barbara Kaye, Dykema Gossett PLLC; Jason Minock, Toll Brothers Inc.; Karim Motawi, Motawi Tileworks; together with local community members including James Cook, Deb & Max Hutton, Jane Lumm, Ray Noellert, Hina Papo, Steve Slack, and Natalie Surovell. The sommeliers will donate an evening of their time and expertise to pour wine while The Earle staff prepare and serve a three-course gourmet meal. A pre/post party will be held at the Art Center from 5-9 p.m., which will include sparkling wine, a private viewing of the Annual All Media Exhibition and a discount at the Gallery Shop for attendees. The Earle is located at 121 W. Washington in downtown Ann Arbor. For more information on ticket prices or to reserve a table at the 6 p.m. or 8:15 p.m. seating, call the Ann Arbor Art Center at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 101.

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Crafters needed

The annual Holiday Craft Show at Hawthorne Valley is looking for crafters. The show is set for Dec. 3. For information please contact Sue or Paul, (734) 811-3128.

Circle of Hope

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts the 14th annual Circle of Hope Gala 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 13, at Dearborn Inn in Dearborn. Musical entertainment, Rhythm Society Orchestra featuring vocalist Paul King, is a 16-piece dance band specializing in swing music. Guest reservations are \$125; proceeds contribute to hospital renovations in the Cardiac Catheterization Lab and new, leading-edge technology. For information, call (734) 655-2980.

ABWA craft show

The American Business Women's Association Maia Chapter of Ann Arbor and the Pioneer High School Women's Athletic Teams co-host the 19th "Holiday Art & Craft Festival" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 at Pioneer High School, 601 W. Stadium Blvd., in Ann Arbor. The fair features more than 150 artisans featuring pottery, ceramics, paintings, jewelry, tile painting and more. Admission is \$2, children younger than 12 are admitted free and parking is free. Proceeds go to ABWA Maia Chapter Education Fund for Scholarships and Pioneer High School women's athletic teams. For information, call (734) 663-0671.

Melanoma walk

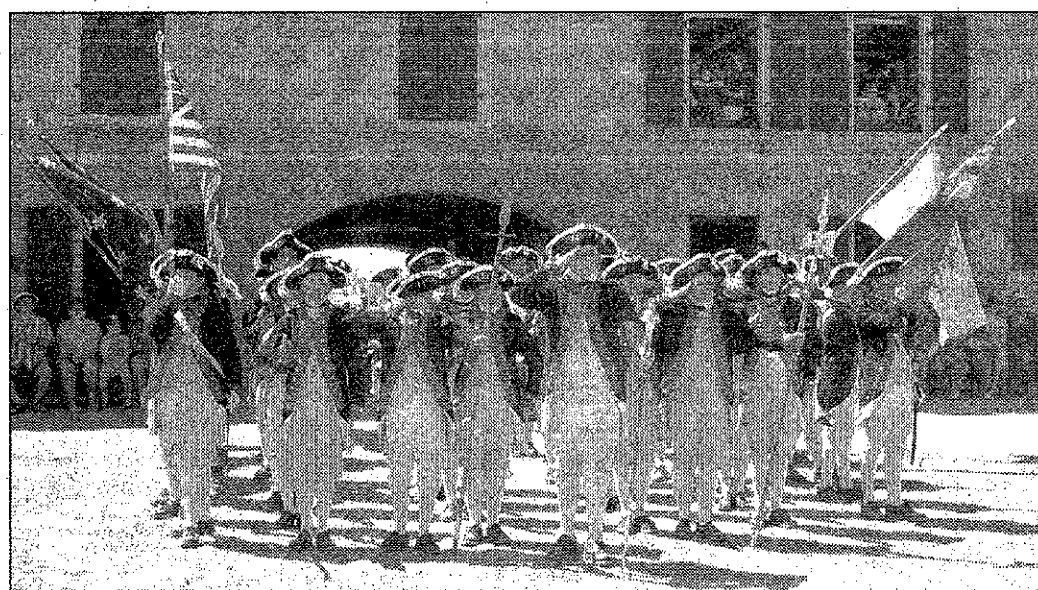
Join the 1st Annual KDB Melanoma Walk to be held Saturday, Oct. 14 at Kensington Metropark (East Boat Launch). Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m., \$30 for adults, \$20 for 10-17 year olds and seniors. Registration forms and more information can be found on-line at www.melanomawalk.org

Ann Arbor Art Center

The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 84th annual All Media Exhibition Oct. 13-Nov. 11, with an opening reception 6-8 p.m. Oct. 13. This highly anticipated exhibition will be located in both the Exhibition Gallery, as well as Gallery2, located on the Art Center's second floor. For more information, contact Jessica Guzmán at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 110, explore www.annarborartcenter.org or visit the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor.

CC Rummage Sale

The Mom's Club of Catholic Central High School is hosting its annual Rummage & Bake Sale, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, at Catholic Central High School, 27225 Wilcox Road, south of Grand River and west of Wilcox Road in Novi. A \$1 bag sale will begin at 1 p.m. All proceeds benefit the school.



Fife and drum recruiting

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, shown here performing at Fort Ticonderoga in New York, holds an informational recruitment meeting at Canton High School 7-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, in the orchestra room. Parents and students are encouraged to attend to learn more about PFDC, which consists of students from a variety of communities and range from 12-18 years of age. They perform 40-50 times per season at parades and festivals throughout the Midwest, New England and Canada. Recruiting efforts will be for open positions in fifes, drums, and color guard. No previous musical experience is necessary. Instructional information is provided by PFDC instructors. Uniforms are provided by PFDC. For additional information or to contact the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, please refer to the PFDC website at www.pfdc.us

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light house-keeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Art/craft festival

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

Literacy Council tutors

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

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhope-center.net.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth

A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

Plymouth Newcomers

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplusjanet@aol.com

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. Call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. Call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

DAR

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

German/American Club of Plymouth

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

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesky Post #12 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

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

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Cardiac care

Women's center fixes broken hearts

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER



Dr. Pamela Marcovitz and Cheryl Weberman in the Women's Heart Center at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Dr. Pamela Marcovitz is convinced, more than ever, that women need a medical clinic which focuses solely on the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and research of heart disease. Since opening the Ministrelli Women's Heart Center at Beaumont Hospital in July 2002, she's compiled statistics on the 4,000 patients seen there. The average patient is 5 feet, 4 inches tall and weighs 172 pounds with an average BMI (body mass index) of 28.7. A BMI of 30 is considered obese. Obesity is one of the major risk factors for heart disease.

According to Marcovitz, 50 percent of women evaluated by the center last year were deemed high risk. The center's prevention counseling, dietitian and exercise physiologist services assist patients in making lifestyle changes to reduce their risk factors.

"The average age was 58 years old, plus or minus 13. There were a very large amount with multiple risk factors for heart disease," said Marcovitz, the center's medical director. "About half have hypertension. The vast majority of women we see have a cholesterol problem. They have all these risk factors and are overweight. Half of the women have pre-diabetes. Not all of them have clinically evident or significant blockages, but will in 10 years if the problems are not addressed."

Awareness is key to diagnosing and preventing heart disease in women. The center regularly holds screening and educational events at local malls, churches, synagogues, businesses and gathering places such as The Birmingham Community House and Franklin Hills Country Club. On Saturday, Oct. 14, Heart to Heart d'Art will not only raise awareness about heart disease in women, but also money for research and the Remarkable Woman Fund organized through the annual Remarkable Women Luncheon by Florine Mark, president and CEO of The WW Group Inc. The fund provides free and low-cost medical tests to diagnose and treat heart disease in uninsured or underinsured working women.

The Heart to Heart d'Art strolling dinner and live auction take place 6:30-10 p.m. at Park West Gallery in Southfield. For more information, contact the Beaumont Foundation at (248) 551-9951. Tickets are \$275.

The center was originally funded by a \$5 million gift from Florine Hoffman Ministrelli of West Bloomfield.

"More women die of heart disease than men each year, about 53 percent of women, over 500,000 females," Marcovitz said. "Despite the fact that women live longer, mortality for women is

getting closer because men are quitting smoking and living longer. Women consistently report more disability, more chest pain and a poor quality of life once they get the disease. Every year since 1984, it has been the number one killer of women, while mortality for men has improved over the last 10 years."

Cheryl Weberman feels lucky to be alive after suffering a heart attack in October 2004 at the age of 43. The Farmington Hills woman was at home when the shooting pain up her back and spine began. Weberman had suffered from a migraine headache all day, but it wasn't until the middle of the night that she realized the seriousness of the problem and roused her husband, who drove her to a walk-in emergency center. From there, Weberman was rushed by ambulance to an area hospital after telling personnel she felt like "somebody socked me in the back so hard that I can feel it in the front."

Testing showed her arteries were completely clear. A few days later, she was sent home to await an appointment with a cardiologist. It was then her mother suggested seeing Marcovitz, who sat and talked about her medical history for 40 minutes before ordering tests. In four years, Weberman went from walking two miles a day to someone who was afraid to walk too quickly up the stairs because she would get a migraine. She was not only suffering from a tumor on her adrenal gland, but broken heart syndrome (stress cardiomyopathy), a condition brought on by intense emotional or physical stress which causes rapid or severe heart muscle weakness. Weberman has a child who had just

recovered from major surgery after almost dying.

The tumor was surgically removed and today she's back to work as a mortgage banker. Walking, exercise classes and weight training help keep her 5-2, 105-pound body and heart in shape.

"I was walking the floors when I felt something funny like, whoosh, through my body and I started taking deep breaths," Weberman said. "I said to myself, 'Did I just have a heart attack?' I waited another two hours before I woke my husband up."

Marcovitz says it's not unusual for a woman who's having a heart attack not to realize it. Symptoms can include pain in the left or right arm, neck or jaw pain, high back pain between the shoulder blades when walking, shortness of breath and pressure or pain in the abdomen. When Marcovitz was a medical student in her last year of training, a patient suffered with heartburn every time she walked to the mailbox. With testing, physicians found she had 80- to 90-percent blockages in major arteries.

"If you are a woman with hypertension, diabetes, cholesterol abnormalities, a family history of heart disease in a first-degree relative in their 50s or 60s, even fatigue that limits your activity level, or are smoking or have chest pressure, get it checked out," Marcovitz said.

For more information about the Women's Heart Center, call (248) 898-4760.

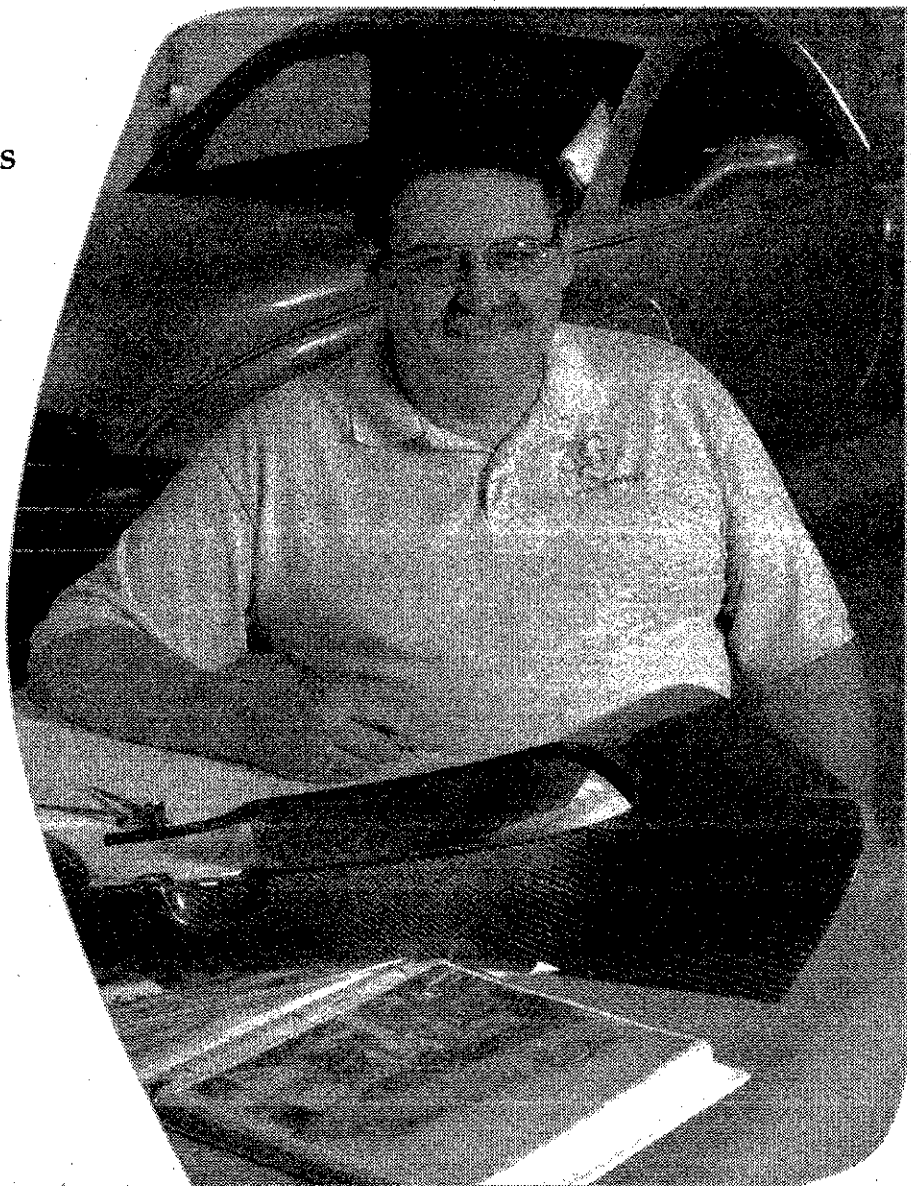
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But I understand your concern.

Many people are upset and scared concerning the recent news about tainted spinach.

What didn't get as much attention is the fact that the source of the E-coli outbreak has been found and the Food and Drug Administration has declared spinach is once again safe to eat.

The FDA traced the tainted spinach to a California company called Natural Selection Foods.

The government is now ordering all supermarkets and restaurants not to sell raw spinach that was processed by this company. So right now it's very unlikely you will buy a bag of tainted spinach.

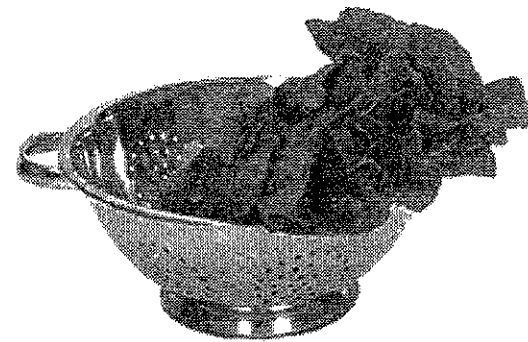
But if you're still uneasy, purchase your spinach from a reliable company, like Aunt Mid's based right here in Metro Detroit. I have personally seen the entire process Aunt Mid's vegetables and fruits are put through to make sure the food is safe. Their foods are cleaned several times and go through rigorous monitoring. I would feed Aunt Mid's spinach to my own family.

I can't encourage you enough to pile on the dark leafy vegetable. It's full of good stuff. Spinach is one of the healthiest vegetables you can put in your mouth. Nutritionists say it's difficult to

find any vegetable that is such a rich source of so many nutrients. Iron being one of them. It's also packed with Vitamins C and E, which are antioxidants that can lower your risk of heart disease, stroke and cancer. You'll also find Vitamin A in spinach, which may protect you against eye degeneration and the potassium in spinach can help prevent high blood pressure. For pregnant women, spinach is an excellent source of folic acid, which is crucial to help prevent birth defects.

Remember too much of a good thing can be bad, so don't eat spinach too often, twice a week is enough to reap its benefits. People with gout or kidney or bladder stones should actually avoid spinach due to its high amount of oxalic acid. The best way to eat spinach is raw or steamed rather than boiled; it keeps more of its minerals and vitamins that way. Another great benefit...it's low in calories. So load up on the spinach. It's not only safe to eat—it's excellent for you!

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



MEDICAL DATEBOOK

OCTOBER

Vegetarian events

In honor of Vegetarian Awareness Month in October several events are being held including a lecture by Jim Corcoran, Veggies in Motion president, on how to lose weight, prevent and reverse disease 10:30 a.m. Oct. 10, at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, call (248) 473-1822, free; Vegetarian 101 class teaches how dietary choices affect health, the planet and animals, also learn how to prepare easy and delicious dishes 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Irene's Myomassology Institute, 26061 Franklin Road, Southfield, registration and fee required, call (248) 350-1400, and Vegan Dinner Club monthly outing to explore local vegan cuisine 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, location to be announced, call (248) 544-4030 or send e-mail to thorndike@yahoo.com.

Alzheimer's class

If you (or your loved ones) are misplacing things, losing

keys, or forgetting names, get help in this light-hearted class with biochemist Sandy Baumann 6:40 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9 and 16, at Henry Ford Community College Center for Lifelong Learning, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$54. To register, call (313) 317-1500 or go to www.hfcc.edu/CL2. From scientific research, discover foods, beverages, and activities that nourish your brain, 10 supplements to enhance memory, healthy fats that prevent depression and Alzheimer's, and 21 recently identified risk factors for Alzheimer's. Leave with a copy of Feed Your Brain for Memory with 70 pages of practical tips to work magic on your memory. \$10 materials fee due to instructor in class.

Parkinson's support

The Royal Oak Parkinson Support Group meeting features Dr. Richard Berchou, PharmD 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, at the Rose Cancer Center, 3rd floor, Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital on 13 Mile, west of Woodward. Berchou discusses Parkinson's medications. For information, call (248) 830-8316.

Author reveals secrets to weight loss

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dieting isn't the answer, says Rena Greenberg, author of *The Right Weigh*, a new book featuring a six step program to permanent weight loss. Greenberg believes until a person makes the mind, body and spirit connection they're doomed to fail. Her 40-day plan reprograms the subconscious to accept yourself and break through obstacles to



Greenberg

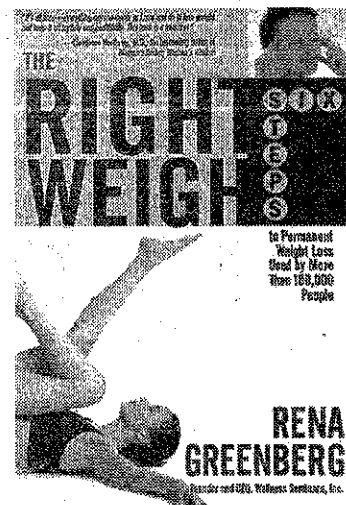
choose a healthier lifestyle.

For years Greenberg has taught these principals in her Wellness Seminars at area hospitals such as Crittenton in Rochester and medical centers including Providence Mission Health-Livonia. During the sessions Greenberg focuses on the power of self-hypnosis, a topic she covers in the book.

"If we really love ourselves how can we fill our body's with trash," said Greenberg. "It's all about getting rid of negative voices. I think the core issue is loving yourself, feeling worthy and having confidence to know it's possible. So many people think I have to work out two hours at the gym or do nothing. It's so easy to incorporate exercise into our daily life."

Greenberg suggests using neuro-linguistic programming, a form of hypnosis to achieve exercise and healthy eating goals.

"Instead of seeing how delicious those French fries or doughnuts are going to taste, change it to make them look repulsive. If a picture is in color, change it to black and white,



move it into the distance, so all of a sudden you're in control," said Greenberg.

"We can imagine ourselves coming home from work to change in gym clothes and go for a run or bike ride. The other scenario is to come home and go to the fridge and eat a pint of ice cream."

Judy Christopher has lost 50 pounds by using the self-hypnosis techniques Greenberg reveals in the seminars. She attended her first session at Mission Health-Livonia 2 1/2 years ago. Christopher periodically travels from her Redford home for a refresher course because she still wants to lose 20 pounds.

For years she tried diets and weight loss and exercise programs without success.

"What helped is the hypnosis centers your mind. It takes away temptation. You don't have to rely on will power," said Christopher.

Like Greenberg, Christopher eats a healthy oatmeal breakfast, light lunch, and a dinner that consists of meat, brown

rice, and vegetables sautéed then sprinkled with sesame seeds. For exercise she does Tae Boe and walks at night.

Greenberg begins her day by walking then has her oatmeal with a little almond butter on top for protein to sustain her until a lunch of tuna fish or chicken with salad. Instead of a calorie-laden dressing, she makes her own from flax seed oil, apple cider vinegar, Bragg Liquid Aminos, and fresh dill, basil, oregano or whatever herb is in season. For dinner, she says go ahead and eat a small potato with a little bit of butter along with a piece of salmon, flounder or meat.

"I definitely credit the hypnosis with putting me in a great state of mind," said Christopher. "It helped me focus and believe I could do it without diet pills or surgery."

Greenberg's next series of weight loss seminars take place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, and 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, at Crittenton Hospital, 1101 West University Drive, Rochester, and 3-5 p.m. or 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Providence Mission Health-Livonia medical center, 37595 Seven Mile at Newburgh.

The cost is \$69. The first 45-minutes is a free orientation. If the participant feels comfortable with program they then pay the one-time fee. For more information, call (800) 848-2822 or visit www.easywillpower.com. Participants can save \$10 by registering online. The fee includes the hypnotic session, behavior modification booklet, audiocassette tape, and unlimited free repetitions of the session.

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REUNIONS

Birmingham High School

Class of 1956

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

Clawson High School

Class of 1973

6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 28, at the San Marino Club, Troy. \$75, contact Linda (Morrill) Hale, (248) 761-5550, or Dave Lake, (248) 684-4200.

Clintondale High School

Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 14. For information, e-mail clinton-dale1986@yahoo.com.

Detroit Chadsey

Class of 1956

Looking for classmates. A 50-year reunion is planned for October 2006. All alumni from other years welcome. Contact Ted at (734) 462-2411 or Lillian at (734) 326-1324.

Class of 1957

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

Detroit Northwestern

Classes of 1950-51

Sunday, Oct. 15, at the Holiday Inn West, Livonia. Looking for classmates. Contact Marlene (Oleson) Hanna, hamharold@aol.com.

Detroit Western

Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion will be held in September 2007. Seeking information on classmates from that year. All other classes welcome. Contact Judy Hull Rakowski at (734) 459-3832 or Judy Spiro Scranton at jlsranton@yahoo.com

Detroit Southwestern

Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion is being planned for September 2007. Looking for January and June graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Angie (Conz) Maccani at (313) 532-4379 or Ken Suski at (313) 291-5450.

Detroit Southeastern High School

Class of 1946

A 60-year reunion 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, at the Vintage House in Fraser. For more information, call Jeanne Eversham at (586) 778-1913 or Fran Durham at (248) 344-4613 or frn.md@aol.com.

Epiphany Grade School

Class of 1966

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

Farmington High School

Class of 1976

30-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Holiday Inn Livonia West. Alumni can update their address at (734) 261-3264, celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com. Visit Web site ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Fordson High School

Class of 1969

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

Garden City High School

Class of 1987

Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20-year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name, address, phone, email, etc.). Contact GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net or call Sheryl (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367-0898.

Class of 1996

A 10-year reunion 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the Livonia Holiday Inn, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Addresses needed. For information, e-mail gc96reunion@sbcglobal.net.

Garden City East

Class of 1976

Oct. 21 at Roma's of Garden City, contact Linda Fischer at (734) 591-9103 or sunniedai@twm1.r.com for more information.

Garden City West

Class of 1981

A 25th class reunion is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4, at Summit on the Parkway in Canton. For more information, please e-mail: qcwestclassof1981@yahoo.com.

Grosse Pointe North

Class of 1991

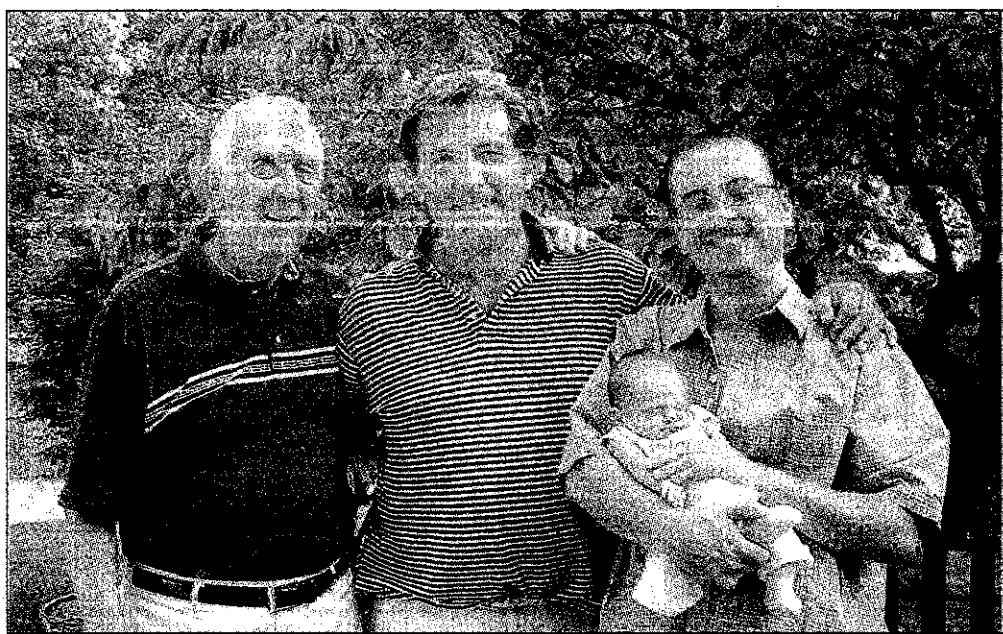
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Livonia Bentley

Class of 1966

The Bentley High School Class of 1966 will host a reunion from 6 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon, 53503 W. 10 Mile. Cost is \$50 per person. Contact Bob Mundy at (248) 427-0320.

Livonia Churchill



Four generations

Four generations of the Baier family recently posed for this photo. Pictured are Ken Sr. (left) who was born and raised in Redford Township and graduated from Redford Union High School in 1948 and now lives in Brooklyn, Michigan; Ken Jr. born and raised in Redford, graduated from Redford Union in 1970 and still lives in the township; Corey born and raised in Redford, graduated from Redford Union in 1996 and recently moved from Redford to Commerce Township, and Colin Michael born July 29, 2006.

Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at Barnstormers, 9411 E. M-36, Whitmore Lake. Cost \$10 per person includes hot hors d'oeuvres and DJ. Cash bar. To RSVP, call Erin Leedle Atkins at (734) 449-8223 or Mike Fox at (313) 268-5200.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information,

contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayniniilu@aol.com.

Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 14, at St. Mary's Cultural Center. Alumni can update their address by calling (734) 261-3264 or e-mailing celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com. Visit the Web site at ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Class of 1976

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

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem

Class of 1996

Ten-year class reunion, Friday, Nov. 24, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Tickets are \$45 and include buffet dinner, open bar and dancing. To purchase tickets, go online to www.pcepi996.myevent.com.

Redford Thurston

Class of 1976

A 30-year class reunion, Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Holiday Inn-Livonia West at Laurel Park. Registration and cocktails 6-7 p.m., food-entertainment 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Ticket cost is \$55, plus cash bar. Contact Cheryl Caskey at (313) 592-0345.

Redford Union High School

Class of 1976

30-year reunion. 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Crowne Plaza Hotel, (formerly Double Tree Hotel across Novi Rd. from 12 Oaks), 27000 Sheraton Drive, (248) 348-5000. (Some rooms are being held at \$89/night) \$50/person. Send check or money order by Oct. 1 to: Sue Ward (Rambow), Class of '76 Reunion, P.O. Box 52003, Livonia, MI 48152.

Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion Friday, Nov. 24, at Embassy Suite, Livonia. For more information, go to www.ruhighclassof86.com or call (734) 787-9954.

Roseville High School

Class of 1956

A 50th reunion in fall of 2006. The reunion committee is searching for classmates. For information, call Shirley at (586) 677-2709; Alice at (586) 792-7757 or e-mail at alijune1939@scbglobal.net or thehermans2002@comcast.net.

Sacred Heart School, Detroit

Annual alumni weekend

Oct. 21. Dinner bash 6:30 p.m. at

Sacred Heart Activity Building, \$16. Reunion Mass 10:30 a.m. Sacred Heart Church. Contact Barbara (Battle) Hunt at (313) 832-6358, Maxine (Jaggers) Adams at (313) 526-6322 or Almeta (Carruth) White at (313) 862-2064

St. Damian

Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion Friday, Nov. 24, at Montana's in Westland. Contact Kathy Minnaugh Story at alandkathys@yahoo.com or by phone at (734) 483-9201.

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All former students, teachers, religious ed students and CYO athletes. tickets are \$25.00 per person includes dinner, dancing, dj, cash bar. (21 and over). 4:30 p.m. alumni Mass, 7 p.m. dinner-dance, Nov. 25. Please contact stdamianalumni@aol.com or call the parish at 734-421-6130 or the alumni page at www.stdamian.com for more info.

St. Hedwig

Class of 1956-57

Reunion Oct. 14 at the PLAY Dearborn Heights Post 16, 25222 Warren, Dearborn Heights. \$30 per person. Contact, Rose Marie Kurcharski, (734) 420-2163.

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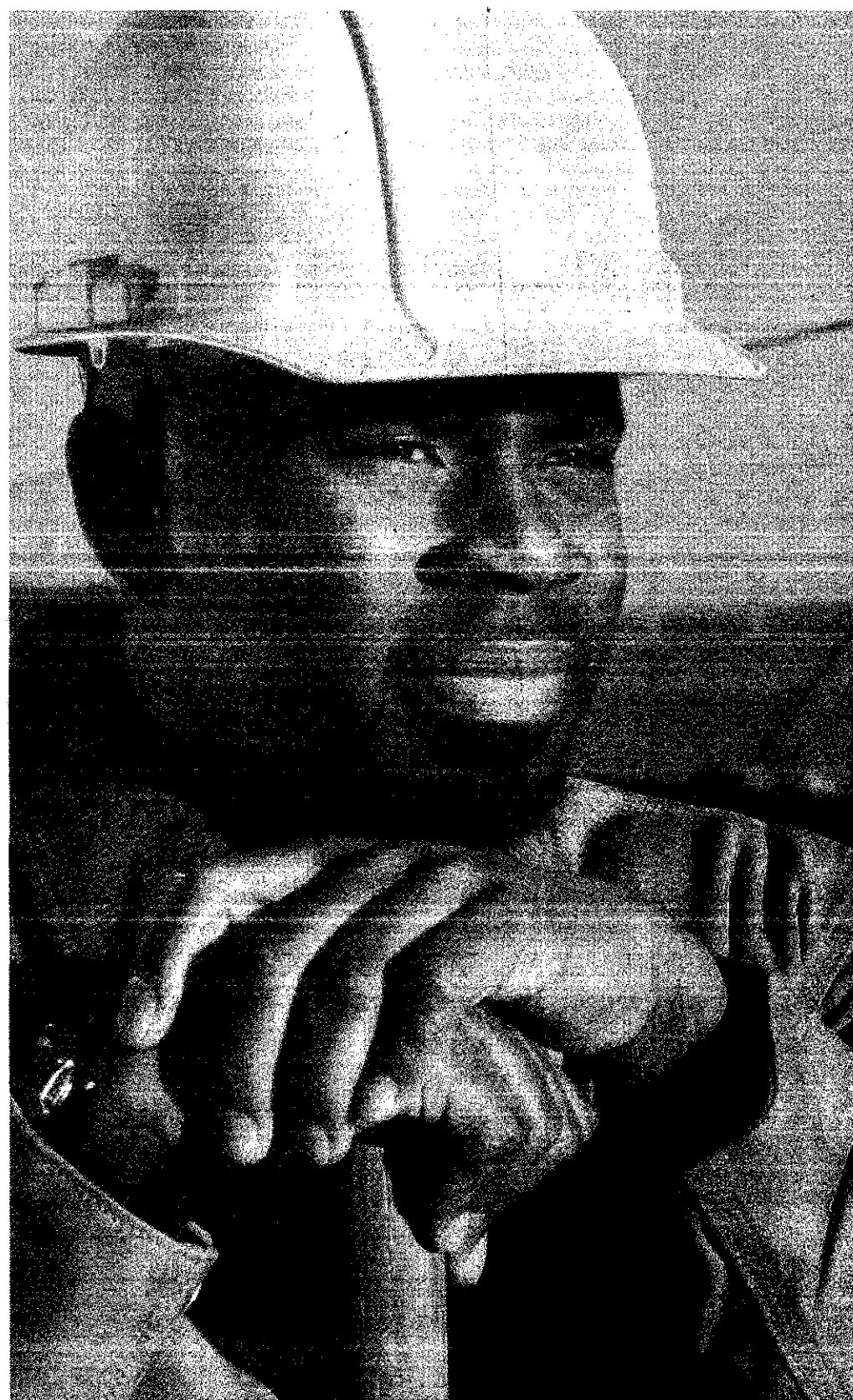
High School class of 1956

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

Wayne Memorial

Class of 1971

A 35-year reunion will be Oct. 14 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. Tickets are \$6 per person and checks, made payable to Deb Swickley, should be sent to her at 804 Cedar St., Manistee, MI 49660. The deadline for ordering tickets in Oct. 5.



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Focus:HOPE to host open house

Focus:HOPE will open its career training programs for tours and information sessions noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18 - and there's an incentive for coming early.

The first 100 attendees will get scholarship certificates valued at \$1,000. The certificates will cover most of the cost of the first course in which students enroll. Additional scholarship assistance is available for subsequent courses.

"We have a great story to tell here," said Athena Miller, manager of admissions. "Our graduates get jobs. Even in these challenging times, we place 87 percent of our graduates within six months of completing their studies."

The open house will be held in the Machinist Training Institute, 1200 Oakman Blvd., Detroit. Admissions advisers will take visitors on tours of the information technology, manufacturing, and engineering programs.

They will explain the financial aid and scholarship opportunities, student support services, and the job placement service where advisors work directly with students to help them find employment. Placement services also include helping students with preparing resumes, developing interviewing skills, and learning about appropriate work attire for different careers.

The organization's campus also includes a child care center that serves students, employees and the community. Children participate in educational and recreational activities while their parents are working or attending classes.

Focus:HOPE's career training programs are noted for providing hands-on work experience in conjunction with the course work. The areas of study include:

■ Information Technology - Students prepare for industry certifications that provide entry into careers in network administration, PC technology, and desktop and server administration. Students attend part



Philip Alexander and Wassif Benlarbi, engineering students in the Focus:HOPE Center for Advanced Technologies, work on the Mobile Parts Hospital manufacturing project.

time for up to one year.

■ Manufacturing / Machining - This full-time, eight-month program teaches students how to operate CAD and CNC programs as well as manual tools like lathes, mills and grinders.

■ Engineering - This associate and bachelor degree program is offered in conjunction with area universities. Students must complete the eight-month manufacturing program and a pre-engineering course before being admitted into the engineering program. Once enrolled, the tuition is free and students work and earn a salary while taking courses.

For details on the education and training programs, call (313) 494-4300.

Focus:HOPE is a nationally recognized civil and human rights organization in Detroit founded 38 years ago. Throughout the years, Focus:HOPE developed numerous programs in its fight to end racism, poverty and injustice.

For more, visit www.focushope.edu online.

Engineering program gave them jobs - and love

Richard and Michelle Sweeney will forever remember Focus:HOPE as their "One Stop Shop." It's where the Detroit couple found a highly-regarded college education, help finding jobs - and each other.

The engineers met in one of their Center for Advanced Technologies (CAT) classes in 2000 and married about seven months later. They both graduated from the program in May 2006.

The couple was drawn to Focus:HOPE for different reasons. Richard, who originally wanted to be a musician, was urged by his mother to explore the education opportunities at Focus:HOPE. Michelle already knew she wanted to be an engineer, but didn't have the money to attend college. They both found that the tuition-free engineering program, with classes offered through area universities, was just what they needed.

"The attraction (at Focus:HOPE) was working with my hands," said Richard, who enjoyed working on manufacturing contracts while studying engineering. Now he is an advanced manufacturing engineer for Ford Motor Co. "But the staying factor was the curriculum. It was a combination of teachers and my peers. We (classmates) pushed each other. Now I'm glad (mom) bugged me."

In the CAT, students receive hands-on work experience while studying toward associate's degrees from Lawrence Technological University and



Richard and Michelle Sweeney are grateful for the education they received at Focus:HOPE, and for having met each other.

bachelor's degrees from Wayne State University and University of Detroit Mercy in manufacturing engineering and technology. Prior to enrolling in CAT, students attend the Machinist Training Institute where they learn to operate lathes, mills, grinders and CNC equipment.

During her education, Michelle participated in two externships at General Motors. Now she's working for GM as a simulation engineer.

All the invaluable opportunities she and her husband have had make her confident they will always do well in the career they've chosen.

"I know jobs will be here," she said. "I'm confident in my abilities to adjust in the outcome of any company. As an engineer, we can go into any field."



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Technology creeping into new homes

Home builders used to prepare for buyers' technology and communication needs by installing phone jacks and cable outlets, and passing along the contact information of local telephone and cable TV providers.

However, as more home buyers embrace telecommuting, distance and online learning, complex entertainment options and other tech-savvy undertakings, home builders are finding advanced technology and communications services are quickly becoming must-have amenities for new home buyers at all stages of life.

Michigan-based Pulte Homes, one of the largest residential builders in the nation, is at the forefront of meeting homebuyers' current and future telecommunications needs.

Several of Pulte Homes' largest master planned communities have recently launched as "Connected Communities," specifically designed to accommodate buyers' advanced needs for Internet, telephone and cable TV services.

A Pulte Homes "Connected Community" has three basic components in every home:

- Access to a high-quality broadband service (high-speed Internet)
- Access to a community-wide Web site or portal — a "hub" that links residents together and includes content and applications such as community activities, scheduling tools and resident interaction
- Structured wiring — the in-home network that connects the home's computers, TVs and telephones to each other and out to the Internet.

ACTIVE ADULTS AND TECHNOLOGY

Yet it's not just first-time Generation X and Y homebuyers driving Pulte to build "Connected Communities." One of the most comprehensive "Connected Communities" is Pulte's Sun City Carolina Lakes community in Lancaster County, S.C.

This Del Webb active adult community, where at least one resident in the household must be 55 or older to meet the age restriction qualification, opened for sales in March 2006 and is projected to include up to 4,400 homes.

In fact, the 2005 Del Webb Baby Boomer Survey conducted by Harris Interactive showed that among all respondents ages 41-69, 82 percent cited "wiring for Internet access" as one of the most important features they would want in a retirement residence.

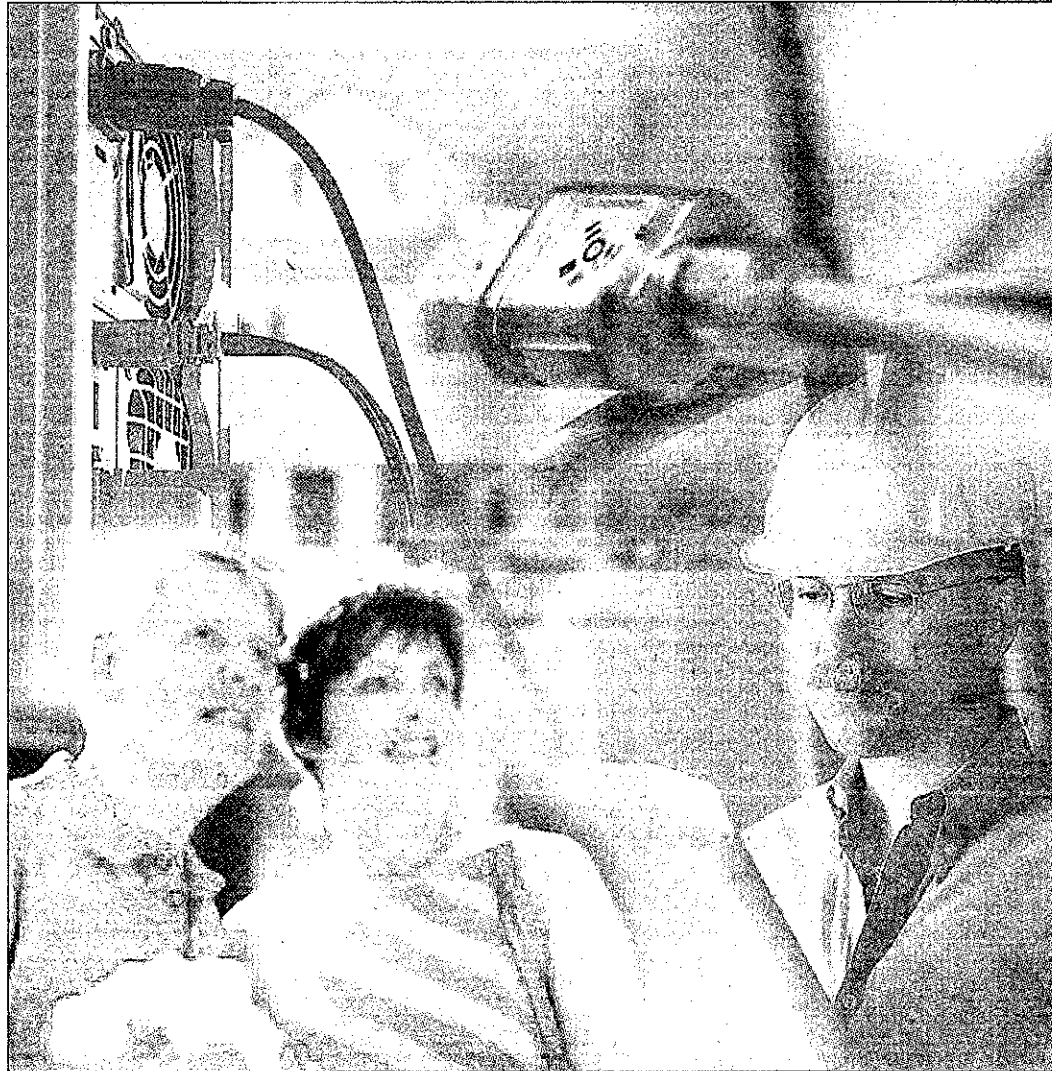


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FIBER-TO-THE-HOME

Another advantage that Pulte Homes is bringing to an increasing number of new homebuyers around the country is access to Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH), an advanced network technology that is installed directly to homes. Pulte Homes has partnered with Verizon and AT&T in a number of markets including southeast Michigan to bring this amenity to home buyers.

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Finding the right Realtor for you

There are a lot of Realtors out there. How do I pick the right one to sell my house?

There are certainly quite a few Realtors who are vying for your business. How are some suggestions on how to find the right one.

■ One of the most effective methods in finding the right Realtor is a referral. If a friend or family member had a positive experience with a particular Realtor that may be someone you should consider hiring to get your house sold. Hopefully, the friend or family member who recommends the Realtor is one that likes you and is leading you to the right road.

■ A family member or friend. This has positives and negatives associated with it. The positive side is that you already have a relationship with that person. Hopefully, that person will not want to hurt the relationship and will do a good job for you.

On the other hand, what happens if something goes wrong and you don't like the job your friend is doing for you? How would you feel about firing that person or talking to your friend's manager?

There is also the possibility that because of your friendship that person will be lazy in doing what he/she should be doing to get your home sold.

Real estate transactions are sometimes complicated. There is the possibility that your friendship may be ruined because of issues that may arise during the process.

■ Your nephew who just got his real estate license. It's not necessarily bad if you hire this nephew. He will, most likely, have a lot of time to devote to getting your house sold. Just make sure that he has a mentor or a manager that will be there to guide him through the process.

■ Realtors that are very active and have many listings. Many times these Realtors have systems in place to get your home sold. On the other hand, they may not have time to deal with your house and concerns that may occur during the process. You need to make sure that the Realtor commits to spending time on your house, or at least has an assistant to do so.

■ Real estate agents very active in your area. It is good for Realtors to know your marketplace. If you get a lot of marketing material from a particular Realtor, that could mean that the Realtor is knowledgeable about your area.

Michael Aldouby is a Realtor with Real Estate One. He has an MBA with a concentration in marketing. Please feel free to call him at (734) 748-9621 or e-mail him at michael@sellshomes@realestateone.com.

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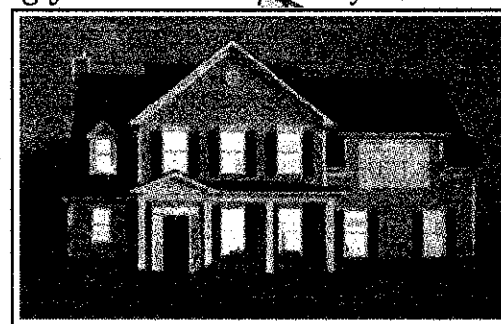


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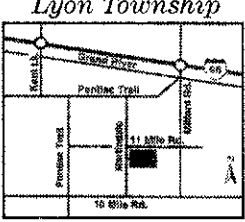


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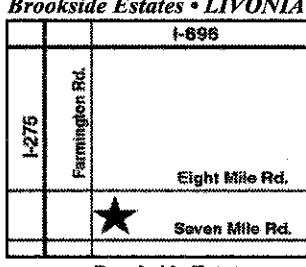
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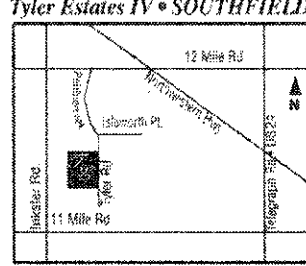
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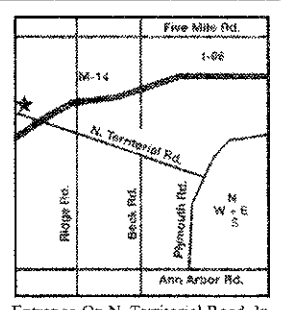
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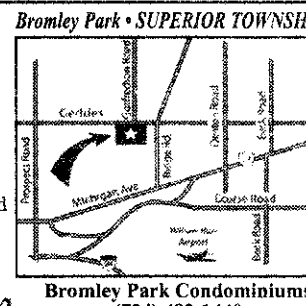
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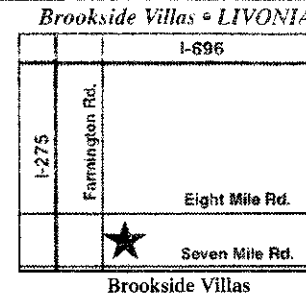
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The panelists will share their strategies on: How to work with a real-estate owned agent; how to negotiate with the lender; and how to get your offer accepted.

The schedule includes:

■ An early-bird session and networking, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

■ An optional buffet dinner (\$16) and social hour, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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RSVP for dinner by Oct. 9 by calling (800) 747-6742 or by e-mailing at reianews@aol.com Admission for members is free, \$20 for nonmembers.

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The Lawrence Technological University College of Architecture and Design will hold a lecture titled "The Creativity of Architecture: The Architecture of Creativity: The Broader Applications of Chicago's Building Art" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, in the Architecture Auditorium (A200).

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Lawrence Tech is located at 21000 W. 10 Mile Road in Southfield. For more information, call (248) 204-2800.

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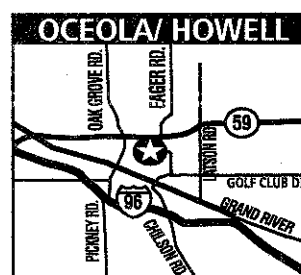
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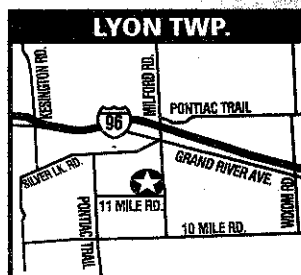


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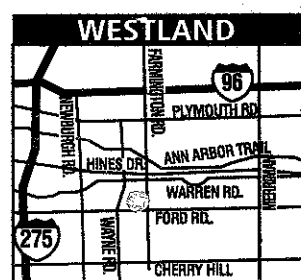


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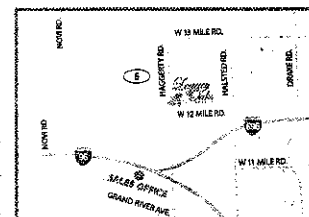
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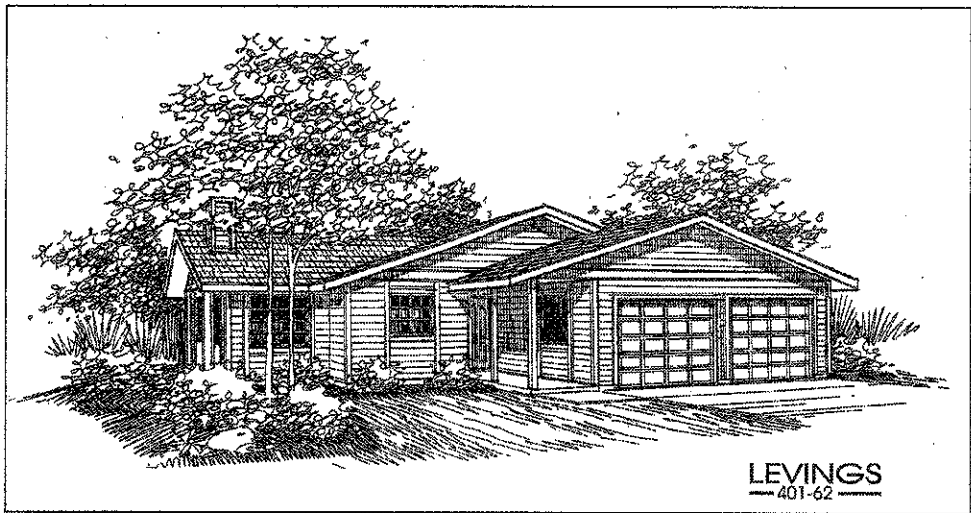


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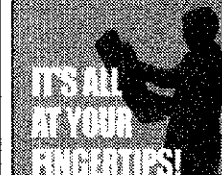
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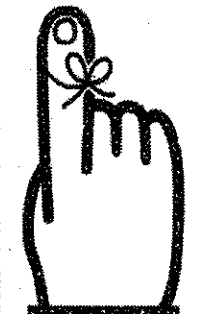
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- 29 Hockey venue
- 33 Gross!
- 34 Sports "zebra"
- 35 Grassy field
- 36 Refresh the fern
- 38 "Girls"
- 39 Ring out
- 40 In a frenzy
- 42 Almond confection
- 43 Relish
- 46 Orange root

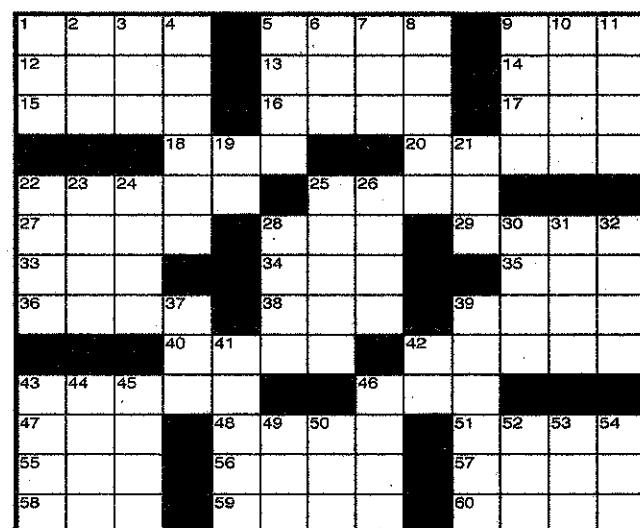
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- 47 Cash substitute
- 48 Running shoe name
- 51 Hassock
- 55 Curtain hanger
- 56 Shortly
- 57 Golden Fleece ship
- 58 Barely make do
- 59 Tackles a slope
- 60 London district
- 1 Proof ender
- 2 Employ
- 3 Cool — cucumber
- 4 Barked
- 5 Totter
- 6 Collect maple sap
- 7 Before
- 8 Toy bear
- 9 With, to Maurice
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- 19 DJ's album
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- 22 Carpenter's

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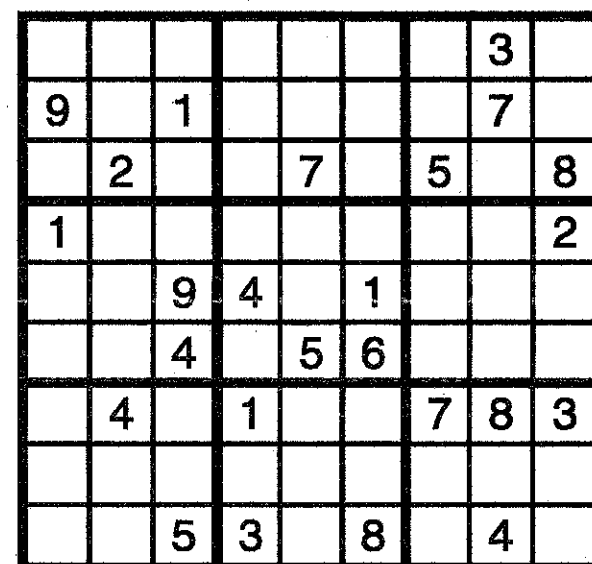
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- 28 The younger Guthrie
 - 30 Seine vistas
 - 31 Fastidious
 - 32 Green vegetable
 - 37 Lao-Tzu's "way"
 - 39 Where gauchos roam
 - 41 Talking birds
 - 42 NY neighbor
 - 43 Limerick locale
 - 44 Alcove
 - 45 Patron of lost causes
 - 46 Itches
 - 49 Cuttlefish defense
 - 50 Garden-pond fish
 - 52 Galleon cargo
 - 53 Snort of disgust
 - 54 Egg — yung

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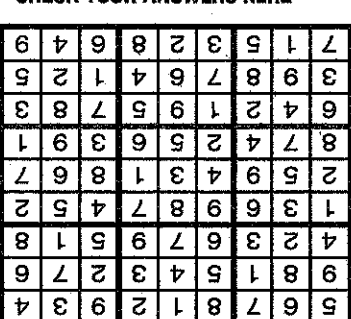
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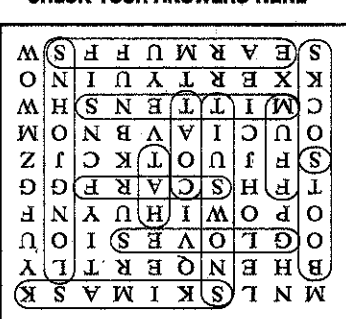
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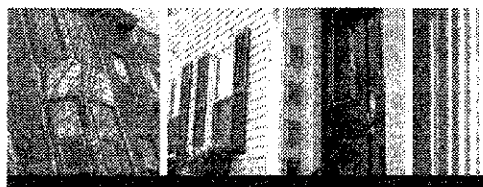
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Chevrolet redesigned the 2007 Aveo with a new exterior and a roomier design, but it ignored a crucial element improving the driving experience.

The Aveo lags behind competitors such as Hyundai Accent and Toyota Yaris when it comes to driving comfort. Given its size, the Aveo is light and nimble on the road, but handling is shaky.

We've driven other compact sedans that have performed better.

Go over 65 mph and the Aveo shakes and wobbles not a good sign when it comes to negotiating freeway traffic. True, the Aveo is an entry-level vehicle, but that doesn't mean that comfort should be sacrificed in the name of cost.

The Aveo struggled to reach high speeds, and when it did, it was noisy.

For a car that Chevrolet bills as a big personality that's designed to challenge expectations of what an entry-level car can deliver, debuting in 120 countries, we weren't impressed.

The Aveo might pass the muster for a first-time car owner who doesn't know any better, but a seasoned driver might think twice.

Driving aside, the Aveo's styling impressed us. We have to admit: For a small car, it was stylish and roomy. Our orange Aveo drew some looks, and a passerby even asked us about it. There were some nice touches: sunglasses and ticket holders and body color outside rearview mirrors and door handles that made the Aveo look a lot more expensive than its nearly \$15,000 price tag.

New this year are the LS and LT models, which join the Aveo's hatchback and Special Value models. Split-folding 60/40 rear seats with height adjustable head restraints are standard, as are side impact air bags.

Under the hood, the Aveo is powered by a 1.6-liter 16-valve E-TEC II DOHC engine with 103 horsepower and 107 lb.-ft. of torque. A front MacPherson strut suspension system with coil springs and a stabilizer bar and four-channel antilock brakes with electronic brake distribution on the LT and LS round out the sedan.

An Aisin four-speed automatic transmission is optional on the Aveo LS. It comes with Hold Control Mode, which



2007 Chevrolet Aveo LT. Vehicle class: Compact sedan. Power: 1.6-liter engine. Mileage: 26 city / 34 highway. Where built: Korea. Price as tested: \$14,850.

allows drivers to manually shift gears. Fog lamps, a six-speaker sound system, cruise control, a trunk-mounted rear spoiler and an engine heater are optional on the LS.

The top-of-the-line LT offers plenty of standard features that are optional on most other brands: 15-inch aluminum wheels; heated power rearview mirrors; a six-speaker sound system; and cloth seats with adjustable head restraints.

Steering wheel audio controls, power sunroof and mud guards are optional.

Chevrolet tweaked the Aveo's design to produce a longer, wider and taller vehicle with crisp lines. Contoured lines from front to back, prominent shoulders and body-color door sills make the small sedan look bigger.

The Aveo is assertive, with three-dimensional headlamps, front fog lamps and round taillamps, offset with a V-shaped hold and Chevy front fascia accented by a chrome-like grille.

The rear antenna is tucked into the rear glass. Inside, the Aveo is roomy enough to seat five. For us, fitting our three kids, including the youngest in a booster seat, wasn't a tight fit as in some small sedans.

That's because of the Aveo's tall car design that claims it can fit passengers more than 6-feet tall. That seems to be pushing it. While there was ample legroom and headroom, we don't know if it would be enough to fit a 6-foot tall passenger comfortably. Sound dampening technologies and a stainless steel exhaust system didn't pass the snuff test in our Aveo; it sounded as if we could hear every pitter and pang on the road.

Inside, drivers can choose between three different

packages with a two-tone scheme, metallic grain and satin for charcoal upholstery; and woodgrain accents for a neutral background.

The Aveo's interiors almost made up for how well it performed on the road. Tilting front-seat headrests, folding driver's arm rests, lower rear seat headrests and theater-style seating gave our kids a good view of road attractions.

A sunglasses holder on the driver's side and hooks that hold groceries on the headrests posts made it easier to lug things around. A 60/40-split folding rear seat gave the Aveo more interior storage room, to allow for long items like hardwood planks to be stored between the truck and passenger compartment. Overall, the trunk has 12.4 cubic feet of space, more than the 2006 model.

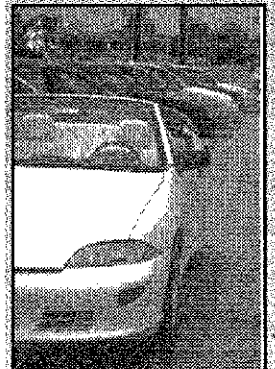
Boasting fuel economy of 26 mpg city/34 mpg highway, exceptional gas mileage was the best thing about the Aveo. It's got enough gas mileage and room inside to make a long commute a bit less painful, especially when it comes to filling up the tank.

It's a shame the Aveo isn't more comfortable to drive. Overall, we think it's a good vehicle for first-time car owners who want a low price tag and low fuel bills. But when you compare it to other compact, entry-level sedans, the Aveo doesn't stack up.

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