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## Judge dismisses final claim against cops

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

Years of legal wrangling that alleged ethnic discrimination on the part of the Canton Police Department has come to an enđ

On Tuesday, the last claim in a lawsuit filed by former Canton Officer Hussein Hotene was tossed out of Wayne County Circuit Court

Hojeye, who maintained he was harassed by fellow cops and fired in June 2004 because of

his ethnic background and religion, failed to "establish the existence of a genuine issue of material fact regarding his retaliation claim,' according to a press release from the police department

Township Attorney Ron Acho

said the court had previously dismissed other claims that Hojeije, who was born in Lebanon and 15 Muslim, made against the township and said his allegation of "retaliatory discharge" was the final piece of the legal puzzle

Theres no validity to his claims," Acho said 'Township officers have to be proficient in all they do and he wasn't ' Hojeye's lawyer, Shareef Akeel, did not return phone calls seeking comment.

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Althoush quiet for much of

2006, the allegations made by Hojeje, who was hired along with two other officers in March 2004, received a flurry of attention in mid-2005

Public Safety Director John

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## **Nerves** settle for coffee shop owner

### Local woman now 'enjoying' career change

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

Christie Gilham has gone from slinging hammers to slinging java

The 22-year-old Westland woman has opened a Bearclaw Coffee shop at Cherry Hill and Ridge Road It marks the 16th location for the Michigan-based

franchise I was very nervous when we first opened but it's



### Schools wrestle with \$10M budget deficit

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

As Plymouth-Canton school officials await word on a possible state funding cut which could result in a \$2-\$4 million loss in state aid, the Board of Education will soon be looking at ways to cut a structural deficit of \$10 million this year, which will go even higher if the state cuts the foundation allowance next month

Patricia Brand, the district's assistant superintendent for business services, told trustees Tuesday night that since the 2002-03 school year the district has received a per-pupil increase of \$461 per student from the state However, increases in state-mandated retirement costs, as well as health care and utility increases, have gone up \$990 on a per-pupil basis over the past five budget years

"If you take the \$529 and multiply that by the number of kids we have, that's about \$10 million revenue we have not received to cover expenditures we have incurred," Brand said, "without even having a conversation about wages "We're really expending \$8,200 per student, and our foundation allowance is \$7,410 per child," she added "We have said, time and time again, sales tax is not a reliable source of funding. It is cyclical, and Michigan has been cyclical

#### 'l was very nervous when we first opened, but it's gone away.' Christie Gilliam

Bearclaw Coffee shop owner

gone away, Gilliam said "After the first few days, I knew we would be OK, so I m enjoying it now Surrounded by walls painted orange, olive and soft gold, Gilliam said the coffee shop is a welcome change of pace from her

former jobs as a construction worker, housekeeper and secretary

I'm a single mom and with those jobs I was doing too much work for not enough money," she said, adding that she wanted to be her own boss "I wasn t sure of what I wanted to do, but when I began thinking about opening a Bearclaw (location), I liked it

With the franchise owners being friends of a friend, Gilliam opened the shop in late November with a business partner, Eric Kowalski

'We sell soup, sandwiches, coffee by the bag and of

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Christie Gilliam admitted to some nerves when she opened Bear Claw Coffee in the Cherry Hill district of Canton

Plymouth-Canton continues to run a deficit each year, despite cutting \$8 23 million the past five years

Board Secretary Judy Mardigian has been behind an effort to deal with the district's structural deficit. and it appears the Board of Education will begin looking at that during upcoming sessions to develop the 2007-08 budget

'We're going to have to get a handle on this," Mardigian said "If we were to eliminate the structural deficit over three years, we'd have to cut about \$4 8 million a year

"I think we've been partially successful by cutting

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### Growing church finds another new home

#### **BY TIFFANY L PARKS** STAFF WRITER

The reverends arm extends to hand over a large postal card One side of it features an open cardboard box that proclaims God is moving

Having outgrown three previous locations, Harvest Bible Chapel 15 now having Sunday morning service at Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford

"The Lord is opening doors for us, said Dan McGhee, who heads the 200-person ministry It's such an exciting thing

The church, which is a mem-

ber of the Harvest Bible Fellowship of churches, has also acquired a building off of Canton Center Road to serve as its main office and recreational center

A big-box structure at 45570 Maben Road, McGhee, 37, said it used to be a music store

"God gave us this facility," he said, while walking around the building "With this, we're able to do some of the things that mobile churches usually don't do"

Harvest Bible was created three years ago and met in the basement of a Plymouth home 'There were 13 adults and

\$100,000 and up

some children," said McGhee, a married father of three kids "It was more or less a Bible study group, but then we outgrew the basement

The church went on to have its services at the Plymouth Elks Lodge and then the Michigan Theological Seminary in Plymouth

"We've been led this way," McGhee said "And we are committed to being a blessing to the community and a place of hope and help

The church will have its open house service at 10 30 a m Feb 4 at the middle school The series for the month is

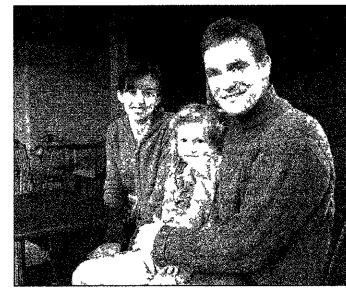
titled "Family 9-1-1" Messages will include "The family under siege," "Help for a PlayStation nation," Help! I have a ....nag-er!" and "Principles that protect"

McGhee said the move to Maben Road and the middle school have been seamless "It's only been that way

because we have a great group of people here," he said For more information on

Harvest Bible, call (734) 459-7795 or log on to www harvestcanton org

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Dan McGhee, pictured with wife Julie and daughter Sydney, is pastor of Harvest Bible Chapel

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#### Movie lover Thursdays

The Penn Theatre 1s launching Movie Lover Thursdays, a four-month long movie series that premieres Feb 1 with Sleepless in Seattle

Every Thursday for 18 weeks, The Penn will present a classic movie supporting a monthly theme February is Romance month, followed by Comedy (March), History (April) and Mystery (May) Upcoming titles include Somewhere in Time, The Graduate, Young Frankenstein, A Man for All

Seasons and The Sixth Sense After Sleepless, February's schedule includes Breakfast at Tiffany's (Feb 8), Somewhere in Time (Feb 15) and An

Affair to Remember (Feb 22) Tickets are \$3 and all showtimes are at 8 p m Free movie passes are available at select downtown Plymouth businesses "Movie Lover Thursdays" is sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, with additional support from the DTE Energy foundation

The Penn Theatre is one of the few remaining singlescreen classic movie houses in Michigan Today, The Penn is home to second-run movies and also features live performances by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth Community Band For more information visit

the theater's Web site at www.penntheatre.org

#### Sagear scholarship

With its Sandra Sagear Scholarship, the Rotary Club of Plymouth A M is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District high school senior who has overcome adversity The club is looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier They have also shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to their community

The recipient of this award will receive the \$500 Sagear scholarship, named after Sandra Sagear, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with Polio

Application deadline is April 7 For more information go online to http //www.storytellerdesign com/sandrasagear html

#### Damaris award

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Damaris Fine Arts Award recognizes a **Plymouth-Canton School** District senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field

Applications for the \$600 award will be accepted March 1-21 Students artwork will be judged on its originality, creativity, and use of material

Applications can be downloaded on-line at www artsculturelink com/DamarisAward p df For more information, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278 Early childhood

#### meeting

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Department will host a Preschool Parent Informational Meeting 7 p m Wednesday, Feb 28 at Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford in Canton At this meeting, parents will learn about preschool pro grams and be able to get enrollment materials for the 2007-08 school year For more information, contact the Early



Ignition appearance On Sunday, Jan 28, the Canton High School Varsity Chiefette pom squad will perform during halftime at the Detroit Ignition Game at Compuware Sports Arena The game starts at 4 30 p m Since September the squad has performed at various sporting events The varsity Chiefettes are coached by Jenny Kesler

Childhood Office at (734) 416-6190 or check the Web site at web pccs k12 mi us/earlychildhood

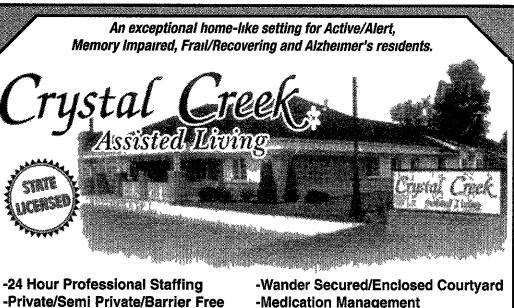
#### Canton BPW meets

The Canton Business & Professional Women meet 6-8 30 p m Monday, Feb 12, at Palermos Restaurant, located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on the north side of Ford Road, east of Canton Center and west of Sheldon Guest Speaker Lynn Jarrett, president of LifeQuest Training

& Coaching, will discuss balancing all life offers Jarrett is a best-selling author, motivational speaker, life coach and a resident of Canton RSVP by Friday, Feb 9 Contact Canton BPW president June Nicholas, junenicholas@comcast net or (313) 610-2561

#### Maybury Farm docents

Maybury Farm is in need of docents for its pre-school and elementary school programs



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In March, students begin arriving for a variety of programs offered at the Farm and docents are needed to assist with these programs

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Event coordinator Dana Weeks will offer training for the docents beginning in February Commitment is once or twice a week for three hours Anyone interested should call (248) 374-0200 to be added to the docent list

#### Rotary essay contest

The Plymouth Rotary is inviting middle-school students in the Plymouth-Canton community to submit a 250- to 500-word essay about The Four Way Test and how the test can be used to make good decisions The Four Way Test is a decision-making model used by Rotary International The test of things we think, say or do asks "Is it the truth? 'Is it fair to all concerned?' "Will it build goodwill and better friendships?" and "Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

There will be two winning students from each middle level program in Plymouth-Canton, with the winning students receiving a \$100 savings bond Essays must be submitted by Feb 16 to Ellison Franklin, West Middle School, 44401 W<sup>3</sup>Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170

Entry forms can be obtained at middle schools or from the middle-level Language Arts teachers For more information, call West Middle School Principal Ellison Franklin, (734) 416-7599

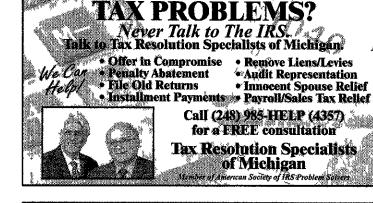
#### Art exhibit

Detroit-born artist and Canton resident Byron Reed brings his vibrant and unique painting style to the Plymouth Community Arts Council with his current exhibit, The Way We Were, through Feb 15

This septuagenarian has had a long career that began with graphic arts and progressed to Reed working as art director at various advertising agencies and television stations in the Metro-Detroit area Reed devotes all of his time to his first love - art Reed 1s also helping to shape young artists as a mentor in the Plymouth Community Arts Council s Aspiring Artist Mentorship Program Visitors can view The Way We Were at the PCAC 9 a.m to 5 p m Monday-Friday

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The PCAC is located at 774 N Sheldon Road in Plymouth for more information visit the Web site at www plymoutharts com or call (734) 416-4278



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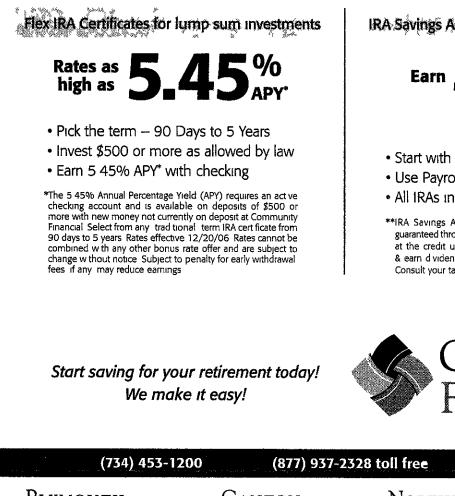




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#### Logo would warn others of permit-driver status

#### BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Teenagers taking driver's training pilot cars wellmarked by signs or logos or stickers identifying them as young drivers Even auto racing organizations identify the cars belonging to rookie drivers with a big yellow line across their bumpers

But teenagers driving their parents' cars during their training generally don t have such markings, leaving them vulnerable to the anger and frustration of more experienced drivers during their tutelage

Now, a Canton woman wants to change all that Suzanne Zabowski, president of Safety 101, Inc , is hoping to convince parents, drivers, driving schools and even the state government that putting signage on cars being driven by young drivers would be a huge safety benefit

She has developed magnetic signs that say 'Permit Driver" to warn surrounding drivers the teenager is in training 'Its to alert other drivers

there's an inexperienced driv-

er in the road," said Zabowski, who has one daughter who just got her license and anoth er daughter in middle school These kids are starting at 14 years, 8 months old, they get six hours of drive time in drivers training and then they re asked to do 50 hours with their parents

Under Michigan's Graduated License System, teenagers are eligible for Segment 1 training at 14 years, 8 months During Segment 1, they get six hours of road time, then have to do 50 hours with their parents before they re eligible for Segment 2

**Completion of Segment 2** allows teens to drive by unsupervised between the hours of 5 a m and midnight They qualify for a restriction-free license at age 17

According to Zabowski, there are some 110,000 kids and another 5,000 adults tak ing drivers training during a given year With her own daughter Kayla, going through drivers training, Zabowski wanted to come up with something to help keep her safe on the road

Once your child starts going through something, you want to keep her safe, Zabowski said "If we can have a tool that supports us as parents, we should have it

So Zabowskis husband, Robert, an architect with Edmund London and Associates, came up with the design for the magnetic signs One attaches to each side of the car, the third to the bumper The logo is a circle, split horizontally by the design of a road, with the words 'Permit Driver in the center

'We wanted it to be emblematic, like the wheelchair-accessible sign, Zabowski said You see it, you know what it means Thats what we wanted for this

Zabowski pitched the idea to representatives of the Michigan Secretary of States office, as well as to driving school owners and insurance companies

Even NASCAR marks the bumpers of its rookie drivers said Jason King a spokesman for the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators A number of

state DMVs have explored this idea Its not unheard of to flag the cars of mexperienced drivers so experienced drivers know this is a young driver and to be careful Zabowski was cognizant of the stigma often associated with student drivers - We know there's a stigma with the

daughter, Kayla, went through driver s training

kids, but if it can lessen the number of accidents on the road I say lets do it, she said but her own daughter said that shouldnt be a big concern

It would definitely help Kayla Zabowski said "Its so scary to go on the road People don t know you're a permit driver, and they honk BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Suzanne Zabowski president of Safety 101 Inc of Canton, came up with the idea for permit driver ' signs when her

and stuff at you when you re on the road "

For more information on the signs visit www.permitdriversign.com\_e mail safety101inc@aol com or call (734) 981 5975

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A 20-month-old girl has been handed over to Child Protective Services after her mother left her with a friend for more than a week

A Canton woman, 21, called police Tuesday to report that her friend, an 18-year-old Belleville woman, had asked her to watch her daughter while she took care of some business

The child's mother, who only provided enough diapers, clothing and food for one day, hadn t come back for her daughter in eight days

Another friend, a 17-yearold Canton girl, told police that the child's mother often abandons her for days at a

time They both told police the toddler had irregular breathing but hadn't been to a doctor because her mother doesn t have insurance

A background check revealed that the Belleville woman has a warrant for her arrest because she failed to appear in Romulus District Court on a minor in possession charge

Child Protective Services, which has the girl in its care, is expected to contact the mother and determine her parental status regarding the child

#### No love

So much for brotherly love

A 53-year-old Canton woman has reported to police that her brother stole her identity and purchased a vehicle under her name

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The woman says she was recently sent a letter from a collection agency accusing her of being delinquent on a loan for a 2001 Hyundaı The cars purchase took place in Mississippi

The woman, who s since received all the paperwork on the transaction, said her brother lives in Mississippi and drives a Hyundai

The loan, which has a balance of \$26 000, was obtained using false

identification bearing the womans name

#### E-bay goes awry

In exchange for nearly \$3,000, a Canton man got an e mail

An eBay purchase has gone awry for a 60-year-old man trying to buy a Sea-Dog watercraft off the popular Web site

In attempts to buy the item, the man wired \$2,880 to the watercrafts seller in Toronto After the money was sent he received an alert from the Web site telling him that the item had been removed for administrative reasons He has not gotten a refund



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### **Plymouth cop** earns promotion

#### BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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When Plymouth police offi cer Al Cox, Jr, 37, was in second grade, one of his assignments was to write a paper about what he wanted to be when he grew up

"I wrote 'a cop, hke my dad," said Cox, referring to his father, Al, Sr, who was a Northville police officer for 23 vears before retiring in 1993 'I always knew that's what I wanted to do'

After spending more than six years working as a guard at the federal prison in MIlan, Mich, Cox joined the Plymouth police force nine

years ago Earlier this week, Cox was promoted by Police Chief Wayne Carroll from sergeant to lieutenant, the second-highest rank in the Plymouth police department

'What I like about being a cop is even though you take the same types of runs, they're all different and you never know what's coming,' said Cox, who resides in Canton Township "And, in a community like Plymouth, you actual ly feel satisfaction in that you re helping people Plus the fact I enjoy everyone I work with

Cox was recently assigned as a detective in the Plymouth police department, his second



Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll (left) congratulates new Lt Al Cox after Cox s promotion to lieutenant the second-highest rank in the department Cox is from Canton

stint in the detective bureau "Hes the type of officer who will make a good chief some day, Carroll said He's done a good job as an investigator, is a good supervisor with his

troops, well-respected by his peers and well-fitted for the community'

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### Taj Mahal, Great Wall: Vet recalls war duty

#### **BY JULIE BROWN** STAFF WRITER

John Schwartz of Canton graduated from high school in 1943 and enlisted in the US Army Air Corps Schwartz, who served as a flight engineer in the Burma-Chinese theater during World War II, recalled seeing the Taj Mahal in India

"We made it up to Agra, India,' he said during a Thursday, Jan 25, Westland Rotary lunch at the Sgt Stanley Romanowski VFW Post in Westland While there, he and fellow crew members saw the Tay Mahal

I couldn't describe it all, if I stood here for two hours, said Schwartz, who operated a greenhouse business in Canton for many years before retirement He's been active in Canton Rotary, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the VFW, Canton Public Library's

board and more

'He's done more in his life than I would in five lives, Westland Rotarian and neighbor Don Douglass of Canton said in introducing Schwartz

Schwartz described his training in the US during World War II, which took him around the country to places like Chicago, Miami Beach, Cincinnati, San Antonio and Biloxi, Miss

He recalled the military feeding 2,500 for each meal from the mess hall

"We were training on the B-24s, the ones that were built here at Willow Run, he said

He spent some time at a small base by Willow Run before going to southern Illinois to work on cargo planes The men left from Ft Wayne, Ind , for overseas April 1945, stopping along the way in the southern US, Puerto Rico and South America.

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They left the US with sealed orders, which they opened to see they were headed for Burma, not good news at the time He recalled navigating along the Amazon, and sending a dozen pairs of silk hose, priced at \$1 each, home to his mother

Rotarian Kim Shunkwiler of Wayne, who served in Vietnam asked about availability of alcohol for service personnel Schwartz recalled being paid \$30 a month, and sending \$20 of that home

He and crewmates flew over a ship en route to Africa They wanted us to identify ourselves The men sent flares from the plane, and got a message back "We know you re Yanks because you gave us the code for yesterday '(Changing times/days led to the confu

sion) Schwartz and fellow crew members flew gasoline and

other supplies, getting rid of the gasoline if it leaked When the war ended, a civics teacher who was serving told the others about the atom bomb and said, The genie is out of the bottle now

Schwartz went on to Shanghai at wars end, flying until April 1946 to Peking At one point, he and others flew over Chinas Great Wall for a newsreel, and people from home later saw him

Thats always a glorious sight, he said of seeing the bridge when they came into San Francisco on the way home The servicemen mustered out at Chicago, and Schwartz got off the train in Ypsilanti because it was closer to home

'The engineer said Thank you," he said, noting there was no parade at Ypsilanti as he was the only one to get off the tram

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### **Deadline nears** for school ballot

Potential candidates for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education don't have much time left to throw their hats into the ring

Petitions and affidavits are due to the Plymouth Township clerks office by Feb 13 The election, at which voters will fill two, four-year seats, 1s set for Tuesday, May 8

Petitions can be picked up at any of the municipalities (including Canton and Plymouth townships and the City of Plymouth) served by the district Petitions are due by 4 p m at the Plymouth Township offices, 9955 N

Forty valid signatures are required for a person to be placed on the ballot Interested individuals are encouraged to obtain additional signatures to help ensure that a minimum of 40 will be valid A candidate can avoid filing a petition by paying a non-refundable filing fee of \$100 payable to the Township of Plymouth

Individuals who file to run but then change their minds have until 4 p m Friday, Feb 16, to withdraw their name from the ballot

For more information, please call (734) 416-3048

### LTU appoints two new vice presidents

Dennis Howie has been named associate vice president for advancement and chief development officer and Dino Hernandez assistant vice president for major gifts and campaign director at Lawrence Technological University Howie lives in Canton, and

Hernandez lives in Keego Harbor

The appointments were made by Stephen Brown, Lawrence Techs new vice president for university advancement

Dennis Howie and Dino Hernandez can take a lot of the credit for Lawrence Techs unprecedented fund-raising success in the past few years," Brown said "I know they will play key roles in the university's future growth

Howie joined Lawrence Tech in 1999 as director of major gifts, after holding development positions at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Eastern Michigan University and the Detroit office of the Boy Scouts of

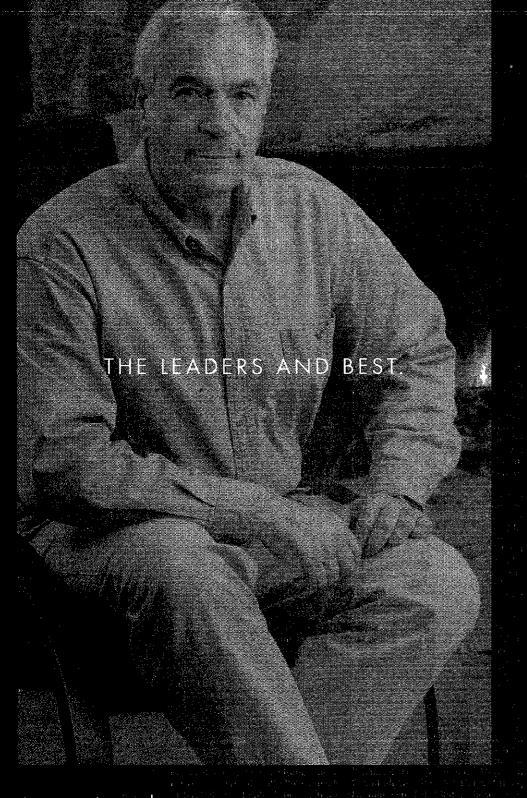


Promoted to assistant vice president in 2004, Howie also served as interim vice president for university advancement

in 2006

In that role, he oversaw the completion the five-year Campaign for Lawrence Technological University that raised \$46 6 million, far exceeding the initial goal of \$20 million

Hernandez joined Lawrence Tech in 1999 as director of alumni relations and annual giving He had previously worked in development at the University of Michigan-Flint and Oakland University In 2002, he was promoted to executive director of individual giving and alumni relations In 2004, he was promoted to executive director of both major gifts and the capital campaign



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### Grand opening

### Wayne students 'star' at addition's dedication

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

Students will be the center of attention Tuesday afternoon when Wayne-Westland school officials and a host of dignitaries gather at Wayne Memorial High School for the dedication of the 12,000square-foot addition to its Alumni Arena

The 1 p m ceremony marks the end to the \$4 3 million project which was financed primarily with money from the districts sinking fund and some building and facilities money

We're really excited not only about the additional space, but the opportunities that it opens up for students during the day and after school," said Deputy Superintendent Charlotte Sherman

The high school s JROTC color guard, Vocal Dimensions. concert band, as well as members of the Student Senate will participate in the ceremony which Sherman stressed will be 'student-oriented'

The high school volleyball team will do a demonstration and the cheerleaders will perform a cheer routine as part of the program

This is the first big project financed primarily by the sinking fund passed by voters in 2002 The new facility includes a 2,000-square-foot cardiovascular fitness room, an 8,700square-foot basketball court and a second 2,000-squarefoot room with a practice area for golf and batting cages

It complements the high school's Alumni Arena erected in 1980 to house the physical education classes and sports programs

According to Sherman, there are several primary reasons for the addition - the problem of scheduling games and practices with the inclusion of the ninth grade in the high school and the realignment of the girls sports season by the Michigan High School Athletic Association

'We actually have more sports activities than we ve ever had and that's a good problem because we get the kids involved," said Sherman

The fitness room also will be a big plus for the schools physical education program, providing students with access to workout equipment

"We want students to get in the habit and get the training to do healthy lifelong activi ties, Sherman said With this we can try to move them to a lifelong activity and teach them how to use the equipment

She added that the hope is to involve the community through the districts leisure programs

Its a good place to offer those classes,' she said

For those who will go to the arena for games and activities, the focal point is the additions arched two-story entrance way that contains a concession stand

The entrance ties in with the wrought iron gates that lead to the athletic fields Superintendent Greg Baracy has said the design is "unique and adds character to the addi tions

It gives the school a collegiate effect ' Baracy has said People come from other districts and say it almost looks like a college

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#### POLICE

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Santomauro called the court ruling an "exoneration' and has insisted Hojeije's termination was based on incompetence

We are uncompromising in expecting our people to make certain standards," he said 'He was terminated because of unsatisfactory job performance so for him to make these allega tions of harassment was unsettling'

Coming to Canton after working as an officer in Detroit, Hojeye painted a picture that the township has an intolerant police force that treated him differently than other officers in training He also said fellow cops made derogatory comments against Arabs and made fun of his name by calling him Saddam Hussein

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The play on the former officers first name was done in good nature, Acho said

There's more banter in police work than any other job, so a couple officers joked with him but he didn t tell them he (found it offensive), he said

At the time, the police department didn t have any other ethnic minority officers

There are none now but Santomauro said that's not an indication minorities aren't welcome By and large we don't get a tremendous amount of minority applicants he said, adding that roughly 10 percent of the 87-officer force members are women The department has not, nor ever will, tolerate bias It doesn't happen here



#### SHOP

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course, bearclaws,' she said

Gilliam said she chose to open in the townships budding cultural area because of its growth and looming develop-

ment 'We're the only (coffee shop) they have out here,' she said, leaning back on one of the shops purple couches I wanted to get in now and grow with the community

Debi Scroggins, co-founder of the Bearclaw Coffee fran chise, called the location a perfect fit

"We've really been embraced by the surrounding area, she said The Canton store came off with a bang and we re all very excited '

Ópen seven days a week, the eatery's boom time is 7-9 a m weekdays The most popular item has become The

Mılkyway, an espresso based drink that tastes like the candy bar of the same name

After Gilliam prepared a cup of cappuccino, she looked around the colorful coffee shop and credited her family with helping pull together its modern appearance

The shop is decorated with several small artificial pine trees, a series of paintings bearing words such as latte and 'mocha,' a couple of bear carvings, decorative fountains and a flat-screen television mounted over a fireplace

Saying her 2-year old daughter, Carly, can be spotted on any given day walking around the coffee shop, Gilliam said shes looking for ward to the future of her busi ness

'When you re just starting something it's not going to be easy,' she said The people around here have gotten used to not having anything like this, so I m going to hang in

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is worse in the summer and remits in the winter also because of the effect of sunlight in Lupus the ultraviolet rays flare the condition. Deficiency of that part of the light spectrum in winter makes M ch gan a safe harbor if you have Lupus arthritis or its frequently associated skin problems

The cold itself brings out another arthritic cond t on Raynauds Phenomenon Raynauds is a sensitivity to cold in which blood vessels to the hand close down making your hands numb and awkward to use. While medic nes are available to treat it the best herapy s to keep your hands warr

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over \$8 million, but the reality is we're getting less money from the state against inflation and other increases that every other enterprise experiences, she added The challenges to us will be enormous

Brand indicated the average state foundation allowance has gone up 1 2 percent, but the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the same period of time has gone up a little better than 2 5 percent

Vice President Mark Slavens said if the state does cut the foundation grant again, look for more educational cuts

"I m afraid it's gong to affect even more in the classroom than we've already cut, Slavens said, "because the state isn't stepping up and providing the proper foundation allowance'

Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski said state budget officials need to rethink their priorities, citing Michigan spends \$30,000 a year on each prison inmate, while only \$7,410 a year for each Plymouth-Canton student

"We seriously have some pri ority issues in this state when it comes to funding," Ham Kucharski said 'How can they justify spending (that amount) per prisoner versus what we re trying to allocate to our students? We really need to help our legislators understand that'

Brand said the district's financial picture looks a bit brighter, as the district began the year with \$11 9 million in fund equity, \$3 2 million more than originally projected Brand projects the fund balance at the end of the current fiscal year in June will be \$5 9 million, which she said is 'a much better position than we originally thought'

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Jillian Lundblad performs a cheerleading routine during the talent show at Geneva Presbyterian Church

#### Building Bridges students take to the stage BY BRAD KADRICH

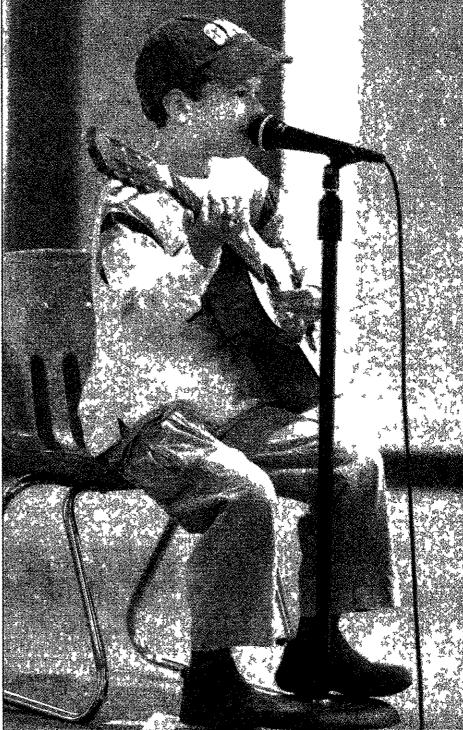
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One of the things organizers of the Building Bridges Therapy Center's annual "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" talent show love is the fact it gives their special-needs students a chance to shine And shine they did last

Saturday at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, as the eighth annual show went off without a hitch "It went off really well," said Stephanie Naberhaus, the center's owner and clinical director "They get to do something where they're on stage and get to shine and be a star Its their moment, and it's a really big deal for them and for their parents

The show featured some 20 students, including some new faces taking part in their first talent show, playing instrumental music, telling jokes and doing gymnastics and song and dance numbers As always, the show was choreographed by volunteer dancers from Joanne's Dance Extension in Canton Naberhaus said the effort those girls put in is the key to the success of the show

## Their chance to shine



Naberhaus was also which provides the clothing to

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Justin White sings "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and accompanies himself on guitar during the Building **Bridges talent** show Saturday

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'The girls who work at Joanne's Dance Extension volunteer their time for about three months, every week, and they love doing it,' Naberhaus said "A lot of teenagers aren't willing to do that, but these girls do They give up a lot of their time to work with our

kids For the girls, its a staple of their year

When they sign up every August the first thing they ask is, Are we doing the talent w?" Joanne

30 hours working on the show "They would be upset if we didn't come back They love what they do

quick to point out the show couldn t go on without the help of businesses such as Kroger, C&M Printing, Screened Images, Vanessa's Flowers and the Gap Kids, be modeled in the event's fashion show

"It's nice because it's become a community effort,'

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Naberhaus said "Everybody makes the donations, and it helps us make the day special for everybody'

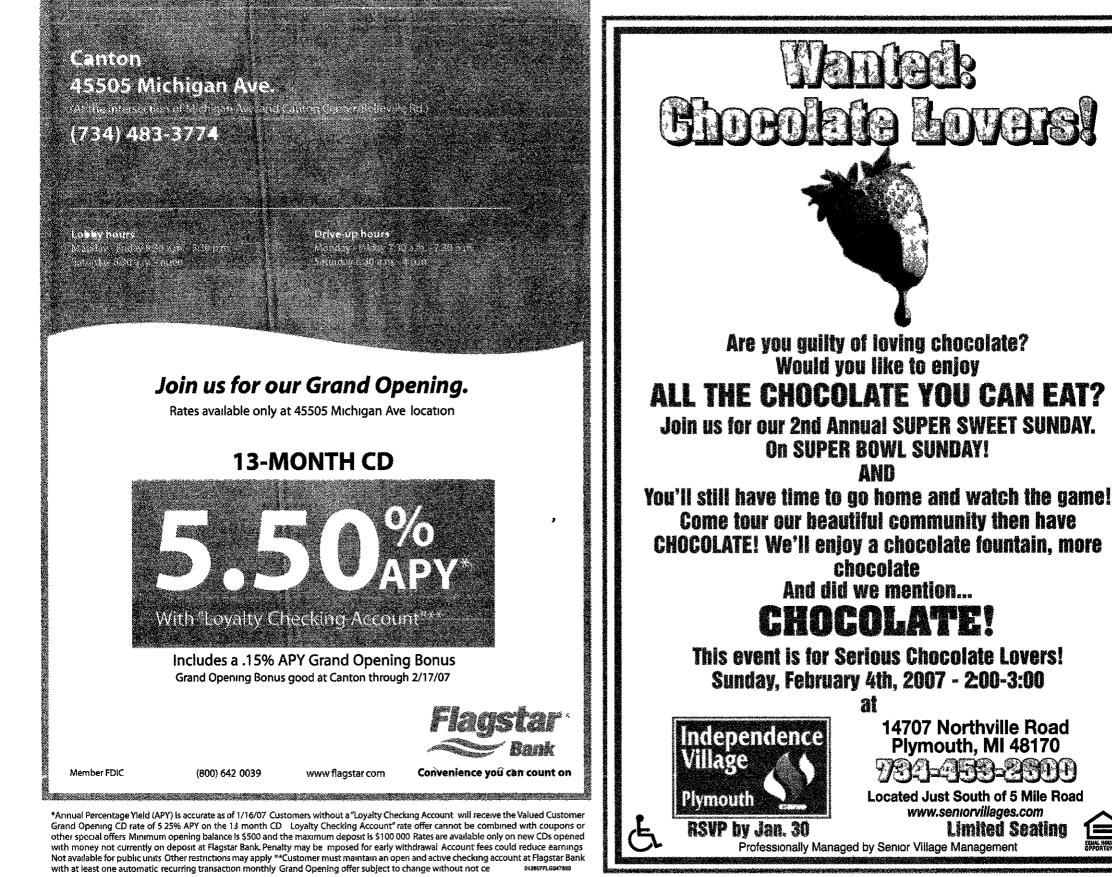
But the best part, she said, was the reaction of the students themselves

'The kids were very proud of themselves, which is always great to see," she said "I love seeing them smiling'

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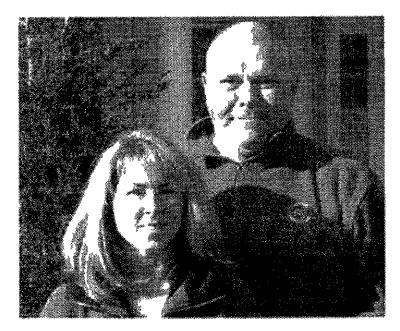
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Former Plymouth Canton Symphony Society Youth Artist Competition Winner and current University of -Michigan senior Zachary Shemon heads up the talented young group, the Twelve-Ten Saxophone Quartet, as the

soloists for the jazzy, upbeat and virtuosic Concerto Grosso for Saxophone Quartet and Orchestra by multiple Grammy Award-winning composer, University of Michigan's own, William Bolcom One of Ann Arbor's treas-

ured musical celebrities, Dr Bolcom swept this year's Grammy Awards with the recording of his setting of William Blake's Songs of Innocence and of Experience The Naxos recording under the baton of Leonard Slatkin won for one Best Classical Contemporary Composition,

Best Choral Performance and

Best Classical Album As the concert title suggests, Johannes Brahms is also prominently represented on the program with his majestic and ever popular Symphony No 1 The PCEP Middle School Orchestra will join the PSO again in our annual "Side-by-Side per formance this year playing St Anthony Chorale and the finale to Symphony No 104 by Franz Josef Haydn, a work edited specifically for the young ensemble, as always, by award-winning PSO Music Director and Conductor Nan

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Prior to the performance, patrons are invited to hear a special on-stage talk at 7 15 pm featuring Washburn and guest composer William Bolcom There will be also be a reception for all PSO season subscribers and donors backstage following the concert

This concert is sponsored in part by New Liberty Bank It is also supported by the Plymouth Symphony League and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts

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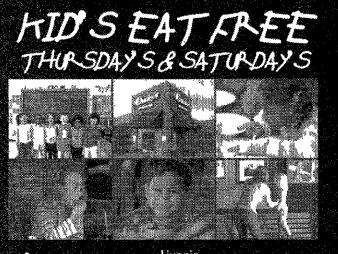
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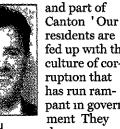
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State Rep Marc Corriveau (D-Northville, 20th District) will chair the House Ethics and Elections Committee for the 94th Legislature

This new committee was created to ensure that the House is held to the highest standards and to explore issues of ethics, election reform and access to voting

The people of Michigan made their voices heard in November when they demanded change, ' said Corriveau, whose district includes Plymouth and Plymouth Township, Wayne, Northville



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Corriveau deserve a Legislature that is open, honest, and true to its goal of creating a stronger and better Michigan I will fight to ensure that is what they get in the State House

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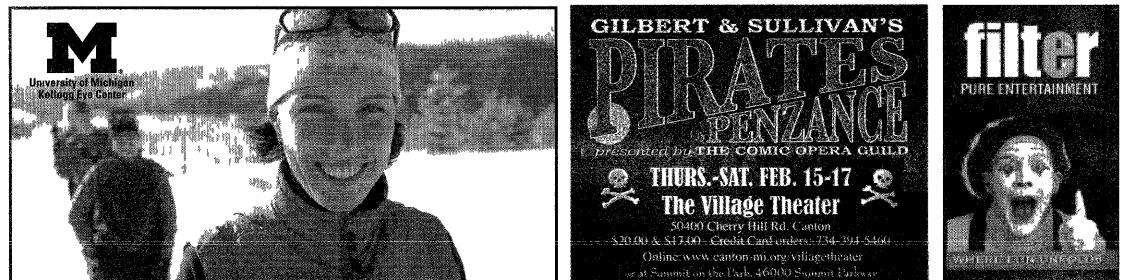
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something that I take very seriously, and I will bring this passion to my position as Chair of the Ethics and Elections Committee," said Corriveau, a general practice attorney who focused on representing employees and people with disabilities 'Public servants should be held to the highest ethical standards so our residents can have confidence in the people who represent them'

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### Trust investment needs relief **Democrats' bold visions** from losing growth fund

Delores

Welcome to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. I was looking forward to your first article. My problem



concerns a trust that I set up for my nephew in 2001 after my mother passed away. The initial investment was \$54,000 and as of Dec. 31, 2006. the value of the investment is \$30,875. My nephew is about 17 or 18 years old and will be entitled to the trust when he's 21. I invested the money in a growth fund with the **American Century Investment Co** Should I consider GMAC demand notes, what should I do? Sincerely,

#### **Rick Bloom**

**Matters** 

Dear Delores More likely than not, the fund that you have is the American Century Ultra Fund The American Century Ultra used to be a very good long-term growth fund, however, it has run into difficult times My advice is to sell the fund and have the money reinvested elsewhere Since your nephew is still three or four years away from getting a distribution, my recommendation would be to divide the money equally into two separate funds The two funds that I recommend would be the Vanguard Wellington and the Vanguard Wellesley Income, (800) 992-8845 These funds have good track records, they are commission-free and they have very low management fees

With regards to the GMAC Demand Notes, the 6 percent is a fair rate of return, however, GMAC Demand Notes are an aggressive investment at this point in time After all, GM's debt obligations are not investment grade, thus you take a much greater risk. I used to be a fan of GMAC Demand Notes, however, in the current environment, I am not. I believe by purchasing the two funds that I've recommended, you will have a better balanced and diversified portfolio Good luck!

#### Although I have retired, I do odd jobs to help make more than \$2,000 a year Can I still contribute into an IRA? My wife is also retired Can I contribute into an IRA for her? Steve

#### Dear Steve

In order to contribute new money into an IRA, you must have what is known as earned income Earned income is income from your labor Thus, on the \$2,000 a year, if it is money that you are reporting on your tax return as earned income, then yes, you can use that money to make an IRA contribution In making an IRA contribution, the first issue is whether you should use a traditional IRA or a Roth IRA The benefit of a traditional IRA is that you can deduct your contribution from your tax return However, the down side is that once you reach 70, you must begin taking minimum required distributions, which are subject to ordinary income tax In a traditional IRA, money does not grow tax-free, but rather tax-deferred The benefit of the Roth IRA is the fact that you are not required to take minimum required distributions at 70 and the money grows

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tax-free, not tax-deferred You never pay income tax on the IRA. The down side of the Roth RIA is that you cannot deduct your contribution off your income tax return In most situations, and considering that you are retired, I would recommend that you contribute into a Roth IRA as opposed to a traditional IRA. With regards to your spouse, unfortunately, since you only earned \$2,000 that is the most you can contribute Thus, if you choose to put \$1,000 in your Roth IRA and \$1,000 in hers, that is permissible, however, the total contribution can only be \$2,000 It is still not too late to make 2006 IRA contributions You have until April 16, 2007, to make an IRA contribution for 2006 I strongly recommend that people who are eligible take advantage of IRAs The maximum contribution to an IRA is \$4,000 and if you are over 50, the maximum is \$5,000 One last note, if you can use a Roth IRA - take advantage of it

#### When determining your asset allocation prior to actually retiring, should any consideration be given to future benefits such as pension or Social Security benefits? If so, should they be considered a bond portion of the allocation? Dan

#### Dear Dan

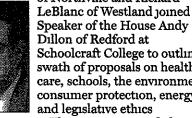
In today's world, unless someone is going to retire in the next few years, I generally do not adjust the portfolio allocation based upon pension or Social Security For someone who is retiring over the next couple of years, I will typically treat the Social Security and the pension benefit as an income flow which is important in determining how to adjust the remaining investments For someone who needs income, I will increase the fixed income portion of the portfolio If they don't need income, I will increase the equity portion of the portfolio As I have stated many times, the key to being a successful investor is to have the proper allocation Asset allocation is a strategy where investors invest money in different parts of the economy no matter what sector of the economy is in favor or out of favor I believe in asset allocation and I think it's a strategy that more investors should adapt I am a firm believer that prior to investing, you need to establish the proper allocation in a portfolio In establishing a proper allocation, the fact that someone is retiring or in retirement is relatively immaterial What is material is someone's individual situation, in other words what they're trying to achieve as an investor The key to being successful is not to focus on your age but rather to focus on what you re trying to accomplish In other words, do you need income from your portfolio today or do you need it five years from now? By building a portfolio and allocating your assets based upon your goals and objectives as opposed to your age you too can be a successful investor Good luck'

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# take a 'punch to the gut'

n Monday, Michigan House Democrats did a cross-state dog and pony show outlining their plans for the coming legislative session

In Livonia, new state Reps Marc Corriveau of Northville and Richard



Dillon of Redford at Schoolcraft College to outline a swath of proposals on health care, schools, the environment, consumer protection, energy and legislative ethics

They even proposed eliminating the property tax popup when a property changes

hands Under current law, a property's taxable value rises less than its state equalized value When a property changes hands, the property will be assessed at the higher SEV, which has put a damper on an already deflated housing market

But the Democrats didn't mention the state's revenue problems until they were asked Speaker Dillon said a meeting was scheduled to discuss the state's structural imbalance He offered the view that there were still areas where the state could cut services, particularly from its expensive corrections budget But he was cautious about using the word that all politicians loathe - tax

Meanwhile, down the road a piece. Pfizer Inc dropped a bombshell, announcing that it would be closing its large Ann Arbor and Kalamazoo research facilities and a smaller facility in Plymouth The move is expected to eliminate 2,400 jobs by the end of next year In Ann Arbor, it will mean closing down a 177acre research campus with two million square feet of laboratory, office and production space on the city's northeast side By the end of 2008, the city will be losing 1,000 more jobs than it will gain when Google moves some of its operations there later this year

The news couldn't have come at a worse time for the newly Democratic House and for Gov Jennifer Granholm, who has staked her political legacy on turning around the state's woeful economy

As the governor said, it was a "punch to the gut' but one that the state would have been hard-pressed to deflect

Pfizer is just the kind of non-automotive

business that Michigan has been trying to court, but the world's largest pharmaceutical company has problems of its own Caught between lawsuits and sales losses to generics, Pfizer's profits are way down It was only able to keep its head above water by selling off its Johnson & Johnson division last year

The first cries you'll hear are people claiming that Michigan's "high taxes" were a deciding factor in Pfizer leaving the state But for Pfizer the Michigan job cuts are merely part of nearly 8,000 job cuts worldwide by the New Yorkbased drug company AND, Ann Arbor has given Pfizer tax credits worth \$800 million

The Pfizer announcement is in a sense unrelated to Michigan's general economic miseries. It's just another in a long, bleak list of disasters for the state But while the state has been watching the steady freefall of the dominant auto industry, many of the more prized research and development and life sciences companies are having problems of their own

The state still needs to continue aggressively courting a diversified range of businesses, but it also needs to maintain state services and meet growing challenges to provide for the educational, health and environmental protection needs of the state's residents

This seemingly never-ending decline in Michigan's private sector will make it difficult if not impossible for the Democratic House to realize some of the items on their Bold Vision To Strengthen Michigan's Future The irony, of course, is that many of these initiatives would have a long-term, positive impact on our economy and on the quality of life But short-term, they beg the question – if we do this, what won't we do? How do we pay for these good new ideas, if we can't pay for the programs we already offer?

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers on Thursday put the question to our readers What do we cut, what will the consequences be of those cuts? Should the state raise taxes? If the state raises taxes, what will the effect be on its economy? And what about those bold new visions, are we willing to pay the cost or are we fine with pursuing less bold initiatives?

What do you think? E-mail your suggestions to myadvice@hometownlife.com

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## High-flying Rockets soar over Rocks, 68-53

#### **BY ED WRIGH1** STAFF WRITER

With its fifth-consecutive victory already securely in hand and just over a minute left in Friday night's home game against Salem, Westland John Glenn's basketball team reeled off a play that showed why it's sitting atop the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division

Guard Austin Anderson hit the floor hard near half-court to retrieve a loose ball, which he scooped to backcourt mate Keshawn Martin from his backsıde

Martin then fired a pass to a breaking Stefan Marken, who converted a layup while getting fouled to help put the wraps on the Rockets' 68-53 win

The hustle-pass-pass-score sequence epitomized what's been a turn-around

season for Glenn, which now sits atop the Lakes with a 4-0 mark (7-4 overall) Salem slipped to 6-5 overall and 3-1 in

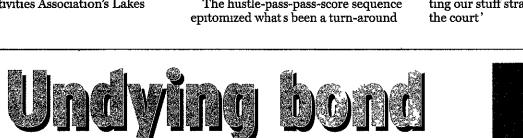
the division "We're playing with a lot more teamwork and discipline this year than we did last year," said Marken, who netted 19 points and eight rebounds "Coach Young has stressed discipline and getting our stuff straight, both on and off

Apparently, it's working

Young, in his first year at the helm at Glenn, said it's still too early in the season to say the program has turned the corner, even though this years contingent has already surpassed the six wins last years team compiled

I don t know if we're there yet, but if we continue to share the ball and play

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### Jim Bigham still inspires his family nearly 1 year after his untimely death

f you dıdn't know Jım Bıgham, you may be fortunate enough to know someone like him A popular physical education teacher at Wegienka Elementary School in Woodhaven for 27 years, Jim had a passion for sports that was matched only by his love for God and his family - wife Nancy, daughter Amy and son Nick



If you would have put a drop of Jim's blood under a highpowered microscope, you probably would have discovered that his DNA strands were connected by mini basketballs and molecule-sized baseballs

Ed Wright

The basement of the Bighams' Plymouth Township home has been affectionately tagged "The Shrine by Jim's

wife and kids There must be thousands of pieces of sports memorabilia displayed - from hundreds of inch-high, handpainted (by Jim himself) hockey-player figurines, to a basketball signed by legendary Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, to miniaturized, crafted to the-smallest detail models of famous sports stadiums

Whenever a package was delivered to the Bighams home, Jim would take it from the UPS man, turn to his family, smile and say, "E Bay," and they knew immediately that his



**BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** 

Nancy and Nick Bigham stand in front of a section of their late husband and father Jim's impressive sports memorabilia collection in the basement of their Plymouth Township home

#### LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

If you don't know Nick Bigham, you may be lucky enough to know someone like him

Whether it was the basketball Jim placed in Nick's crib the first few weeks of his life, or the "Little Tikes" hoop Jim bought for his toddler son before he could walk, or the simple fact that Nick had his dad's DNA - whatever the reason, Nick's passion for sports matched his father's

Nick was draining jumpers on the four-foothigh hoop before he could talk And when Jim took his kindergartner to Amy's junior-varsity basketball games at Canton, Nick did something very few 5-year-olds do He actually watched the games





#### Learn to skate

Beginning Feb 3, the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton will offer eight weeks of "Learn to Skate" sessions that will run 30 minutes with 15 minutes of free skating time. Open registration will begin Jan 27 Classes will be grouped by age and abili-

Tot Time classes, designed for kids between the ages of 3-1/2 and 6, at a the Arctic Edge will begin? Tuesday Jan 30, or Thursday, Feb 1 All ses- 🖷 sions, which will run for 16 eight weeks, will be 30 minutes in length with 15 minutes of free skating time

Registration forms can be picked up at the Summit at the Park and at the Arctic Edge, which . is located at 46615 Michigan Ave , just west of Canton Center

For more information including levels of instruction, private lessons, teams and competitive opportunities – call (734) 🋫 487-7777

#### **Salem Rocks** baseball clinic

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic is set for March 24 and 31 There will be two sessions each day - the first from 9 a.m. to noon, and the second from 1-4 p.m Sessions include training in baseball skills by the Salem varsity coaches and players The \$25 registration fee includes lessons, T-shirts and a snack. For more information or to register, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026, or send an e-mail to pcmyers@hotmail.com

impressive memorabilia collection had just grown by one

Given Jim's zest for athletics, you can only imagine his reaction when he found out in the spring of 1990 that he and Nancy were going to have a son

We would have been tickled with a boy or a girl,' Nancy said "But when he found out it was a boy, he must have jumped three feet in the aır'

The Bighams named their son Nick.

"While the other kids Nick's age were chasing each other under the bleachers. Nick was sitting on the front row of the bleachers watching every play," Nancy remembered Then at half-

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**BIGHAM FAMILY PHOTO** 

Nick Bigham is pictured with his late father, Jim on their backyard basketball court in Plymouth Township following a tournament triumph in the summer of 2005 Jim Bigham passed away last March 29 at the age of 59 from a strep infection



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Alex Lajoie slices through Sterling Heights Stevenson defensemen Brian Dunn and Desmond Macker during Friday night's 7-3 loss

### Titans take down Chief icers

**BY ED WRIGHT** STAFF WRITER

Just when Canton's hockey team was starting to find a groove, the Chiefs fell into a rut Friday night in their non-conference faceoff against highly regarded Sterling Heights Stevenson

The Titans scored early and often on the way to a 7-3 victory in a game played at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton Township The setback dropped coach Dan Abraham's squad to 5-10-2 while Stevenson improved to 11-3-1

Äfter a sluggish start to the 2006-07 campaign, the Chiefs seemed to be hitting their stride recently with impressive wins over Plymouth and Detroit

Country Day, and a tie against Romeo

However, Friday night's result sent Abraham back to the drawing board - at least temporarily

'Tonight, we didn't play as a team - we played as individuals," said Abraham "We have to learn that if we play like individuals, we will not be successful That's not our style

"We need to play better team defense or we will not do well We have a solid hockey team that is very capable of playing well But when we play poorly, like we did tonight, we are bad "

Trent Taylor scored one of the Chiefs' goals Other statistics were not available as of Friday night's deadline

Kevan Swanberg and Nate

Birchler split time between the pipes for the Chiefs

Canton has a huge game Friday against Northville Both teams are 2-2 in the Western Division, one game behind division-leading Plymouth

SALEM 4, W.L. WESTERN 2: The Rocks scored three goals in the second period and came away with a WLAA Lakes Division victory

Steve Heisler, Kurt Driscoll, Evan Meibers and Kris Brandt scored goals for the Rocks, who got assists from Joel Cheesman (two), Aaron Markwell, Mıke Haburne, Driscoll and Nathan Werda

Marc Barkoff stopped 27 shots in goal for the Rocks Warriors' goalie Ben Shaham stopped 25 shots

#### **Baseball sign-ups**

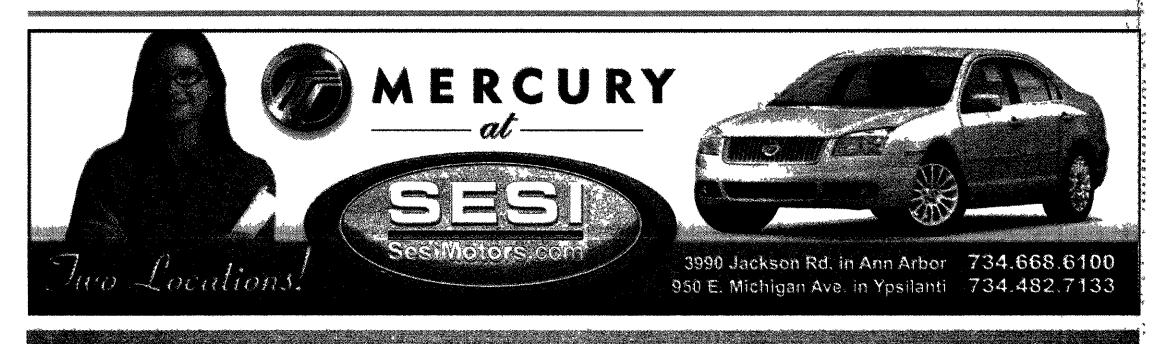
Registration for the 2007 Canton Little League will be held Feb 17 from 1 p m to 5 p m at St Peter's Lutheran School, 1309 Penniman Ave in Plymouth (a quark ter-mile east of Sheldon) The leagues offered will

be Minors (7-10 yearolds); Majors (11-12), and Juniors (13-14)

The league is open to all Plymouth and Canton residents

Proof of residency and a birth certificate are necessary at the time of registration

For more information, \* 👬 visit www.cantonlittle league org, or send an email to info@cantonlittleleague net.



### Chief spikers fall to Warriors in 4

Canton's volleyball team dropped a four-game match to Walled Lake Western Wednesday night, 26-24, 19-25, 25-20 and 25-16 The setback dropped the Chiefs to 5-8-6 overall and 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division

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"This was not the Canton team I've seen the last couple of weeks, said Canton coach Jen Barnes 'We had a rough practice on Tuesday and it showed There was no leadership and we played safe, which made us make more mistakes

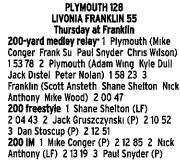
"After the loss we had a team talk and the players agreed that we need to step it up in practices and in games You have to want to win every day, not just on the day of the game

One of the Chiefs lone bright spots was right outside hitter Ellie Kenny, who had a team high six kills with no errors "Ellie had a great game,' Barnes emphasized She really stepped it up



League is open to all Plymouth Canton residents Proof of residency and birth certificate to register

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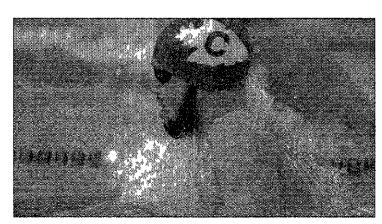
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PHOTOS BY ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Salem's Matt Underhill won Thursday night s 500-yard freestyle against Walled Lake Northern with a time of 5 13 18



**SWIMMING RESULTS** 

Canton s Matt Carlson swam the breaststroke leg for the Chiefs' first-place 200-medley relay foursome in Thursday night s victory over Walled Lake Western

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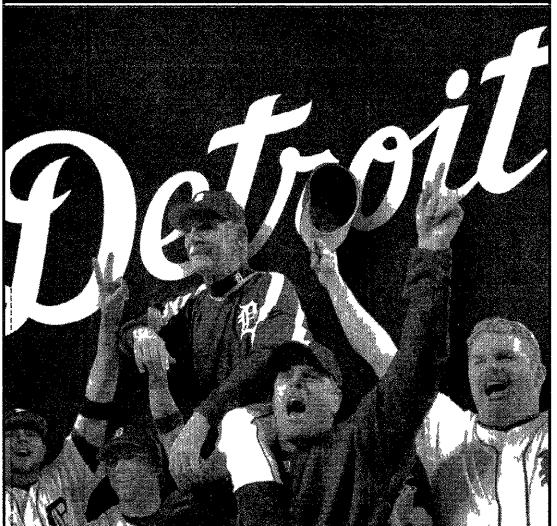
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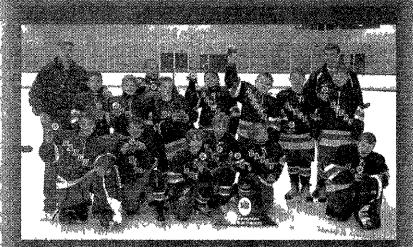
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### Team chemistry is key element for hot Agape

#### BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Canton Agape's basketball team is playing at a full-throttle pace as it hits the mid-way point of the 2006-07 season

On Thursday, the Wolverines improved to 7-3 with a 64-27 victory over visiting Ypsilanti Calvary Christian in a game played at Garden City United Christian

Everybody on this years team is tight and we have great team chemistry," said Agape senior captain Jack Anleitner, when asked to put a finger on the team's first-half success "We have even scoring because everybody moves the ball There are no egomanuacs on this team

The Wolverines have thrived despite playing their home games 20 miles from home

"It's tougher on the fans than it is on us,' said Anleitner 'It's a 30-minute drive for them We practice half the time (at Garden City United Christian) and half

the time at Agape, so we get by It's just something we have to overcome"

The Wolverines overcame Calvary Christian on Thursday by outscoring their visitors, 20-9, in the first quarter They then held YCC to seven second-half points

Anleitner paced the winners with 18 points, 15 of which came in the first half.

Other key contributors were Terrell Pierce (16 points and nine rebounds), Showla Olojo (eight points and six rebounds), Ty Majeski (seven points) and Joel Ruffin (six points and seven boards)

Agape led 31-20 at the half and 47-23 with eight minutes to play Sam Apple led Calvary with 12

points CANTON 53, FRANKLIN 39: A 16-3 first-quarter run Friday carried the host Chiefs (7-4, 4-0) to their seventh straight triumph in a WLAA-Western Division game against Livonia Franklin (2-9, 0-4)

Ryan Waidmann led a balanced Canton scoring attack with nine points Steve Paye and Neil Sharma added eight and seven, respectively

Andy Ring led the Patriots and all scorers with 15 points Tyler Canyock added 11

We played well, I m happy with the performance," Franklin coach Russ Keberly said "We held their best scorer (Sharma) to seven points, but we didn't have enough firepower offensively We also had 17 turnovers"

Franklin was 13-of-19 from the foul line, while Canton was 2-of-

WAYNE 46, PLYMOUTH 44. Jeremy Lovelady, a 6-foot-9 junior center, posted a double-double with 15 points and 16 rebounds Friday as Wayne Memorial (6-5, 2-2) held off a furious fourth-quarter rally to beat the host Wildcats (3-7, 0-4) in a WLAA-Western Division clash

They (Plymouth) played a 1-3-1 (defense) and Jeremy was able to get around the basket without

being boxed out," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said.

Wayne carried a 37-24 lead heading into the final period before the Wildcats stormed back with a 20-8 run. Myron Puryear's shot at the buzzer went in-and-out as Wayne was able to survive

Robert Woodson added eight points, including 4-of-5 free throws in the final quarter, for the victorious Zebras Wayne made 9-of-10 free

throws on the night, while Plymouth was only 3-of-6 Navraj Sandhu scored 12 of his 17 points in the final period for the Wildcats Brandon Roberts added nine points, including a pair of triples in the fourth

We went to a man-to-man defense and pushed the tempo up with a press,' Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner said, when asked what sparked his teams late-game run "I don't know how Myron's shot stayed out of the net It looked like it was more than half-way down"

#### **Plymouth Rec**

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is currently offering the fol lowing youth sports programs Lacrosse for boys and girls in grades 3rd through 8th is available for the spring of 2007 The season will run from mid April through mid June with all prac tices and games played mostly on mid week nights Registration will run through January on a first come first served basis

Spring youth soccer registration will run throughout January at the recre ation office which is located at 525 Farmer in downtown Plymouth The office is open weekdays from 9 30 a m to 4 p m All first time registrants need to supply a birth certificate For more information call (734) 455 6620 or visit www.ci.plymouth.mi.us 2007 Spring Soccer

Spring 2007 registration is under way through Sunday Feb 18, for the Wayne-Westland Soccer League for both its recreational and premier teams (ages 5 through high school) Late fees start Sunday Jan 21 Forms are available at either the Westland Bailey Center 36651 Ford Road or the Wayne Recreation Center 4635 Howe Road

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There will also be a mass registration at the Summit on the Park on Feb 11 from 3 pm to 6 pm For more information see gcybsa com or call (734) 394 5489

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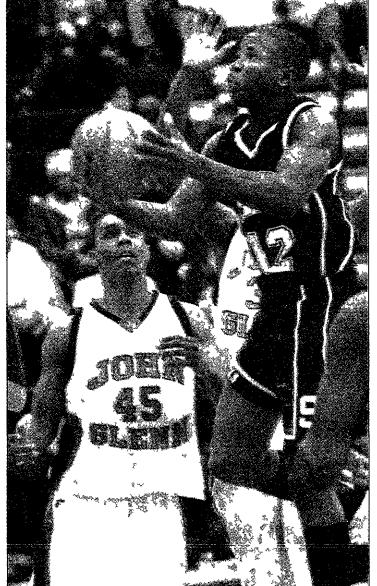
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defense, we can get there," said Young "If you do those things, I think you can be pretty good That's what we're focusing on We still have a long way to go There are a lot of games left to play and a lot of tough road games ahead of us

"Probably the hardest thing so far 1s that the players are still trying to figure out what I want from them,' said Young, referring to his young team. which includes just three seniors "It's a good group of kids and they re not selfish at all by nature Its going to take a tremendous amount of teamwork and mental toughness to win the division and the league

Martin was the catalyst of the Rockets' victory as he racked up a game-high 23 points, five rebounds, four assists and two steals Earl Hardison, whose legs appear to be spring-loaded, added 13 points and nine high-flying rebounds

Senior forward Dan Cassidy came off the bench to pour in a team-high 17 points for the Rocks, who also received a 14point/10-rebound effort from junior forward Grant Stone Ross Davis and J P Truesdell both contributed eight points to the Rocks' cause Salem coach Bob Brodie responded with a one-word answer when asked what his team's biggest downfall was Friday night Everything,' the veteran mentor said "I told the kids after the game that there wasn't one phase of the game we did well in tonight – either as a team or individually Dan Cassidy had a nice run for us when he came in and hit some shots (in the second quarter), but other than that we didn't block out well and we got outhustled "John Glenn played a great game They came out to play and they played with a lot of emotion and intensity while we just seemed to go through the motions at times They're a very athletic team They're quick, and they can shoot and rebound extremely well"





TOM HAWLEY I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem s Anthony Mullins drives to the basket past John Glenn's Earl Hardison during Friday night's game in the Rockets' gym John Glenn won 68-53, to seize first place in the WLAA's Lakes Division

The contest was both enter taining and close throughout the first half Salem grabbed its biggest lead of the night -28-23 - on guard Anthony Mullins' drive with 2 20 left in the half Mullins' shot followed a dazzling shooting exhibition by Cassidy, who swished three straight long-range threes to turn a 21-15 deficit into a 26-23 advantage for the Rocks

John Glenn took a 31-30 lead into the half thanks to an old-fashioned three-point play from Martin with 72 seconds left before the break

The Rockets owned a 46-40 lead heading into the fourth period thanks in part to

Marken's seven-point quarter The Rocks never got to within six over the final eight minutes

Even though the Rockets played with an up-tempo style throughout the game, they finished with just five turnovers That's the main reason they were able to get off 64 shots, 25 of which found the net (39 percent) Salem connected on 24of-56 attempts from the field (42 8 percent)

John Glenn hit 11-of-19 free throws (578) while the Rocks sank just 2-of-10 from the charity stripe

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### Canton's smallest wrestler turns in huge performance

Canton's smallest wrestler made the biggest impact in Thursday night's Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division triumph over Wayne Memorial

Freshman Donnie Watkins' 11-5 decision over the Wolfpacks Chad Dunn turned out to be the spark that ignited the Chiefs 58-13 trouncing in the Wayne gym

"Chad Dunn usually wrestles at 112, but they moved him down to 103 to wrestle Donnie so that he could be No 1 heading into the Observerland meet,' said Canton coach Casey Randolph 'Donnie looked real tough He was up 11-2 late, but the kid got a late reversal on him, otherwise it would have been a major decision It was a big win for Donnie

and the team It's a nice win because they have a much-improved team

"Adam Powers also had a nice win for us at 189 We thought it was going to be a knockdown, drag-out battle, but Adam pinned him in the first period "

On Jan 20, Canton placed third in the highly competitive 16-team Hartland Bracket Duals The host Eagles placed first followed by runner-up Lake Orion Romeo, Holly and Montrose closed out the top six places in the standings

The Chiefs opened with a 78 3 whipping of Waterford Mott They earned a berth in the semi-finals with a hard-fought 40-31 victory over Montrose

Canton fell to the Dragons, 36-28, in the semis before doubling-up Romeo, 49-22, in the third-place match

Brent Winekoff, Corey Phillips, Kiel Price and Donnie Laramie all went 4-0 for the Chiefs, who now stand at 19-3 overall and 2-1

in the WLAA's Western Division PREP WRESTLING RESULTS CANTON 53 WAYNE MEMORIAL 18 Jan 25 at Wayne

103 pounds. Donnie Watkins (C) decisioned Chad Dunn 11 5 112 Carl Lucke (C) pinned Mark Thompson 3 41 125 Jeremy Filippelli (C) dec Kevin Whittenberg 6 4 125 Janie Preiss (WM) p. Adam Fielschman 1 50 130 Steve Cox (C) won by technical fall over Brandon Whittenberg 19 0 135. Brent Winekoff (C) p Jack Muncie 1 26 140 Corey Phillips (C) p Josh Mills 0 36 145 Joe Sanders (C) dec Charlie Mainar 10 4 152 Rodger Kropp (C) dec Robert Walsh 7 4 160 Kiel Price (C) p Ryan Nesbitt 3 41 171 Jeff Elswick (WM) p Brian Brubacker 0 36 189 Adam

Powers (C) p Anthony Baskins 0 39 **215** Robert Coffey (WM) p Jon Webster 4 45 **285** Donnie Laramie (C) won by void Dual meet records Canton, 19 3 overall 21 WLAA Western Division Wayne 8 13 overall 1 2 WLAA Western Division WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 63 SALEM 12

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Jan 25 at Salem

285 pounds: Darrius Griffin (WJG) pinned Chase Moore 1 06 103 Anthony Pavlich (WJG) p Devin Stratton 2 27 112 Kevin Bennett (S) p Justin Robinson 4 42 125 Drew Daubenmeyer (S) p Jerimiah Austin 0 59 130 Nick Shak (WJG) p Mike Charara 0 19 135 Zaid Ammari (WJG) p Chris Sweet 1 18 140: Jim Wood WJG) p Justin Kane 3 22 (Wood s school record 90th career pin) 145 Dan McCahill (WJG) p Robert Schultz 3 10 152. James Zerebiny (WJG) decisioned Jeremy Epley 21 160 Scott Brown (WJG) p Austin Root 0 30 171 Andrew Hein (WJG) won by tech nical fall over Sam Lepper 20 5 189 Joey Kowtko (WJG) p Blake Abbey 1 30 215 Shamir Garcia (WJG) dec Hassein Ajami 11.5

Gienn's dual meet record 10-6 overall 4 0 WLAA Lakes Division

Saturday, Feb. 3

Canton at Goodrich Invitational, 9 30

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**BOYS SWIMMING** 

THE WEEK AHEAD

### 'D' leads Whalers to another 'W'

It s often said that defense wins in any sport The Plymouth Whalers' 4-1 victory over the Ottawa 67s Friday night at the Compuware Sports Arena is a testament to that fact

Whalers goaltender Michal Neuvirth stopped 34-of-35 shots and was named the game's first star Plymouths leagueleading penalty kill shut down 8-of-9 Ottawa power plays (including two 5-on-3 power plays in the game) and the Whalers never trailed in the game

Plymouth remains in first place in the Ontario Hockey Leagues West Division with a record of 31-12-1-2, good for 65 points (17-4-0-2 at the Compuware Sports Arena) The Whalers lead the OHL in team defense, allowing a league-low 118 goals over 46 games

Neuvirth – a second round pick of the Washington Capitals -- continues to lead the OHL with a 930 save percentage (796-for-856) Neuvirth lowered his goals against average to 2 37 third overall in the OHL

Andrew Fournier led the Plymouth attack with a pair of goals and now has 12 on the season Chris Terry (11) and James Neal (21) scored singles

Defensemen Wes Cunningham and Brett Bellemore were the games second and third stars, respectively, with Cunningham contributing assists on three of the four Plymouth goals

Derek Joslin (7) scored the lone Ottawa goal in the third period with 10 06 remaining in regulation

After a scoreless first period, Plymouth broke the game open with two goals in a span of 29 seconds to take a 2-0 lead Fournier scored at 4 26, finishing a nice three-man passing play started by Cunningham at left point in the Ottawa zone, to Vern Cooper in the high slot and



RENA LAFERTY

Plymouth's James Neal, pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored his 21st goal in the Whalers' 4-1 victory over Ottawa Friday night

to Fournier just outside the blue crease in the Ottawa zone Fournier snuck a low backhand shot past Ottawa starting goaltender Brady Morrison Neal came right back at 4 55 ripping a shot from the hash marks past Morrison The second period ended with Plymouth holding a 2 0 lead

Terry scored at 7 48 of the third period when he one-time a shot from the right face-off dot by Ottawa backup goaltender Lukas Flueler Joslin scored the lone

Ottawa goal when, while killing a penalty. Neuvirth tried to clear the puck out of his own zone But Joslin intercepted the puck in the high slot in the Plymouth zone and beat Neuvirth with a back hand shot through traffic

Ottawa called a time-out with 52 seconds left while trailing 3-1, but Fournier closed the scoring when he found the empty net with 21 seconds remaining in regulation

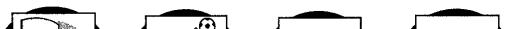
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time, hed take one of those little mini balls out on the court and shoot until the teams came back out on the court

#### PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Once Nick started playing organized sports in second grade, Jim and Nancy were always there Jim either helped coach, kept stats or simply sat in the stands with Nancy and watched his talented son compete like every other proud parent

If given the choice -A have a root canal without anesthesia, or B) miss one of Nick's sporting events - Jim would choose "A every time, with no hesitation

Through sports and through life, the father and son developed a bond that was truly one to be admired

"Nick and Jim were like best friends," said Mike Krogel, a longtime friend and coaching pal of Jim's "Jim was a father figure when he had to be, but they seemed to have as good of a relationship as a father and son could have They were like buds'

From the first T-Ball game in the spring of 1995 to the final basketball game at Dearborn Drvine Child last March, Jim Bigham never missed one of his son's sporting events

Not one

#### LIFE'S NOT FAIR

Then came March 27, 2006, the day of the season-opening scrimmage for Divine Childs jumor-varsity baseball team, of which Nick was a member

"It was a Monday and Jım came home from work early with a backache," Nancy remembered "I knew he had to be in a lot of pain because he never missed work. When I called home to ask how he was doing he didn't sound very good I told my boss, I need to leave Something isnt right

The Bighams didn t know it at the time, but a deadly strep infection had infiltrated Jims blood

When I got home, Jım wasn't very coherent I told him to take some aspirin and drink some fluids because I thought he may have been dehydrated I told him if he wasn't better in a few minutes, we were going to the hospital'

A short time later. Nancy drove Jim to St Mary's



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Nick and Nancy Bigham wear bracelets that are engraved with the words. Jim Bigham" on one side and Jim's favorite saying ' Play Like A Champion on the other The bracelets were sold for a fund raiser in Jim's name last spring

him a different kind of antibiotics But they said, Don t worry, because it will turn around

But it got worse And it got worse real quick It was some time after dinnertime when the doctors came in and I heard them say the words, multi organ shutdown It didn t register at first, but then when it sunk in, I knew what it meant Jim Bigham died a short

time later He was just 59 years old

#### HEROIC PERFORMANCE

Nick Bigham has done some remarkable things in his brief

life --- both on and off the play ing fields - and hes bound to do so many more But nothing he ll do will match the coura geous effort he gave the follow ing Saturday when he stepped to the podium before a packed audience at St Kenneths Catholic Church and eulogized h1s dad

I stayed up the night before the funeral and wrote the eulogy at about 1 in the morning he said It was tough but it was something I needed and wanted to do

"When Nick stepped up there, it was like somebody was standing beside him, recalled

Nancy He was just awesome Before he went up there my

brother-in law 1 im told Nick I know you want to do this but once you get up there its prob ably going to be really hard If you re having trouble give me a nod and I ll take it from there Even though you wrote it I can read it for you It was an out if he needed it

Not surprisingly Nick read the eulogy without a hitch

And somewhere up in heav en Jim Bigham was giving his son a standing ovation

#### **BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE**

The day after the funeral Nick Bigham did something else his dad would have applauded He woke up pulled on his Divine Child baseball uniform and played in the Falcons junior varsity double header against Birmingham Brother Rice

Those were probably the two best games I had all year he said smiling It was weird though because when I was out in the field I d look over at the stands and I d see my mom Amy and her husband Casey sitting there and dad wasn t there

Even though I didn't see him, I knew he was there Hes always there

#### PLAYING THROUGH PAIN

Nick Bigham is currently a junior at Divine Child High School and the sixth man on its varsity basketball team which started the season 7 3 If you watch Nick during

wrist On one side of the band is the name JIM BIGHAM On the other side is Jims favorite saying PLAY 1 IKE A

I wear it during wa m ups

#### INVALUABLE ADVICE

fathers attention love and con tributions and he did not take

'Jog for Jim' an overwhelming success

During the weeks following Jim Bigham's passing, administra tors and teachers at Woodhaven's Wegienka Elementary School where he taught physical education for 27 years - wanted to do something to honor the beloved educator

'Someone mentioned something to the principal about planting a tree in Jims honor," Nancy Bigham, Jim's wife, remembered, "but that just wasn't Jim Then the principal suggested having a 🕍 memorial jog in Jim's honor It sounded like a good idea, so that's what they did

Students from throughout the Woodhaven School District parts ticipated in the event on June 2 The day-long Memorial Jog for Jim Bigham" raised closed to \$18,000 for the restoration of the elementary schools outdoor basketball court

The money was raised through donations and the sales of rubber wrist-bands that read JIM BIGHAM on one side and \*PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION on the other

Nancy Bigham said the 'Jog for Jim may become an annual event

There is also a movement underway to honor the popular PE teacher m another way by officially naming the Wegienka tent Elementary School gymnasium "The Jun"

-Ed Wright,

warm ups you ll notice a white rubber band on his right CHAMPION

and in the game until the refs make me take it off Nick sud referring to an MHSAA rule that bans jewelry during the course of games When I take it off I place it on the scorer s table

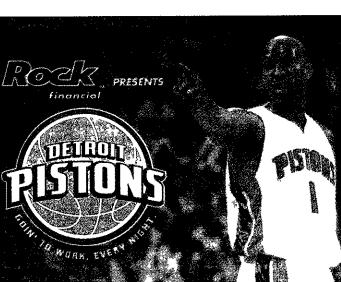
Nick Bigham appreciated his

Jim foi gianted That said, after having gone through what hes gone through the past 10 months what message would he give other teenagers who may assume that mom and dad are always going to be there, day in and day out no matter whit

I would tell them to cherish every moment they have with then prients because you never know when they're going to be gone he said sounding like someone well beyond his 16 years Once they are gone, you re going to wish you had that ture with them back

I m just glad that I had 15 years with my dad





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At first, the doctors thought he might be having a heart attack because he began sweating profusely," Nancy said 'They ran a bunch of tests, which all came back negative When they gave him medication for his back pain, it knocked him right out He was totally out of it for the next 24 hours"

The doctors eventually diagnosed the infection and began injecting Jim with high-potency antibiotics

Tuesday night, when I talked to the nurse, she told me Jim was doing a lot better," Nancy said 'On Wednesday morning, he was actually sitting up in his bed and talking to us Everybody who was at the hospital - his brothers and people he worked with - came in and talked to him"

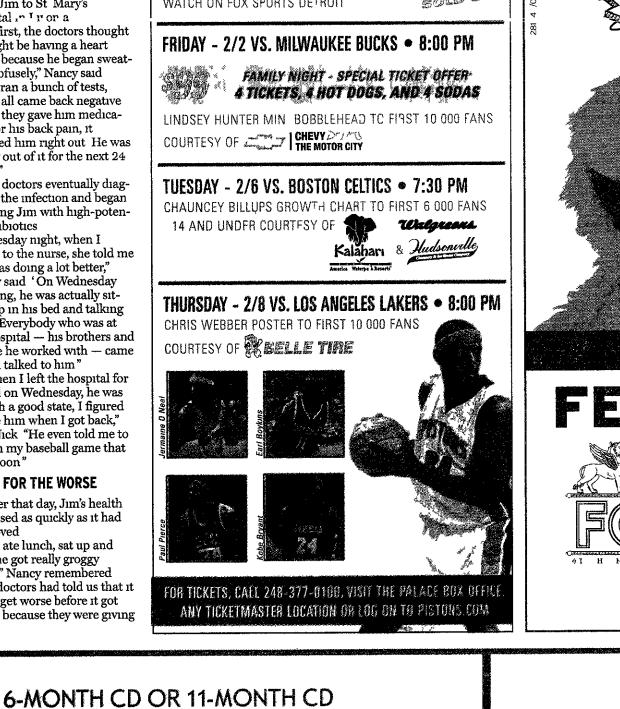
'When I left the hospital for school on Wednesday, he was in such a good state, I figured I d see him when I got back," said Nick "He even told me to play in my baseball game that afternoon\*

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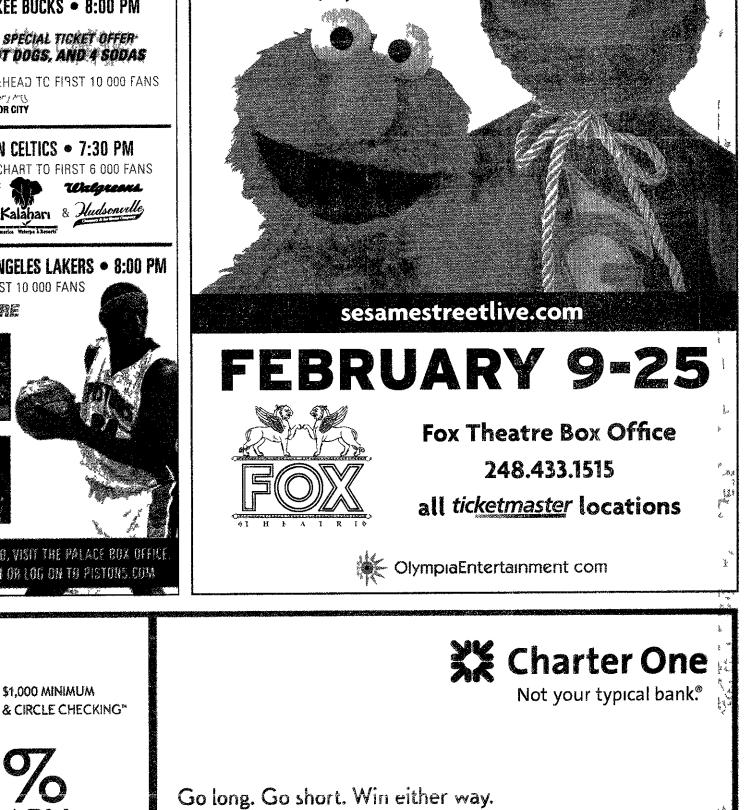
Later that day, Jim's health regressed as quickly as it had improved

He ate lunch, sat up and then he got really groggy again," Nancy remembered "The doctors had told us that it could get worse before it got better because they were giving

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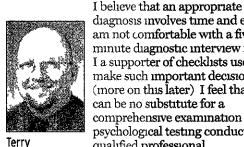
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### Accurately diagnosing ADHD

This month I wanted to answer several questions that have been coming in about a similar subject. To do this I found it necessary to trim the letters down to a sentence or two My responses will be similarly brief but hopefully, thorough Here we go Why are there so many kids with ADHD today? I like many other professionals, feel that the diagnosis of ADHD is far too easily rendered I feel that many children labeled as ADHD are misdiagnosed There are several diagnoses that can explain the beh wors commonly associated with this label Foi instance a child with a specific learning problem significal t anxieties, an undiagnosed receptive language problem, a history of abuse, prenatal exposure to alcohol or drugs, depression, etc may demonstrate the same behaviors as a child who is truly ADHD The major concern about this is that even though the behaviors may be nearly exact, the cause and therefore the course of treatment may be radically different A misdiagnosis may mean mistreatment and ultimately, a negative outcome



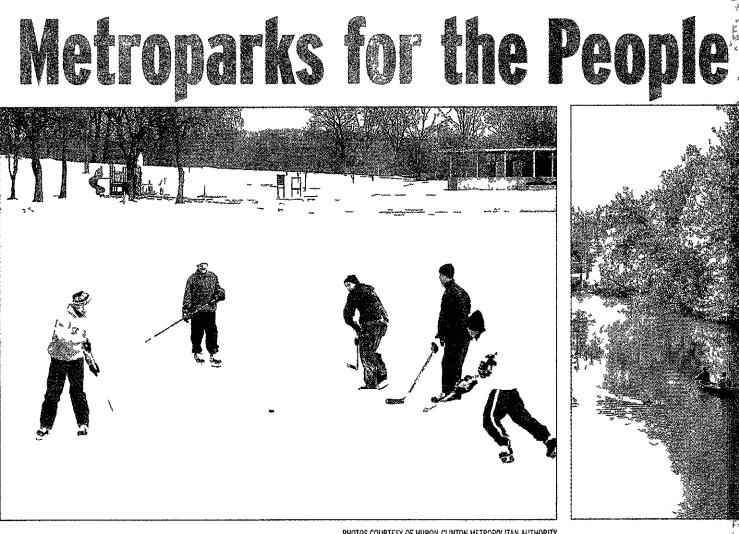
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diagnosis involves time and effort I am not comfortable with a fiveminute diagnostic interview nor am I a supporter of checklists used to make such important decisions (more on this later) I feel that there can be no substitute for a comprehensive examination and psychological testing conducted by a qualified professional What is the difference between ADD and ADHD?

ADHD is a shortened way to refer to attention deficit hyperactivity disorder As some of you may know the diagnosis of ADHD is further divided into three sub types to clarify the symptoms that are present ADHD can be primarily inattentive, primarily impulsive hyperactive, or combined inattentive and impulsive-hyperactive The term ADD is often used when one is talking about the primarily inattentive type

#### Can girls have ADD?

While this behavior is more commonly associated with young males it is possible for females to demonstrate them as well In my experience, girls are less commonly identified and diagnosed even when they have similar concerns to their male classmates One major reason for this may be the tendency for males to act out more aggressively which gets more immediate attention than a girl who is struggling quietly with the same types of problems This attention leads to intervention and usually, a diagnosis of some kind



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#### What do you think about the checklists that are being used to diagnose kids with ADD?

I think that these checklists are a good way to gather information in an organized fashion and to quantify the degree of concern between various people involved with the child However, I do not believe that these forms can or should be used as a diagnostic tool They cannot ask follow-up questions or find out more about a parent's responses to any given item They do not have clinical judgment, which is the key ingredient for making an appropriate medical or psychological decision In short, these questionnaires should only be used as a brief and subjective means of gathering some initial information about parent or teacher concerns They do not provide any information that cannot be obtained with far greater accuracy and understanding in a clinical interview As such do not take the results from such measures as fact but rather as motivation for further inquiry is it possible for a child to have ADD at school but not at home (or anywhere else)?

It is possible for a child to act completely different at school than at home, and vice versa. Most kids do this to some degree In general these behaviors need to be present in at least two distinct situations or settings in order for a diagnosis to be made If they are only present at school my inclination is to look at the school environment for the cause of his behavior rather than for a diagnosis of ADHD He could be having academic difficulties, issues with his peers, or some problem with his teacher I would explore these variables before considering ADHD

Is it true that a lot of creative or gifted people have ADHD? Well as a creatively gifted individual let me just say that OK, I didn t think that I could pull that off, but it was worth a shot But in all seriousness, it has been suggested that people who are very creative or particularly gifted in one area or another are often labeled with ADHD or some other disorder The reason for this may be that such individuals tend to do things differently than their classmates which draws attention to them and as we discussed above this attention usually leads to a diagnosis Thus, the creativity or intellectual spark may be misidentified as problematic because it is outside the norm It is not until later under different circumstances, that the childs individuality and talents are recognized and fostered Of course I believe that all kids, regardless of the labels that are given to them, have unique talents and abilities that need to be recognized and nurtured The sooner that we, as a society, understand this the more optimistic our future will become

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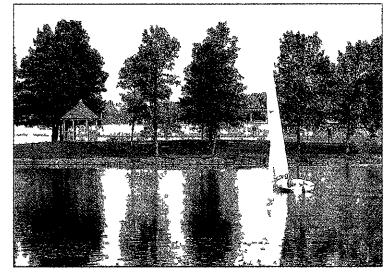
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### Adult day care program in need of new home

#### BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Time is running out for HelpSource to find a new location but instead of grumbling about losing their current space seniors were joking with one another on a recent Tuesday afternoon

Like many of the elderly enrolled in the adult day care program, Florence Tod 1s losing her short term memory but that doesn't stop the Canton resident from living life to the fullest Tod enjoys all of the social and recreational activities offered by HelpSo ree in the rooms rented from Riverside Park Church in Livonia

The program is tailored primarily for senior citizens who are not

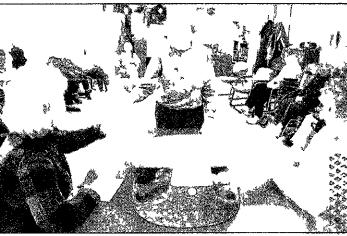
totally independent due to dementia, stroke or other diseases but could benefit from supervised structured activities up to five days a week The cost is based on a slid ing scale as funding from the Plymouth Community United Way Senior Alliance (Area Agency on Aging), and block grants from Livonia does not cover expenses

"The exercise keeps your joints loose, said Tod I enjoy the people The program keeps you alive and living They serve good food and everything is planned well I m thankful its available

#### **KEEPING BUSY**

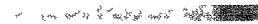
While Marie Knight isn't fond of

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Margaret Lucky of Redford is congratulated by activity assistants Colleen Wagner left and Barbara Rush right during ski ball activities at the adult

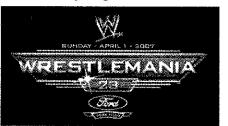


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exercising, she does love celebrating the birthdays of members

"We play bingo, said Knight "If you feel bad you can talk with the one next to you and tell them your problems and they offer you Kleenex'

It's very friendly and people get along," added Anne Hall of Livonia 'If we were home it would be boring? In June, the fun could end if an affordable facility is not found to house the program For nearly 100 years, HelpSource (formerly known as Child & Family Services-Huron Services for Youth) has been providing residential treatment, foster care and adoption services for at-risk youth, substance abuse education and treatment, mental health counseling, and teen parenting programs in Washtenaw and western Wayne counties The nonprofit agency's older adult services has more than 25 years experience of caring for the elderly at home as well as in day care programs

'We've been given till the end of June because the church has plans for the space Being a nonprofit, we cannot afford to pay the cost of a commercial space," said HelpSource site manager Laurie Krause "Were looking at churches, senior centers, YWCA programs We'd like it to be handicap accessible for wheelchairs and walkers, or we can adapt to meet their needs While we re looking for a space that's nearby in the Plymouth-Canton-Livonia area, we will not rule it out if its too far away, but we would lose members

'Members really depend on the program They depend on us for a social out, for an improved quality of life The families depend on us Families who are caring for a parent and have to work and are also taking care of their own children need to know their loved one is in a safe environment We're also here for spouses that need the break

#### **FUN-FILLED DAYS**

Krause equates the adult day care program to a senior center She's hoping to find a

space large enough for the members to not only play games like Skee Ball but eat lunch especially if it could be served from an adjacent kıtchen

'Members from Plymouth, Redford, Livonia start coming in at 7 30 a m and we have coffee and do something fun like Trivia," said Krause "Families can come in at any time We have fun They want to do things that are interesting'

Colleen Wagner 15 one of 51x staff members organizing the activities Shes especially proud of the gallery of art painted by members on the rear wall

"For socialization it's great," said Wagner of Westland who has been a HelpSource activity assistant for more than four years 'A lot of them would sit home and watch TV and sleep When they're here after lunch they like doing an activity They love singing and music, doing things from creative writing to crafts and bingo

Staff as well as family caregivers refer to participants as members because its almost like an exclusive club, said

Greg Lucky, who was picking up his mother, Margaret Lucky lived in California until four years ago when he moved back to Redford to care for his elderly parents He can't say enough about the activities that help motivate Margaret, who has Alzheimer's as well as limited speech because of a stroke she suffered

"Moms been coming twice a week but I'm going to bump it up to three times a week," said Lucky 'Mom was bored and vegetating at home when I started researching and interviewing for adult day care HelpSource is the only one with fun, structured activities all day long People here are loving and devoted to quality care for the elderly They want for people to succeed and have a sense of satisfaction She's more alive when she comes here They have current events all day long The place is great I call it the club

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His experience has provided him with plenty of advice to help customers steer clear of remodeling disasters

For instance Stapleton recommends always getting at least three estimates before starting a project While it sounds like a good idea a lot of people fail to get copies of the company's builder s license and proof of insurance. Asking for references is always a good idea too It s key to take your time when you re deciding on which products to use and your decision can be made easier by always taking samples home because lighting is different in every location We try to steer the customer as best we can ' the Garden City resident says 'We go into the house to do the measure and we see the décor We listen to them and we get a feel for what they are looking for If there s something we think is going to clash we speakup and say we think this is going to clash We work with the customer to find out what exactly fits their needs That's probably the most important part of the design process

too For instance each cabinet company has between 80 and 90 choices compared to years ago when it was 20 or 30 designs Currently the maple and lighter cherry products are the most popular

Stapleton says the plethora of products requires more employee training

Apparently his methods are successful because over the years only one customer didn t like what was installed

Stapleton came to the business after serving in the military and working for Spartan stores in Plymouth

I enjoyed doing carpentry and I decided to do it on the side he explains adding that in 1987 he decided it was time to start his own business with a remodeling shop in Garden City

Back then I did everything from basements, garages additions and dormers and over the years I've narrowed it down to kitchens and bathrooms says Stapleton

He moved the business to 13245 Newburgh in Livonia seven years ago and New Concept Kitchen and Bath has become a family legacy that includes his three sons David Jr 25 Philip 21 and Stephen 19

Today we design supply the materials and install with our own installers " says Stapleton explaining that he has 19 employees

'Our philosophy is to never burn a bridge ' he says The customer, a lot of times is buying things they can t see on a shelf and it's up to us to make sure we meet the customer s high expectations

All of his designs are done in color to help the buyer visualize the end result

Whatever we can do to help them visualize the final product better will make that outcome that much acceptable he says

Technology has sped up the design process tremendously from his early business days when everything was drawn by hand

"In today s times you have to be much more lean and you have to do that he adds "The old adage Measure twice cut once holds true more than ever today

A wide range of pricing satisfies a lot of different needs

"We have cabinets that a lot of folks use in rental properties or if they are going to sell their house right away he says And we have higher-end cabinets that someone is looking for if they are going to spend a number of years in the house

In countertops Corians Gibraltars and stone products like granite are installed most often Warming drawers are becoming more and more common too he adds

The cost of an average remodeled kitchen in Livonia Stapleton says is between \$15 000 and \$20 000

The dragging Michigan economy he adds has put a damper on new construction but more and more people are putting money into their existing homes

We ve probably cut out 90 percent of new construction but fortunately we do remodeling Stapleton says People aren t moving but the remodeling end has picked up and it has pretty much balanced out

Customers today are much more knowledgeable before they walk into his showroom he says explaining that most clients do research on the Internet and they get to know what materials and designs are available

"They have a much more clear view of what they are looking for " Stapleton says predicting a bright future in his business

"I think it will only get better as the economy gets better he says "The products are getting better and I look forward to the changes Right now a lot of people are sitting on their hands to do projects but they are waiting for the economy to turn They want to do it but they don t know if there will be a lay off in the family or a downsizing I think we re at the end of that I think things are starting to turn and that people are starting to get more comfortable

The excitement provided by his business he says hasn t waned over the years

"Part of the thrill of doing my job is going in and seeing the end product and saying Wow Each job is different and it never gets boring

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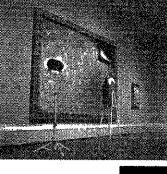
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- 2 "Cross, James Patterson 3 "For One More Day," Mitch Albom
- 4 "The Hunters,' W E B Griffin

5 "Shadow Dance," Julie Garwood

#### NON-FICTION

1 The Audacity of Hope, Barack Obama

2 'The Innocent Man, John Grisham

3 Marley & Me, John Grogan

"About Alice, Calvin Trillin Palestine Peace Not  $\mathbf{5}$ Apartheid, Jimmy Carter

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World," Peter Reynolds 5 "Burger Boy," Alan Durant

LUCKY DAY

#### PARKS

FROM PAGE C1

The 13 Metroparks form a green necklace around metro Detroit beginning in the northeast with Metro Beach Metropark on the shores of Lake St Clair and working around through parks in Macomb Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw and Wayne counties to the southeast with Lake Erie Metropark, where Lake Erie narrows into the Detroit River In these parks, acres of woodlands are preserved for quiet walks and family picnics But there are also ballfields, golf courses, beaches and swimming pools, waterslides, nature centers, wildlife paths for hiking biking and inline skating, rivers for canoeing, lakes for sailing, marinas, learning farms and much more

They were true visionaries, Reynolds said of Curtis and Whittemore

Curtis was a historian and naturalist who was already retired when he was asked to make a survey of recreational opportunities Whittemore was the chairman of the University of Michigan's Department of Landscape Architecture and, as the father of six children, an avid proponent of swimming and outdoor play Their independent research began the long process of identifying what land to preserve and how it would be used and the legal formation of a parks authority

#### A MARVELOUS HISTORY

Its a marvelous history, what kind of park system they developed and that they could accomplish it with this annual tax that s always come faithfully, Reynolds said They've never had a cent of debt, never taken out a loan

Voters in the five-county area first approved a metroparks tax in November 1940 The first park opened to the public was Kensington in 1948, followed by Metro Beach in 1950 Kensington, built around an expanded Kent Lake, is still the largest and most developed of the parks, followed by Stony Creek, built ın 1964

Originally the plans included a parkway that would have created a greenbelt around the urban area

It would have been great, and they recognized that What finally happened is they realized that money could go so far They could either do the parks or do the parkway, Reynolds said "Some of it still exists near Kensington and Metro Beach

The decision was to concentrate on the maintenance and expansion of services at the existing parks

I ve been impressed by the people who work for the agency, Reynolds said They are truly dedicated folks who believe what they are doing is for the public good and very wise They are trying to be as even-handed as they can and

trying to balance it all Reynolds had worked as a newspaper reporter and in university public relations before concentrating on writing books, particularly corporate and institutional histories Her history of Chelsea, Our Hometown Americas History Seen Through the Eyes of a Midwestern Village was name a 2001 Michigan Notable Book The Dexter resident also writes childrens books

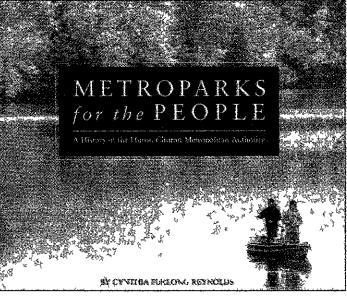
Reynolds, who lives near three Metroparks along the Huron River, said the book came about just as Gary Bartsch was preparing to retire as director of the Metroparks Gary wanted to leave a lega-

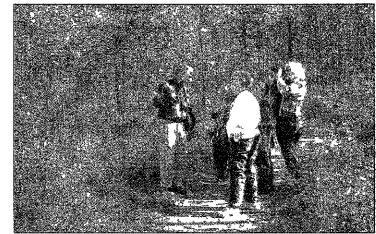
cy Also, at the same time, very prominent people who had been involved with the Metroparks for 30 or 40 years had passed away They were realizing that voices would be silenced soon if they didn t get it down on paper" she said

What began as a conventional corporate history ended as an oral history of the people who built the system, backed by the extensive resources of the authority

I was very lucky, they have marvelous archives Reynolds said I went in and they have box after box after box And John Sterling, who had been PR director for many years, had taken every single newschp that had ever been published and put them into notebooks'

Reynolds, who has lived in several states over the years, found that the Metroparks have a special meaning to the





HURON CLINTON METROPOL TAN AUTHORITY

Supervising interpreter Bob Hotaling leads a field trip along a trail at the **Kensington Nature Center** 

#### Mıchıgan

I have a neighbor, when I told her what I was writing about, she got tears in her eyes when she told me how Metro Beach affected her life Thats where her family went for every family reunion, family

Metroparks for the People (Harbor Links Publishing \$29.95 hardcover or \$24 95 softcover) is available at Metroparks interpretive centers and the HCMA administrative office or online at www.metroparks.com





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#### **ENGAGEMENTS**

#### Turner-Pfeifer

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Yvonne Turner of Allen Park announces the engagement of her daughter, Joanna Christina Turner, to Michael Allen Pfeifer of Livonia

The bride-to-be has bachelors and master's degrees in elementary education with an early childhood endorsement from the University of Michigan She is working as an elementary school teacher

The prospective groom is the son of Judith and Jerome Pfeifer of Livonia He has a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan He is working as mechanical engineer in the automotive industry

A July 27, 2007, wedding is



planned for St Francis Cabrini Church in Allen Park A reception is planned for the Grecian Center in Southgate The couple will honeymoon in the Bahamas

They will make their home in Livonia

#### Smith-Haug

John and Judy Smith of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Smith, to Peter Haug of Redondo Beach, Calif

The bride to-be is a 1994 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School, a 1999 graduate of Michigan State University and received a master of business administration from the University of Southern California She is employed by Honeywell

The prospective groom is the son of Karl and Billi Haug of Walnut Creek, Calif He is a 1994 graduate of San Luis Obispo He is employed by Honeywell A May 5, 2007, wedding is

planned in Wayne, Mich The



reception will be held at Fox Hills The couple will honeymoon in Italy The couple will reside in Redondo Beach, Calıf

#### Wick-Lambrix

Kathleen and Larry Wick of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Ann Wick, to Curt William Lambrix of Hart, Mich

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Thurston High School Her undergraduate studies were at Central Michigan University He graduate studies were at Bowling Green State University She is employed as a speech and language pathologist in the Charlotte, N C area.

The prospective groom is the son of Ellen and Arnold Lambrix of Charlotte, N C He is a 1996 graduate of Hart High School and attended Central Michigan University He is employed as an 8th grade



teacher of math in the Charlotte area schools An Aug 3, 2007, wedding is planned for Holy Cross Church in Livonia

Patrician Johnson of

announce the engagement

of their daughter, Krystyn

Lopez Junior of Nogales,

The bride-to-be is a

1989 graduate of Livonia

Knoxville, Tenn, and

Eugene Cielinski of

Crossville, Tenn.

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Knoxville, to J Oscar



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#### **ROBERT ANDERSON**

Age 85 Toolmaker, Business Owner Age 85 100imaker, Business Owner died January 7th 2007 at PontiacOsteopathic Hospital Mr Anderson is survived by two loving sisters Mary Lane Zell and Patricia Rzemien four children Jeanine Anderson, Dennis (Debbie) Anderson, Mark (Sharon) Anderson & Kenneth Mark (Sharon) Anderson & Kenneth Anderson Seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren A memorial service mass and lunch will be held at St Regis Catholic Church w/ Father Peter Fennessy and Father Norman Norocki presiding on Wednesday Jan 31st Memorial Service will be at 10 00 a m mass at 11 00 and lunch immediately after St Regis is located on Lasher Rd at Lincoln in Bloomfield MI In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to Angela Hospice Sobriety House, Manresa Capital Campaign or St Regis Catholic Capital campaign



#### JEAN MARIE KELLY

of Bloomfield Township died on January 25 2007 at St Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac Mrs Kelly was born on January 30 1921 in Highland Park, Michigan She attended Detroit Public Schools including Roosevelt and Central and earned a bachelors degree in education from Wayne State University Mrs Kelly began her teaching career with Detroit Public where she taught for four Schools years She met her future husband in 1942 when he was serving in the Navy with her brother After his discharge in 1946 Jean Larsen married Robert Kelly and had two sons Patrick and James Mrs Kelly taught fifth grade at Bloomfield Elementary School and received her master s degree in reme dial reading She continued her distin guished guished teaching career in Birmingham Public Schools first teaching elementary school and later the Birming Schools Reading Department Mrs Kelly was the past president of the American Association of University Women Mrs Kelly championed state and local initiatives to focus attention and resources on the needs of children with reading difficulties She also helped found Oakland County Reading Association and Young Authors Program Mrs Kelly loved children playing bridge and golf trav eling and was a member of numerous organizations She was a former mem ber of the Garland Golf Club Friends of the Baldwin Public Library Huron River Club Village Women's Club Mrs Kelly is survived by her husband of sixty years, Robert children, Patrick and James grandchildren Patrick, James Ryan, and Colton and great grandchildren Shane and Brendan Funeral at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon Birmingham Monday at 10am Friends may visit at church beginning at 9 30am church beginning at 930am Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home 1368 N Crooks Rd (between 14 - 15 Mile Rds) Sunday 3 8pm Memorials appreciated to Baldwin Public Library Trust for the Jean Kelly Endowment 300 W Merrill Birmingham Michigan 48009



#### AUDREY VAN DEN ENDE

Marquette Michigan Date of Death January 23 2007 Audrey van den Ende age 80 of 3036 Lakeshore Bivd Marquette formerly of Montague and Bloomfield Hills Michigan died Tuesday afternoon January 23 2007 at her home in the loving care of her family Audrey was born on November 17, 1926 in Birmingham England daughter of Charles and Doris (Baker) Bedger Charles and Doris (Baker) Badger Audrey graduated from Aston Commercial Secretarial School in England She was employed as a legal secretary and office manager in addi tion to being a homemaker Audrey also volunteered at Henry Ford Hospital and for the White Lake Historical Society She was the loving mother of Wanda Irene van den Ende of Waterford MI Hendrik C (Nina) van den Ende of Marquette MI Charlene Ann (Don) Whitt of MT a larketon C III) de Groh of Hinckley OH dear grandmother of Charlotte and Tommy Lee Sofia and Hendrik Jan van den Ende Amie (Gary) Kelp and Donald Whitt III Henry C IV and Daniel A de Groh great grandmother of Aubrie and Kenadie Kelp Also a former son in law Tom Lee of Sylvan Lake MI She was preceded in death by her par ents and her husband Hendrik van den Ende A memorial service will be held on Saturday February 3 2007 at 7 pm at The Community House in Birmingham 380 S Bates Street Birmingham MI 48009 Those wish ing to make an expression of sympa thy are kindly asked to consider the Marquette General Foundation to ben efit the Dialysis Unit 580 W College Ave Marquette MI 49855 or the Lake Superior Hospice Association 914 W Baraga Ave Marquette MI 49855 in Audrey's memory Her obit uary can also be viewed at www.canalefuneral.com where rela tives and friends may leave a note of remembrance The Canale Tonella Funeral Home of Marquette is assist ing the family with arrangements

#### Koleczko-Hall Stanley and Laurie Koleczko

of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Koleczko, to Tom Hall

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 2005 gradu ate of Western Michigan University She is a special edu cation teacher in Comstock, Mich

The prospective groom is the son of Harvey and Linda Hall of Livonia He is 1997 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 2003 graduate of

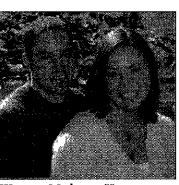
#### Strobel-Ploski

Keven and Tina Strobel of Midland announce the engagement of their daughter, Krista, to Kevin Ploski

The bride to-be is a 2002 graduate of H H Dow High School in Midland and a 2006 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in social work She is employed at Family and Children Services in

son of Richard and Susan Ploski of Livonia He is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelors degree in environmental biolo-

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Western Michigan University He is a teacher in Kalamazoo An Aug 3, 2007, wedding is planned for the Dearborn Hills Golf Club



gy and microbiology He is employed as a manager at Walgreen in Battle Creek A July 2007 wedding is planned for Frankenmuth

#### Stevenson High School She is a 1995 graduate of

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Maxa-Lopez

the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor's degree in psychology She currently attends the University of Tennessee for a masters in mental health counseling The prospective groom

is the son of J Oscar Lopez Sr and Isabel Lopez of Nogales He is a 1991 graduate of Nogales High School He is employed as a general contractor

An April 20 wedding is planned for Knoxville, Tenn , with a reception at Middlebrook Gardens The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii

They will make their home in Knoxville

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

#### Sandbergs celebrate 60th

Kalamazoo The prospective groom is the

#### **THOMAS W. CAPELING**

Age 67 of Westland Beloved husband of Sonya S Dear father of Robert J (Jen) Capeling Also leave two grand children Garrett and Kelsey, one broth er Donald Capeling and one sister Joanna Capeling Arrangements were entrusted to Vermeulen Funeral Home 734 326 1300 To leave a message of condolence for the family log onto www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

#### KATHRYN DUFFY

Age 78 of Brighton (formerly of Livonia) died January 25, 2007 Beloved wife of William, loving moth er of Timothy (Nancy) of Howell Mary (William) Albright of Mel bourne, FL, Elizabeth (Lonnie) Bramon of Garden Valley ID and Michael (Sally) of Livonia Dear Grandmother of Christopher & Alex Bramon Sean Albright and Kevin Duffy Sister of William (Ivy) Meier of Wilmington, NC and the late John Meier Visitation at the O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Ave Novi, 248 348 1800 Sunday from 1 9 PM Rosary at 7 30 PM Instate Monday, 9 30 AM until the Funeral service at 10 00 AM at Mercy Center Chapel 28650 Eleven Mile Rd Farmington Hills Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery South field, MI One of the founding families of St Damian & St Colette parish Kathryn was a member of Mercy High School's first graduating class in 1946 She was a former volunteer at Providence and St Mary Hospitals and Mission Health She was a member of St Patrick Church in Brighton In lieu of flowers Kathryn's family suggests memorial donations to Angela Hos pice 14100 Newburgh Rd Livonia MI 48154 Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

MAXINE HARADON

Age 87, of Plymouth passed away January 25 2007 Born December 29 1919 in Beloit Wisconsin than moved to the Plymouth community in 1964 Maxine was a dedicated home maker and an avid Green Bay Packers Fan Survived by her loving children Barbara (Howard) Pelkey and David Haradon Beloved grandma of Kendra (Bill) Ratliff Blaine (Joy) Pelkey Steve and Stephante Haradon Great grandma of Amanda and Cassie Ratliff and Addison Haradon, and dear sister of Dorothy Paddock Preceded in death by her husband Blaine Funeral service from the Schrader Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Plymouth was held on Saturday January 27 2007 Interment Riverside Cemetery

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**ROBERT R. MINOCK** 

(Commonly known as Mudrock) Age 77 of Mesa, AZ formally of Milford and Plymouth, MI passed away January 13 2007 at his resi dence in Mesa He was born to Robert and Clara on April 28 1929 in Redford MI Before his retirement he had worked in the automotive industry beginning as a mechanic service man ager, and eventually settling into new car sales He enjoyed the challenge of remodeling his farm house as well as golf bowling entertaining friends woodworking and in later years meet ing his friends at Applebee s for appe tizers and story telling He was renowned for his chicken BBQ par ties Robert is preceded in death by his first wife Pauline Wiedman Minock and siblings Clark and Ellsworth He is survived by one sister Adreith Snow of Ann Arbor MI his children Janeen Ackman Minock of Dearborn Heights MI, Robert (Madelyn) Minock of Florence CO Kimberly Gulvas of Standish MI Paul (Marsha) Minock of Parker CO his second wife, Patricia Pierson Minock AZ, step children Ross of Mesa of Glenwood (Shirley) Roginski Edmund Roginski of Springs Glenwood Springs Norman Roginski of Fenton MI Stella (Chuck) Holoweski of Plymouth MI along with several grandchildren great grandchildren nieces and nephews Mudrock' donated his body to sci ence His final resting place will be within the hearts of those who new him A memorial dinner will be held on February 17 2007 at the Brentwood Southern Clubhouse 8103 E Southern Mesa, AZ 85208



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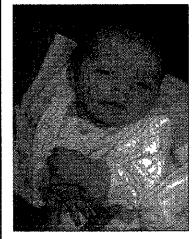


#### **Vincent Richard Salmon**

Jon and Jordyn Salmon of Livonia announce the birth of their son, Vincent Richard Salmon, on Dec 20, 2006, at the University of Michigan Medical Center

Vincent weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces and was 22 inches long at birth

Grandparents are Mark and Terry Marecki of Livonia and Richard and Jane Salmon of Loudon, Tenn Great grandparets are Pete and Rose Godfroid of Farmington Hills and Jack and Frieda Salmon of Loudon, Tenn



#### **Nathan James Sharpe**

Jack and Lupe Sharpe of Livonia announce the birth of their son, Nathan James, on Dec 23, 2006

He was born at Providence Hospital in Southfield He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces at bırth

Nathan has a big brother, Andrew Butler, 12 His grandparents are Sandra Blake of Brighton and Karl and Terri Sharpe of Livonia

#### anniversary

John and Marion (Mineweaser) Sandberg of Livonia celebrated their 60th anniversary Aug 3, 2006

The Sandbergs were married Aug 3, 1946 at St Michael Church in Pontiac They have lived in Livonia since 1965 They have a daughter,

Kristen Foleta of Harper Woods

They have two grandsons John Sandberg is a retired personnel manager at American Motors Marion Sandberg worked part time at Livonia City Hall They retired ın 1984

They enjoy traveling in their RV and square dancing They

#### Gagnons celebrate 50th anniversary

Raymond and Jacklyn (Jannett) Gagnon of Wayne are celebrating their 50th anniversarv

The Gagnons were wed Dec 31, 1956, at the Old Newburg Church in Livonia They have lived in the area for more than 50 years

The Gagnons have three children Rayma (Dennis) Hogan of Inkster, Pamela (Grant) Sherman of Sylvan Lake and Scott Gagnon of Wayne

They have three grandchildren and two great grandchildren

Raymond is retired from Ford Motor Co Jacklyn 18 retired from Able Party Rental



are active members at St

They celebrated their

Genevieve Church in Livonia

anniversary with a family dinner



Their interests include church, mini vacations, senior bus trips, movies, friends and family

Children and grandchildren gave a 50th anniversary dinner at Good Shepherd Church Social Hall

#### Brocklehursts celebrate 70th anniversary

Gordon and Olga (Campbell) Brocklehurst of Redford celebrated their 70th anniversary on Nov 14

The Brocklehursts were married Nov 14, 1936, in Kingsville, Ohio They have lived in Redford for 67 years

The couple have four children Gordon Bill Brocklehurst of Mohne, Ill James R. Brocklehurst of South Lyon, Karl Brocklehurst of Farmington Hills and Linda Huber of Harrison, Mich

They have nme grandchildren and eight great grandchildren Gordon Brocklehurst is a retired metal fabricator He also served 24 years as a Redford Union school board member Olga Brocklehurst is a retired teacher

The couple are involved with the Masonic Lodge, Redford Presbyterian Church and Redford Semor Citizens

They marked their anniversary by visiting their sons family in Illinois

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### Go Red campaign raises awareness about No. 1 killer

#### BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

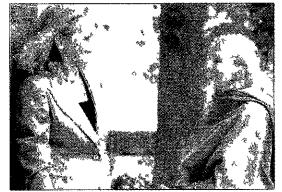
now your numbers That's one of the messages two female cardiologists plan to deliver in morning seminars leading up to the Go Red for Women Luncheon Program and Red Dress Fashion Show, Thursday, Feb 15, at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center

Red definitely is the color to be seen wearing, not only at the mid-February event, but on National Wear Red Day, Friday, Feb 2 Dr Joan Crawford says if she sees a sea of red on either day, she ll know the American Heart Association campaign is accomplishing it's goal of raising awareness about heart disease in women

St John Health has partnered with the metro Detroit AHA to promote education about the No 1 killer and encourage women to take care of their heart Crawford is one of the physicians in the 2007 Metro Detroit Go Red for Women calendar featuring local nurses, heart disease survivors, celebrities, and media. In September, the women joined together on Belle Isle to have their photographs taken for the calendar that includes practical tips on reducing a woman's risk for heart disease. Nearly 500,000 women die from cardiovascular disease in the U.S. every year

"Ladies know your numbers, know your blood pressure, BMI (body mass index), cholesterol, know your sugar," said Crawford, medical director of cardiology at St John Oakland Hospital and director of Women's Services at St John Macomb Hospital "Have a physician you feel you have good communication with If you're not seen and not tested, you don't know If you have symptoms — shortness of breath, fatigue — and don't know what they mean, check it out"

Crawford dedicated herself to spreading the word about heart disease in women more than three years ago by lecturing on the topic and living a healthy lifestyle Crawford not only walks



Debbie Dingell (left) and Dr Pamela Marcovitz not only serve as chairpersons for the American Heart Association's metro Detroit Go Red for Women campaign but appear in the 2007 calendar

the family's Irish wolfhound in their Bloomfield Hills neighborhood every day, but goes to the gym and does pilates a couple of times a week in addition to running with her husband Michael, and their children Alex, 15 and Jacqueline, 12

'Exercise, exercise exercise, and take your weight seriously," Crawford said Keep your fat intake under 50 fat grams, cholesterol under 200 milligrams daily (for the average person, lower if you have coronary artery disease) Go to the heart healthy cooking section at the book store and look for recipes Eat a balanced diet, less meat Women like their trans fats and high-fat foods And stay out of fast food restaurants or at least take the time to check them out Find out what s under 20 fat grams, because you don't want to eat all of your fat grams at one meal"

As medical chairwoman of the Metro Detroit Go Red for Women campaign, Dr Pamela Marcovitz is doing everything possible to make sure the AHA meets its goal of cutting coronary heart disease, death and disability in women by 20 percent by 2010 That's why the Feb 15 lunch





PHOTOS BY NANCY SWEARINGEN

The women of St John Health Cardiovascular Network posed in front of the Belle Isle fountain for the 2007 Go Red for Women Calendar Pictured are survivors Michele Levell (left) Guyla Rasnick and Rose Martin (seated), Dr Joan Crawford cardiologist, Kristin Rice nurse practioner and Nancy Strelecky survivor

eon is important The AHA hopes to raise \$450,000 for research and education

The best thing about the luncheon is the morning session that includes free opportunities to assess your risk for heart disease, said Marcovitz, director of the Ministrelli Womens Heart Center at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and president of the board of the metro Detroit AHÂ. "Topics include healthy eating, how to reduce stress in your life to reduce your risk of heart disease There will be booths with free information and little gifts, pedometers Its estimated 80 percent of all heart disease could be eliminated with preventative measures and most of that is healthy lifestyle If you have a waistline of 35 inches or more, it puts you at risk for devel oping diabetes and is a strong risk factor for heart disease, as is family history and smoking

"Only about 3 percent of the population is doing what they need to lower their risk of heart disease'

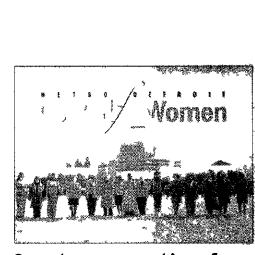
Debbie Dingell admits shes not the healthiest eater, but has revamped her diet, walks daily and visits her physician annually A senior executive at General Motors, Dingell is overseeing the Go Red campaign locally

The luncheon is a real opportunity to remind women about the importance of heart disease, Dingell said 'You can do little things for your heart — park the car further away, take the stairs Those are the kinds of things all of us can do

For details about the luncheon or calendar, call (248) 827 4214 For information on heart dis ease, visit www.americanheart.org

The calendar 1s available for a donation of \$15 to the AHA

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### Send us your tips for staying heart healthy

Do you have any special tips for keeping your heart " healthy? If so the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers would like to know about how you care for your heart for a future story in return you II receive the 2007 Go Red for Women Calendar from the American Heart Association's Greater Midwest Affiliate in metro Detroit Send tips to health editor Hugh Gailagher at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia Mi 48150

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#### Pandemic flu session

Madonna University is hosting two infor mation sessions about pandemic flu At each session. Sharon McMahon from St. Mary Mercy Hospital's infection control department will explain what a pandemic is, how to prepare for a pandemic provide an overview of Madonna's pandemic flu plan and share tips of what individuals can do in the event of a pandemic noon to 1 p m in the West Colonnade Lounge and 67 pm in Kresge-Hall Tuesday Jan 30 on the campus at 35500 Schoolcraft at Levan Livonia

Administrators from area colleges and universities area business lead ers and the general public are encour aged to attend this free informational session Call (734) 432 5741 to confirm attendance at either the afternoon or evening session

#### UPCOMING

#### Fund-raiser

Dr Herman Gray and Shirley Mann Gray both of Children's Hospital of Michigan will be the featured speakers at the 11th annual Circle of Friends fund raising luncheon of the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County 11 a m to 2 p m Thursday Feb 1 at The Townsend Hotel Birmingham A Circle of Friends Patron Preview Party will be held the evening

before at Mon Jin Lau Restaurant in Trov Special highlights of the 2007 Circle of Friends will be Boutique Shopping from 11 am to 2 pm

Circle of Friends patron level tickets are \$150 luncheon tickets \$75 For more information call (248) 332 7173 Tai chi for arthritis

10 11 a m Friday Feb 2 to March 23 at St Mary Mercy Hospital 36475 Five Mile at Levan Livonia Registration required as well as a fee payable prior to first class Enroliment limited Call (734) 655 8940 A relaxing pace will be set in each class with meditation and repetitive form sequences It's a great way for people of all ages to enjoy life and meet new friends while tak ing control of physical emotional and

mental health Tai Chi has also been shown to reduce pain and stiffness Free flu shots

It's not too late to receive a flu shot this season Botsford Hospital and Livonia Family Physicians are partnering to offer a free flu shot clinic 9 a m to 1 p m Saturday Feb 3 and 9 a m to noon Sunday Feb 4 at 17800 Newburgh Livonia The shots are offered to adults of all ages and to children accompanied by their parents CHADD meeting

#### Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder support groups offer presentations for parents and another for adults 7 30 9 p m (registration begins at 7 p m ) Monday Feb 5 at Way

reservations, call (248) 652-5269

Thursday, Feb 15, at St Mary Mercy

A Ladies Night Out takes place 6-9 p m

Hospital in Livonia From 6-7 pm relieve

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**GO RED HEART CHECKUP** 

Elementary School 765 W Long Lake Road east of Telegraph Bloomfield Hills Free for members \$5 donation per non member family with option to join on site For information call (248) 988 6716 Parent session will be on Thinking Straight about AD/HD and Mood Disorders with psychologist Steve Ceresnie PhD Adult presentation fea tures a testimonial by Gregg Slubowski on Substance Abuse Confusion and Self Sabotaging Behaviors Blood drive

American Red Cross holds a blood drive 8 30 a m to 2 30 p m Sunday Feb 11 in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church 15089 Newburgh Livonia Walk ins welcome Call (734) 464 1222

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#### Events focus on heart disease in women approximately 1 15 p m Tickets are \$25 For

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Local hospitals as well as the American Heart Association are doing their part to lower the incidence of cardiovascular disease through research and education Now it s up to women to learn about the risks by attending heart related events or scheduling a speaker at their organizations next meet ıng

Lindsey West is especially excited about a \$1 million Ford Motor Co Fund grant to institute the Healthy Hearts for Women mitiative of the Oakwood Healthcare System A Feb 7 lecture in Canton is just one of the ways Oakwood is fighting to reduce the risk of heart disease in women Organizations interested in presenting a lecture or screening to help women understand their risk for heart disease can call (313) 586 4938 to chedule a day and time

The AHA Go Red for Women campaign is encouraging everyone to become mvolved

### Exercise may ease fatigue

#### **Rick from Troy has been undergoing** chemotherapy and e-mails for tips on getting through it

Rick, new research shows that exercise can help reduce some of the fatigue associated with chemo!

Scientists followed a group of women aged 27 to 69 who were in the first few stages of chemotherapy Participants were put on an accelerometer to measure the calories burned during a controlled workout The women also kept a diary to record levels of fatigue Researchers found that as the amount of exercise increased the level of fntigue decreased The reduced fatigue levels did not carry over into non-exercise

AFTER

Oakwood is recruiting volunteers for a research study on preventing heart disease in women thanks to the grant from Ford For more information, call (313) 562-4132

"We re looking for women at moderate to high risk for heart disease, not for women with heart disease," said West, manager of community health for Oakwood Healthcare System Were looking at different interven tions to prevent heart disease in women and lower their risk

#### **CRITTENTON HOSPITAL**

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Fun, fashion, food, and learning is the focus of the Go Red For Women event 11 30 a m Friday, Feb 9, at Great Oaks Country Club Presented by Crittenton Hospital Medical Center, the event begins with a noon luncheon followed by an informational presentation about women and heart disease by cardiologist Dr B Shahbander, chief of cardiology at Crittenton, and a fashion show sponsored by Parisian of the Village of Rochester The program concludes at

> the most important time! Ken from Pontiac e-mails

programs.

it comes to ab workouts logic flies out the

Some believe that as long as you push the muscles intensely, there is no benefit in doing more sets Fans of multi-set workouts say muscles need repeated stress

definition for their abs do five sets of 10 reps of bench press and squats, then turn around and do five sets of 100 crunches They think the abs respond differently to working out than other muscle groups In this case, variety, not reps, is the key to success Try doing several different exercises using a variety of equipment like an exercise ball

Whether you do one set or a dozen, remember that the abs don't respond differently to exercise than any other muscle group and that proper diet is the second part of the puzzle!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers e mail Peter Nielsen through his Web site www.peternielsen.com.Contact.him.at.Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield

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next 10 years, visit www.GoRedForWomen org and click on Know Your Numbers then Heart CheckUp The Web site provides information on keeping your heart healthy in addition to the assessment Ichomin@hometownlife.com | (734) 953 2145



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Detroit Keynote speaker and Emmy award winning actress Tracey Conway tops off a morning of seminars screenings and a silent auction beginning at 9 a m Emceed by Lila Lazarus of FOX 2, the luncheon and fashion show begin at noon

The Red Dress tour presented by Deloitte, will also be on display featuring items from national and local celebrities including Dr Maya Angelou Oprah Winfrey, Vanna White and actresses Jackie Zemen and Kristen Bell

Call 248-827-4214 or visit www.americanheart.org/detroitgoesred

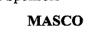


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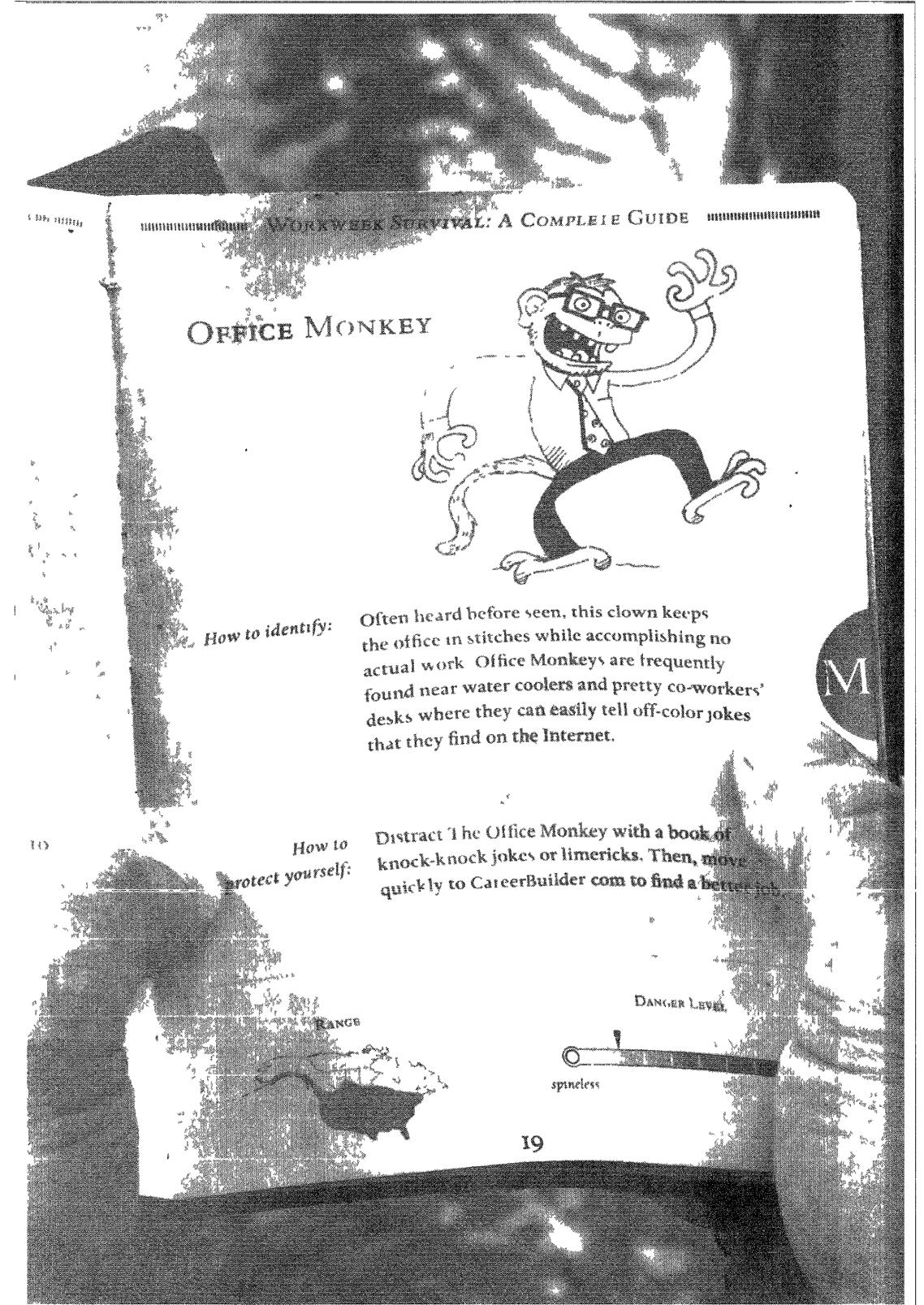
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#### Open house/science fair

St. Sebastian Catholic School in Dearborn Heights hosts an open house and science fair 11 30 a m to 2 p m Sunday Jan 28 The school is also accepting applications for the 2007 08 school year for students in preschool through eighth grade. The school is located at 20700 Colgate For more information call (313) 563 6640 **Dodworth Saxhorn concert** 

The Dodworth Saxhorn Band presents a concert at Kreft Center Black Box Theater on the campus of Concordia University 7 30 p.m. Thursday Feb 1 The Dodworth Saxhorn Band is a faith ful 19th century re enactment ensem ble based on the first acclaimed profes sional American Brass Band Tickets are available in advance for \$5 student (\$7 at the door) \$10 adult (\$12 at the door) For more information call (734) 995 4612

#### **Ewald scholarship**

The HT Ewald Foundation is accepting applications for its 2007 scholarship program Completed application must be postmarked by March 1 2007 To be eligible one must be a graduating high school student living in Metro Detroit and entering college full time in the fall Scholarship recipients are chosen based on their overall scholarship record leadership abilities community work character and financial need. To apply one must send in an official HT Ewald Foundation Scholarship applica tion three or more letters of recom mendation a photograph a minimum of 500 word autobiography and a com plete high school transcript Scholarships are awarded yearly in early August The scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$3 500 and the amount is based on the financial need of the recipient. The number of scholar ships awarded varies every year The scholarships are renewable for up to four years. For an application or more information call the HT Ewald Foundation office at (313) 821 1278 **Climb Detroit** 

Registration has begun for the first Climb Detroit fund raiser to benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan The event a stair climb up 70 flights at the Marriott Detroit at the Renaissance Center Michigan's tallest building takes place Sunday Feb 25 Registration is at 7 30 a m the climb starts at 8 30 a m Climbers will be awarded by age group and fastest time. Pre regi required by Feb 20 Cost of the climb is \$35 with an additional fund raising minimum of \$65 for the full climb and \$45 for the half climb To register visit www.climbdetroit.org or call the ALAM office (248) 784 2026

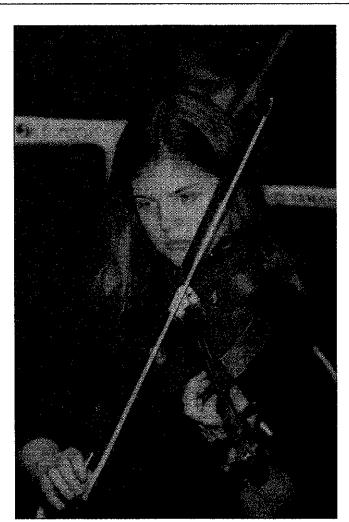


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#### **Audition arrangements**

Celebration Youth Orchestra violinist Taylor Pool concentrates on her music during a performance. The CYO conducts auditions for the second semester of the 2006-2007 school year this month Auditions must be scheduled in advance and can be arranged by calling the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society office at (734) 451-2112 Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and older with at least one year of instruction and wind brass, and percussion students ages 12 and older with at least three years of instruction

#### Egg-citing science

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#### Fibromyalgia workshop

The National Wellness Foundation hosts a free fibromyalgia workshop at the Carl Sandburg Library 7 pm Wednesday Jan 31 To register call (248) 426 0201

Waste to Watts The Ann Arbor Hands on Museum has our provide respite for family members or provide office support A free 15 hour comprehensive training program is provided. The next training session is February 10 17 and 24 from 9 a m to 2 p m All training takes place at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan headquarters at 25900 Greenfield Road Suite 600 For more information or to register call (800) 882 5720 Ext 8361 or visit www.vna.org

Career development scholarship The Wayne Business and Professional

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE THE PETITION OF RICHARD GARY LUNSFORD TO ADOPT AMANDA LEIGH PRICE AND CHANGE OF NAME TO AMANDA LEIGH LUNSFORD

Case # 07 A 2

#### **ORDER FILING PETITION FOR ADOPTION**

Women's Club is now accepting applica tions for a Career Development Scholarship' to recognize and support women entering or re entering the work force or seeking to advance their careers Candidates seeking application forms should send a stamped self addressed envelope to Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club Career Development Scholarship Committee 34030 Fountain Blvd Westland MI 48185 Completed applications are due postmarked by Jan 31 For more infor mation call Amy Allen (734) 522 1603 Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets with a help session at 6 p m and the meeting at 7 p m Thursday Feb 1 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 1041 W Grand River in Howell A panel discus sion will be conducted on Self Publishing Your Family History The public is invited. For more information call Margaret (810) 227 7745 Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290 OES Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon 3 p m the second Tuesday of each month Admission is \$6 event features table prizes and door prizes The temple is located at 27705 W Seven Mile in Livonia For more information call (734) 459 6063 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 coun ties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship light housekeeping errand running grief support and clerical services. For more information contact volunteer coordi nator Candice Jones (888) 973 1145 **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 com munication 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 **Toastmasters meet** 

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to present that report? If you answered 'yes" to any of these questions then Toastmasters is for you<sup>1</sup> Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6 30 p m at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley just south of Joy in the Golden Gate Plaza For additional information contact Bonnie at (734) 646 2237

#### 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 chil dren 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.newhopecenter.net

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#### Plymouth Newcomers

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0 5 meet several times during the week at mem ber 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 13 pm 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

#### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for *District-Wide HVAC Air Filters*. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416 2746 For technical information please contact Gene Montayne of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416 2962 Sealed bids are due on or before 100 pm Friday February 16 2007 at the front desk of the E J McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district

> Board of Education Plymouth Canton Community Schools JUDY L MARDIGIAN, Secretary

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON

#### Vegas Night

Notre Dame Prep/Marist Academy Pontiac campus is holding a Vegas Night featuring Texas Hold em poker craps blackjack and more to raise money for the school 6 30 p m Saturday Feb 3 Admission \$25 at the door 1300 Giddings Road Pontiac

#### Winter garage sale

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**CANTON CINEMA** 

extended the Waste to Watts exhibition through summer of 2007 due to popul lar demand Waste to Watts shows how new environmentally friendly technolo gy can turn our trash into electricity Developed by Landfill Energy Systems of Wixom Michigan this one of a kind exhibit demonstrates how methane gas recovery from landfills can be used as an alternative energy source ultimate ly reducing our dependency on other fuels Hours are 10 a m to 5 p m Monday Saturday noon to 5 p m Sunday For information visit www.aahom.org.or.call (734) 995 5439

#### VNA seeks volunteers

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michiganis hospice program needs compassionate volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life in Wayne Oakland and Macomb counties In as little as two to four hours per week volunteers can provide companionship write a mem

#### AND SETTING HEARING

On the 10th day of January 2007 came the Petitioner, Richard Gary Lunsford by counsel Aaron C Amore, with a Petition for adoption of Amanda Leigh Price and change of name to Amanda Leigh Lunsford

The Court finds the requirements of West Virginia Law have been met as the petition is proper in form. It is therefore accordingly ADJUDGED and ORDERED that the petition be filed

It is ordered that this matter shall come on for a hearing on the 1st day of March 2007 @ the hour of 11 00 o clock a m

It is further ordered that a home study is not necessary since the adoptive parent is the stepfather of Amanda Leigh Price and Amanda's mother Veronica Lunsford has signed an Irrevocable Consent to Adopt

The Clerk shall enter the foregoing order as of this date and shall send attested copies to all counsel of record and *pro se* parties

Thomas Steptoe JUDGE

Aaron C Amore ID #6455 Kratovil & Amore PLLC 211 W Washington Street Charles Town WV 25414

Affirmed by

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IN RE THE PETITION OF RICHARD GARY LUNSFORD TO ADOPT BRANDON THOMAS PRICE AND CHANGE OF NAME TO BRANDON EVAN LUNSFORD

Case # 07 A 1

OE085012

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The Court finds the requirements of West Virginia Law have been met as the petition is proper in form. It is therefore accordingly ADJUDGED and ORDERED that the petition be filed

It is ordered that this matter shall come on for a hearing on the 1st day of March, 2007 @ the hour of 11 00 o clock a m

It is further ordered that a home study is not necessary since the adoptive parent is the stepfather of Brandon Thomas Price and Brandon's mother, Veronica Lunsford has signed an Irrevocable Consent to Adopt

The Clerk shall enter the foregoing order as of this date and shall send attested copies to all counsel of record and *pro se* parties

Thomas Steptoe JUDGE

Affirmed by

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan, will accept sealed bids until 10 00 a m on Friday, February 2, 2007 for the sale of the following

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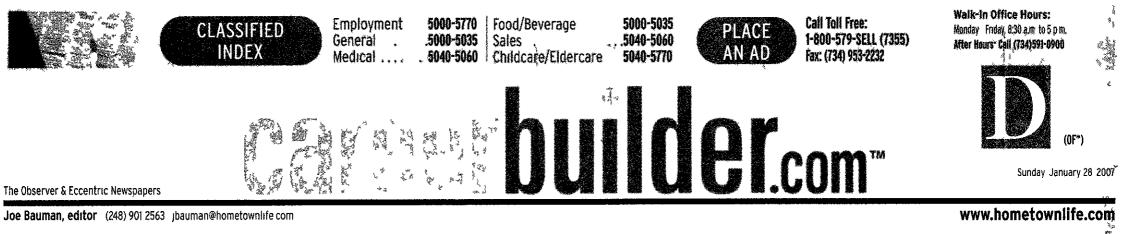
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### Parents can help teens with career exploration process

#### BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Let's say you re a parent who wants to give career direction to your child Maybe you re a teen looking to plan for a bright future

Lisa Heinze, career development facilitator for Troy High School, has some thoughts on teens preparing for careers The Troy district staff also serves the alternative high school with Heinze's counterpart from Troy Athens High, Nancy Zambardi

Educators approach career development with new graduation requirements from the state in mind, and from seventh grade on students are introduced to career planning

In seventh grade, we have to start teaching students what this document is all about, Heinze said of the Educational Development Plan mandated by the state to explore the career process

In eighth grade, they have to begin creating the document Students and staff use Career Cruising software in Oakland County, supported by grant money, to aid the career exploration process

Students can explore careers, for example getting information such as on registered nurses, how much is earned, the hiring outlook for all 50



states, what education is needed, links to colleges, both community and four-year across the country "It's a one-step tool for both students and parents, Heinze said A lot of students have dream jobs

in mind, such as professional ath

lete, she has found Educators try to counsel them on Plan B if that doesn't work out

Troy students in seventh and eighth grades are encouraged to explore career options We teach career education by exposing stu dents to pathways,' Heinze said Human services is one such pathway, such as lawyers or school counselors

Students do an interest inventory, and look at education needed to enter a field Student must evaluate their skills/abilities, "and then look at can they get to that ultimate goal"

By age 38, the graduates will have 10-12 job changes, Heinze noted "It's very difficult to prepare a student for a job of tomorrow We're looking to give them the foundational skills, we're teaching them to be lifelong learners'

There are many new emerging technology fields, she said Hobbies and clubs are good for career exploration, and educators take students on field trips in high school to explore different fields

There's also job shadowing/co-op, along with career speakers

Proposal 2 (the anti-affirmative action measure recently passed by voters) could be a factor in offering programs just for girls/young women to encourage them in nontraditional fields like engineering, Heinze said

"I think parents are more involved today in a child's career direction," she added "The business community has definitely sent the message that educators need to send students ready to succeed in the workplace There s an increased interest in career education, Heinze has found with many training opportunities in school for young people

Cindy Candela, job placement coordinator at the William D Ford Career Technical Center in Westland, agrees early exposure to careers matters "Just by talking, by including their children in career awareness activities' Field trips to workplaces are helpful, said Candela, as are campus visits for the college-bound, "any career awareness, trips to the fire department, just talking to kids"

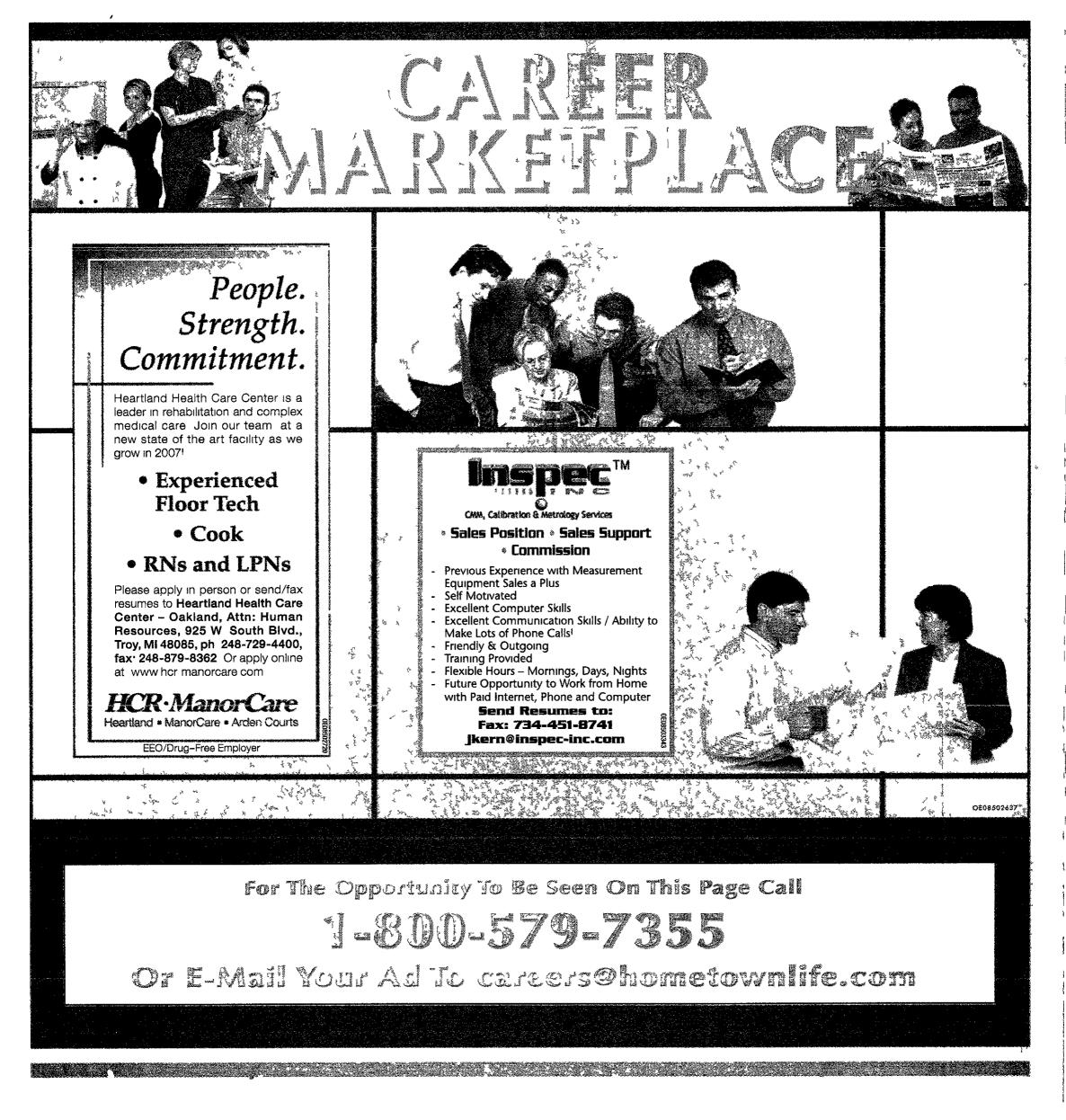
Adults can share their love for their own job is what helps kids with making decisions or looking into doing things,' Candela said

She agrees parents should take advantage of school career awareness programs and speakers

"I think part of it is the No Child Left Behind and state requirements,' Candela said of increasing focus on career education

'We bring kids on tours to the career tech center,' she said, referring to the Wayne-Westland schools facility Educators and students alike now realize they can't go work at Ford just because a father did

'We need to do more, said Candela, who also recommends interest inventories for students "It really helps them focus'





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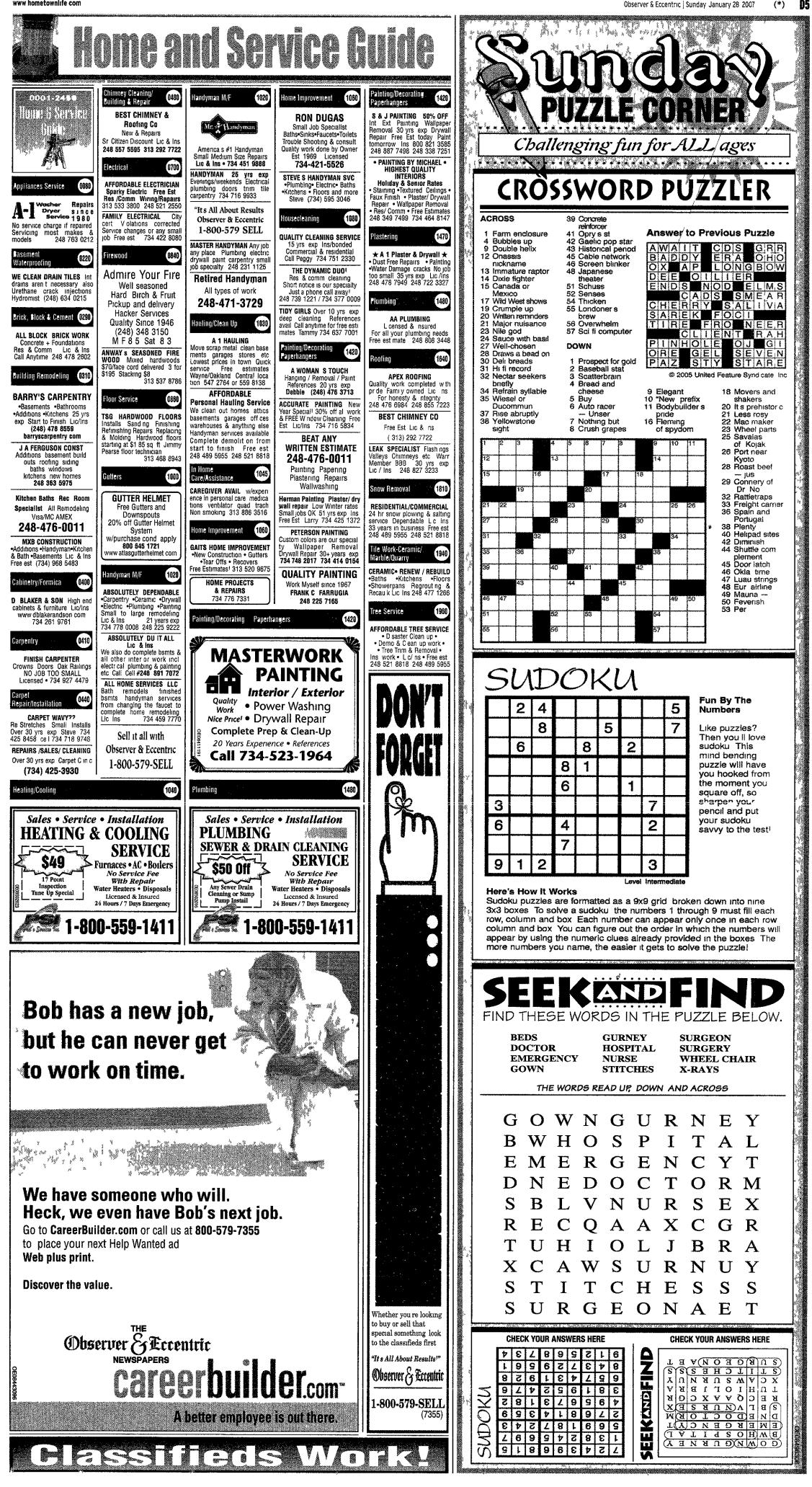
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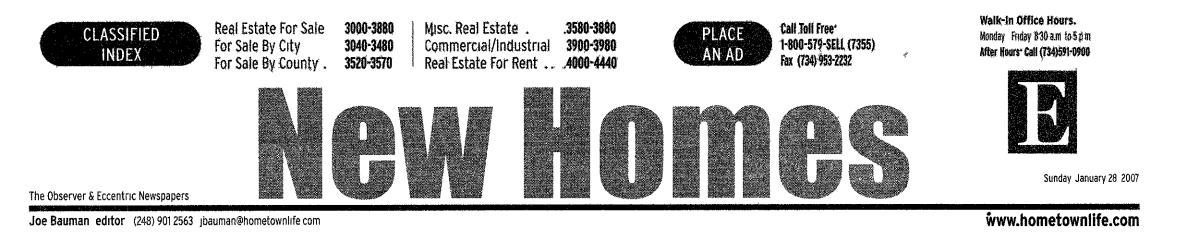


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### New Affordable Homes With Luxury Features In Westland Neighborhood

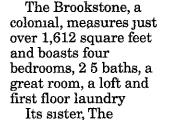
Danny Veri couldn't believe it when he crunched the numbers and saw a family with a household income of about \$40,000 could move into a home in Covington Estates

"This is just an incredible value," said Veri, a partner in Livonia Builders who teamed up with Tim Breault of Breault Homes to build the "neighborhood within a neighborhood" bounded by John Hix and Palmer in Westland

Covington Estates consists of 57 homes with only 26 left to be built in three available floor plans priced in the \$170.000's

"Eleven units sold the first week," Verı saıd "We set out to build affordable housing with exceptional standard features and people are

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Brookstone 2, also a colonial, is 1,624 square feet with four bedrooms, 25 baths, a great room. a den, an upstairs laundry and a small second floor loft great for a reading area or computer room

Veri said buyers can choose from six different elevations for the colonials

The third plan, a 1,600 square foot ranch called The Covington, has three bedrooms, two baths, a first floor laundry, living room, dining room and eat-in kitchen

The average lot size for all three homes is 70 x 120 and each has an



attached 2 car garage and full basement

Veri said buyers will be even more amazed at the home's affordability when they see the upgrades and extra amenities he and Breault have built into the homes

Guests are welcomed into the foyer by oak floors which are also used in the kitchen and nook Granite countertops, Merillat cabinets, Delta faucets, a undermount double bowl stainless steel sink comprise just some of the kitchen's amenities

The cabinetry and Delta faucets are carried into the ceramic tiled bathrooms with the powder rooms featuring a pedestal sink and oak floors

Ceramic tile is also used in the laundry rooms and carpeting covers the great room, dining room and bedrooms where ceiling lights illuminate the nighttime chambers

Each room is surrounded by 4 1/4 inch baseboard moldings and 3-inch door casing moldings finish out the two panel interior smooth finish doors

The homes are protected by a 90 percent efficient Comfort Maker furnace, a high efficiency 40 gallon hot water tank and R 30 insulation in the atuc

Options include a fire

place, air conditioning, sky lights and whirlpool tubs

Veri said the exterior is "100 percent maintenance free "

The ranch is completely brick as is the first floor of the two colonials The second floor of the colonials is finished in vinyl siding Overhangs on all three models are either aluminum or vinyl trim

Pella vinyl windows as well as glass block on the basement windows finish each home

Other accoutrements include a limestone address block, sod, sidewalks and streetlights and city water and sewer

Coach lights outside the garage lend to the aesthetics as well as a clear view of the home and garage in the nighttime hours The homes also come

with a one-year warranty

**Covington Estates** backs up to Stevenson Middle School in the Wayne-Westland **Community Schools** District and is nestled between two existing subdivisions where home values range in the upper \$200,000, Veri said

"We're walking distance to the school and Eellow's Creek Golf Course is just around the corner." he said adding Michigan Avenue is a

mere 15 miles away and is in close proximity to I-275 and local home improvement stores

"It's a very prestigious neighborhood," he said "The homes are very elegant and beautiful "

Veri said he can't get over the affordability of the homes

"We worked on slim margins to keep working,' he said "The main theme to this whole project was creating affordable housing with luxury features With an hourly sage of \$19 per hour fo household income you can buy a house v th all these features "

Veri worked with his in-house mortgage lender, Mortgage Concepts, and came up with a no money down,

30-year fixed rate mortgage plan which includes taxes and insurance for about \$1,400 a month

"You can even roll the closing costs into the mortgage," he said "It's just a phenomenal deal for a first time home buyer or someone looking for more square footage

"There's just nothing under \$250,000 with all of these outstanding features subdivision-wise in the Westland area"

An independent appraiser was hired and shows the appraised value of the homes are \$240,000 That's a 30% instant equity before even moving in

For more information, contact Ver1 at (313) 586-2559 or (734) 397-9140





#### **NEW HOMES**

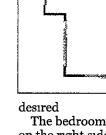
### Vista features ornate interior details

Colonial archways, different rooflines, tiled roof, and decorative cornices all catch one's eye when visiting the Vista (D6802) The attractiveness of the exterior pales in comparason to the ornate interior with its many transoms, high ceilings, and tile floors throughout The covered porch protects the large dual doors that open to the tiled foyer Beyond is the great room with high vaulted 14-foot ceilings and transoms accenting overhead To the side of the great room is the stairs to the basement If a basement is not desired, an alternate great room layout might contain an entertainment center along with a gallery for pictures

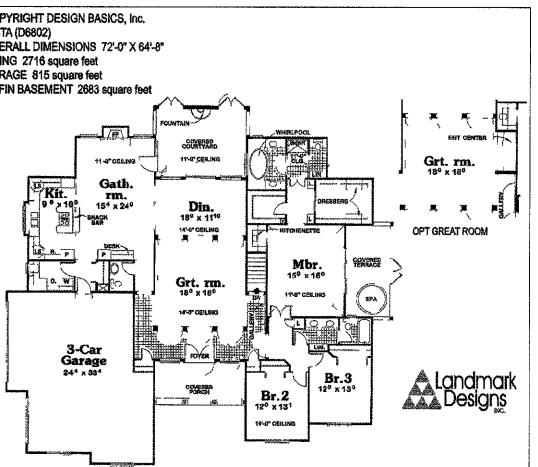
At the rear of the great room is a dining area that also has the 14-foot vault Off the dining area is a covered courtyard through sliding doors with transoms overhead Two ornate gates with a fountain between provide openings into the back yard

A long gathering room with a built-in desk on one end and a fireplace on the other end would make an ideal room for family gatherings A half bath is located at the end of the gathering room The kitchen, on left, is open and faces the center of the gathering room There is an island with the cook top and a snack bar Lazy susan tables are on each side of the sink, as well as a garden window over the sink Two pantries are opposite each other with the archway to the utility between The utility can be shut off from view if

**COPYRIGHT DESIGN BASICS, Inc.** VISTA (D6802) OVERALL DIMENSIONS 72'-0" X 64'-8" LIVING 2716 square feet GARAGE 815 square feet **UNFIN BASEMENT 2683 square feet** /FP 1 -O" CEILING Gath. **TH1.** 15<sup>4</sup> x 24<sup>0</sup>



on the right side of the Vista Bedrooms 2 and 3 are in the front of the home with their own private bath It has dual sinks and a tub, along with two linen closets Through an archway from the foyer, French doors open into the master suite which is totally awesome There ceiling is an 11-coffered vault and a covered terrace with a spa sits just outside the



The bedrooms are all located

main part of the suite For those evening snacks, a small kitchenette has been provided The rear of the master suite

has two walk-in closets, one much larger than the other and contains twin built in dressers Two linen closets are on each side of the larger closet The master bath also has its own hnen closet, as well as an over sized whirlpool tub, "his and her sinks, an oversized shower and the 11 foot vaulted ceilings

For a study plan of the VISTA (D6802), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Road E, Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151 Be sure to specify plan name and number CDs with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for your dream home (\$5 shipping and handling will apply) Or you may order or search online at www.ldiplans.com

#### **NEW HOMES BRIEFS**

#### Career seminar

Keller Williams Realty will be hosting career seminars at 6 30 p m Jan 31, Feb 8 and Feb 20, at the Plymouth Office, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road Suite 100, in Plymouth

These seminars will explore a career in real estate Find out about costs, compensation, training and prelicense requirements

RSVP by calling (734) 459-4700

#### Mortgage credit coaching seminar

Approved Mortgages 1s host ing a seminar on how to improve your credit score from 10 a m to noon Saturday, Feb 3 at the Public Library of Westland located at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland

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#### **BIA** announces executive committee

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan recently selected Richard Ives Trinity Land Development, of Clinton Township as its new president

Adorno Piccinini, Adco Group, Novi, is now treasurer. and Darshan Grewal, Singh Development, L L C West Bloomfield, 1s now secretary James P Babcock, Babcock Building Co Inc., St Clair Shores, moves on to immediate past president Continuing their positions

are James S Bonadeo, Bonadeo Builders, Plymouth, as president emeritus, Richard Komer, Wineman & Komer, Southfield, as first vice president, and vice presidents Paul Aragona, Aragona Properties, Clinton Township, Michael Moceri, Leader Homes, Inc, Novi, and Sam Palazzolo, **Palazzolo Brothers** Construction Co Irvin H Yackness continues to serve as executive vice president and general counsel

Newly elected to the executive committee is Richard Klıgman, Superb Custom Homes, Plymouth, as vice president

Our 2007 executive committee is comprised of the top professionals in the home building industry,' said Yackness "Their combined leadership, experience and expertise make them excellent representatives of our association as well as positive role models for our members'

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, BIA is a trade association representing more than 2,100 builders, remodelers, multifamily property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D C Membership nationwide includes more than 220,000 individuals and companies



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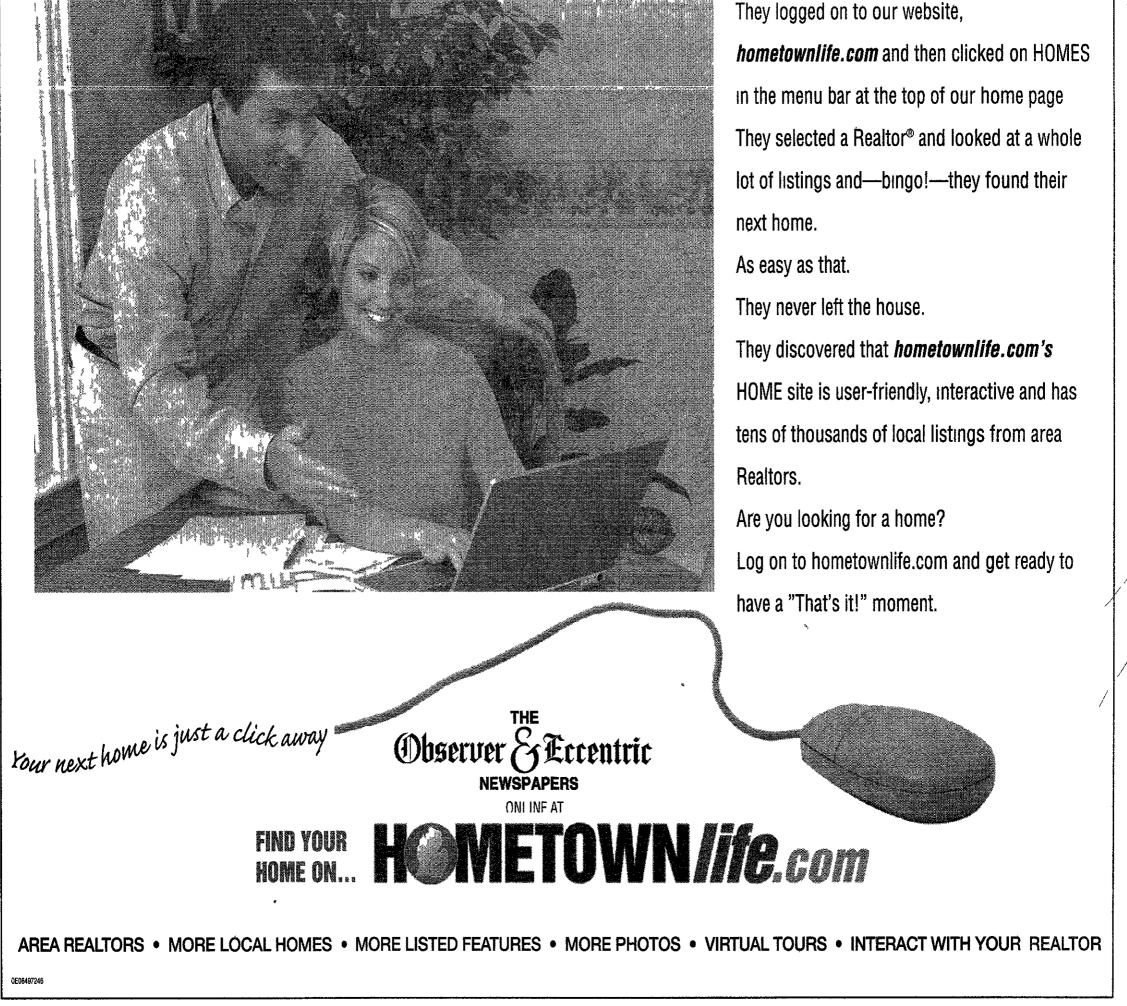
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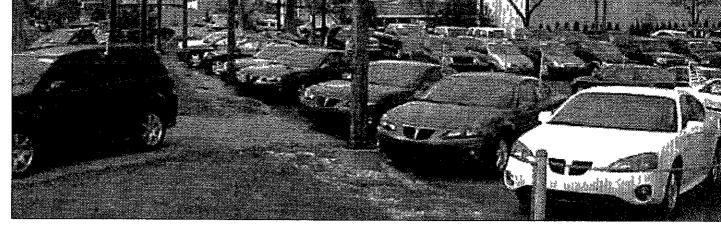
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Equipped with a powerful 175horsepower V-6 boasting 20 mpg crty and 29 mpg highway fuel economy, the Buick LaCrosse will capture your heart from the moment you slip behind the wheel There won't be any need for a salesperson to explain how to operate 'all the buttons because this LaCrosse will greet you like an old friend or a comfortable pair of slippers The cabin is exceedingly driver friendly with all controls neatly laid out before you like an elegant table setting And everything just seems to fit

The Buick LaCrosse still retains all the traditional value you ve come to expect from Buick From its luxurious well-appointed interior to the clean flowing exterior design LaCrosse makes a stylish impression

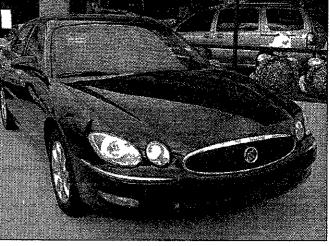
The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM s lineup Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls six-

position tilt steering wheel cruise control power windows locks and seats remote key fobs operating doors and trunk rear window defroster plus a stereo system that will blow you away Children aren t forgotten with

the rear seat upper and lower latch system for compatible child safety seats and rear door child security locks

Four-wheel independent suspension provides for solid handling and the ride of a magic carpet

Best of all, the new LaCrosse requires just a little more maintenance than a rock garden 100 000 miles between spark plug changes 100 000 mile transmission service intervals under normal driving conditions Wow



See the 2006 Buick LaCrosse at John Rogin Buick in Livonia.

It s no wonder that John Rogin Buick-Livonia considers the preowned 2006 LaCrosse to be the most car they ve ever been able to offer for the money And for the past several weeks they ve silently amassed hundreds of these wonderful units from throughout the country and brought them to Livonia Best of all today you can purchase a pre owned 2006 LaCrosse from John Rogin for nearly half its original value of \$24 000 list price new While they last

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### **MAZDA'S CX-9 SUV AIMS FOR TRENDY COUPLES**

Advertising Feature





#### By Kevin Koloian **Avanti News Features**

The people at Mazda thought outside of the box when designing the Mazda CX-9 by straying away from the traditional square SUVs that comprise most of the segment

It's this trendy approach that is sure to attract active young couples who are starting families and older couples with families who aren't ready to be minivan moms and dads just yet

"The CX-9 represents everything a Mazda SUV should be, offering ample power, striking appearance, fun-to-drive vitahty, precision build quality and unexpected versatility,' said Jim O'Sullivan, president and CEO of Mazda "While other vehicles in this category focus only on what's behind the driver's seat for the family, we have engineered a unique solution that is equally as exciting for the driver"

Like every other Mazda, the CX-9, which comes in front-wheel-drive and all-wheel-drive, is not short on Zoom Zoom It's powered by a new 3 5liter V-6 with 250 horsepower

Although six-speed automatic transmissions have until now been exclusive to more expensive SUVs, the CX-9 rewards its customers with this great feature as standard equipment

While CX-9 drivers will have plenty of Zoom Zoom in their acceleration, coming in at 18 miles per gallon city and 24 mpg highway, they won't have to dish out a lot of dough to keep this baby gassed

The CX-9's design stays trendy in the evercompetitive car market

Many mid-sized crossover SUV makers get caught up with a multi-purposed functionality look The Mazda CX-9, however, is designed to be sleek, but practical

So, without sacrificing versatility most SUV buyers want, the CX-9 pulls off the appearance of a vehicle costing two to three times less as its base



The CX-9 keeps Mazda's motto "Soul of a Sportscar" alive in this large SUV.

price of \$29,035 suggests

The CX-9's front end has Mazda's trademark sporty five-point grille But a horizontal streak of chrome floats on the front grille bar, making the CX-9's grille unique among other cars in the Mazda family

Making sure its drivers are accommodated with enough room for a growing family, Mazda designed the CX-9 from the outside looking in

There's enough room for adults in every seating position and plenty of cargo space for families The CX 9's 171 cubic feet of cargo space rivals most large sedan trunks and both second- and third-row seats fold flat to open up even more space all the way up to the front seats

The key to the CX-9's roomy interior is that it rides on a 113-inch wheelbase, one of the longest in its class, providing easy access to its three-row seating

To avoid the usual fight with latches and levers to drop down seats, Mazda thought of an easy solution to this problem For instance, releasing the second row seat in order to enter the third row requires only one quick hand motion to unlatch the seat and move it forward

Mazda also eased the process for folding the third row seat's backrest and pulling it back upright again by installing a simple strap attached behind the seat that serves both purposes

Mazda's made sure this crossover SUV has carlike safety features by equipping canopy air bags that protects all three rows of passengers from head injury, anti-lock brakes and stability control standard The CX-9 also features Ford Motor Co's Volvo-engineered, anti-rollover stability system

The ease of controls in the CX-9 will be invaluable to a parent dealing with their children wrestling in the back while trying to keeps their eyes on the road

The dash panel has large, clearly marked entertainment and climate controls, making it easy to command the settings while driving The controls are made up of a combination of cylindrical shapes and blacked-out instruments on a T-shaped instrument panel

The designer's attention to detail is noticeable everywhere inside the CX-9, from the lighting to the trim

By using brightly edged gauges with a metallooking trim and indirect blue light, Mazda achieved a relaxed look Indirect lighting was also used in the front and rear door trim and ceiling for a warm glow, producing a cool and calm atmosphere

Some luxuries CX-9 buyers can spoil themselves with include leather interior trim, power adjustment for front seats, rain sensing wipers, and mirror-mounted turn indicators



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