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Canton freshman Ashley Saunders pays close attention as she makes adjustments to her teams robot in preparation for the upcoming FIRST National Robotics Competition

Taking control with technology

PHS teacher nabbed in Internet sting

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth High School English teacher Orin Andrew Kennedy 1s free on \$50,000 bond after being arrested Thursday on charges he used the Internet to proposition a minor and sending sexually explicit material over the Internet

The Michigan Attorney General's office alleged the 27 year-old Kennedy chatted online, propositioned and exposed himself to someone he thought was a 14-year-old girl he met in a chatroom

Kennedy, who was hired by Plymouth-Canton in August 2005, was arrested Thursday morning at his Ypsilanti home, where investigators seized a computer and a Web cam He was arraigned in Ypsilanti s 14-B District Court on one count of using a computer to accost and solicit a minor for

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Even with property values going down, taxes are going up

School team puts finishing touches on robot, aims for title

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Nearly 60 Plymouth-Canton high school students spent a majority of their midwinter break in school, putting the finishing touches on a robot they built which - they hope - will show off their engineering skills and bring them home a championship

The robotics team at **Plymouth-Canton Educational** Park completed construction of its robot before Tuesday's dead line, when it was picked up by FedEx and shipped to Eastern Michigan University for next month's FIRST regional competition They'll contend with 64 other robotics teams, all trying

to make their remote-controlled robots pick up plastic innertube-like objects and place them on a rack faster and more accu rate than the competition

FIRST, or For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, 1s an organization founded by inventor Dean Kamen in 1989 to develop ways to inspire students in engineering and technology fields With computers, technology and engineering producing almostimmediate changes in today's world, students are getting hands-on experience that will give them an advantage in college – and eventually the real world - whether or not they go

PLEASE SEE ROBOT, A6

New yoga studio helps people unlock their true inner self

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

Lois Gannon and Carrie Honore say they knew they were on the right path when opening their own yoga studio went so smoothly

The mother and daughter team launched the evolve yoga studio, 7986 Lilley, last November The studio, its name spelled with a lowercase e,' already has a stream of regular customers and a handful of yoga instructors

"There's something about yoga that grabs you and lets you know your path in life, said Honore, whose husband, Mitchel, also owns a slice of evolve I don't know how it happens, but you almost have no choice but to unfold into your true self'

Since moving into the location, which previously housed slabs of granite, the two have transformed the space with

EVOLVE YOGA STUDIO

Owners: Lois Gannon and Carrie Honore Location: 7986 Lilley Road Phone (734) 454 YOGA Web site: www.evolve yoga net evolve offers one free class to newcomers Through June 30 new stu dents can pay \$40 for five classes The classes must be taken within 60 days of purchase

candles, plants, dim lighting and cube seats

Business has been very good,' Gannon said "People love the serenity and peace here Theres no judgment and we are all about honoring and

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listening to your body Gannon, who lives outside

of Ann Arbor and her daugh ter began doing yoga together years ago at a fitness club

I would dread going to the gym, but I really loved the yoga, said Honore, who lives in Ferndale "I just remember feeling so light I wasn t sleepy but I was very relaxed "

They chose to open the business in Canton because of its central location to their homes and its booming community

"The Ann Arbor and Ferndale areas are saturated with yoga studios, but there's nothing like what we re doing in this area," Honore said

The studio welcomes people who've never tried yoga as well as those with years of experience Classes include gentle yoga, toddler and me sessions, heart-centered yoga, basic yoga and lunch break yoga

PLEASE SEE YOGA, A3



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lois Gannon (left) and Carrie Honore are the mother and daughter owners of the evolve yoga studio

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

Canton Township officials are bracing themselves for an influx of calls after residents get a look at their 2007 tax assessment notices this weekend

One of the biggest concerns property owners may have 15 why their taxes aren't slated to go down if their property value has decreased, said Canton Assistant Treasurer Bruce Malinczak

"We ve made a concentrated effort to get the word out and keep homeowners informed," he said, but added that Michigan tax law can be hard to explain

Notices bearing each property's taxable value for 2007 are expected to arrive to landowners this weekend Property taxes are based on a property s taxable value not half of its market value, known as the state equalized value or SEV

The thing I keep pointing out is Proposal A," Malinczak said "We had the benefit for years but now it has (flipped)'

Before voters placed Proposal A on the books in 1994, property was taxed at half of its market value Today, property taxes are determined by a parcel's taxable value, which increases every year at the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is lower

Based on Proposal A, Malinczak said property taxes are designed to remain steady whether property values skyrocket or plummet

'Some people don't want to hear it but it is a break," he said, adding that a drop in property values isn t a widespread problem throughout the township

If property owners want to contest their 2007 assessment, they must do so at the March Board of Review

The review dates are March 12 and 13 by appointment and walk-ins are welcome March 17

Township Assessor John McLenaghan said property owners must show proof, such as an appraisal, that their assessment is too much if they want to have a successful appeal

You have to have more than a gut feeling because everyone thinks they're paying too much,' he said, adding that some residents do prove their cases before the board "It's definitely not a lost cause if you have good data

McLenaghan said each appeal takes about 10 minutes

For more information or to schedule an appeal, call the assessor's office at (734) 394-5111

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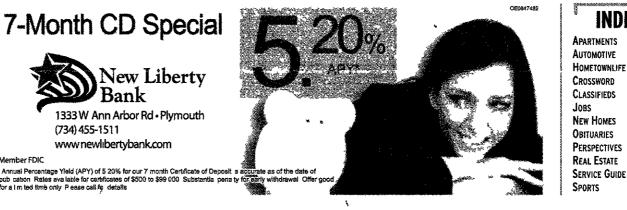
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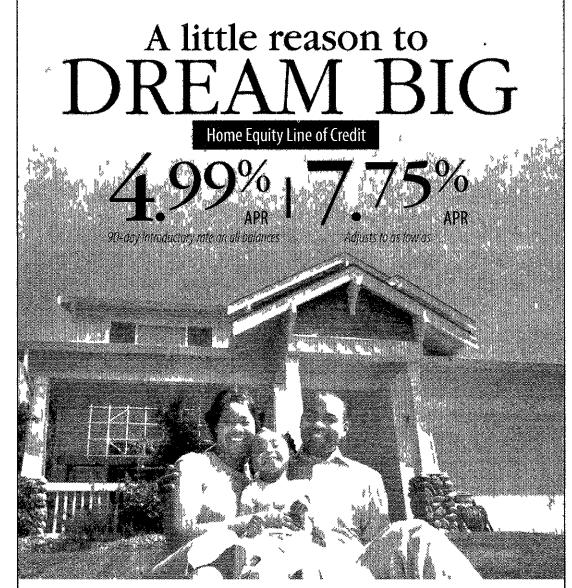
The Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday Feb 27 has been canceled due the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools special election

Van Buren Schools meetina

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education is scheduled to meet at 7 30 pm, Feb 26 at the Belleville High School Food Service Center, 555 W Columbia Avenue in Belleville Items on

the agenda include a 2006 -2007 amended budget recommendation, Maintenance Advisory Committee recom mendations, elementary prin cipal recommendations, and assistant transportation super visor recommendation For more information, call

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Players are 'Footloose'

The Park Players present their production of Footloose, based on the 1980s screen version starring Kevin Bacon March 22-24 and March 30-31 with 8 p m performances in the Gloria Logan Auditorium for the Performing Arts inside Salem High School

Footloose tells the story of city boy Ren McCormack who has to move to a small rural town in America where dancing is banned Pandemonium strikes as Ren cuts loose and soon has the whole town on its feet Tickets are \$10 for all shows, all ages Tickets can be purchased 2 30-5 30 p m Monday-Thursday in the upper auditorium at Salem High School, or at the door one hour before curtain on performance nights Visit www.parkplayers org or

contact Kristen Quesada for more information by e-mail at quesadk@pccs k12 m1 us or by calling (734) 582-6836

Swimming scholarship

The James W Franklin Scholarship Fund provides \$1,000 for graduates of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools who participated in an organized swimming program during high school

The scholarship application is available in the high school counseling offices or on-line at www.JamesWFranklin.com Applications for this years award are due March 1, with the award being announced at the annual Honors Convocation in May

Trinket or treasure?

Showroom of Elegance, 6018 Canton Center Road in Canton, will host its annual Trinket or Treasure" event from 9 30 a m - 6 p m on March 3 The event provides the opportunity to find out if a jewelry item is truly a trinket or a treasure A certified appraiser will be on hand to make this determination for a donation of \$10 per item, all of which will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter

"It is an honor to hold this fund-raiser for the Alzheimer's Association,' said Linda Robin, owner of Showroom of Elegance 'It is a wonderful opportunity for us to support such an important charity

Alzheimer Association helps those dealing with the challenges of Alzheimers disease Appointments are advised and can be made by contacting Showroom of Elegance at (734) 207-1906

Skilled volunteers needed

Christmas in Action is looking for volunteers to participate in their April 28 action day to provide free home repairs for elderly and lowincome homeowners in Canton Volunteers are needed for general home repair jobs, painting and yard work Individuals with special skilled trades such as plumbing, electricity, roofing and drywall are especially needed

If you would like to volunteer, please call Pat VanDusen at (734) 394-5193 or e-mail at pvandusen@canton-mi org

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Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack will present his 'State of the Township' address at the Canton Chamber of Commerces March networking luncheon on Wednesday, March 7 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill A buffet lunch will be served beginning at 11 30 a m, followed by Yack's presentation in the main theater

The cost for the luncheon, which is open to the public, is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert The luncheon is being sponsored by Huntington Bank Seating is limited and reservations are needed To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040 Deadline for reservations is March 2

'Mom 2 Mom' sale

In anticipation of their upcoming Mom 2 Mom sale, the Canton Newcomers invites table renters to sell new and gently used maternity, baby and child items, including furniture and larger play equip-ment The sale will be held on Saturday, April 21 at the Summit on the Park from 8 30 am to 1 pm The event will also feature door prizes and more

For more information, please call (734) 699-7398

VFW fish

The VFW Post 6695, 1426 S Mill Street (Lilley) in Plymouth, will host fish fry Fridays from 5-7 p m every Friday though Good Friday The cost of the all you can eat baked or fried fish is \$8 for adults, and \$5 for children Dinner includes potato or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, and roll

CORRECTION

A story in the Feb 18 Canton Observer regarding the repayment of costs to pave a portion of Lotz Road off of Michigan Avenue should have said Eleanor Wiles paid her annual special assessments for 2004 and 2006 According to a family member, Wiles, who owns two parcels of vacant land on the stretch of road was to pay her assessments for 2005 on Thursday





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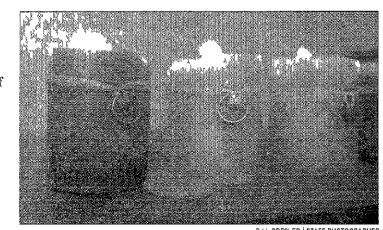
Honore said the age range of customers spans from 18 months to 84 years old

I love seeing people who ve never done yoga become excit ed about the changes they feel in their body, Honore said This is not a competition sport We do not care about what you re wearing or what you look like As a matter of fact, most of the (movements) are done with your eyes closed

As Gannons only child Honore said she works well with her mother although they tease each other about their work styles

'She says I m messy because she likes everything so neat Gannon chuckled

The two previously owned a sandwich shop together Both



B LL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Soft lighting and candles greet students of yoga at evolve

of them say they meditate everyday and practice yoga about five times a week

The studios earliest classes begin at 8 a m but Gannon said they ll soon offer a 5 30 a m class at the request of customers

The evolve studio also sells various items including

T-shirts yoga mats books, music skin care products, incense and soaps

Those interested in taking a class can call (734) 454-YOGA or log on to www.evolve yoga net

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Officials cold on idea of regional fire department

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WR TER

Talks are still early but some Canton officials say the township may not reap any benefits from a regional fire department

The township recently banded with Westland Northville Township Plymouth Plymouth Township and Livonia to dis cuss the feasibility of consoli dating fire services

Preliminary discussions between the communities are already under way and the Canton Township board dis cussed the possibilities Tuesday night during a study session

Varying budgets and levels of service throughout all of

the fire departments may be obstacles too big to overcome Trustee Melissa McI aughlin said

Canton spends \$9 8 million on fire service Northville spends \$4 6 million Westland spends \$11 4 million Livonia spends \$10 7 million and the city and township of Plymouth spend \$3 8 million

McLaughlin expressed con cein about Westland and Livonia's older infrastructure and also pointed to Canton offering more services than Northville

I can t see them wanting to spend more money to come to our level she said

As he wont through a Power Point presentation Public Safety Director John Santomauro said the township must remain cognizant of the pros and cons associated with consolidation

Santomauro cautioned against making partnerships that tuin into subsidies

Representatives from each community expect to hear the costs associated with a feasi bility study from consultants Plante Moran At that time, each community will decide if it's worth putting money

toward further discussion Even if combining whole fire departments isn t viable Santomauro said the neighboring communities could partner where appropriate in specialized areas People like their fire

department here he said

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Absentee ballots could determine fate of bond

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Absentee ballots may be a major determining factor in deciding the fate of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools \$62 1 million bond issue as local clerks expect a small turnout at the polls Tuesday

Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill said her office issued more than 2,800 absentee ballots — with more than 75 percent having been turned in by Friday — which is several hundred more than a typical May school board election

"This is an issue that hits people in the pocketbooks, so they're voting absentee," Massengill said 'As for Tuesday, at lot will depend on the weather, but I don't expect a huge turnout" Plymouth City Clerk Linda Langmesser

agreed with the sentiments of Massengill

I m anticipating a slow day,' Langmesser said I think absentee voters will be a major part of the outcome'

Langmesser said the 745 absentee ballots that were sent out is in line with other school elections

Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett said her office mailed out more than 4,700 absentee ballots, with about 76 percent turned in as of Friday morning

That s a tad low, Bennett said 'We ve still got 1,128 ballots out, and we're usually down to about half that by this time

We got about half of the absentee ballots in during the first couple of weeks after we sent them out, she added But the last week or so, they've been just trickling in "

Bennett said her office usually gets a feel for how the turnout at the polls will be, however, she's not making any predictions for Tuesday

'We sometimes get vocal voters who tell us how they feel," Bennett said But it's been pretty quiet around here"

Major features of the bond include

Building a new middle school in Canton Township to replace Central Middle School in Plymouth, and reimbursing the general fund for the cost to purchase the land

Remodeling Central for the district's alternative education program, which is currently housed at Starkweather Education Center

■ Adding additional classrooms at Pioneer Middle School, Salem High School and Field Elementary

Constructing a gymnasium at Field Elementary

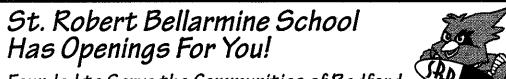
Purchasing 13 new school buses
 Creating safety improvements, including security cameras at Plymouth-Canton
 Education Park

Academic-related updates to comply with state imposed graduation requirements

According to the district, if the bond passes it will require a tax increase of 0 6 mills, costing the average homeowner — with a market value of \$275,000 - \$83 a year

The polls Tuesday will be open from 7 a m to 8 p m

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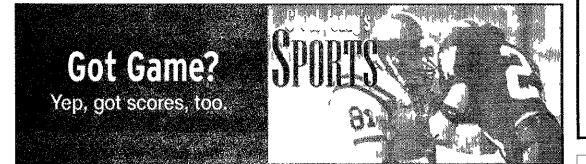
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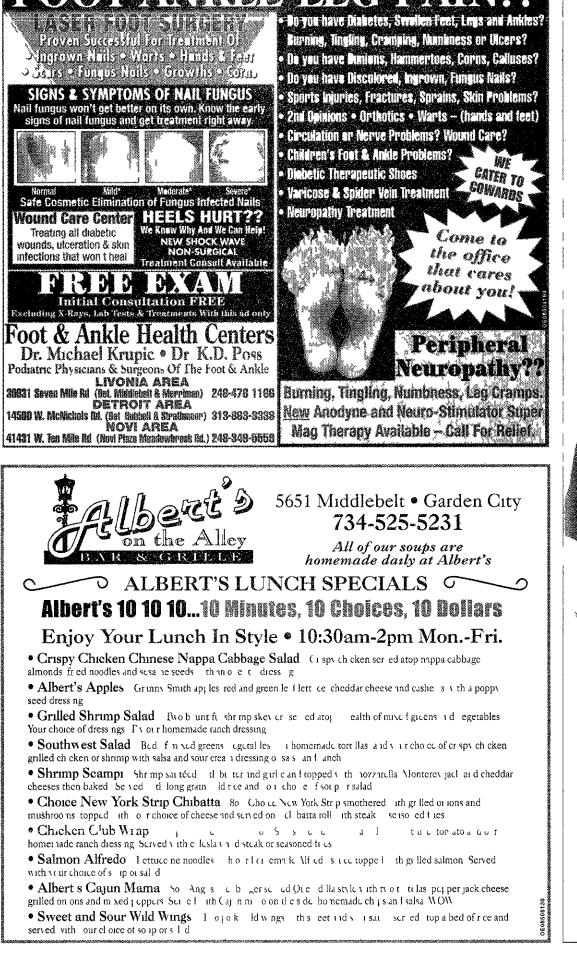
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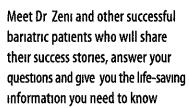
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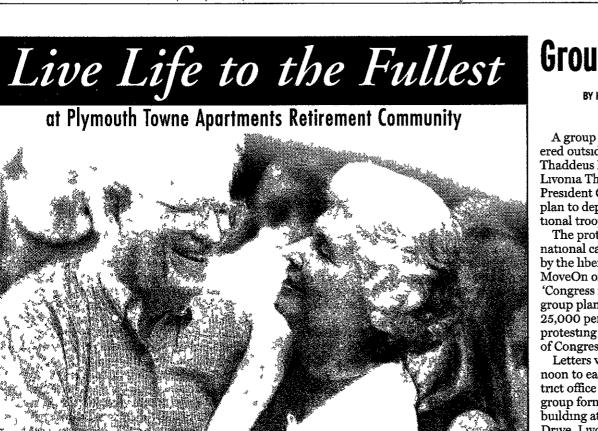
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Group delivers anti-war letters to McCotter

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

A group of about 30 gathered outside US Rep Thaddeus McCotter's office in Livonia Thursday to protest President George W Bush's plan to deploy 20,000 addıtional troops to Iraq

The protest was part of a national campaign sponsored by the liberal political group MoveOn org With the theme 'Congress is the Decider, the group planned to deliver 25,000 personal letters protesting the war to members of Congress from both parties

Letters were delivered at noon to each congressional district office The 11th District group formed outside the office building at 17197 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, where McCotter has his 11th District headquarters He also has an office in Milford

McCotter, a Republican, has been a steady supporter of the war in Iraq On Feb 15, he voted against a Democraticsponsored non-binding resolution against the deployment of the additional troops, calling the resolution impotent and immoral

Participants took turns denouncing the war through a megaphone, as a steady wind whipped printed and handdrawn signs around In addition to "Congress is the Decider, other signs read Our soldiers fulfilled their mission without question. It is our duty to question the mission in their behalf, "Troops Home Now" and "Iraq War, Who dies, Who Pays, Who profits

When the protesters moved inside, they were briefly challenged by the building manager, who told them McCotter was not in the building and that the congressman's staff did not want to meet with the group

'You can make an appointment with him You're not a tenant of the building," he told them

After a brief discussion, the protesters proceeded up to McCotters second-floor office The manager told them not to be disruptive to other tenants

The group's letters were



Larry Betzler of Milford a Vietnam veteran, reads his letter against the war in Iraq during a protest Thursday outside of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's Livonia 11th District office

accepted by a staff member Robin Reading of Highland organized the 11th District protest He began a Huron Valley chapter of MoveOn org a couple of months ago

'I've voted Republican most of my life,' he said

But he said he can't see anything changing under the Bush administration

"Obviously, the American people are against the escalation You've got the bipartisan Iraq study against it, (former Secretary of State) Colin Powell against it, the military leaders against it, he said "March 19 will be the third anniversary of the Iraq War We've lost 3,000 American lives, we've lost 10,000 lives of Iraq men, women and children not involved in combat"

The group included several former members of the armed services

Larry Betzler of Milford is a US Army veteran who served from 1967-70, including two tours of duty in Vietnam

'I was part of the escalation of troops ordered by President Johnson,'he said "That escalation led to a significant increase in attacks, including the Tet offensive The only thing we saw was a greater determination by the enemy to fight "

In his letter to McCotter, Betzler said the situation in Vietnam only improved through diplomacy rather than military action

(É)ventually we withdrew our troops and over the course

of the last 30 years our government chose a more civil path in our relationship with the Vietnamese government and its people,' he wrote "Today, we have won the hearts and minds of the Vietnam government and the people of Vietnam Today, Vietnam is a friend to the US government and US people and is a major US trading partner This was accomplished, not through escalation of military troops, but through much diplomatic discussion

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Another veteran, Roy Lindhardt of Livonia, said he served five years in the Navy in the early 1960s He said he would support impeachment of Bush, Cheney and others in the administration He said he worries about the extent of the president's emergency powers as tensions grow over the war

The majority of those gathered at McCotter's office were middle-aged and older Rachel Lamontagne, 24, of Commerce Township was the exception

'My mother has been involved with political activism for years," she said I went to the rally in Washington two years ago and will go again next month I am so fed up with President Bush

She said she wished that more people from her age group would get involved in the protest Lamontagne is a criminal justice student at Wayne State University

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immoral purposes which is a 10-year felony, and one count of using a computer to disseminate sexually explicit matter to a minor, a four year felonv

Kennedy was released after posting \$5,000 cash, and is scheduled for a preliminary exam March 14

"The conversation began in early January when the defen dant first contacted who he thought was a 14-year old girl who really was an undercover agent in our office, said Matt Frendewey a spokesman for Attorney General Mike Cox The conversation turned sex ual and the defendant propo sitioned the 14 year old girl

He never arranged a meet ing, but we have sufficient evi dence to charge him he added Exposing yourself to a 14 year old girl and proposi tioning her is inappropriate in any context

Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt Jim Ryan said he was shocked and disappointed after receiving the call from Washtenaw County authori ties

Mr Kennedy has been put on leave, and we re in touch with our legal counsel to determine our options said Ryan, who said he also noti fied the Board of Education

The legal process will take place and we ll work from our end on how we want to pro ceed

Our lead tech is checking the computer today (Friday), but from all indications nothing happened at school he added

School district officials mailed letters home to the parents of Kennedys 135 stu dents informing them of the incident and of a long-term substitute who will be taking over the class

In Mr Kennedys absence a substitute teacher will provide the instruction necessary to help all of the students meet the objectives of the course read the letter from Mike Bender director of secondary education We want to assure you that this incident did not occur on school property We are currently performing an internal investigation and will take appropriate steps once it has been completed

their children parents should contact the Attorney General s office at (313) 456 0180 Frendewey said, thus far they aren t investigating any other cases involving Kennedv

No other people have come forward and nothing else has been found in our forensic audit of his computer" Frendewey said

Ryan said Kennedy apparently hasn t been in trouble with the law before otherwise the school district would have been notified

Everyone who is hired has to be fingerprinted and every year we get an updated list from the State Police Rvan said This year the list had some people with old misde meanors but no one had a felony

We wouldn t hire anyone who wouldn t be safe around our children " he added

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Unregistered sex offender arrested

A Warren man has been arrested in Canton for failing to register his address as a sex offender

After police received a call of suspicious activity on 41 000 block of Old Michigan they arrived at a trailer home and spoke with its owner

Officers then identified every one in the trailer and after run ning a check on the Warren man they discovered he had failed to register his address with Warren officials When questioned the man told police he thought probation officials had registered him in the sys tem

Fraudulent phone accounts

Two Canton men reported to police Monday that fraudulent telephone service accounts had been established in their names

COP CALLS

One man 55 discovered a Sprint account with a balance of \$1 530 in his name He was told by Sprint officials that the account was opened in the township but they refused to give him the address linked to the account

The man told police the per son using the phone did make payments for a while but then stopped

Another man 59 says he has three unauthorized telephone accounts on his ciedit report

When he became aware of an AT&T account for \$115 and an SBC account for \$459 the man called a credit reporting agency and they told him of a Cingular account that hadn t appeared on his credit report The bal ance of the Cingular account is \$365 and the bills were being mailed to a Detroit residence

Teens violate curfew

Two teenagers were ticketed for curfew violation after they were spotted walking along Cherry Hill Road during Tuesday s early morning hours

Officers stopped the teens a 16-year old boy and a 14 year old girl near Haggerty Road

They said they had snuck out of their homes and were on the way to a friends house

After noticing a small box sticking out of the boys pocket he was asked if he had anything illegal on him He said no and was patted down Officers dis covered he was carrying two boxes of cigarettes

Both teens were placed in the back of the police vehicle until their parents arrived In addi tion to the curfew violation tick et the boy was cited for having the tobacco

Failed theft of forklift

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A thief s unsuccessful attempt to steal a forklift from a con struction site on Canton Center Road caused \$300 worth of damage to the item

A 38-year-old Garden City man reported to police Monday; that he rented the forklift for the construction of a drugstore 1 near the Canton Center/Geddes intersection When he arrived at the site Monday morning, he* discovered that the yellow and black forklift had been propped up on the back end of a flatbed trailer that was attached to a Ford truck Police later discov ered that the Ford was stolen Its unknown if the trailer was also stolen

The man who rented the forklift from a Melvindale company, reported that the ignition had been damaged

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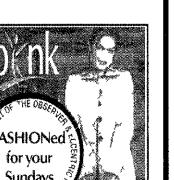
Parents who have concerns can contact district officials at (734) 416 2705

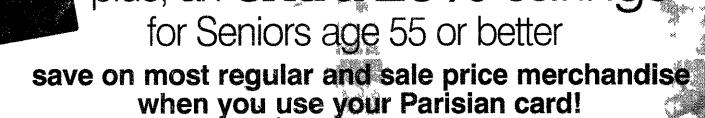
The arrest 1s the 122nd attributed to Coxs Child and Public Protection Unit which investigates Internet sexual predators

Predators continue to lurk on the Internet trying to approach minors " Cox said My office will not let up in its pursuit to track down and prosecute these predators who seek to harm Michigan's chil dren

Cox urged parents to check their children's online 'buddy lists for screen names Kennedy used including oxyd69' If they believe Kennedy was in contact with







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into engineering

"It's not just about building a robot," said Julie Rowe, 17, of Canton, who is debating whether to major in English or engineering in college It's about things like logistics and team management FIRST is a microcosm of the real world ordering parts, learning how to use a mill, functioning in an engineering setting, working as a team

The Robotics Team has been working six days a week since Jan 6, when they received nothing but a box of parts In six weeks they had to design, build and test the robot before competition

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'Its a challenge, admitted Matthew Korzeniowski, 17, of Canton, who will major in engineering at the University of Michigan 'We get six weeks to build something that takes corporations years to do

'There's a lot of engineering we do, like how much force you get out of the motors, and how many pounds can we put on the end of the arm before it snaps in two,' he said

The P-CEP robotics team, in its eighth year, is led by technology education teacher Jay Obsnuk

"We ve never won a regional, but have always done well," Obsniuk said "Last year, at the Wisconsin regional, we won the Delphi Award for our control system and the spirit award

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dent-built robot," he said The mentors tell the kids what to do, and participate only when the kids need help The kids

design it, build it and test it" Obsnuk said while the mentors - engineers from sponsoring automotive and manufacturing companies - are allowed to build the robot, he believes students get much more from the experience by doing the project themselves

"I've had kids who went on to Purdue (Universitys) engineering school, Michigan Tech and Lawrence Tech call up and say this experience has put them two-three years ahead of everybody else in their class, Obsniuk said They're learning what a sprocket is and how to design a gear ratio They're doing things other students are just learning how to do

Korzeniowski, who has been on the team since his sophomore year, said his essays to get into U-M were about FIRST and his participation on the robotics team

This program definitely helped me, Korzeniowski said "Before I joined the team, I wasn't sure I what I wanted to do But, after playing with robots, I knew this is what I

wanted

The P-CEP robotics team had been sponsored in the past entirely by Visteon, to the tune of about \$15,000 However, Visteon contributed only \$5,000 this year, so the P-CEP team also picked up Bosch Corp - which is building a new headquarters in Plymouth Township – as a sponsor

Marty Beeker, a navigation systems tester at Bosch who will soon be moving his office from Farmington Hills to Plymouth Township, mentored Northville High School students for five years before Bosch teamed with Plymouth-Canton Beeker said automotive companies and suppliers may be experiencing tough times, but they aren t cutting back on efforts to attract future engineers

It's still a wise investment, Beeker said 'You have to build for your future, otherwise your struggles today get compounded tomorrow And, Bosch has made the decision to stay with it and keep investing in the future"

In fact, because of the FIRST program, Beeker said Bosch has four students from the Bosch team at Northville

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Plymouth senior Julie Rowe (from left), Salem junior Mayur Patel, and Canton freshman Ashley Saunders work on their robot for the upcoming FIRST National Robotics Competition

working for them

This program is definitely attracting students that wouldn't normally be engineers, or wouldn't be necessarily aware of engineering, and directing them into engineering,' he said "Students, hopefully, will get a good direction and career path

The P-CEP robotics team has gone from less than 10 students at its inception to several dozen today And,

while at one time those who created robots were considered geeks, that apparently 1sn't the case today

'Once you form a team with people, it's a whole new experience," said Rowe There's a lot of respect you get when you strap a couple of joy sticks onto a robot and drive it through the hallways at lunchtime

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Ficano proposes tax-free zone for Cobo

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano is asking the state legislature to create a taxfree zone at Cobo Center to attract more trade shows and conventions The proposal is part of Ficano's continuing efforts toward renovating and expanding the convention center in downtown Detroit

Ficano made his proposal Thursday night during his annual State of the County address before several hundred people at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn

He said he will ask the legis lature and the governor to warve the 6 percent sales tax for purchases made at Cobo Center

'Boat and auto dealers could sell their products during the show A visitor would save hundreds of dollars on the purchase of a new vehicle," Ficano said The no tax zone would give Cobo a marketing tool to attract other conventions that

wanted to buy and sell their

In December, Ficano pro-

vation and square-foot

expansion for Cobo Center to be financed by extending hotel-motel

and hquor taxes to 2037 Ficano argues that it is essential to renovate Cobo to keep the North American International Auto Show in the city and to attract other major conventions

"The new Cobo will not raise taxes but will provide hun dreds of millions of dollars in economic impact each year to the city of Detroit, Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties, Ficano said Thursday "Momentum is building from Mayor Kılpatrıck, Gov Granholm the Detroit Auto Dealers, the Big Three, corporations, the media and other stakeholders'

Ficano returned to several themes he has been addressing in recent years – developing

international trade, particular-

ly with China, making Wayne

County a center for alternative

energy production, and creat-

ing an aerotropolis, centering

future county development around the county's two airports, Metro and Willow Run

Thursday Ficano announced plans for a second biodiesel plant in Wayne County Advanced Resource Recovery will build a facility in Inkster The facility will employ 40 people

Ficano continues to support development of E85 and other alternative fuels

'In Wayne County, we have converted our entire diesel fleet to biodiesel and have been using biodiesel in our road and salt trucks since last summer, he said

The county currently has five gas stations offering E85 fuel, including two in Canton

CHINA TRIP

In November, two days after being re-elected to a second term Ficano led his second trade mission to China Thursday, he played a recorded greeting from Jianong Wu, vice mayor of Chongqing, China The county has established business, educational and

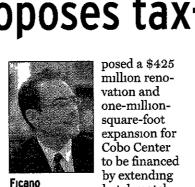
As another economic stimulus, Ficano proposed an annual tax holiday, to waive sales taxes during a week in August for back-to-school shopping The tax holiday would extend to clothing, books and supplies priced at \$100 or less per item, computers up to \$2,000, and furniture, small electronics and computer software less than \$500 per item He said Washington, DC, and 14 states have tax holidays

Ficano announced that representatives from communities in the proposed Airport City areas will be visiting airports in the Netherlands and Germany

'We will look at best practices and experience firsthand what makes an Airport City work well,' he said

As part of this Airport City development, Ficano said more needs to be done to develop mass transit

We must have a commuter rail from Ann Arbor to Detroit,' he said 'We don t need more studies of polls or opposition Super Bowl Forty showed us that the lack of mass transit has an adverse effect on this region We can compete with any area, but in order to do so, we need a better way of getting people where they need to go ' Ficano also cited accomplishments of his administration including balancing the budget for four consecutive years, launching a land bank to provide funding to develop foreclosed and abandoned property, the Nuisance Abatement Program to fix up hundreds of homes, and the county's one-stop business resource center





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trade partnerships with China, including a partnership with **Plymouth-Canton schools**

We must continue to nurture the business relationships started on these trade missions to capitalize on China's momentum, Ficano said "To attract and retain companies here, we must have a global market place that is competitive with a level playing field We cannot repeat the mistakes with China that we made with Japan Hopefully, we've learned that foreign companies lıke Toyota must be encouraged to locate in Michigan Chinese companies want to locate here and we welcome them'

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Academy to celebrate 100 years

Armed with a gubernatorial proclamation, Schoolhouse Montessori Academy schools in Canton, Troy and Macomb will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Maria Montessori's landmark school in Rome with Michigan Montessori Week, Feb 25 -March 3

Schoolhouse leaders have alerted schools statewide and scheduled a series of student and parent activities — including participation in an international "Moment of Peace' at 10 a m , Friday, March 2

Schoolhouse children will be silent for a moment before singing 'Let There be Peace on Earth" in honor of the leader who aimed to put children at the center of society and assist them in becoming "transforming elements leading to a harmonious and peaceful humanity' Schoolhouse Montessori Academy's three metro Detroit schools serve about 400 students, ages 18 months through third grade, in multi-cultural and open classrooms Students move freely from one activity to another, building skills at their own pace

Montessori, an Italian physician, started a children's home in the poor Roman district of San Lorenzo Thus began the worldwide movement of education that fuels children's natural desire to explore, discover and learn

^aMaria Montessori started a movement 100 years ago that is very much alive, every day, in all that our young students experience in the classroom,' said Sherri Roberts, school director in Troy, with Schoolhouse Montessori Academy (SMA) 'At Schoolhouse Montessori Academy, our students learn independence, critical thinking, grace, courtesy, respect all values that Dr Montessori embraced," said Lisa Ahwal, school director in Canton

"Those values have been instrumental in the lives of leaders such as Amazon com founder Jeff Bezos, *Washington Post* owner Katharine Graham, Jackie Kennedy, and Anne Frank

Google co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin once said in an ABC-TV '10 Most Fascinating People" special that Montessori school taught them to think for themselves, be self-directed and selfstarters, and to pursue their own interests

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OUR VIEWS

Vote yes on school bond

It would be easy, in the face of a struggling auto industry, the loss of 70 Pfizer jobs right here at home and a faltering state economy, to automatically turn a thumbsdown to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools \$621 million bond proposal in Tuesday's election

We think that would be a mistake

The proposal on which voters will cast their ballots is a greatly scaled-back revision of the two-question bond voters turned down in May Gone are niceties such as a new theater and athletic facility improvements, viewed widely as "wants' and not needs" and a reason the first proposals were shot down

The proposal asks taxpayers to support \$31 2 million for a new middle school in Canton Township to replace an aging Central Middle School, and another \$13 6 million to refurbish Central for alternative education (replacing Starkweather Education Center), community education and a curriculum center

It also includes \$131 million for new classrooms and a gym, \$4 million for cafeteria improvements, just over \$1 million for new school buses and \$2 3 million to reim burse the general fund for the purchase of the middle school property on Cherry Hill, just west of Canton Center, in Canton

To the district, the latter is very important, because this is the last chance officials have to recoup that money Naysayers will tell you they brought the property for a middle school they don't need Before you agree, consider Central Middle School has outlived its usefulness as a learning environment for nearly 900 students, and some 70 percent of those students are bussed in from Canton

Voters who doubt Central has outlived its usefulness as a learning environment for middle schoolers need only have visited the school during one of Superintendent Jim Ryan's weekend tours The three-story building is a security risk and lacks the same educational opportunities as the district's other, more-modern middle schools

It has been suggested the district wants to put its alternative education program into a refurbished Central Middle School in order to open it up to students from outside the district as a means of increasing revenue

We don t believe the district plans any such move District officials simply believe the facility at Starkweather is ill-suited as a learning environment and, frankly, anyone who has walked the halls at Starkweather knows they're right

We understand this is a tough economic era. The state is struggling, and public school funding could face cuts. If that happens, school districts already struggling to cut their budgets will face enormous challenges Even in bad economic times, we have to decide where our priorities he

We believe the education of our children is one of those priorities, and urge a 'yes vote and the school bond proposal Tuesday

Scale it back

Less than a year since the last turned down proposal there is another, this time for \$62 1 million, still a huge amount of money for projects that would perhaps be nice to have if affordable, but some of them seem not that necessary

Does Central Middle School need to be replaced because it is aging? What is meant by aging? Does the White House need replacing for the same reason? Some minor, inexpensive improvements to it may be all that is necessary to make it usable in the present capacity for many more years

The \$31 2 million estimate for replacement of Central seems an exceedingly high price to pay Perhaps more than 120, 3,000-square-feet luxury homes could be built for this much money Whatever cafeteria improvements are needed, they probably can be done for much less than \$4 million, perhaps for something like \$10,000 or so And for \$13 1 million, prob ably more than 100 classrooms could be built at \$131,000 or less each Are that many needed?

Only two years ago district voters approved \$94 million for improvements and upgrades to all the district's school buildings we were told were needed Didn t these improvements and upgrades include cafeteria improvements, refurbishing Central, adding a few more classrooms and a gym? If not, why? Is all that money, all \$94 million, already spent? If it is, for what?

Times are hard and getting harder nowadays We are at war with the Middle East that costs this country about \$500 million a day Inflation, outsourcing, losing manufacturing to foreign countries, and the downward economic spiral hit a lot of this school districts taxpayers hard, courtesy of some influential Washington politicians promoting Globalism and negotiating highly disadvantageous to-us trade agree ments

A lot of this areas taxpayers are obligated to tighten their belts, limit their expenditures to absolutely basic needs, live within their means, so should the entities supported by taxpayer money, including school districts

More taxes for the state, more for schools there seems to be no end to more taxes Little austerity is conducive to learn ing while luxurious surroundings could be detractive Perhaps the bond proposal, if still pursued, should undergo a scale back for the second time to something more down to Earth, like \$4 million or less

> **Joseph Wira** Plymouth

Voting no on bond

The Feb 15 edition of the Observer had

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

an interesting letter to the editor, Trust the Bring back paper ballots school board, written by John Nichols of Canton

It appears to me that Mr Nichols does not know all that needs to be known about the present bond issue nor any past bonds Mr Nichols if you really knew what you were talking about your would never have attacked former board member Mark Horvath the way you did

Mr Horvath not only was an elected school board member, he is also a father, like you who was concerned about his children and wanted the best for them Mark attended board meetings before running for the board He also attended a whole bunch of workshops before, during and after his time on the board

Mark was always prepared for any discussion that might come up In other words he always did his homework Mark always knew the right questions to ask and worked well with the staff and got along great with the parents

If everyone cared as much about their children, their schools as much as Mark does public education would be ahead instead of behind of most of the world

New buildings will not accomplish that, if that is what you think will happen if we just build a new building I agree with Mr Horvath and will be voting no on this bond I have been a solid supporter of what is best for the students, but I don't believe in milking the taxpayers This is the wrong time to put the taxpayers further in debt

Speaking of Central Middle School, if you research the history of this building you will find that we have put a lot of money into maintaining this building It was lack of quality work and poor supervision by our own people that resulted in a bungled job and a cost of millions to the taxpayers

How do I know all of this? Well, I had the privilege to serve on the Plymouth Canton Board of Education for eight years, the last four with Mark Horvath

> **Barbara Graham** Plymouth

New tax is no surprise

After a full term of no action, except increasing beer and cigarette taxes and blaming President Bush for the states dismal economic situation our telegenic governor is pushing for a new service tax on business

Of course this action is being based on the recommendations of her Emergency Financial Advisory Panel, chaired by former governors William Milliken and James Blanchard - the two most tax raising governors this state ever had Well, now we know who to blame on this unpopular decision

> **Anthony Cauchi** Canton

Dear Congress,

Please help clean up our elections by putting back paper ballots We as Americans should go back to those paper ballots so we have records of our vote

I knew right when I heard about the company of Di-bold that this was another way for opposition to rig an election by no paper trail It just figures that former President Bush would be an investor of the company

We must end the stealing of elections and have the man with the most votes be in office and not have a Supreme Court justice that was put in by another Republican and swayed his vote for the WRONG person

Joseph McGlinchey Canton

Resist governor's plan

Gov Granholms State of the State speech illustrated a disoriented confidence that government can best manage the economy

She demanded mercury levels for coal generators that are lower than federal levels Costs will be prohibitive for no health benefits - she does not understand science Renewable-source energy currently can exist only with subsidies, and we cannot afford them

The state has no right to interfere in local politics Meaningful action toward shared or consolidated services with neighboring cities stand to lose real money She is the governor, not dictator

She would make preschool classes and attendance mandatory until 18 years of age, oblivious to the horrendous dropout rate of inner-city schools She claims \$4,000 scholarships won't be paid by taxes but by tobacco settlement funds

This is disingenuous because tobacco money goes into the general fund Educated citizens gravitate to better opportunities out of state

Her No worker left behind slogan appeals to the unemployed, but frightens potential employers

The Single Business Tax needed to be eliminated – not replaced The service tax creates a layer of bookkeeping for businesses from barber shops to architects that must be tested

Granholms advisors, former governors Blanchard and Milliken are memorable as tax and spend politicians Michigan's economy could climb out of last place with advice from bankers, economists and industry leaders, but it just took another hit

> Hank Borgman Farmington

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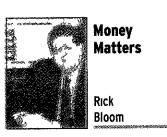
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Roth 401(k) is a good option for employer plans

My employer just started offering the Roth 401(k) plan where they will match up to 5 percent. I am 55 years old and wondering if I should contribute to this new plan or keep my contributions on a tax-deferred basis Please tell me what you think

Richard

I love the idea of using a Roth 401(k) I believe that the Roth 401(k) is a tremendous opportunity for investors In a traditional 401(k) plan, you receive a double tax benefit First, is that the money going into the plan is pre-taxed money, and secondly, the income generated grows on a tax deferred basis Taxes are due when the money 18 withdrawn Furthermore, 401(k) plans are subject to minimum required distribution rules which mean that at the age of 70, you must begin taking required minimum distributions On the whole, the benefits of a traditional 401(k) plan are it allows you to defer taxes on a portion of your wages by deferring into the 401(k) account and you also defer taxes on the growth on those invested dollars The Roth 401(k) is a relatively new option that many companies are now offering The great benefit of the Roth 401(k) is that all the accumulations of income are tax free and not tax deferred The downside of the Roth



401(k) is that the money you contribute to the plan is posttax money and not pre-tax money Therefore, you end up paying a little higher tax today, however, the great benefit comes down the road when the money is withdrawn When money is withdrawn from a Roth 401(k) plan there are no taxes due While in a traditional 401(k), all the money withdrawn is subject to ordinary income tax Another advantage of the Roth 401(k) is that it is not subject to the Minimum Required Distribution rules Therefore, you never have to withdraw your money and it can continue to grow tax free for as long as you choose In fact, if you should pass away and there is money left in your Roth 401(k), that money transfers income tax free to your beneficiaries In a traditional 401(k), there would be income taxes due On the whole, I believe that in the great majority of situations, people should take advantage of Roth 401(k) plans In fact, if your employer offers a traditional 401(k) and

does not offer a Roth option that is something I believe you should petition the employer to add on One last note for employers that do not offer a Roth 401(k) option, my question to them is why not?

I am just about ready to retire and I want to know after I retire what should be the proper allocation of my portfolio, and in addition, should I leave my 401(k) at my employer or should I roll it over? Ralph

Good luck[†]

I believe the most important area for an investor to concentrate on 15 the allocation In fact, when you read the studies the allocation 1s more important than the individual investments I believe before an investor should even look at the individual investments they need to set up an allocation based upon their individual goals and objectives When I talk about allocation, what I am referring to is the percent of your portfolio that should be kept in cash, fixed income, investments such as bonds and fixed annuties and the allocation to equities such as stock mutual funds It used to be much easier to set up an allocation because we did not have as many choices as we have today In addition, our economy is totally different than it was a decade ago It is

important that investors, in their portfolios, reflect the changing world in which we live

For the stock portion of a portfolio, prior to investing, an investor needs to allocate between a variety of asset classes such as large caps, small caps, international, energy and real estate The key to have a well-balanced and diversified portfolio is to be in a variety of different areas of the economy Not all sectors of the economy operate on the same cycle Thus, by diversifying, you protect yourself As to the proper asset allocation when someone retires, as far as I am concerned, whether someone is working or retired is relatively immaterial What is material are their goals and objectives I do not believe that all retirees are in the same position, and thus without knowing more about your situation, it is impossible to suggest an allocation After all,

some retirees need income, others do not I ve always said I think it is a mistake for investors to base their portfolios on their age You base your portfolios upon your individual situation With regards to whether you should leave your money within the company 401(k) or directly transfer it into an IRA, my general advice for the great majority of people is to transfer the money into an IRA

By directly transferring the money into an IRA, you can better establish a portfolio that fits your individual situation In addition, you re not subject to the whims of the employer who may change their investment options within the 401(k) plan Employers are frequently changing their plans and that could have an effect on your portfolio I recommend that you take the money with you By directly transferring the money to companies like Schwab or Vanguard, you will

be able to establish a portfolio and implement it using commission-free funds Both of those companies have a wealth of funds available to implement a portfolio One last note Always to remember that when someone retires today, typically they are still young and must think long term

After all, someone who retures in their 60s is far from old and they have to plan on living at least another 30 years Therefore, in order to guarantee someone a rising income throughout their lifetime, which is essential in today s world, retirees should never forget to have a growth element in their portfolio Good luck'

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Explore the possibility of a career in public safety and examine first-hand police and fire vehicles and displays at Schoolcraft Colleges Public Safety Career Expo The Expo takes place 4 7 p m Wednesday, March 21, at Schoolcraft Colleges Radcliff Center in Garden City

Potential employers will be on hand to accept resumes and answer questions about their programs Those attending include representatives of police, fire and rescue units, the Wayne County Airport Authority, the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad, commercial enterprises, sheriff departments and colleges and universities

Participants also include the US Probation, Marshal and

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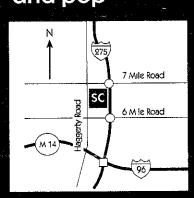
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Quinlan honored with two prestigious awards

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

How has Plymouth's Chelsey Quinlan managed to sculpt an out-of-this-world 4 03 gradepoint average while juggling a schedule that includes either an athletics practice (sometimes two), a sporting event or a National Honor Society meeting nearly every night of the week?

She's done it by making the most of every minute of every day, by putting homework before more-entertaining activities like TVwatching, and by hitting the books in some lessthan-ideal settings

"One night my junior year we had a volleyball match way out at Walled Lake Northern," recalled Quinlan "Well, a bunch of us on the team had finals the next day and we wouldn't be getting back to Plymouth until about 10 30, so we asked the bus driver if she would turn the lights on in the bus on the ride home so that we could study

"I'm not sure if she was supposed to, but she did it any way and we all studied during the entire trip home'

The studying-by-buslight scenario was just one example of the time-management skills that helped Quinlan earn a pair of impressive honors over the past three months

In December, she was presented with the "McDonald's & WXYZ-TV High School Student-Athlete of the Week,' award, the presentation of which was aired on Channel 7's Sunday night sports show

The icing on Quinlan's amazing achievement cake came earlier this month when she received just one of 32 Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete scholarships Literally thousands of student-athletes from Iron Mountain to Monroe — applied for the MHSAA award, which puts Quinlans accomplishment in its proper light

'I was shocked when I found out I had won the MHSAA award," said Quinlan, who will have earned 12 varsity letters by the time she graduates in June "It was a great honor just to be named a finalist When our athletic director, Terry Sawchuk, called me down to his office and told me I had won, I couldn't believe it'

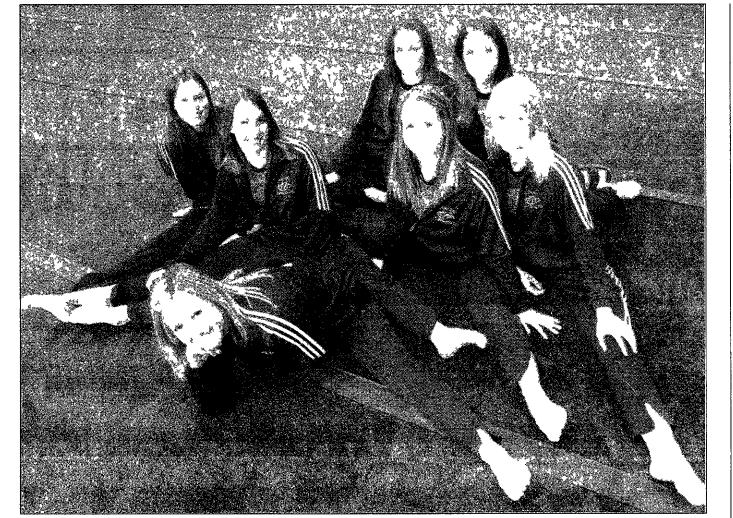
In order to be nominated for the \$1,000 MHSAA scholarship, student-athletes needed a minimum 3 5 GPA, had to participate in at least one varsity sport and needed two recommendations from coaches, teachers or school administrators

PLEASE SEE QUINLAN, B2 past three months



three-sport athlete at Plymouth, has received two impressive honors over the past three months

Senior Chelsey Quintan a



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sharma's clutch '3' lifts Chiefs

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Even when he was 2-for-14 from the floor and it was 47-all in overtime, Neil Sharma had the "green light" as far as coach Charlie Paye was concerned

The 6-foot-3 junior forward stepped behind the three-point line near the top of the key and drilled a shot with 1 47 to go, propelling Canton to a 55-53 boys basketball victory Friday night over host Westland John Glenn in the semifinals of the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament

WLAA HOOP TOURNEY

Sharma also added two key free throws with 45 seconds left and Josh Butler contributed two more from the

OLGC football

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The Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) football program will hold its parents meeting for the 2007 season at 7 p m on Thursday March 29, in the OLGC gym, which is located at 1151 William St in Plymouth

OLGC offers teams for boys in third through eighth grades Families that belong to the following parishes are eligible OLGC, St Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St Mary s of Wayne St Richard St Thomas a'Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St James (third-graders only) and St John Neumann Parents of interested

players should attend the meeting Program information and registration materials will be distributed

For further information, contact Kevin Suppelsa at ksuppelsa@wowway.com, or (734) 414-8275, or visit www.olgcfootball.net

District hoop

The Plymouth Christian Academy and Canton Agape Christian boy basketball teams will be participating in the Class D District 106 tournament March 6-9 at Redford Covenant High School Agape will open the tour nament on Tuesday, March 6, against Lutheran

Pictured (from left) are members of the Canton gymnastics team's strong senior class. Andrea Houdek: Heather Quinlan: Alyssa Kelley: Kate Staley: Kaitiyn Burns, Chelsea Selden and Courtney Ward



Senior Chief gymnasts ready to cap great careers

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The talented group of freshmen Canton gymnastics coach John Cunningham welcomed into his program in the fall of 2003 was almost as rare as a perfectly executed Tsukahara

Now seniors, they entered high school with sky-high potential and no matter what happens during the final two weeks of this, their final season — they'll vault into the sunset knowing that they lived up to the promise they brought with them four years ago

"The members of this year's senior class make up the core of our team, there's no question about that, said Cunningham "We re going to be OK next year once they're gone, but with that said, this group is really going to be missed

"Just about every member of this

crew has scored a 9 0 or better in at least one event And a couple of them have contributed since day one of their freshman seasons '

Led by the ultra-skilled Alyssa Kelley, the Chiefs have been a perennial state-ranked power each of the past four years They entered Thursday night s Western Lakes conference meet with a 14-2 record and No 6 state ranking

Both of the team's losses were by less than a point, so Cunningham's squad is within the width of a balance beam of being unbeaten

"It's been a fun four years," said Kelley I ll take a lot of great memories from my time on this team The highlight was probably last year when we set a new team record for points at the conference meet Overall, this year's team is probably the best one I've been on Even when we've lost, it's been close"

Kelley has been the heart and soul

of the group A highly decorated club gymnastics performer prior to high school, she suffered a serious back injury while in middle school

"When she started here her freshman year, Alyssa was recovering from a broken back,' remembered Cunningham The doctors told her she couldn't compete in club gymnastics any more because it was too demanding, but they said high school would be OK because she could go more at her own pace

"I told her right away to tell me when she didn't want to do something or when she was hurting And now, four years later, she only missed a couple of meets and just one this year because she was sick

"When you look at her entire career, I d have to say she's the best gymnast we've had here at Canton" Kelley is the defending Division 1

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line to sew up the win

Sharma, who finished with 10 points, struggled during the first half, going 2-for-10

'Neil's our best perimeter shooter and he's capable of that," said Paye of the clutch three-pointer in OT 'Sometimes when it's a big game, he gets too excited and he shoots too quickly, or throws up a shot off-balance At halftime we talked about slowing it down

Canton, now 13-6 overall, moves into the WLAA championship game, 7 30 p m Wednesday at Plymouth, against 18-1 Northville, which owns two victories over the Chiefs this season

Lakes Division champion Glenn, now 14-5 overall, had it 12-game winning streak snapped

No excuses, they beat us, I take my hats off to them," Glenn first-year coach Dan Young said "That shot by Sharma was huge They beat us to loose balls Canton does a good job defensively and they're physical" The game was nip-and-tuck

throughout

Canton led 12 11 after one quarter, but Glenn forged ahead 23-22 at halftime despite the loss of junior forward Earl Hardison, the Rockets' leading scorer who was forced off the floor with an ankle injury

Glenn led by as many as seven in

PLEASE SEE **Hoops, B2**

Churchill icers motor past 'Cats

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

What do you get when you put Livonia Churchill's NASCAR-fast hockey team on a spacious Olympic-sized ice surface? VROOM' VROOM' VROOM'

The Chargers opened up their throttles Friday night on the Compuware Sports Arena's larger-than-normal rink and raced past Plymouth, 4-0, in the Western Lakes Activities Association first-place crossover game

If not for a stand-on-his-head effort from Wildcat goalie Justin Desilets, the Chargers may have flirted with double-digit goals

WLAA HOCKEY FINAL

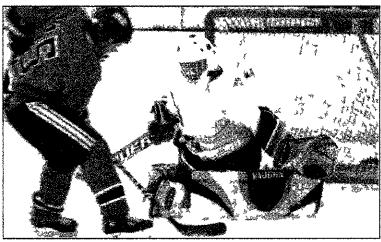
"I thought we did a nice job of adjusting to the bigger ice surface," said Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni "When you don't play on it every day, it's very deceiving There's a ton of room out there and it looks like you're skating slower than you are

"I'll tell you what though I'd love to have this team on that rink on a regular basis

The victory improved the states No 1ranked Division 1 team to 22-2 heading into Monday nights pre-Regional opener against

a.)

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TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth goale Justin Desilets makes a stop on Churchill's Kody Strong during Friday night's 4-0 Charger victory Desilets snuffed out 35 Churchill shots on the night Westland in a game slated to tip off at 6 p m A victory would send the Wolverines into a semifinal game at 6 p m on Thursday, March 8, against Westside Christian Academy, which drew a first-round bye

PCA will open at 8 p m on March 6 against host Covenant, which is led by All-State performer Durrell Summers A win would propel the Eagles into Thursday's semifinal round against Huron Valley Lutheran, which also received a bye

The championship game is set for 6 p m Friday, March 9,

Diesel tryouts The Detroit Diesels minor

The Detroit Diesels minor league football team that plays its home games in Livonia will be holding tryouts from 2 30 p m to 5 30 p m on Saturday, March 10, and Saturday, March 24, at High Velocity Sports, which is at 46245 Michigan Ave in Canton You must be 18 years old

or older to try out The registration fee is \$30 For more information, call (313) 294-0890

Gymnasts shine

Five local gymnasts played key roles in Gym America's fine showing at the Buckeye Classic in Columbus, Ohio Feb. 17-18 The Level 7 team, which won the team competition, was paced by Olivia Ozeranic (first on vault and second on beam), Abby Rice (first on bars, floor and all-around, and 2nd on beam), Haylee Weber (first on beam and second on floor), and Paige Wright (1st on floor, and second on vault and beam

in the Level 8 competition, Kayla Weber won bars with a 940

QUINLAN

FROM PAGE B1

Quinlans accomplishments blew the minimum requirements out of the water

'This is a fantastic accomplishment for Chelsey and Plymouth High School" said Sawchuk "Another Plymouth student-athlete --- Alex Mihelick - won last year, so we've had someone win it both years we ve been eligible

'Chelsey is a very special kid who is going to be a great asset to society in whatever field she decides to pursue This award is a tribute to her parents, teachers coaches and, most importantly, to Chelsey

Quinlan has earned varsity letters in basketball (fall), volleyball (winter) and soccer (spring) since her freshman year

Somehow, shes also played elite-level club soccer year round the past four years, which means that on many nights her homework was sandwiched in between two practices and/or games

The busier I am, the better I seem to do in school,' said Quinlan The key for me is being organized and managing my time, although I m not always organized and I don t always manage my time like I should

When you play three sports like I do, you have to stay on top of things and prioritize or you re not going to do well

Quinlan didn t hesitate when she was asked what would top the list of her top academic achievements

Getting an A' in Chemistry my junior year,' she said Junior year is difficult because you have to prepare for the



The Plymouth Housing Commission is requesting proposals from qualified agencies interested in managing Washington Manor which consists of 15 units of public housing located in the City of South Lyon The address for Washington Manor is 432 Washington Street South Lyon MI Interested parties must have a minimum of five years experience with HUD programs and references are required

Proposals will be accepted by mail until COBD Friday March 9 2007 at the following address

Plymouth Housing Commission 1160 Sheridan Street Plymouth MI 48170

For further information please contact Sharon Thomas at (734) 455 3670 ext 224

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Chelsey Quinlan pictured above during a volleyball match last year was recently awarded with a prestigious student-athlete award from the Michigan High School Athletic Association

ACTs and everything else, plus — as a lot of people know — Chemistry is one of the hardest classes you can take at the Park. It wasn t easy, but I did it

Quinlan said her parents -Steve and Jill – deserve a lot of credit for her success

Theres no way I would have been able to do it without

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them, she said They've been at every game I ve ever played in and my mom took me to everything when I was too young to drive They've always supported me, too, in sports and school

'Whenever I'd get stressed out about something, they've always been there to talk to me Quinlan will attend either the University of Michigan or Michigan State University in the fall

'If I end up going to Michigan, I'd lean towards getting into their sports management program through Kinesiology, she said If I go to State, I'd probably pursue a degree in Education'

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Zinn's 22 points lead **PCA over Wolverines**

Plymouth Christian Academy overcame a 25-12 halftime deficit and rallied to earn a tense 47-44 victory over Canton Agape Christian Friday night at

The triumph improved the Eagles' record to 7-12 while the Wolverines shipped to 14-4

"We had a great second half," said PCA coach Dave Yost "This was a great, great team win The kids played really well, especially defensively"

Junior guard Trevor Zinn paced the winners with 22 points Agape was led by Jack Pierce (12)

ter and 25-12 at the half before the Eagles stormed back to tie the game, 33-all with eight min-

OTs): On Friday in a WLAA consolation bracket contest, the victory over the visiting Warriors

Salem improved to 9-10 overall heading into Tuesday's regular-season finale at home against Livonia Stevenson The opening tip is set for 7 p m

'It was a great game - both teams played well," said Salem our way back after they took a 10-point lead in the first half The key was our free-throw

Chief spikers fall to Northville

Canton's volleyball team was upended in three games by Northville Monday night, 25-8, 25-23 and 25-8

The Chiefs' lone senior, Joellen Heldt, was honored prior to the match Marie Martin (three kills,

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two blocks), Jordan Kielty bright spots for the night

receive in games one and three and we sent over too many free balls, said Canton coach Jen Barnes "Since our passing was struggling, we had difficulty running our offense You just can't play that way against a strong team like Northville

ran our offense quickly like we ly different game Again, we need to be more consistent"

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Saturday, March 3, 2007 through

Garden City United Christian

Anleitner (16 points) and Terrell

Agape led 17-4 after one quarutes to play

PCA htt 10-of-16 free throws while the Wolverines were 14-of-23 from the line

SALEM 72, W L. WESTERN 69 (2 Rocks wiped out a 10-point firsthalf deficit to register a thrilling

coach Bob Brodie "We charged

(three kills) and Ellie Kenny (three kills) were the Chiefs

We struggled on serve-

"We served aggressive and did in game two, it was a total-

shooting down the stretch'

hit the back of the rim and

bounced harmlessly away

The Warriors nearly sent the

game into a third overtime, but

their last-second triple attempt

Junior forward Ross Davis

paced the Rocks with 21 points

and 12 rebounds Also playing

Stone (13 points) and Brian

Sean Armstrong led the

CHURCHILL 44, PLYMOUTH 40

(OT): Despite being outscored 14-

6 in the final quarter Friday, host

Livonia Churchill (9-10) rallied

in overtime to beat the Wildcats

The Chargers, who missed a

tion, outscored Plymouth 6-2 in

tip-in at the buzzer in regula-

the four-minute extra session

with 30 seconds to go Ryan

Whittums free throw with 11

seconds remaining then sealed

the WLAA losers bracket win

The Chargers hit 8-of-14 free

Junior forward Ryan

points and 10 rebounds

Sandhu scored 11 and 10,

Navraj's points came in the

were deadlock 18-all

from the foul line

opening half as the two teams

The Wildcats were 6-of-9

4-of-6 in OT

throws on the night, including

Rosenick led Churchill with 17

Whittum finished with 11 points

Brothers Kulraj and Navraj

respectively, for Plymouth All of

Andrew Vagnetti's two free

throws put Churchill up by three

Warriors with 18 points

Baumgart (11)

(6-13)

well for the winners were Grant

HOOPS FROM PAGE B1 the third quarter, 31-24, thanks

to a shot by Robert Jones with 4 00 to go The Chiefs, however, led 35-33 on Butlers shot with 52 seconds remaining in the same period

Ryan Waldmann, Cantons 6-7 senior center, loomed large with 15 points, 15 rebounds and three assists and he scored a big basket with 2 52 in the game to give Canton a 42-41 advantage The Chiefs led 43-41 on

Butler's free throw with just 9 62 seconds remaining, but speedy Glenn junior guard Keshawn Martin (18 points), who made several acrobatic drives to the basket, split two defenders down center of the lane and scored on a corkscrew layup with only three seconds remaining to send the game into OT

Glenn had only two field goals in the final 4 55, both by Martin, and committed four critical turnovers down the stretch

Canton hit only 22-of-58 shots from the floor (379 percent), but connected on 14-of-17 free throws (82 3 percent) Ryan Langdon also played a

solid floor game for the Chiefs with 10 points, seven rebounds and four steals

Stefan Marken added 14 for Glenn, while Hardison finished with nine

"I proud of my guys, they flatout competed," Young said 'They laid it on the line, and we had our chances But I'm as proud of them as I've been during the whole winning streak"

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MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday March 1 2007 at 7 00 PM in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall 201 S Main Street Plymouth MI to consider the following item

Z 07 03 1007 Harding Non Use Variance Requested Garage Distance to Main Structure Zoned R 1 Single Family Residential Applicant John Burlett Roofing & Siding

All persons are invited to attend

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Terry G Bennett Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board A personal appearance is not required All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 17 2007 at 12 00 p m

The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor at 1150 S Canton Center Road Entry into the building can be accessed through the front doors of Township Hall Please come prepared as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review

Tuesday March 6 2007 Organizational Meeting 4 00 p m 5 00 p m

(No Appointments)

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Monday March 12 2007 Hearings from 9 00 a m 12 00 p m and 100 pm 500 pm (Appointments Only)

Tuesday March 13 2007 Hearings from 1 00 pm 5 00 pm and 600 pm 900 pm (Appointments Only)

Saturday March 17 2007 Hearings from 9 00 a m 12 00 p m First Come First Serve (Walk-in-Schedule)

Please be advised entry the building on Tuesday March 13th after 5 00p m and Saturday March 17th can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township hall

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review you may call Jana Shaw Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394 5111

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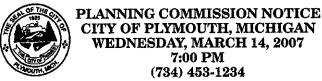
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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. **CANTON, MI 48188**

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction February 27 2007 at 10 00 AM The auction will be held at Westland Car Care T owing 6375 Hix Rd Westland MI 48185 The vehicles will be sold as is starting bid is for towing and storage

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1991	Ford	Escort	$2 \mathrm{Dr}$	1FAPP11J0MW105007
1996	Chevy	Beretta	$2 \mathrm{Dr}$	1G1LV1547TY143929
1994	Ford	Taurus	$4 \mathrm{Dr}$	1FALP524XRA154878
1994	Buick	Regal	$4 \mathrm{Dr}$	2G4WB55L2R1418349
1989	Mercury	Sable	$4 \mathrm{Dr}$	1MEBM50U7KG639689
1998	Ford	Expedition	S/W	1FMFU18L8WLA04237

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A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL Assisted Living Facility SP 07 01 **Bickford Cottage at Plymouth**

1600 N Territorial Road Zoned RM 1 Multiple Family Residential Applicant EBY Design

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Zoning Ordinance Amendments Downtown Parking

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Wednesday, March 7, 2007

The Charter Township of Plymouth Department of Public Works (DPW) will be testing the temporary water service connections that were installed as part of the Sheldon Road Underpass Project The water service connections to be tested were recently installed to provide temporary water service to the City of Plymouth Temporary water service to the City of Plymouth is scheduled to occur in the Spring of 2007 to allow for the removal and replacement of the 36 Detroit water main in Sheldon Road The purpose of the test is to ensure the City of Plymouth will receive adequate water service through the temporary connections

Testing will occur for five (5) consecutive days beginning Saturday March 3 2007 and ending Wednesday, March 7 2007 During this time Township residents may observe minor changes in water pressure and water discoloration due to the testing activities Such changes are not uncommon or hazardous to your health and will be temporary should they occur

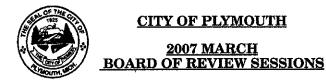
For questions or concerns Township residents may contact the DPW during the test period at the following phone numbers

March 3 9 00 AM 4 30 PM		(734) 414 1443
March 5 – March 7 8 00 AM	4 30 PM	(734) 414 1443

On March 3 after 4 30 PM March 4 and during non business hours on March 5.7 call the Plymouth Township Communication/ Dispatch at (734) 354 3248 Publish February 25 & March 1 2007

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The City of Plymouth will be conducting the 2007 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Chambers 201 S Main Street Plymouth MI 48170 for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday March 6 2007 from 900 a to 930 am and appointments scheduled as follows

The regular Board of Review schedule

Tuesday March 6 2007 from 9 30 a m to 6 00 p m Thursday March 8 2007 from 3 00 p m to 9 00 p m Monday, March 12 2007 from 9 00 a m to 6 00 p m Tuesday March 13 2007 from 3 00 p m to 9 00 p m Thursday March 15 2007 from 9 00 a m to 6 00 p m

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed Hearings are by appointment only COMPLETED 2007 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall prior to your appointment The 'Deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday March 14 2007 by 4 30 p m

A resident or non resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative An agent must have written authority to represent the owner Written petitions must be submitted by Wednesday March 14 2007 by 4 30 p m

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act"

If you have any questions or concerns please contact 734 453 1234 ext 253 or 252

Linda J Langmesser CMC City Clerk

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GYMNASTICS

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state champion on the vault Shes also been among the elite all-arounders each year in high school

Joining Kelley to give the Chiefs a solid one-two punch in the all-around has been senior Kate Staley, who excels on the uneven bars and the balance beam

'As a junior last year, Kate really came to play," said Cunningham 'And that s continued into this year She was probably our most improved gymnast last year This year, she s been consistently over 36 in the all around and she s probably our best girl on the bars

Canton's best Division II all-arounder is Kaitlyn Burns, who achieved a per sonal-best all-around score of 35 65 earlier this year

'Kaitlyn has the potential to get nines in three of the four events, said Cunningham She has a beautiful floor routine

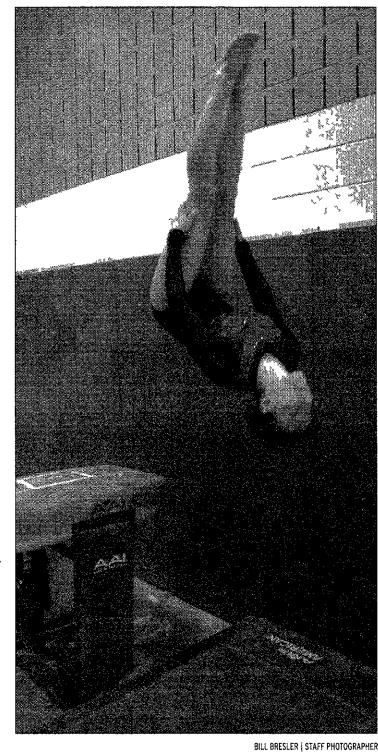
The Chiefs most reliable beam performer was senior Chelsea Selden, who has been sidelined the past month with the broken fibula she suffered during a late-January practice session

'We ve really missed Chelsea because she would always start us out on the right foot on the beam, said Cunningham She has such a clean routine and she never, ever fell, which took the pressure off everyone who followed her

'Chelsea works very hard with the younger gymnasts, too Even though she's been out for over a month, she hasn't missed one practice, which says a lot about the kind of person she is

Courtney Ward, Andrea Houdek and Heather Quinlan are — like Selden gymnasts who specialize in one or two events

"Courtney has a beautiful floor routine, said Cunningham If only everyone on our team could leap like Courtney on their floor



Canton's Alyssa Kelley has been one of the premier all-around gymnasts during her four year high school career

routines Shes very consistent in that event and shes strong in the vault and beam also

Andrea's forte is the beam She never falls and she often scores nines Most teams worry about the beam, but we don t thanks to girls like Andrea and Chelsea Cunningham said the sen-

iors aren't not just leaders on the mat

"One thing they do very well is encourage each other, he said 'They ll each watch the other girls routines then offer advice on how to make it better Its fun to watch

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Livonia gymnasts 1-2 at Western Lakes meet

They were seeing Red and Blue in Thursday's Western Lakes Conference girls gymnastics meet hosted by Walled Lake Central

Livonia Unified came in as the defending champion, but after the MHSAA forced them to de-unify for the 2006-07 season, Livonia Red (Churchill) and Livonia Blue (Stevenson-Franklin) still remain at the top, finishing one-two to lead the 12-school field

Livonia Red wound up with a season-best 146 100 points followed by Lakes Division champion Livonia Blue with 144 100

Northville placed third with 143 950, while Western Division champion Canton, the only team to defeat Livonia's Red and Blue teams this season, settled fourth with 143 100 (Division winners were determined by meet averages)

Salem notched fifth with a score of 142 425

'It's our high score for the year and I'm so impressed with all the girls' performances,' Livonia Red coach Kelly Grodzicki said "They did an amazing job and we hope they can stay focused for the regionals (this Saturday at Plymouth)"

Among the local gymnasts who excelled in Division 1 were Salem's Katie Koetting, who placed fourth in the Division 1 all-around (37 450), just ahead of Canton's fifth-place Alyssa Kelley (37 40)

Koetting s highest individual finish was third in the uneven bars Kelley tied for fourth on the balance beam

Livonia Red's Paula Guzik was the all-around winner in Division I with a score of 38 1 She captured the vault (9 6) and uneven parallel bars (9 45)

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She was also runner-up on floor exercise (9 55) and tied for fourth on the balance beam

Teammate Andrea Pisani was third overall in Division I with a score of 37 60 She won the balance beam (9 7) and floor exercise (9 65) to go along with a fourth on bars (9 2) and tied for ninth on vault (9 05)

Livonia Blue was led by freshman Emily Quint, who was runner-up to Guzik in the all-around (37 775) She placed second on bars (9 4), third on vault (9 55), fifth on floor (9 375), and eighth on beam (9 45)

Salem's Brittany Young placed fourth in the Division 2 all-around with 35 275 points Canton's Kaitlyn Burns was ninth

GYMNASTICS RESULTS

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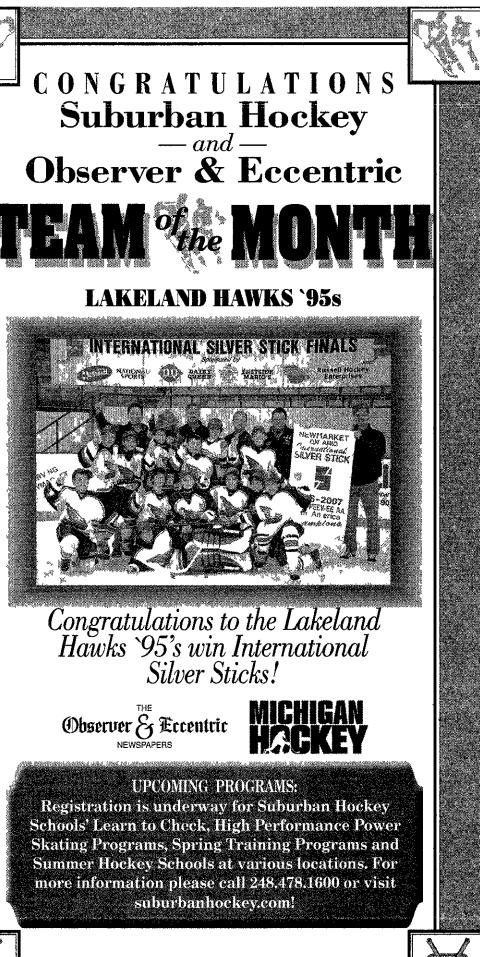
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Plymouth s Joe Perkovich maneuvers through traffic during Friday night's 4-0 loss to Livonia Churchill

HOCKEY

FROM PAGE B1

Redford Unified

Plymouth, which slipped to 14-8-2, will return to action Wednesday against the winner of Monday night s Novi Livonia Franklin pre Regional contest

I thought our boys played a decent game tonight, but Churchill has a heckuva good team, said Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois They have speed, they re always on the puck and they play disciplined hockey It wouldn't surprise me at all if they make it all the way to the state finals (in the upcoming state tournament)"

The Chargers outshot their hosts, 39-10 — a lopsided statistic that had as much to do with Churchill s hardchecking defensemen as it did with its slick-skating forwards

Churchill s signature play of the night unfolded at the 10 07 mark of the second period when Charger blue liner Mitch Carpenter administered a clean — but bone jarring — check that separated a Plymouth player from his helmet once he slammed into the boards near mid-ice

Any time you can get a defenseman to step up, play a tight gap and execute some body checks, it tends to slow the guys on the other teams down, said Mazzoni, in reference to Carpenter s hit

The winners offense was paced by first-year senior Dustin Wischmeyer, who registered two goals and an assist

Playing on the bigger ice surface was different, but I liked it,' said Wischmeyer, a few moments after the Chargers carried their latest piece of hard-earned hardware off the ice 'There's a lot more room to skate and it opens up the passing lange '

opens up the passing lanes ' The Chargers broke the scoring ice mid-way through the first period when Nate Milam slapped a rebound shot past Desilets from a seated position about 12 feet in front of the net Keith Yackley and Garrett Miencier assisted on the goal

Churchill threatened to double its lead two minutes later, but Desilets stoned Bryon Niemczak on a 3 on-1 break Wischmeyer accounted for both second-period goals He lit the lamp off an assist from Tony Ross at the 11 57 mark and scored an insurance tally nine minutes later from Ross and Josh Proben

Proben closed out the scoring — and put the exclamation point on an outstanding night for the Wischmeyer-Ross-Proben line — when he found the back of the net with 5 40 remaining

'It was nice to see that line have a good night because they ve worked hard all year, said Mazzoni 'They re not the fastest guys out there, but they know where each other are and they pass well'

Churchill goalie Scott Lewan's shutout was highlighted by a dazzling glove save of a whistling Nick Rieckhoff shot with 3 33 left in the second period

Winning this game means a lot to this team, said Mazzoni Just to get to this game we had to get by Stevenson, which isn t an easy task Plymouth has a very good team and their goaltender is excellent

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Spartans hold off Salem rally

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The Rocks managed to slice their once huge deficit to 7-5 on Kurt Driscoll's goal from Tony Garbarino and Evan Meibers with 4 01 left, but the Spartans sealed the win with Zach Roberts empty-net goal with 24 seconds left Stevenson outshot the

Rocks, 52 18 Jeff Pashnick earned the victory in goal for the Spartans while Ralph Aspenwall suffered the setback

Six different Spartans scored during their first-period onslaught R J Kierdorf, John Vella, Kyle Zagata, Chris Rapp, Tim Droze and Marcus Voran

Kierdorf notched three assists in the first period for the winners

The Rocks stormed out of

the gate in the second period with four straight lamplighters from Aaron Markwell, Kris Brant, Mike Haburne and Joel Cheesman Roberts extended

Stevenson's lead to 7-4 with 33 seconds left in the second off an assist from Rapp

PLYMOUTH 6, MACOMB DAKOTA

1 On Wednesday, six Wildcats scored goals and goalie Nathaniel Gibson stopped 21 shots in the victory over the Cougars

Lighting the lamp for the winners were Nick Rosochacki, Charlie Webb, Rick Cigile, Jason O Guinn, Brett Kavulich and Nick Rieckhoff Notching assists were Cigile (two), Adam Lazorka, Rosochacki (three), Joe Perkovich (two), Webb and Mark Olivier

Our goalie, Nathaniel Gibson, played an excellent game, said Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois "He made a couple of great saves early in the game

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Tuesday Feb 27 Churchill at WL Northern 7 p m Plymouth at Franklin 7 p m Stevenson at Salem 7 p m WL Western at Wayne 7 pm Clarenceville at Ply Christian 7 pm Det Urban at Luth Westland 7 p m Wednesday, Feb 28 (WLAA Finais at Plymouth) John Glenn vs WL Central 5 30 p m Canton vs Northville 7 30 p m **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL** DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS CLASS A (Friday March 2) at LIVONIA CHURCHILL First round (A) Salem vs (B) South Lyon 4 pm (C) Northville vs. (D) Plymouth 4 pm Semifinals. Livonia Churchill vs A B winner 5 30 p m Canton vs C D winner 5 30 p m Championship final 7 30 p m (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at West Bloomfield vs Southfield district champion) PREP HOCKEY DIVISION I at PLYMOUTH CULTURAL CENTER Tuesday, Feb 27 (A) Salem vs (B) Northville 530 p m Canton (C) vs South Lyon (D) 8 p m Thursday March 1 A B winner vs C D winner 7 30 p m Division II at NOVI ICE ARENA

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Whalers lasso Belleville Bulls, 7-1

The Plymouth Whalers used excellent special teams and depth en route to a 7-1 victory over the Belleville Bulls in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The Whalers won their third straight game and remain in first place in the OHL West Division and second overall in the league with a record of 42-14 1-2, good for 87 points Belleville is 34-19-0-5

Plymouth's league-leading penalty killing unit (874 percent) went 11-for-11 in the game and four-for-four in the first period when the Bulls were at their most dangerous The Whalers scored on their second power play of the game on a goal by Evan Brophey at 17 10 of the first period and took a 2-0 lead 26 seconds later on Jared Bolls goal on a deflection at 17 36

In all, Brophey led the

Whalers attack with two goals and two assists as the games first star Brophey now has 30 goals on the season

Second star Chris Terry added a goal (17 on the season) and two assists, while third star Daniel Ryder also had a goal (35) and two assists and now has 300 points in his OHL career (122 goals and 178 assists) Jared Boll (24), Dan Collins (25) and Andrew Fourmer (15) added sm gle goals for Plymouth

Bryan Cameron scored the lone Belleville goal, his 23rd of the season, in the second period The Whalers broke the game

open with five goals in the second period to lead 7-1 after 40 min utes on goals by Brophey (finish ing sustained pressure in the Belleville zone at 2 35), Collins (hard shot the slot under the bar at 3 56), Fourmer (tap of a rebound at 7 53), Terry (Boll

wide right wing in the Belleville zone to Brophey at the right hash mark to Terry on the left at 14 12) and Ryder (rebound at 15 31)

Plymouth outshot Belleville 53 37 Whalers goaltender Michal Neuvirth stopped 36-of 37 Belleville shots to run his record to 22-8-1-1

PLYMOUTH 4, SAGINAW 0 Although the Whalers wore their green jerseys Wednesday night in a 4-0 win in Saginaw, make no mistake - it was a blue-collar effort that led to the victory before 4,584 at the Dow Event Center Plymouth goaltender Jeremy Smith (Brownstown) stopped 39 shots for his fourth shutout of the season as the games first star, while Evan Brophey scored twice and Chris Terry and Daniel Ryder one each

Three of the four Plymouth goals were a direct result of winning battles for pucks and keeping the play alive in the Saginaw zone

Plymouth took a 1-0 lead at

5 26 of the first period on Brophey's 27th goal of the season and 100th of his OHL career

The Whalers took a 2-0 at 6 26 of the second period, capping off continual pressure in the Saginaw zone Terry dug the puck out from the right boards and found Brett Bellemore at the right point. Bellemore took a low shot on goal that Terry tipped in from in tight on the right wing five-hole by Daniels for his 16th season Brophey scored his 28th of the season at 8 20 of the period when he took a shot from the slot that caromed off Sagmaw defenseman Mitch Maunu (playing without a stick) and past Daniels

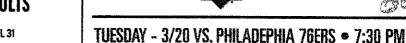
Ryder finished the scoring with his 34th of the season (10th in 18 games with Plymouth since coming over in a trade with Peterborough) at 3 05 of the third period when he carried the puck wide right wing and beat Daniels with a well-placed shot from the right circle that caught the far post



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CC grapplers upend Chiefs

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Most observers expected the Franklin Patriots and Canton Chiefs to battle in the Division 1 wrestling regional semifinal Wednesday at Saline for a berth in next weeks state quarterfinals in Battle Creek.

But someone forgot to mention it to Novi Catholic Central

The Shamrocks spoiled the story line, edging the Patriots 31-27 in the semifinal, then knocking off Canton in an equally thrilling 31-30 victory in coach Mike Rodriguezs 50th and final season

CCs Ryan Brown clung to a 4-3 upset win over Cantons Kiel Price at 152 pounds, and the Shamrocks' Stefan Gatt clinched the victory with a major decision over Cantons Brian Brubaker at 160 pounds CCs win avenges a 34-30 loss to the Chiefs in last year's regional final

"Its very disappointing, said Canton coach Casey Randolph, whose Chiefs earned a spot in the regional final by dispatching host Saline 48-18 in the semifinal round We lost 10 starters from last year's team, but we felt pretty good about our chances (Wednesday) Instead

we gave (Rodriguez) the storybook ending It was a match made up of streaks The Shamrocks won the first three matches including pins by Joe Kinville, who stuck Cantons Jon Webster in 1 56, and heavyweight Mike Martin, who pinned Donnie Laramie in 2 51, to take a 15-0 lead

The Chiefs, though, won five of the next six matches Donnie Watkins (103 pounds) put a 16-0 technical fall on CCs Doug Eldridge, and Carl Lucke (112) followed that with a 13-4

major decision over Steve Werner Steve Cox came from behind and pinned CCs Barrett Schwarzlose in 2 58, Brent Winekoff beat CCs Trevor O Connor 9-3 and Corey Phillips (135) beat Shea Hasenhauer 16-

11 to give Canton a 21 18 lead CC won three of the next four matches including a pair of pivotal ones, to claim the victory Shane Butwill pinned Cantons Fawzi Zeidan in 2 35 at 140 pounds and, one match later, Brown beat Price in a match Randolph figured his Chiefs to win

The turning point was getting pinned at 140 and losing at 152, Randolph said 'We knew we had to win at 152 to win it

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Wednesday at Saline H.S **Division 1 Regional Final** 103 pounds Donnie Watkins (C) won by technical fall over Doug Eldridge 16 0 112 Carl Lucke (C) won by major decision over Steve Warner 13 4 119 Nick lanni (CC) decisioned Jeremy Fillipelli 8 3 125 Steve Cox (C) pinned Barrett Schwarzlose in 2 58 130 Brent Winekof (C) dec Trevor O Connor 9 3 135 Corev Phillips (C) dec Shea Hasenauer 16 11 140 Shane Butwill (CC) pinned Fawzi Zeidan in 2 35 145 Jo Sanders (C) dec Brendan Cox 3 2 152 Ryan Brown (CC) dec Kiel Price 4 3 160 Stefan Gatt (CC) won by major decision over Brian Brubaker 14 0 171 Adam Powers (C) won by void 189 Matt Aubrey (CC) dec Dan Wanshon 6 0 215 Joe Kinville (CC) pinned Jon Webster in 1 56 285 Mike Martin (CC) pinned Donnie Laramie in 2 51

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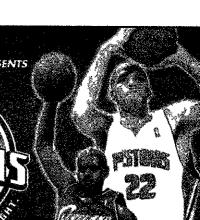
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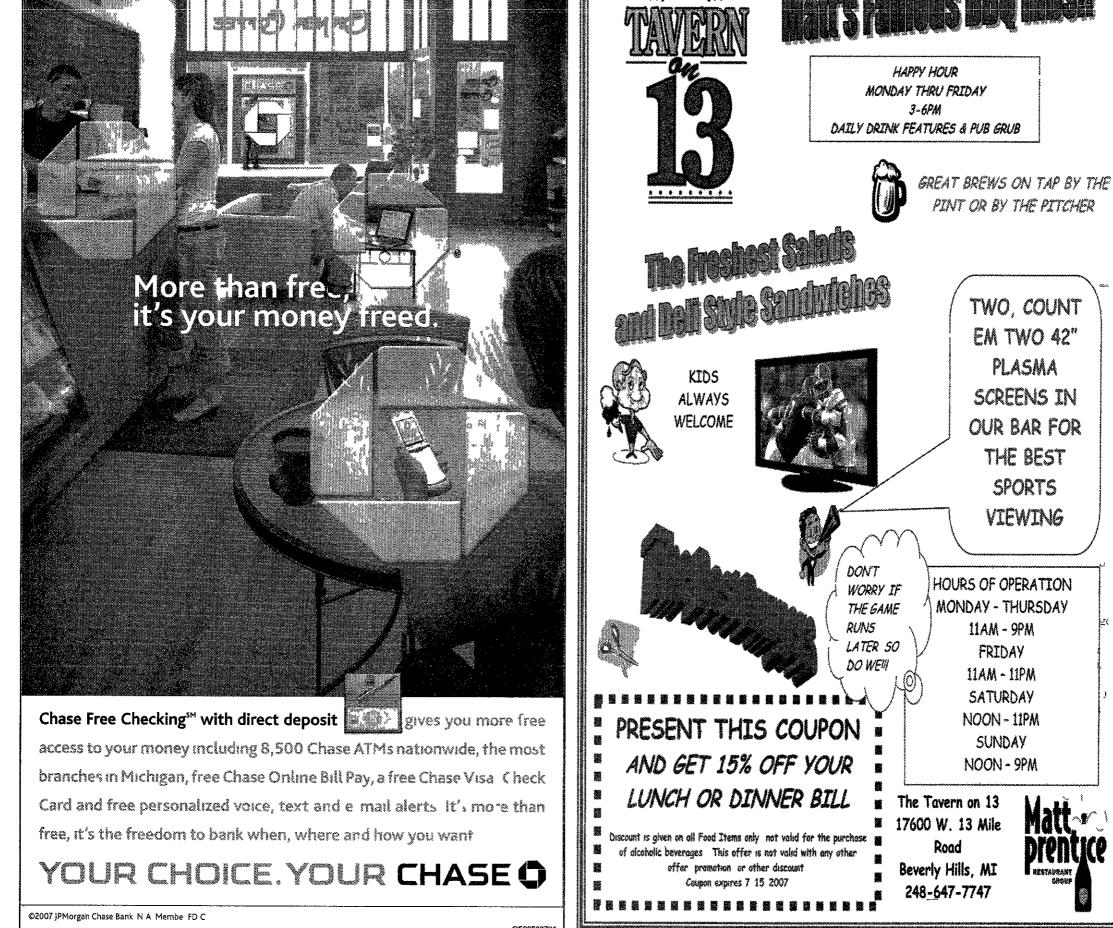
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Ford Road art takes a little getting used to

n my way home one day I was quite shocked to see a large hunk of metal sitting on the corner of Ford and Canton

Center roads I had no idea where the piece had come from and wondered why it was rusted I mean, who would pay to put up a

piece of art

gabrielle zuzo

that was covered in rust? I just didn't understand

Soon after I had discovered the artwork at the busy intersection, I learned Canton Township paid \$57,000 for it Since I already wasn't fond of the piece, I couldn't fathom why the township would spent that amount of money to display artwork at an alreadycrowded intersection

Now, don't get me wrong, I'm not against artwork In fact, I had noticed and enjoyed other pieces along Ford Road including the fishes in front of Target and the dancer located near the Canton 6 Cinema However I didn't get the rhyme or reason behind the newest addition

Many of my friends agreed and said they couldn't compre hend what the sculpture was meant to portray or why it was in its location

So, I decided to do some research



THOMETOWNER CON WOOLGES

Friends Jill Spangler (from left) Kayla Brindza Casey Strachan Summer Diehl and Laura Gilmore spent spring break together in April 2006 on the beaches of Ixtapa, Mexico

If it's planned right, spring break can be memorable



PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem sophomore Myles Aten (left) and Canton senior Kyle Kurtz worked on clearing brush last fall from the historic cemetery, revealing what's left of the 19th century headstones

Salem students get hands dirty studying cemeterv

BY KELLY CLAWSON

For nearly 200 years, Shearer Cemetery has been the final resting place for some of Plymouths founding residents

Through the course of time, weeds, vines and trees overshadowed the area until it became 'indistinguishable from a forest, said Darrin Silvester

After digging up some cles, I realized how uninformed I was

I never knew of a group in the township called the Downtown Development Authority The DDA is responsible for installing and maintaining the public art on Ford Road

The organizations funding is based on property values on certain lots along the main thoroughfare and its 2006 budget was \$8 5 million Once I knew this, the money spent towards the sculpture at Ford and Canton Center didn t seem like so much

When I read the DDAs mission is to improve and enhance the appearance of our community putting the massive structure at the busy intersection began to make sense Perhaps a little art could add to the township's personality

Although I m not gifted with artistic talent, looking at the different pieces dotted along Ford Road has become intrigu ing I ve come to admire and respect the DDA's goal

Ken Thompson, the artist of the township's newest structure, has said that his work is open for interpretation and that's just what I ve done

Although I m not certain what the piece is meant to convey, wondering about its symbolization is half the fun of viewing it

I m glad I ve learned about the reasons behind the creative additions to our community and I only wish more young adults were informed about the sculptures because I think it would lead to an appreciation for them

Now each time I drive by the Ford and Canton Center intersection, I find myself attempting to interpret the piece and find meaning in its shape

And although I ve grown to like the abstract piece, I still have one little question Why is it rusty?

Student journalist is Gabrielle Zuzo is a junior at Plymouth High School

BY SUMMER DIEHL

Senior year is the most important time in a high school students life

In addition to thoughts about what direction their lives will take after high school, what many seniors really anticipate is spring break.

Some parents may be reluctant to send their kid off for a week long party with their friends, but there are ways to keep them from worrying

and keep you from making national headlines



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Plan the trip with a group of friends you can trust and with whom you can get along

Find a chaperone that wont hamper your fun but puts an emphasis on safety

Choose a resort that has a variety of on-site activities

After you ve talked your

parents into letting you go on a fun-filled trip, theres a lot more to plan and organize

The costs associated with such a vacation can rack up easily and students have to understand why their parents may not foot the bill If the cost falls on the teenagers shoulder, getting a part-time job could be helpful

It also couldn t hurt to speak with your parents and ask if they can give you an allowance every week in exchange for you helping a little more around the house

Once financing is squared away, one of the biggest decisions that accompanies spring break preparation is finding the perfect destination

Whether you want to lay around on the beach, go shopping all week or desire action-packed days, getting a vacation planner is a viable option

A planner can help you map out of the trip of your dreams as well help you determine a lowbudget, safe place to travel

Once the location is set, you have to know what to pack.

If you're shooting for a traditional spring break, be sure to tuck away an ample supply of sunscreen with your bikinis and swim trunks to prevent burns and blisters Also, be aware that flip flops can be a precious barrier between your toes and the sun-kissed sand

Spring break might be the best experience of your high school career, so taking along a camera to capture memories is a great idea.

When all the planning is over and you're in the midst of your trip, you won't regret deciding to spend that time with your best friends Regardless of where you go or how much you spent to get there, when you look back on the experience your memories of everything will be priceless

Suvester, a history teacher at Salem High School, is trying to combat nature's takeover with the help of his students

While its unknown how many graves are inside the small cemetery, in the 1950s, 21 headstones were found Years later, only 16 were visible



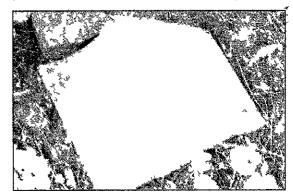
Two of Silvester's Michigan history classes have been working to revitalize the grounds The group has cleaned out weeds and trees and unearthed forgotten headstones Silvester said moving outside

the classroom and getting their hands dirty' has made the experience meaningful for his pupils More than \$15,000 has been

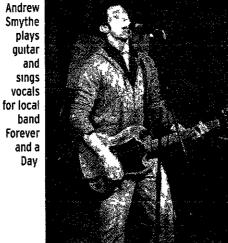
<u>kelly clawson</u> raised for the project

The students, who want the cemetery to be viewed as a historical landmark, have plans to put up a sign marking its importance as well as a monument in the center acknowledging those buried on the grounds

For more information on the project, call the Plymouth Historical Museum at (734) 455-8940



While clearing the overgrowth, the students uncovered a few traces of what remains of the nineteenth century headstones



PHOTOS BY NICOLE WILDMAN

Band ready to break out with new CD and summer tour

Editor since Nicole Wildman interviewed members of Forever In A Day drummer Brenden Harrison was replaced by Chris Donahue

BY NICOLE WILDMAN

Forever In A Day, a six-member local band, recently sat down after a performance in Canton to discuss their beginning, their music and the eventful summer they're anticipatıng

While the lineup of the band has changed several times, the guys

think they've got it right with their current combination Dave Henry, Andrew Smyth, Joe Jones, Alex Burrows, Brandon Ronchetto

and Brenden Harrison "There is no replacement," said

Alex, lead guitarist 'It can't be anybody but us If there is anybody but

nicole wildman

us, it wouldn't work" Andrew, whos on guitar and

vocals, echoed those sentiments There was a time when we tried out other members,' he said "We

played with them and it just didn t work

How did you come up with your name?

Brandon "Andrew came up with that one day, I don't even remember how it came up now

Joe "It goes back to that first bat-

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AROUND TOWN

Crafters/vendors needed

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Crafters and vendors are wanted for the springtime craft show/bazaar 16 pm April 28 at the Inkster Recreational Center 2025 Middlebelt in Inkster Cost is \$30 per booth E mail Vdotson@twmirr.com for appli cation or call (734) 595 1083

Eat for Education

Eat for Education Taste Fest with Silent Auction will be hosted by Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool at 30330 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia 6 8 30 p.m. Saturday March 10 Tickets are \$10 as a fund raiser for the school Local restaurants and bak eries will serve signature dishes while the auction features hotel pack ages/weekend getaways/spa pack ages etc (734) 261 9540 or visit acad emicpathways tripod com

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets March 1 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints 1041 W Grand River in Howell with a help session starting at 6 p m and the meeting at 7 p.m. Guest speaker Richard Hutchins a Fowlerville author will talk about Howell Goes to War The public is invited. For more infor mation call Margaret Bowland (810) 227 7745

Grief support series

Heartland Hospice ofers a five week series Living with Grief beginning Thursday March 1 through March 29 from 5 30 7 p m This program s a series of weekly sess ons offering insights and coping skills for an adults journey through grief This free series will be held at the Heartiand Hospice office 3840 Packard Ste 260 in Ann Arbor and s open to anyone in the community For more information or to register con tact Ann Chr stensen bereavement coordinator (734) 973 1145

Beginning Genealogy workshop

The Livonia Civic Center L brary and the Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will host a free beginning genealogy workshop from 9 a m to 1 p m Saturday March 3 at the library Registration begins at 8 30 a m A beginner's genealogy packet will be \$5 Topics include Census Records Cemetery Records Libraries/Archives and Immigration and Naturalization Contact Sue Cromwell (248) 477 5846 Brenda Halseth (734) 513 0619 Register at (734) 466 2197 by March 1

Academic Pathways preschool Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool at 30330 Schoolcraft in Livon a will host an open house form 13 pm Tuesday March 6 Enroll in

classes Tuesday and Thursday morn ngs for 3 year olds and Monday Wednesday and Friday mornings for 4 year olds. Potty training not required certified teacher (734) 459 6689 or visit academicpathways tripod com Lenten fish fry St Sebastian Catholic Church 20700

Colgate in Dearborn Heights hosts its annual all you can eat Lenten Fish Fry 47 pm Fridays through April 6 The event features baked and fried fish macaroni and cheese spaghetti cole slaw and dessert. Cost is \$8.50 for adults \$475 for children under 12 For more information call (313) 562 5356 Bocce for bucks

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's signature fund raising event Bocce for Bucks III sponsored by Complete Infusion Services offers patrons an opportuni ty to receive professional instruction on the sport from World Cup Bocce players The event takes place 2.6 pm Sunday April 22 at the Palazzo di Bocce in Orion Township Bocce for Bucks III features

an afternoon of indoor bocce ball tournament play ideal for families and people of all ages an Italian buf fet silent

auction and much more. No prior exper ence or equipment needed Dress is casual and prizes will be awarded to the top teams New this year is a private benefactor reception to be held 6 p m Sunday March 25 at Park West Gallery in Southfield Funds ra sed will help provide an innovative life saving system VNAs TeleHomecare program used by VNA to educate and empower patients by checking their health between home visits. Tickets are available with the following benefits \$100 Guest ticket Receives bocce play Italian buffet dinner beerwine desserts s lent auc tion and exit gift \$150 Patron ticket Receives all of the above plus expert bocce instruction from World Cup Bocce Players one hour prior to event start and \$200 Benefactor ticket Receives all of the above plus invita tion to Pr vate Benefactor Reception For sponsorship advert sing or ticket information for Bocce for Bucks III call (248) 967 8324 or vis t vna org

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 Detro t and entering college full time in the fall Scholarship recipients are chosen based on their overall scholar ship record leadership ab lities com mun ty work character and financial

need. To apply one must send in an offic al HT Ewald Foundation Scholarship application three of more letters of recommendation a photograph a minimum of 500 word autobiography and a complete 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 scholarships awarded varies every year. The scholarships are renewable for up to four years For an application or more informa tion call the HT Ewald Foundation office at (313) 821 1278

Egg-citing science

Crack Open EGG citing Science at the Ann Arbor Hands On Museums March Sciencepalooza Saturday March 3 and Sunday March 4 For March's Sciencepalooza visitors can egg splore the many uses of the egg Sciencepalooza is a special themed event held the first weekend of every month at the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum Sciencepalooza activity hours are 10 a m to 4 p m Saturday and noon 4 p m Sunday The museum is open 10 a m to 5 p m Monday Saturday and noon 5 p m Sunday Call (734) 995 5439 for more information

The Ann Arbor Hands on Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibi tion through summer of 2007 due to popular demand Waste to Watts shows how new environmentally friendly technology 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 ulti mately 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 Michigan's hospice pro gram needs compassionate volun teers 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 volun teers can provide companionship write a memoir provide respite for family members or provide office sup port A free 15 hour comprehensive training program is provided. The next training session is 9 a m to 2 p m Feb 24 All training takes place at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast M chigan headquarters at

25900 Greenfield Road Suite 600 For more information or to register call (800) 882 5720 Ext 8361 or visit www.vna.org

Card party/luncheon Victoria Chapter #290 OES Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon 3 p m the sec ond 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 car ing and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw western Wayne Monroe and Livingston counties Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship light housekeeping errand running grief support and clerical services. For more informa tion contact volunteer coordinator 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 communication skills The CLC will provide training to interested volun teers Previous experience or a bache lor s degree is not required. The coun cil will provide free training and mate rials and then match you with an adult student in your area Call (734) 416 4906 for more information

Toastmasters meet Do you have a fear of public speak ing? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered yes to any of these questions then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6 30 pm 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 out reach 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 chill drep 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 vari ous times of the year All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants If you are arieving or know someone who is

please call the office at (248) 348 0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support or visit www.newhope center net

CLUBS

Rotary A M

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

Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September May) for an adult evening of socializing a speaker or an activity Additionally the group hosts more than 20 events during the month including Book Club Bunko Playgroups Creative Kids Ladies Day and Night Out Scrapbooking Walking and many more Request a compli mentary newsletter at cantonnew comers org or call Jennifer at (734) 981 1715 You don't have to be new to be a Newcomer! **Kiwanis Club**

The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 715 a m at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer Street The Club invites you to their morning meetings to discuss community projects and activities Be part of the solution and not just a spectator For more information call (734) 981 0460 or see the Web site (www.pckiwanis.org)

Plymouth Newcomers

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

Fibromyalgıa/Chronic Fatigue

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1 3 p m on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a vari ety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small dona tion 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 For more information 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@iuno 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. For more details call Birthe at (734) 458 8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231 6120

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

German/American Club of Plymouth

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

American Legion

Beasley Zalesny Post 112 meets at the IOOF Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7 30 p m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible Contact (734) 459 7324 for further information The Plymouth American Legion

Passage Gayde Post #391 conducts its monthly meeting the second Thursday of every month at 7 30 p m at the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Hall on Mill (next to the railroad tracks) in Plymouth Township All interested military veterans should contact Commander Mike 0 Mallev (734) 459 7890 for more information Women's Farm and Garden Club-

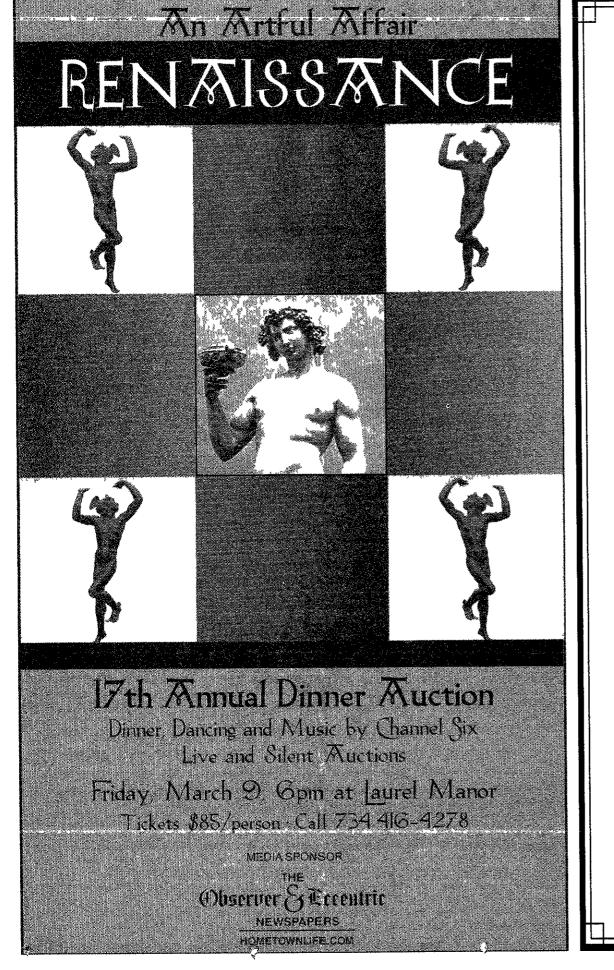
Plymouth

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

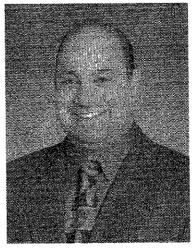
Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

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

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BAND

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tle of the bands We needed something

Andrew Im not gonna lie I stole it from (a band called) Starting Line Its a Starting Line song name Brenden Except (that song is titled) Forever And A Day

Andrew That was my favorite band at the time

Is a new album in the works? Andrew We ve started recording our new CD Thats been in the process for nine months now

Dave Its called Its So Well Rehearsed

How would you describe it? Andrew "This CD is Brenden a lot more elec

tronic Andrew Its (us) but its a lot catchier Its not as hardcore (but) I don t want to say pop pier

Brenden Radio-friendly Andrew Its not so much radio-friendly It still has that old FIAD feel

Brandon Its got an edge to it that I think our old fans will appreciate and we will gain even more fans Its going to be good

Brenden Our whole band



The band s logo adorns a beat up guitar case

has been nonstop growing Brandon Yeah, we haven t stopped growing and after we got Dave it took it to the whole next level

Joe I think the addition of the keyboards helped to form our new style There is a new flavor in there The new songs are going to blow people away

Brandon On this new CD, Alex actually did a lot for us Alex did a lot of the music and composing

Andrew Thats the best part We haven t sat behind some counter and some guys are like you do this and do it that way Its all our own ideas through When will the CD be

So not only (does) it show our

released?

Dave It's So Well *Rehearsed* (will) be dropping this spring probably May Seven or eight songs, nine maybe There might be a cou ple of acoustics We don t know how many acoustic songs yet

Brenden For this CD we re going broke A lot of other bands (will) make a five-song EP and they ll wrap it themselves but we re

going all out It's all or nothing Is a tour on the horizon?

Dave 'July is our tour' Brandon 'We're going to Florida this summer We plan on doing a full east coast, twoweek stint with Radio Pirate DJ That will be a good experience"

Andrew "(We have a) booking agent helping us book our tour

Brandon "This is going to be like the big breakout tour Its going to be a lot of exposure for us

Who is your favorite music artist?

Brenden I think my two favorite bands would be Underoath and Atreyu' Alex Its got to be

Underoath Brandon "I listen to a lot

My favorite at the moment is The Devil Wears Prada Joe "I love Anberlin and

Acceptance and Brand New Dave I m down with the

Academy Is And I would say Tim McGraw, but I'm gonna' say The Providence right now because I love them right now The Providence'

Andrew 'All right, I have three favorite bands right now Hit the Lights, All Time Low, and Cinematic Sunrise' Brenden I have to give it

up for Radio Pirate DJ right now

Livonia Symphony offers special ticket price for families

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Carl Karoub is excited about a special pass for families to hear and see the Livonia Symphony Orchestra at an upcoming concert

The French horn player doesn t want anyone to miss the program when play ers like himself will be spot lighted during Principals Night Out 7 30 p m Saturday March 3, in Louis Schmidt Auditorium at Clarenceville High School 20155 Middlebelt south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Tickets are \$17 adults \$5 children and students but for \$17 an entire family can enjoy the concert For more infor mation or tickets leave a mes sage on the LSO Hot Line at (734) 421 1111

We introduced the special family pass so they can get familiar with our orchestra said Carl Kaioub principal French Hoin player We don t want to keep it a

secret LSO president Tom Bjorklund expects the concert to be an interesting one Orchestra member Lanny Robbins is scheduled as guest soloist for Concerto for Bass Tuba by Ralph Vaughn Williams an early 20th centu ry composer The selection is sponsored by DTE Energy An added attraction is

Britten's Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra narrated by Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson

We have a very active music committee They come up with interesting themes, said Tom Bjorklund We had Mayor Engebretson narrate a couple of vears ago The mayor has a deep resonating voice and he enjoyed doing it so we invited him back for an encore

The young persons guide is good for any age to show off all sections of the orchestra added Karoub of Livonia The harp is displayed Its a wonderful piece of music" Rounding out the program 15 Oberon Overture by Weber

which is chamber music for a smaller orchestra, Sonata for Five Strings by Rossini, and Antiphonal Music by 16th century composer Gabriela for brass players

'The whole concert is interesting, said Karoub Antiphonal Music is for two brass choirs on each side of stage It was the first use of stereo back in Venice

Brahms Festive and Commemorative Music is for a brass choir of about 10 musicians, and Petite Symphony (Gounod) features seven woodwinds and two French horns

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Mr Happy Crack says.

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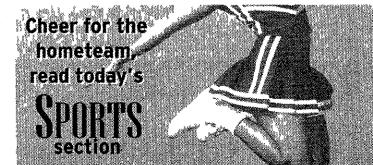
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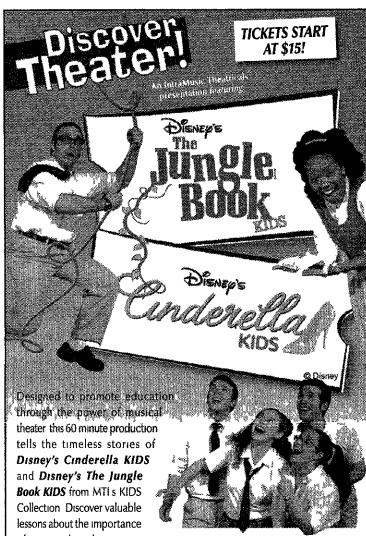
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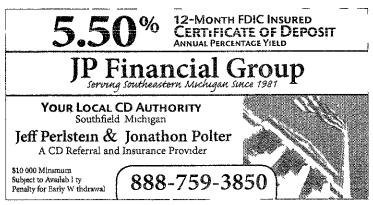
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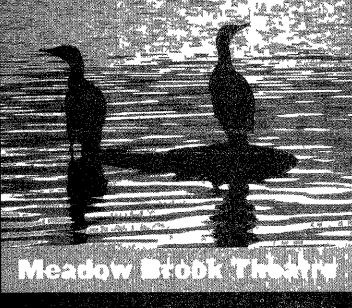
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Youth theater presents musical about Noah

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

The kids are still working on their animal masks, but before long they ll be heading two by two to the ark About 33 members of the Motor City Youth Theatre and 10 of the adults with Grantland Street Players are preparing to present the US premiere of Noah, The Musical on weekends from March 9-25, at the Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, one block west of Inkster, Livonia

Curtain times are 8 p m Friday-Saturday, and 2 p m Sunday Tickets are \$10 \$15, all seats reserved For more information, call (313) 535-8962 or visit www.mcyt.org

Director Nancy Florkowski describes the production as an ensemble effort featuring a cast from age 5 on up

'All the children are ani-

mals," said Nancy Florkowski of Redford 'We had a special mask making workshop on a Saturday taught by Mary Copenhagen who's on the teaching staff and a costumer for productions of the Wavne State University Theater Department

They're 3-D masks not flat, unicorns, tigers, horses The adults are high school age and older and do most of the dialogue The kids do singing and dancing'

Written by Ian Gower and Rob Alderton, the story revolves around Noah, played by Thomas Elliott The Northville resident grew up in Motor City Youth Theatre programs His brothers in real life. Andy and Zack Elliott, play Noahs sons along with Scott Crossman Patricia Tait tells the story

It starts out with a storm and how bad the world is," said Florkowski

A symbolic rainbow does eventually appear sort of like the script did

I just got it (the script) by chance," said Florkowski "Playwrights send their work out and ask if anybody would hke to do it We started e-mailing back and forth '

The production as well as the Grantland Street Playhouse is a work in progress Members recently built a stage and are trying to bring the facility up to code Florkowski, who retired as a teacher from Pierce Middle School in South Redford three years ago, says she's busier than ever before In July, Florkowski, who founded the Motor City Youth Theatre in 1990, holds a summer program

'We work from show to show trying to make improvements," said Florkowski



Members of the Motor City Youth Theatre rehearse for Noah, The Musical opening March 9 at the Grantland Street Playhouse in Livonia

'Theres so much more to do and so much more money is needed

'We have the Producers Circle, a support group that helps financially, at shows and with fundraising Amy Helman is president and has four children in program which is year round"

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At right Mary Nelson of Redford works on the animal mask she'll wear in Noah, The Musical



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The mission of Special Olympics is to provide sports training and athletic competi tion in a variety of Olympic-type sports for

children and adults with intellectual disabilities

Athletes are given opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship

For more information, visit www.somi23 org More than 12,400 athletes participate in Special Olympics Michigan programs Michigan has one of the largest programs in the US, but is always looking for more athletes

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Stalker-Smith

Sarah Elizabeth Stalker of Brooklyn, New York, and Nicholas Richard Smith will be married June 2007 at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Sue Stalker of Ann Arbor and Terry Stalker of Saline She 1s a 2005 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in women's studies She is employed with Icarus Project in New York City as a radical mental health advocate

The prospective groom is the son of Richard Smith of Garden City and the late Rebecca Smith He is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn He 1s currently a graduate student at New York University



Flevaris-Lloyd

Dr Carole A Flevaris and Anthony D Flevaris, of Farmington Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Ann Flevaris, of Chelmsford, Mass, to Edwin Lloyd, of Bellingham, Mass, son of Harvey and Margaret Lloyd, of Dedham Mass

The bride to-be is a graduate of Northeastern University and the Rochester Institute of Technology She works for the US Department of Labor

The groom to be is a graduate of the Rochester Institute of lechnology and works for Eastman Kodak The couple plans an October 2007 wedding in Sharon, Mass They plan a honeymoon in Aruba and they ll make their home in Franklin, Mass

Seitz-McMahon

Frederic and Mary Seitz of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura M Seitz, to Daniel R. McMahon

The bride-to-be is an elementary school teacher

The prospective groom is the son of Richard and Patti McMahon of Livonia He is employed at the Salvation Army headquarters in

for Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church with the **Rev Hal Edmonds officiating** They will make their home in Canton



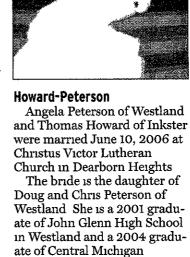
Rutecki-Daintv

William Rutecki of LaVerne, Calif, and Barbara Rutecki of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Geneva Rutecki of East Lansing, to Ryan James Dainty of Mishawaka, Ind

The bride to-be is a 2006 graduate of Michigan State University and is currently teaching in East Lansing

The prospective groom is the son of Jim and Helen Dainty of Cookeville, Tenn He is a 2004 graduate of the University of Tennessee He is a master of divinity student at the University of Notre Dame

An Aug 4 wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth followed by a reception a Plymouth Manor The couple will make their home in South Bend, Ind



University with a degree in broadcast and cinematic arts She is employed by WNEM-TV in Saginaw as a health and traffic reporter

The groom is the son of Tom and Laura Howard of Inkster He is also a 2001 graduate of John Glenn High School He is employed by Railserve Inc in Midland, Michigan

Attending the couple were Keith Oliver, friend and Kim Brandt friend, Brian Peterson, brother and Nicole Blan, friend, Randy Sinnot, friend and Sara Plescow, friend, Mike Hiltanen, friend and Brandı Howard, sıster, Nıck Peterson, brother and Nicole DeRuiter, friend, Jeff Drotar, friend and Melissa Nichols. maid of honor, friend Ushers were Curtis Burke, cousin and Paul Dalton, friend

A reception was held at Karas House in Redford The couple honeymooned in Jamaica

They are making their home ın Sagınaw Township



Lamb-Adams

Christine Rose Lamb and James Gilbert Adams were marrried Oct 13, 2006, at St Maurice's Church in Livonia with the Rev Robert Weiss officiating

The bride is the daughter of David and Rosanne Lamb of Livonia She is a 1997 graduate of Churchill High School and a 2003 honors graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelors degree in emotional impaired teaching She teaches middle school in Redford at Keeler Day Treatment Center She is pursuing a masters degree in learning disabilities a Madonna University

The groom is the son of Vicky Adams of Taylor and the late James B Adams He is a 1997 graduate of Taylor Center High School and a 2003 graduate of Eastern Michigan University He is a purchaser

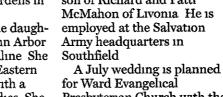
The bride was attended by Sally Snider, maid of honor and best friend of bride, Wend Warren, maid of honor and best, friend of bride, Sarah Adams, bridesmaid, sister of the groom Emily Lamb, junior bridesmaid, niece of bride, and, Sarah Lamb, flower girl, niece of bride The groom was attended * by Benjamin Lamb, best man, brother of bride, Michael Hetra, best man, best friend of bride and groom, Craig Lamb, groomsman, brother of bride. and, Alex Lamb, nephew and godson of bride, ring bearer

A reception was held at Burton Manor in Livonia The couple honeymooned in Florida They will make their home in Livonia

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Class of 1966

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

Ferndale Lincoln High

Class of 1947 January and June 60th class reunion Aug 3 4 and 5 at The Hilton Hotel on Crooks Road in Troy For information or details con tact Treva (Powell)Hamill 248 667 1601 bobtrev9@aol com or Dick Reising 248 623 9060 dreisings@sbc global net

Fordson High School Class of 1969

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

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Roberts celebrate 50th anniversary

Clyde and Lucy Roberts of Garden City celebrated their 50th anniversary Feb 14 The Roberts were married in

Italy on Feb 14, 1957 They have three children, Frank Roberts of Canton, Mike Roberts of Canton and Jessica Chase of West Bloomfield

They have six grandchildren The couple have lived in Garden City for 43 years Clyde Roberts has been retired from General Motors for 19 years He served 30 years in the Navy

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Ellen Grace Tomlinson

Jeff and Kelly Tomlinson of Florence, Ky, annouce the birth of their daughter, Ellen Grace, on Dec 4, 2006 The Tomlinsons are former residents of Livonia

Grandparents are John and Luanne Woodley of Livonia, Len and Cindy Gallagher of Clarkston and Mark and Monica Tomlinson of Plymouth

Great-grandparents are Pat Hope of Livonia, Ilsa deArmas of Redfore and Pat Cardinal of Livonia





JAMES HAROLD DAVIS

Age 98 of Westland died February 13 2007 Among his survivors are his daughter Dixie Frazer, of Plymouth and his son James S Davis of Charlotte six grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren Also sur viving are one sister Lucy Clark of Holly and several nieces and nephews Originally from Kentucky Mr Davis came with his wife Gertrude (died 2001) to settle in Wayne Michigan, where they devoted their lives to caring for and loving their children grandchildren and great grandchildren Mr Davis had been an employee of Unistrut Detroit Service Co as a shop foreman Cremation arrangements are being handled by the Cremation Society of Michigan Memorials are being received by Eaton Community[®] Hospice 2675 S Cochran, Charlotte MI 48813

JASON HOPTON

Age 28 of Westland Born May 11, 1978 died February 17 2007 Son of Keith Arms and Ruth Hopton Loving brother of twelve Fiance of Odette Hickey and sons Visitation Thursday 2 9p m at Harry J Will Funeral 34567 Michigan Avenue Home Wayne Funeral service Friday, 1 p m

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HELEN GRACE **SCHROEDER**

Age 93 a long time resident of Beverly Hills and most recently residing at Alexander Mercy Living Center in Royal Oak, passed away on February 5 2007 Mrs Schroeder was born in Westhope North Dakota, in 1913 She was the daughter of Ole and Helen Colbornson Her brother HO Colbornson, died in 1977 Helen Grace was a member of the congrega tion and worked for The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Birming ham for 25 years first as a part time secretary and then as congregational secretary until her retirement in 1987 She also served for a number of years as secretary of the Women's Society at Redeemer Mrs Schroeder s hus band Carl J Schroeder passed away in 1980 She is survived by her son Frederick W Rhines of Wilton Connecticut his wife Betsy her granddaughters Gretchen Rhines Cheney of Washington D C Cynthia Rhines of Austin Texas and two great grandchildren Contributions in her memory may be made to The Music Fund at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer 1800 W Maple Road Birmingham MI 48009

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DOROTHY JANE NORRIS JENSEN

Born February 11 1920 in Green Bay, Wisconsin raised in Rockford Illinois lived in Birmingham Michigan and ultimately Vero Beach, died peacefully surrounded by some of her family on February 18 at Florida Baptist Retirement Center Vero Beach, Florida where she had been a resident for seven years Dorothy s entire focus throughout her life was centered on her family home and her many friends in Rockford, Birmingham and Vero Beach Her talents seemed endless an expert seamstress who could copy designer dresses needlepoint knitting gardening music dancing cooking, and decorating - all achieved with mastery and grace Her instant smiles and twinkle welcomed friends and strangers alike She was a member of the Rockford Country Club Junior League of Rockford and Birmingham The Village Women's club in Birmingham Community House Birmingham Oakland Hills Country Club The John s Island Club IRMC Auxiliary and member of the first Presbyterian Church of Birmingham and Community Church in Vero Beach She was predecessed by E.C. Clem She was predeceased by E C Clem Jensen, her husband of 58 years in 1999 She is survived by her four chil dren David Jensen of Birmingham MI, Chris Loftus and Cathy Dusseau of Vero Beach FL and Jim Jensen of Benicia CA She was also the beloved Grammie to Meredith Rivers Burkitt David River Kate Dusseau Whitney, Matthew Rivers Scott Jensen Lindsay Dusseau and 3 pre cious great grandchildren Sam Luke and Joe The family requests in lieu of flowers memorials be sent in celebra tion of her life to Florida Baptist Retirement Center 1006 33rd Street Vero Beach FL 32960 The family extends their deepest gratitude for the love care and support of their mother these past years by the incredible staff of Florida Baptist There will be a Memorial Service in the Grace Chapel of The Community Church of Vero Beach on Sunday February 24 at 11 00 am A guest book may be signed at www.seawindsfh.com/obit.php



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Changing technology

Preliminary study shows CT scan cuts diagnosis time

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER



The result of a new study is changing the way William Beaumont Hospital emergency room physicians treat low-risk patients with heart attack-like symptoms

Dr James Goldstein says hypothetically if he were suffering chest pain, he could be back at his desk by 4 p m after seeking medical attention around noon Thats presuming the 64-slice CT scan revealed his arteries weren t blocked The coronary CT (computed tomography) angiography has become the preferred diagnostic tool used to detect fatty blockages or pockets of rockhard calcium in arteries that may be causing the pain

As lead author of the study appearing Feb 27, in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, Goldstein worked with Beaumonts ER staff to recruit 197 patients deemed to be at low risk - patients at risk for heart disease, but with no previous known heart disease According to Goldstein, director of research and education in the cardiology division at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, over 50 percent of patients who present with chest pain have a significant likelihood of having normal arteries

The standard testing procedure for low-risk patients takes about 15 hours and involves initial blood testing and an ECG (electrocardiogram) then repeating both four hours later In the study, all of the patients tests to detect a heart attack and damage were normal Researchers then assigned half of the patients randomly to have a CT scan, the other half to standard diagnostics including more blood testing and ECGs, as well as a nuclear scan that uses radioactive material to evaluate blood flow to the heart at rest and during stress Nuclear scans take several hours as physicians usually like to observe patients in the ER for at least eight hours before stressing the heart with medication or exercise It then takes several more hours for the radioactive material to pass through the body

In the study, coronary CT angiography reduced the diagnosis time for chest pain patients by 75 percent and more than 95 percent of the time accurately detected if arteries were clear or clogged with mild to severe blockages without cardiac catheteri



A patient undergoes a 64-slice CT scan at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak CT has been used since the mid -1970s to visualize areas of the body slice by slice

zation Costs were reduced as well, since patients were able to leave the ER sooner with a diagnosis without being admitted or having to return for testing

CT scans require patients only to lie still on a table as it moves slowly through an X-ray system Cardiac catheterization is invasive as it involves the insertion of a catheter into a chamber or vessel of the heart

"The CT was more definitive, Goldstein said I think it's going to reduce the numbers of patients who have to come back for further testing

Coronary CT angiography has come a long way since Goldstein began to do research at the University of California-San Francisco in 1979 Computer technology has enabled the 64-slice CT scanner to overcome the movement of the heart so it's able to take nearly 200 images per second Goldstein says that when the 64-slice became available $2\frac{1}{2}$ years ago, he was amazed at the clarity of the images of arteries which could previously only be seen with invasive catheterization

CT has been used since the mid-1970s to visualize areas of the body slice by slice

'Based on this and other research and clinical experience, we re using CT as the preferred diagnostic strategy in low-risk patients,' Goldstein said

In the 1980s, Beaumont researchers performed the first randomized study that established angioplasty as a primary heart attack treatment In the next couple of months, Goldstein will begin recruiting at Beaumont for a larger trial of the CT scanner involving 750 patients in 15 U S hospitals The result of the research could possibly change the standard of care

Chris Simpson was happy to be part of the first study of 197 patients at Beaumont Hospital in March 2005 That's when the Troy woman began noticing symptoms she considered odd Because her father died of his fourth heart attack at age 41, Simpson knew the warning signs to look for After exercising for a short period, she would get jaw pain or sometimes for no reason a pressure would start at her collar bone and radiate up the neck

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"I was feeling a little spacey for no reason All of the symptoms were very mild and didn't last," said Simpson, who immediately made an appointment to see her physician After describing her symptoms, the internist sent her directly to the emergency room, where she was asked to participate in the study She "had the CT scan a few hours later and the following morning was told a lesion had been found A cardiac catheterization revealed her right coronary artery was 99 percent blocked

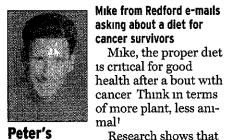
Its (CT scan) a good test for those who are at lower risk with no known heart disease, said Simpson, a 59-year-old instructional designer for a Troy-based corporate training company I had angioplasty, they put in a stent Since then, I ve had two more catheterizations and three more stents

Even before I was living a very healthy lifestyle, taking baby aspirin every day, trying to avoid cholesterol-laden foods, and was exercising four days a week, going to Curves and walking on the off-days Because of my family history, I had always known I would develop heart disease

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Foods high in fat should be used sparingly Medical experts recommend covering two-thirds of your plate with plant-based food and one-third with meat and dairy products Fat derived from some fish can also be beneficial when it comes to cancer survival

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John from Royal Oak suffers from diabetes He e-mails for natural tips on controlling the disease

John, help may be as close as the nearest spice rack A recent study finds that cinnamon may help Type 2 diabetics improve their ability to stabilize blood sugar

Researchers find that cinnamon helps fat cells recognize and respond to insulin Insulin is the hormone that removes excess sugar from the blood In fact, cinnamon appears to increase the metabolism of glucose by a factor of 20 Other reports show that a compound in cinnamon makes fat cells more responsive to insulin It does this by activating the enzyme that causes insulin to bind to cells

Tired of sugar? Feel free to sprinkle plenty of cinnamon on your oatmeal, cereal, even in your coffee Not only is it delicious, it just might help stabilize your blood sugar

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For many college students, spring break at the beach is the reward for months of study during the long, cold winter As irresistible as it may seem to overindulge in sun and fun, don't break up the party with a trip to the emergency department

Dr Brian Keaton, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians, says emergency physicians see many serious injuries during spring break, and advance planning and common sense should be as essential to a students travel plans as a bikini and a boogie board

The fastest way to ruin a good vacation is to overdo it, whether that means excessive sun exposure, sports injuries or overindulgence in alcohol,' said Keaton "Every year, emergency physicians treat college students who have left good judgment behind along with their textbooks"

So don't let the pleasure turn into pain If you are under the legal drinking age, don't drink alcohol If you are of legal drinking age, drink responsibly and never combine alcohol with driving, boating or swimming

Do not get into a car with a driver who has been drinking

The abuse of drugs and other illegal substances is always a bad ıdea

Wear a life jacket at all times when boating

Wear sunscreen with the maximum level of sun protection, and plan outdoor activities for before 10 a m and after 3 p m

Drink plenty of water especially when in the sun or perspiring heavıly

Take it easy with athletic activities after an inactive winter and get training from a professional, particularly for water sports such as surfing, water-skung and scuba diving

Swim with a buddy even if you are very experienced, be aware of any rip tides in your area and learn how to swim out of one should you get caught

Get enough sleep Many bad decisions are the result of sleep deprivation

The best protection against sexually transmitted diseases and unintended pregnancies is abstinence If you do have sex, use a condom Your vacation may only last a week, but parenthood, HIV and herpes are forever

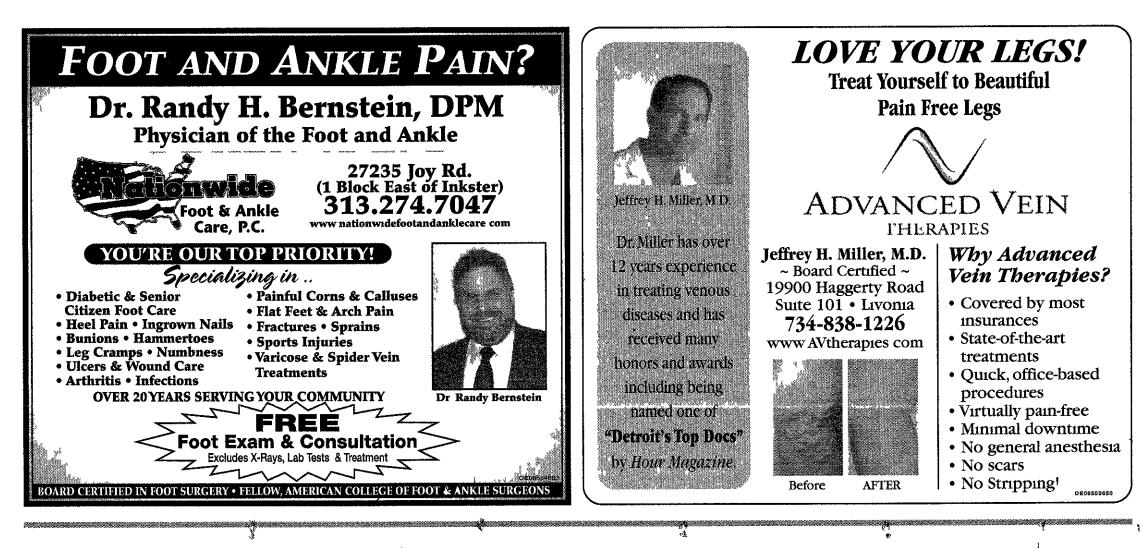
If traveling with a group, resist the urge to go along to get along' if risky activities are suggested

Don't visit unfamiliar areas by yourself, especially at night

Take medications and proof of insurance with you

Program your cell phone with I-C-E (in case of emergency), and identify a person and phone number that emergency medical services can contact just in case you do end up at the hospital and cannot speak for yourself

"Emergency physicians were all college students too at one time," said Keaton "We just want you to enjoy your vacation without a trip to the hospital"



Guidelines help prevent heart disease

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Dr Shukrı Davıd is glad the new guidelines for preventing cardiovascular disease in women were released today The cardiologist has been telling patients they should be exercising 30 minutes three to four times a week. The 2007 guidelines from the American Heart Association recommend 60 to 90 minutes, preferably on a daily basis for women who need to lose or sustain weight loss

Published in a special womens health issue of Circulation - Journal of the American Heart Association, the updated guidelines emphasize a woman's lifetime risk for developing cardiovascular disease (CVD) and provide direction for health care professionals on not only physical activity but nutrition, and the use of aspirin hormone replacement therapy and dietary supple ments in treating and preventing heart disease and stroke David says most women believe their greatest risk is for breast cancer

Heart disease is the number one killer of women as well as men

Nearly all women are at risk for CVD the authors wrote, that s why a heart-healthy lifestyle is important The guidelines recommend controlling blood pressure and weight, eating fresh fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy products, drinking alcohol in moderation, and restricting sodium Saturated fat intake should be less than 7 percent of calories if possible

WOMEN AS WELL

One of the misconceptions is that heart disease has always been a mans disease so clinical trials from the 1970s to 1990s have primarily focused on men, said David, chief of cardiology at St John Providence Hospital in Southfield, and a former president of the American Heart Association board for the Greater Midwest Affiliate based in Southfield "The volumes of participation of women were low and could n t come up with consistent recommendations Now we have more data coming in The information is rather important for those at risk or those who have CVD More women due of CVD than the top five killers Almost four in 10 women end up dying of heart disease

David beheves the more than 30 million women with documented heart disease are just the tip of iceberg He says women are much more stoic than men and rarely slow down to complain even if they do suspect a problem Others are financially unable to afford screening for heart disease, or are too busy taking care of oth ers to take care of themselves

They usually don't have typ ical symptoms such as pressure or pain in the chest like men, said David "They have fatigue or arm or jaw pain, or their stomach is upset

David says women need to pay attention to their symptoms and to seek medical attention They also need to stop smoking The 2007 update offers a complete list of current chinical recommendations for preventing CVD in women 20 and older at www americanheart org

"The guidelines let doctors know they should pull the trigger quicker on nicotine replacement therapy, said David Were not just talking about quitting smoking but recommending nicotine replacement therapy

They're recommending that women take supplemental omega-3 fatty acids In the past this hasn t been pushed among women for women with heart disease to take up to one gram a day, women with high triglycerides 2 to 4 grams a day

The guidelines do not rec ommend women take hor mone replacement therapy and selective estrogen receptor modulars (SERMs) for the sole purpose of preventing heart disease

NO DATA ON ANTIOXIDANTS

Antioxidant supplements such as vitamin E, C and betacarotene should not be used for prevention of CVD David says theres no data that antioxidant supplements reduce coronary artery disease

The 2004 guideline recommendation that folic acid be considered for use in certain high risk women has been reversed Folic acid should not be used to prevent CVD

'Women over age 65 should probably take a baby aspirin every day, regardless of risk status, and for women who are at high risk to use a higher dose of aspirin of 325 milligrams per day," said David

Very high risk women with heart disease should lower their LDL (bad cholesterol) to less than 70 milligrams and may require medications to do that '

David is concerned because the guidelines don't give health care professionals direction for heart disease screening Yet, there are recommendations for mammography and colonoscopy

If a woman is 40 or 50 and has a family history or risk fac tors, I would recommend a stress test before beginning any physical activity," said David

For more information on heart disease and stroke, call 1-888-MY-HEART or visit goredforwomen org The American Heart Association urges Congress to make the No 1 killer of women a national priority by passing the HEART for Women Act this year The HEART for Women Act is bipartisan federal legislation that would improve the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease in women For information, visit www heartforwomen org

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Eating disorders awareness

In recognit on of Eating Disorders Awareness Week Beaumont Hospital pres ents a two part program Eating Disorders are Serious Illnesses Not Choices 7.9 pm Monday Feb 26 and Wednesday Feb 28 in the auditor um Royal Oak No charge or pre registration Weekly support groups take place 7.8.30 pm Monday at Beaumont Hospital 3601 W 13 Mile west of Woodward and 6.30.8 pm Wednesday at Garden City Hosp tal 6245 Inkster Road Meetings open to all persons with anorexia bulimia binge eating compuls ve eating etc. No regis tration reguired

Support groups for family and friends meet 7 8 30 p m on the second Wednesday of every month and for par ents only on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Beaumont Hospital For infor mation call (734) 324 3089 **Thyroid disorders**

7 pm Monday Feb 26 Dr William Karl DC presents Treating Thyroid D sorders Naturally at the Civic Center L brary Livon a if you suffer from hair loss cold hands or feet stubborn weight gain or unwanted pain there may be help Learn safe natural effect ve alternat ves No charge To register call (734) 425 8588 Half hour to health

Dr Daniel Laframbo se ch ropractor pres ents Half Hour to Health Workshops at 615 p m in h s off ce at 18444 Farmington Road Livonia Feb 27 topic is How to Increase Your Immune System 300 per cent and March 6 The Best Kept Health Secret No charge Seat ng limited To reg s ter call (248) 474 5252

Women's lecture

Shar Maxwell M D takes an informat ve and ntimate look at ssues syrrounding women s health 5 30 7 p m Tuesday Feb 27 at Henry Ford Medical Center Plymouth 14300 Beck Road The obstet ric gynecologist discusses top cs such as birth control fibroids incontinence menopause and issues surrounding abnormal Pap smears and the impor tance of yearly screen ngs To register call (800) HENRYFORD (436 7936) Informational meeting

The nation's largest most successful non profit event the Amer can Cancer Soc ety's Relay For Life is coming June 16 17 to Lahser High School Bloomfield Hills More than 4 600 communities have already taken up the fight to end cancer. Activities include a cancer survivor celebration and victory lap as well as a lum naria ceremony to help honor and remember everyone touched by the disease. Anyone interested in learning more should attend an informa

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tional meeting 6 8 pm Tuesday Feb 27 at Gary Doyle Center 7275 Wing Lake Road Contact Lauren Konchel at (248) 483 4308 or visit www.acsevents.org/relay/mi/bloom f eldhills

Divorce support group

Group discuss on 7.9 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 27 gaining financ al control of your divorce Jacqueline Gold Roessler and her partner David Roessler discuss financial aspects of divorce and how to plan for your future fol low ng divorce in the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile Livonia For more nformation call (734) 462 4443

Mental health forum

Luncheon and interactive forum for cler gy on mental illness and add ctions noon to 4 p m Wednesday Feb 28 at St George Greek Orthodox Church Cultural center 43816 Woodward north of Square Lake Road Bloomf eld Hills Tickets \$15 For information call Cathy or Sue at (248) 338 1299 Keynote speaker is Philip Dwyer clinical director of psychology at Garden City Hospital and an add ctions counselor and adjunct professor at Oakland Univers ty The program is designed to provide information answer questions supply referral resources for pastors priests Stephen ministers parish nurses and other spir tual leaders. Partic pants will also have the opportunity to attend discussions on suic de prevention chil dren and adolescent behavior hea thy boundar es relat onship of substance abuse to mental liness dementia and fam ly violence

Bone and joint disease

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commode in time the strain includes the other leg the arms back and torso. What the cond tions in this I st have in common is that questioning and examining you can rule out any one of them as being likely or not. Each has distinct features For example polymyalgia identifies itself by the profound intensity of its ache and that it occurs suddenly at times coming on overnight in contrast if bromyaig a is presented for months or years often presented in the past, then disappearing only to return again. Fat gue sensitivity to touch and fleeting migratory but daily pain are its characteristics.

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Donna Law with Sam and Chestmutt Law is caring for the two dogs until their owner returns from serving in Iraq

Drive to help soldiers serving in Iraq

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

If there's a pet owner with a crisis, Donna Law will be there to assist in every way possible When one US soldier was deployed to Iraq, the Redford woman took in his two dogs Sam and Chestmutt

But Law wanted to do even more so she's collecting items to make the soldier's life as bearable as possible in the hostile country From now through March 17 at Pet Supplies Plus in Canton, Law is accepting donations of travel size mouth spray, disposable razors, shaving cream, hand sanitizing spray, bacterial wipes, lip therapy or ChapStick, cough drops, gum, tooth paste and folding tooth brushes as well as calling cards for the solider and five men under his command to phone home Surplus items will be passed on to others serving there

An Adopt a Pet day is being held in conjunction with the drive from 11 30 a m to 4 30 p m Saturday, March 17 Both efforts are being orchestrated by Law's Mutts & Mutts Rescue, Michigan Coonhound Rescue and the store

Canton story manager Ted Linden says he hopes the drive will inspire others to collect items for the men and women serving in Iraq

"I believe no animal should be forgotten no matter what the crisis the owner may be facing and if you need us we'll be there to help you in any we can," said Donna Law

'We're looking for deodorants, granola bars without chocolate which melts, Kleenex, cough drops, emergency or pocket-size containers of Bayer Aspirin, Rolaids, small First Aid kits

Law would like to help many of the soldiers serving in Iraq by caring for their animals, but space doesn't allow so she's looking to purchase property

But her biggest need right now is a van to rescue and transport the dogs Her van had 176,000 miles on it when the engine died She borrowed an old Buick from her parents but only two dogs fit in the back seat and a puppy on the lap of a volunteer who sits in the passenger seat

People have been generous so far Last semester's sixth hour special education class at Garden City High School with Amy Kierszkowski in room 215 A collected \$50 76 plus a dog jacket, squeaky toy, leash, and treats for Sam and Chestmutt

Law started rescung animals in 1988 and her Mutts & Mutts Rescue became a nonprofit in 2001 If you can help, call (313) 538-1383 To see a list of the animals up for adoption, visit www.muttsandmutts petfinder org

Pet Supplies Plus is on Ford Road between Sheldon and Morton Taylor in Canton

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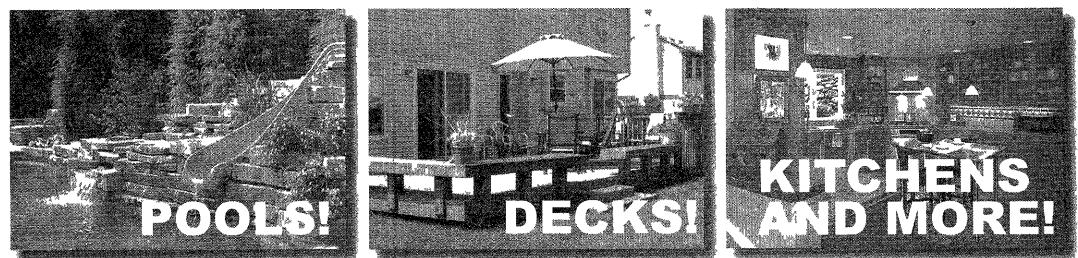
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Young volunteers needed for scholarship competition

Kohl's will reward nearly 1,600 kids nationwide for their volunteer efforts in 2007 by awarding more than \$200,000 in scholarships through its Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program

Kids ages 6-18 are eligible for scholarships To nominate a young volunteer, visit www kohlscorporation com and submit nominations by March 15

The rising cost of college tuition is no surprise, but the results of a recent study might be Kohl's commissioned Impulse Research, a full-service public opinion and marketing research firm, to develop and conduct the study The survey was conducted online with a random sample of 1,025 parents of children ages 6-18 The 2007 survey revealed that nearly 95 percent of parents consider the cost of college a concern, yet more than half are currently saving no money for their child's tuition

To help cover the rising cost of

tuition, 75 percent of parents hope to tap into scholarship funds as a resource with a full 70 percent counting on scholarships to cover at least 25 percent of tuition costs

Parallel to the rising cost of tuition is the rising trend of youth volunteerism in the U S

Whether they're donating time, fundraising or organizing benefits, young adults are tackling an endless list of community service opportunities

Today's teens also find that com munity service is an important factor when considering college According to the 2007 survey, more than 60 percent of parents are aware that volunteering can actually improve their child's like lihood for success in college admissions and 65 percent of families perform volunteer activities at least once a year

Last year there were 12,000 nominations of great young volunteers for the Kohl's Kıds Who Care Scholarship Program This year two nominees from each of Kohl s more than 800 stores will win a \$50 Kohl's gift card Store winners then compete for one of 170 regional scholarships worth \$1,000 toward post-secondary education

Regional winners are then eligible for one of 10 national prizes worth \$5,000 toward post second ary education National winners also receive a \$1,000 donation to the charity of their choice courtesy of Kohl's National winners will be announced in July

The Kohls Kids Who Care Scholarship Program is part of the companys Kohls Cares for Kids program

Special Kohl s Cares for Kids merchandise is sold yearround with 100 percent of the net profits funding children's health and education opportunities nationwide

DETROIT SCHOOL REUNIONS

Detroit Cody Class of 1957

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www.classreport.org/usa/mi/detroit/cooley/1967 Detroit Denby Class of 1957

A 50th reunion is planned for Sept 7 8 and 9 2007 at the Thomas Edison Inn Port Huron Seeking ost graduates January/June classes If you are not yet on the mailing list please email maroonfowl@aol com or call (248) 642 0249 Detroit Girls Catholic Central Class of 1967

Searching for classmates of the class of 1967 for a 40th reunion this summer/fall Contact Diane Kangas (Krok) at (586)446 9011 or Mary Mezzardi (Winowiecki) at mmezzadri@hotmail.com

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Class of 1967

A 40th reunion will be held 6 30 11 30 p m Saturday Sept 8 at Laurel Manor Special Event Center in Livonia Seeking January June and sum mer graduates from 1967 For information call Ellen (Neihoff) VanderRoest at (248)684 7705 or email chuckandelvan@comcast net

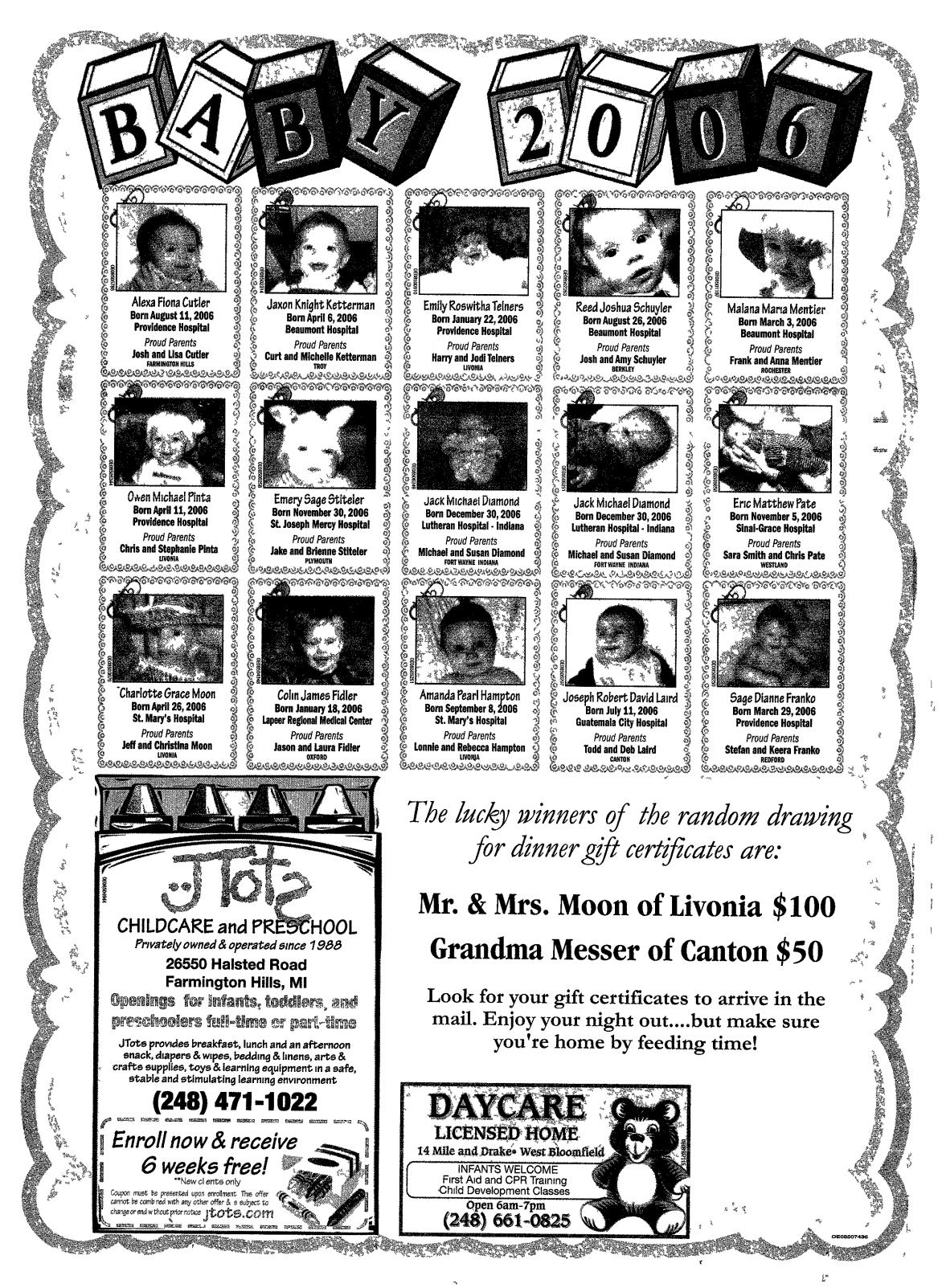
Detroit Holy Redeemer Class of 1957

A 50 year reunion Oct 12 2007 at 0 Kelley KofC Council Dearborn In interested in attending or know the whereabouts or former classmates con tact John Duff at oliverlynn@aol com or phone (734)261 3346

Detroit Mackenzie

Class of 1957

Looking for graduates to attend a reunion sched uled for Oct 19 2007 Call Eleanor at (734)425 8278





BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Chances are you know who won the recent Super Bowl You may be an Indianapolis Colts fan, or sorry your beloved Chicago Bears lost, but knowing the games outcome can be a definite career booster

The fine art of small talk has its place in business and professional settings, experts agree

A study at the Stanford University School of Business tracked M B.A s 10 years after they graduated The study found that grade point averages had no bearing on their success, but ability to converse with others did

Thomas Harrell, professor emeritus of business at Stanford, studied a group of M B.A s a decade after graduation, to find out what made some of them particularly successful

The one common trait was verbal fluency, feeling comfort able both in public speaking and in general conversations, with friends and with strangers, co-workers and others

Being able to connect with



others through small talk can lead to big things, according to Debra Fine, author of *The Fine Art of Small Talk*, and other experts

Margaret Harlow, co-owner of Harlow Tire on Wayne Road in Westland, agreed small talk matters 'I think that's always important, the Wayne resident said That's what we do at chamber of commerce meetings, and Rotary It gives you a feeling for the person

Sports topics, such as the Super Bowl, find their way into Harlow s business conversations She likes to talk about Indianapolis coach Tony Dungy, "the hard road he has traveled with the loss of his son,

being a black coach in the NFL' Harlow's impressed that Dungy never raises his voice 'Yes, he s the winning coach

but hes a nice man'

Harlow's not a shy person, but knows that some others are in business settings and has advice 'There are people like me who will make them feel at ease Just do it," Harlow said

Harlow encourages others to attend chamber meetings, "any community event she said Take business cards willingly, and have a brief conversation about your business

"If you present yourself in the right way, you're going to come across as a good business person, said Harlow, adding people like to do business with others they feel good about

Michele Hodges, president of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, noted, "There is no such thing as small talk In a 'relationship economy," any information that can create trust is timely

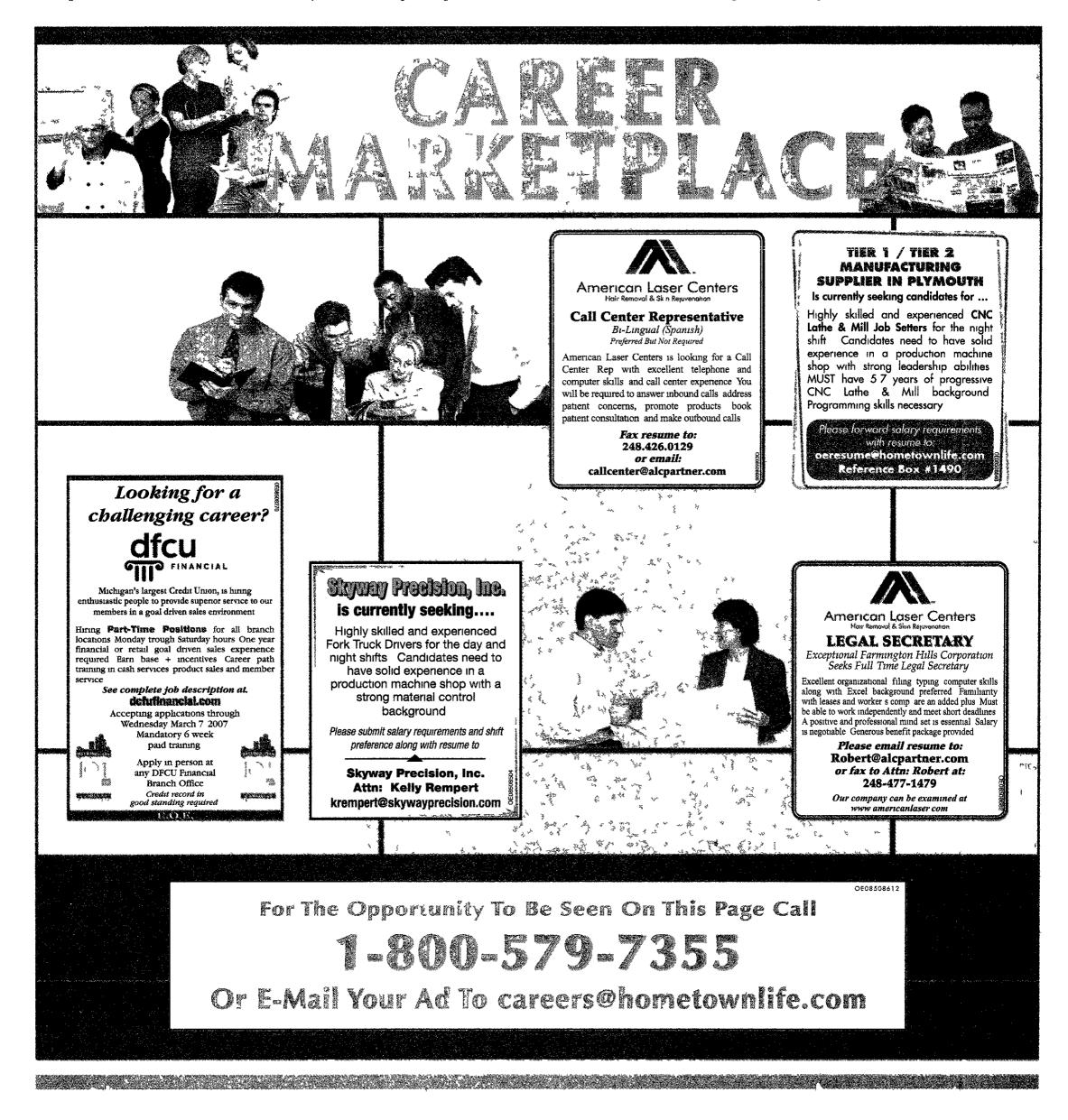
Hodges cited the recent astronaut scandal at NASA as an example where small talk could have helped "Perhaps things wouldn't have gotten so far" She finds it vital to create trust and awareness of each other That's all important"

Hodges also has tips for the shy person in a business setting, first knowing you're not the only person feeling that way Seek out a chamber staffer for help, Hodges recommends, as she or he can help with introductions "Let us know who you re looking for That's what a chamber staff person is, there for

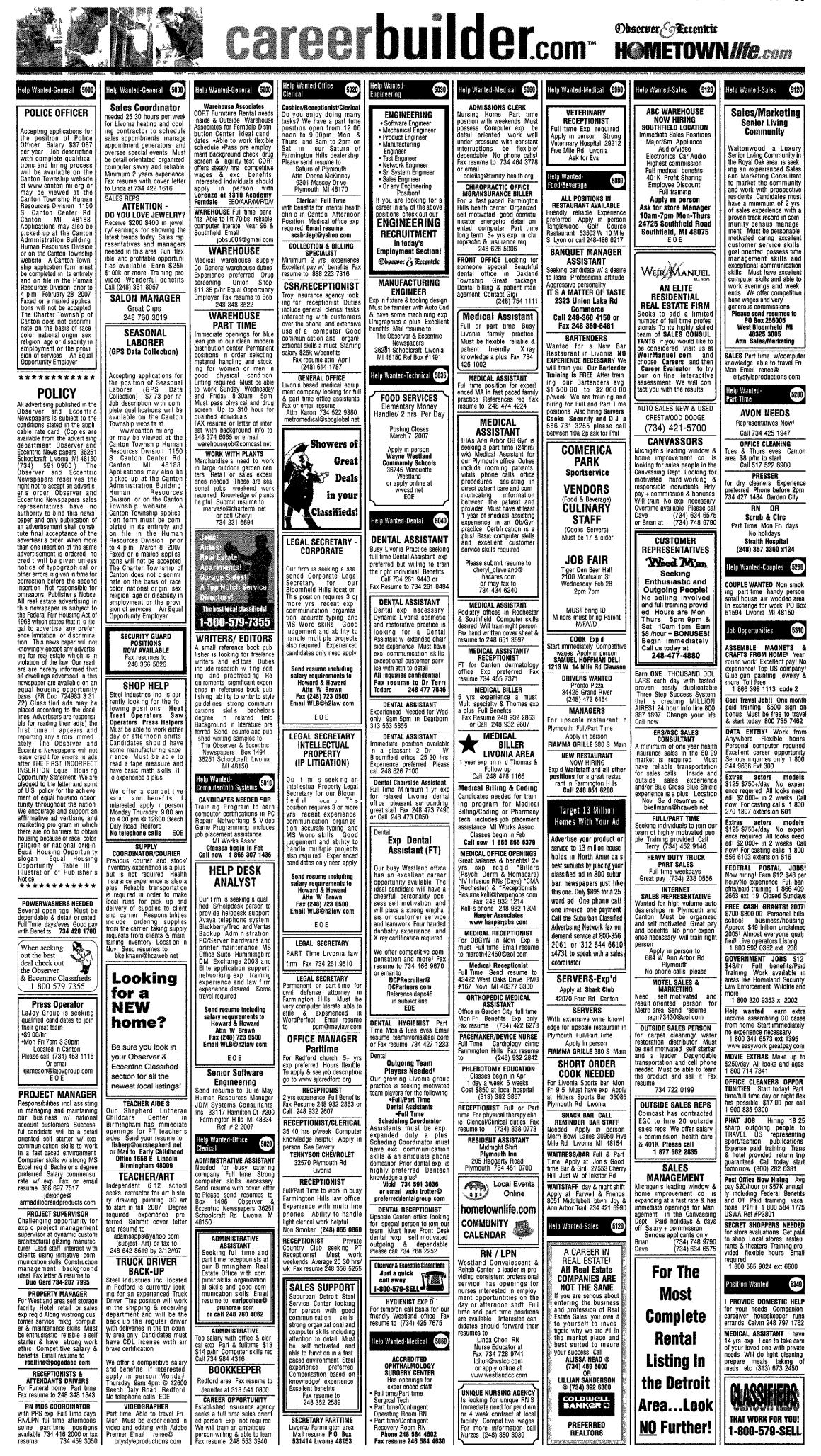
It s also important to take an interest in others, Hodges said, and understand your " product/service and be able to make an elevator pitch" 'Tell , your story," the Grosse Pointe Park resident said The chamber of commerce can provide the infrastructure to help you in your business

Hodges has two small kids at home, and thus limited TV time "I do occasionally feel left out during office discussions" She finds she can compensate for that 'That's your chance to listen and really understand the person you're talking to"

There's a need to balance talking and listening, Hodges added



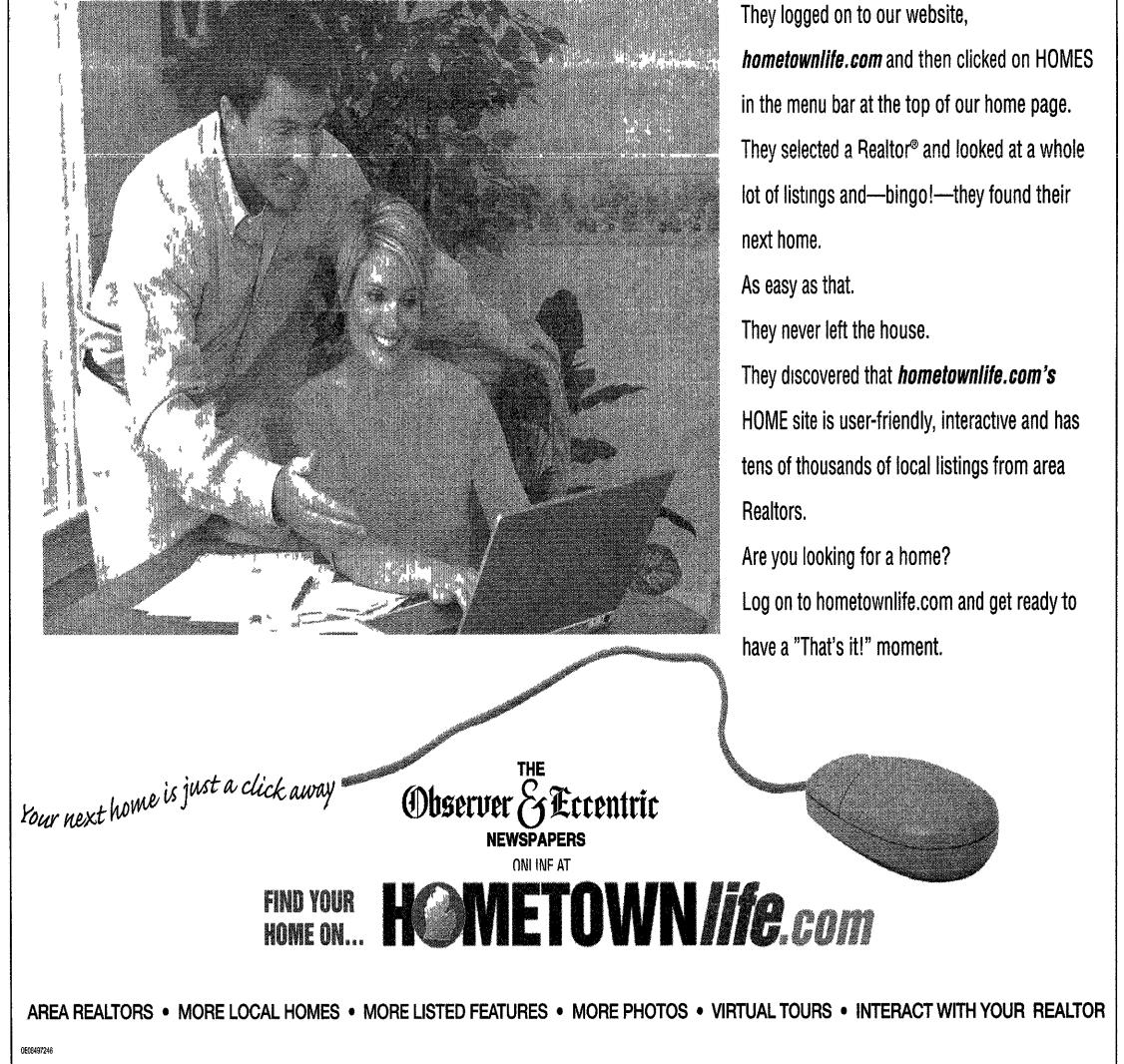








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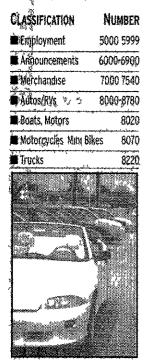


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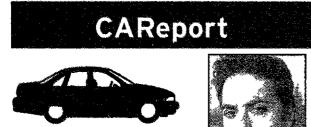
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By Kevin Koloian Avanti News Features

Toyota has strayed away from recreational pickup truck buyers this year by completely redesigning the Tundra for 2007 to attract the American working man

Since the Tundra was introduced in 2000 it has never been big enough to be considered a full-size truck and the work capacity suffered from its small size So the original Tundra was just a fun to-drive truck capable of handling small home improvement jobs

While handyman hobbyists were getting Tundras, independent contractors and people who haul heavier payloads continued to buy the larger and stronger Ford F Series Dodge Ram and Chevrolet Silverado

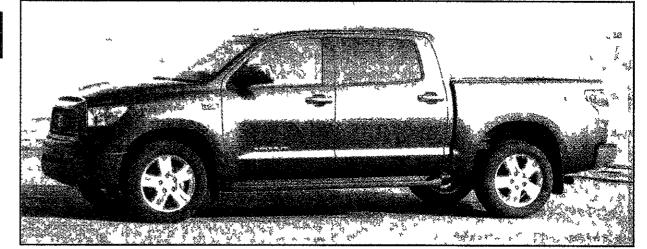
Toyota hopes to change that in 2007 making the Tundra a truck of true full size proportions capable of handling some of the toughest construction jobs Whatever type of work you do the half ton Tundra can be suited to your needs You can equip it for dual use as a work-site vehicle or just get it as is and use it for family transportation. There are three cab sizes three bed lengths and three engines, including a new 5.7 liter V8 putting the 2007 Tundra on equal ground with all of the traditional Big Three pickups

The Tundra s three cab sizes include the Regular Cab Double Cab and CrewMax Big or small, all three have their advantages depending what you need the Tundra for

The interior of the Regular Cab which starts out at \$22 290 got four more inches of shoulder and hiproom for front occupants this year And the oversized rear door handles on the Double Cab and CrewMax models now allow glove-wearing workers to easily open the door

The Double Cab has four forward hinged doors and is now the extended cab version of the Tundra It is as large as many competitors crew cabs

The Tundra CrewMax is an extra large crew cab, offering the roomiest rear-seat accommodations in the entire pickup truck class with 44 5 inches of rear legroom



Whatever type of work you do, the half-ton Tundra can be suited to your needs

Regular and Double Cabs can be ordered with either a 6 5-foot or 8-foot bed while the CrewMax comes strictly with a 5 foot bed

The standard-cab Tundra comes in a single DX trim level, while the Double Cab and CrewMax are available in SR5 and Limited trim levels

The DX adds 18-inch steel wheels a cloth bench seat dual zone air-conditioning and a fourspeaker CD stereo with an MP3 player input jack

The SR5 includes chrome bumpers additional front seat adjustments an extra pair of stereo speakers, cruise control full power accessories keyless entry and rear heater ducts

Long bed versions of the Double Cab SR5 come ready made to tow They are equipped with a tow/haul mode for the transmission and manually extendable exterior mirrors The CrewMax SR5 models have heated mirrors, rear A/C ducts, a reclining rear bench seat and a sliding rear window with a defroster

The top-of-the-line Tundra Limited model comes with alloy rims wider tires, a bed rail system with adjustable tie downs, leather upholstery front captain s chairs a telescoping steering wheel automatic climate control a 10 speaker JBL sound system with an in dash CD changer Bluetooth and power-retractable exterior mirrors with an autodimming feature

If you still need to customize your truck options include a navigation system a backup camera 20 inch wheels and on the CrewMax only a sunroof The TRD Off Road Package provides an upgraded suspension with Bilstein shocks BFGoodrich allterrain tires and fog lamps Buyers seeking a colorkeyed look can buy the Sports Appearance Package for the Regular and Double Cab

For the countless Tundra variations there are a few things all models have in common The equipment you'll find standard on all 2007 Tundras are a sixspeed automatic transmission, antilock disc brakes, traction and stability control, front-seat side airbags and side curtain airbags The Tundra Regular Cab has a manual cut-off switch for the passenger-side front airbag

All versions of the Tundra are offered as twowheel-drive or four-wheel-drive A properly equipped 4x2 Tundra Regular Cab can tow up to 10,800 pounds beating the Silverado by 300 pounds

Inside, all Tundras have the same large, easyto-read displays and clearly labeled dials Similar to the F 150, a large center console with an armrest/huge storage bin dominates the interior of the Tundra

Full-size truck buyers with serious towing and hauling needs shouldn't overlook the 2007 Tundra as they have its predecessor

It's just as fast as its competitors And with a trailer hitched to the back, its six-speed transmission makes it a more efficient hauler than some of these trucks

Ford and Chevy loyalists who need a truck that can handle the wear and tear of rugged outdoor work owe it to themselves to give the second generation Tundra a second look

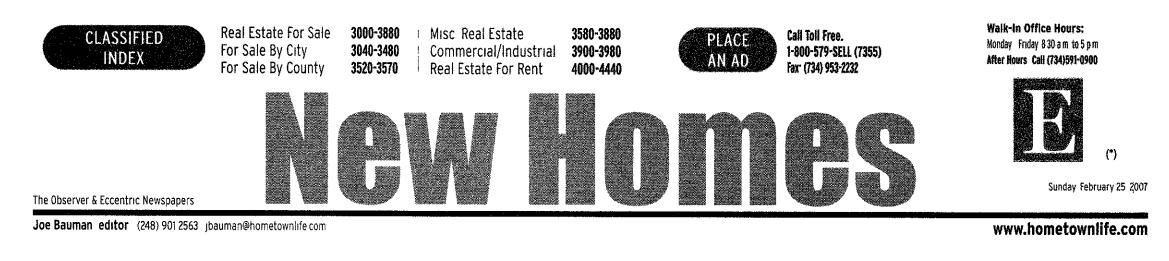
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Text your way to your next home

(NewsUSA) — It took a while, but Americans have tapped into the text messaging craze full force According to the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association a trade association for the wireless communi cation industry, US cell phone users sent more than 64.8 billion text messages in the first six months of 2006 up 98.8 percent from the first six months of the previous year

These days, there's a lot more to do with that tiny keypad than text messaging your friends and family If you're house hunting, for example, and spot a home you like you may even be able to receive the listing information on your phone with a simple text message

If the home is listed through ERA Real Estate all you have to do is send a text message with the property ID number, displayed on the for-sale sign, to TXT ERA" or 898372 House hunters can also choose to be notified by text message when homes that meet their requirements become available

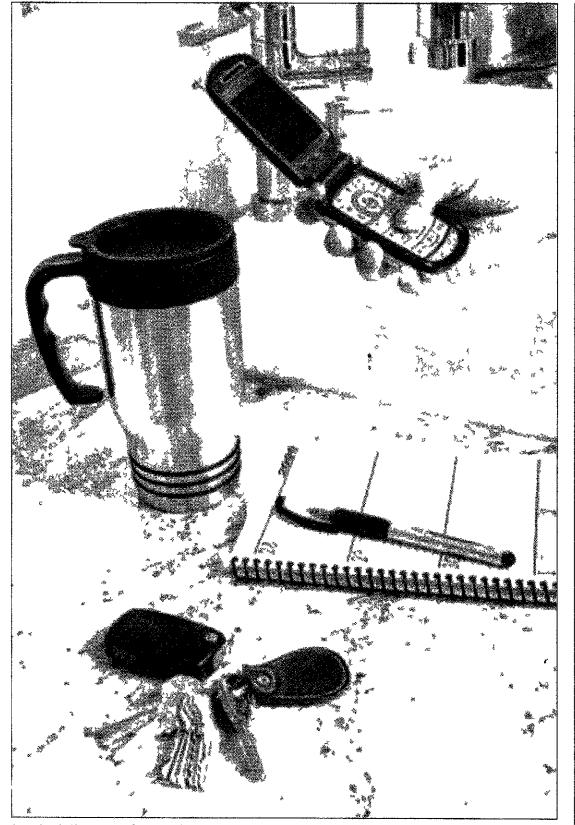
'We're always looking for ways to better service our customers, including communicating in ways that best fit their ever-changing lifestyle, said Bill Cogan, ERA vice president of interactive marketing

Noting that ERA was founded on technology, Cogan says his company was the first national real estate brand to tap into the mobile frontier with ERA com Mobile, a serv ice that allows customers to view ERAs listings and use its other Web tools from their cell phones Internet browser

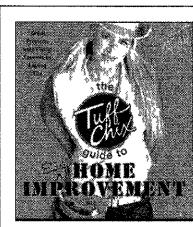
Text messaging seemed like a logical next step for the tech-savvy company In fact it may be ahead of the curve

According to the research firm In-Stat, wireless text messag ing is expected to increase six-fold between now and 2009

So far, ERA has found that its text messaging service is most popular with first-time homebuyers. That may come as no surprise to some industry experts considering ustudy by comScore Networks that reports 46 percent of people between the ages of 25 and 34 consider text messing ing to be of high importance when choosing a cell phone Soon enough it may be of high importance when choosing a home as well



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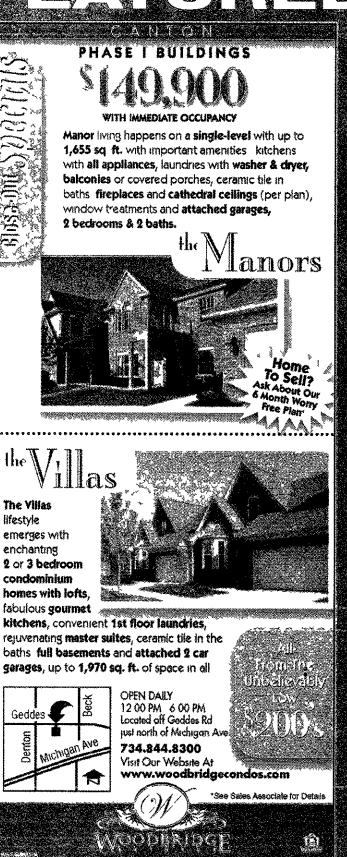
(NAPSI) — There are two types of people out there, says a new book There are the DIY (Do It Yourself) type and the HAP (Hire A Professional) type

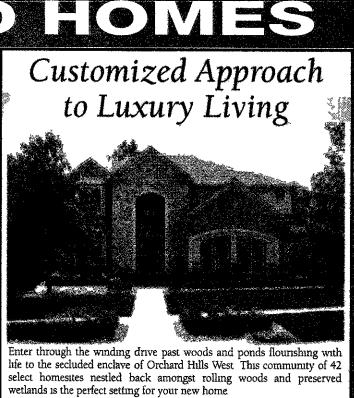
The goal of this book, The Tuff Chix Guide to Easy Home Improvement (Plume), 1s to turn more women into the type who fixes things or hires a professional because she wants to, and not because she has to Written by Paige Hemmis of ABC's Extreme Makeover *Home Edition*, the book gives you the know-how to avoid getting ripped off According to Hemmis, "tuff chix' have the confidence to hire the right professional for each job and the knowledge to ask the right questions

Hemmis had to learn about home repair the hard way, picking up a little here and there and reading a lot of books that were often geared toward men who were already comfortable around tools That's one reason she wrote this book

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Colonial brick with pillars and a stately entry would describe the regal stance of the Herman (402-59) at 3,227 square feet It has been designed to sit on a sloping hillside The two-story rear of the home has a deck with a railing that runs two-thirds the way across the home This makes the back yard accessible from the main floor The garage has room for a small work area or for the "storage of lawn mowers, bikes, etc The garage goes directly into the utility room, which houses the washer and dryer and a sink The bedrooms are separated across the house The vaulted master bedroom is on the right front with a large walk-in closet, and full bathroom There is a whirlpool tub, shower, and individual sinks

The other two bedrooms are on the left and contain wall closets There is a full bath next to bedroom 2 The living and dining rooms are combined to form a great room that has a vaulted ceiling There are French doors opening out to the covered deck off the master bedroom In one corner of the great room is a fireplace with a large hearth

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The kitchen has an eating bar on the back of the counter area, along with a walk-in pantry The pantry has adjustable shelves that all for the storage of various items in addition to food There is a full view of the great room from the kitchen area

Off the entry is the stairs to the daylight basement There is a large recreation room with a wet bar area, along with a snack bar eating area This room opens onto a smail concrete area that leads to the steps up to the deck above The other main room in the basement is the family room, with a fireplace in one corner, and a full bath and two linen closets Through a door off

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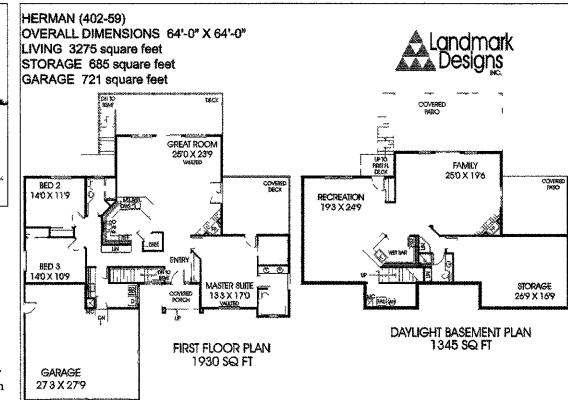
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Off the basement is a covered patio area, ideal for the barbecue or for putting a hot tub or spa The entire spaciousness of this home is a home for a growing family or one with teenagers The main floor has 1,926 square feet and the daylight basement has 1,309 square feet

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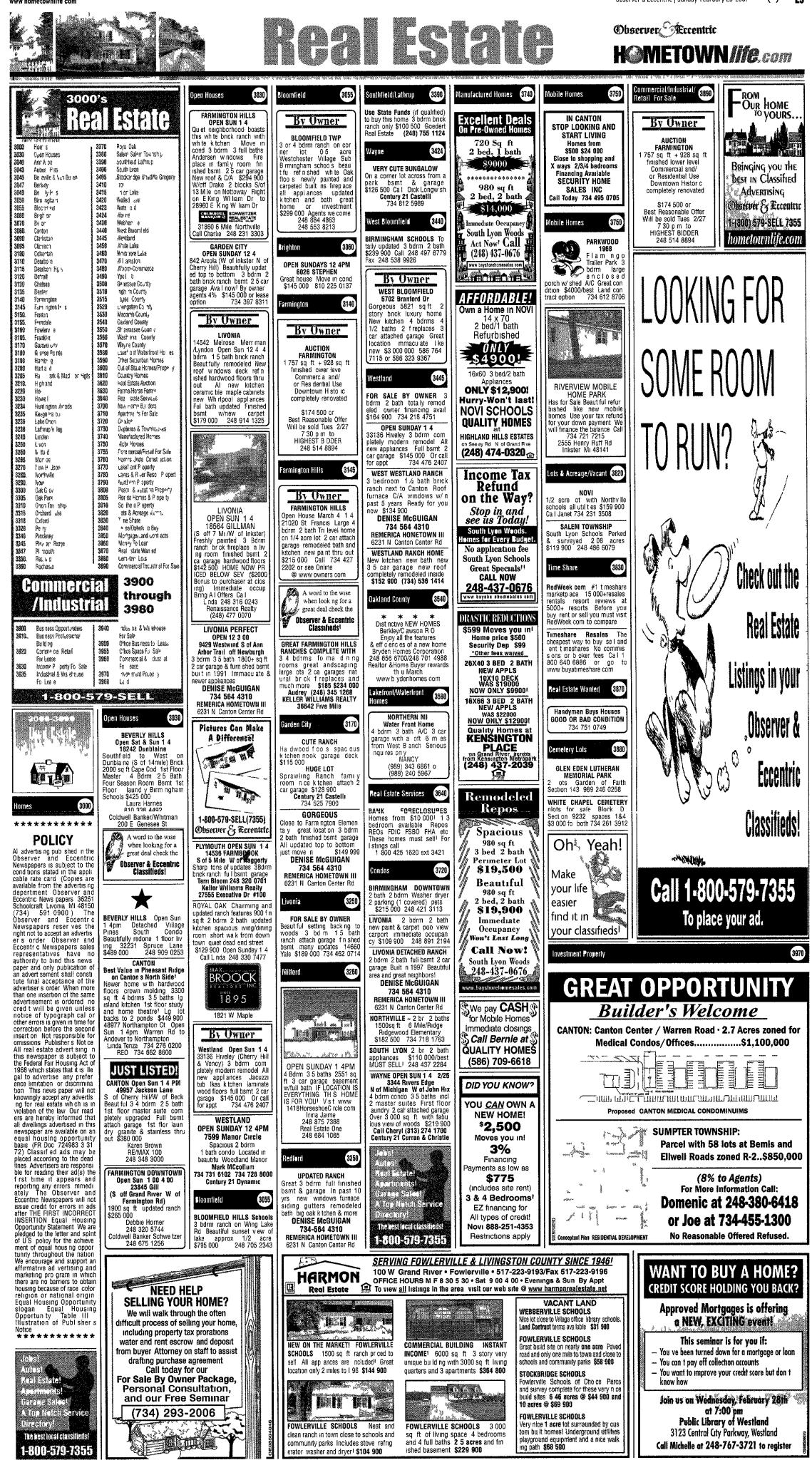
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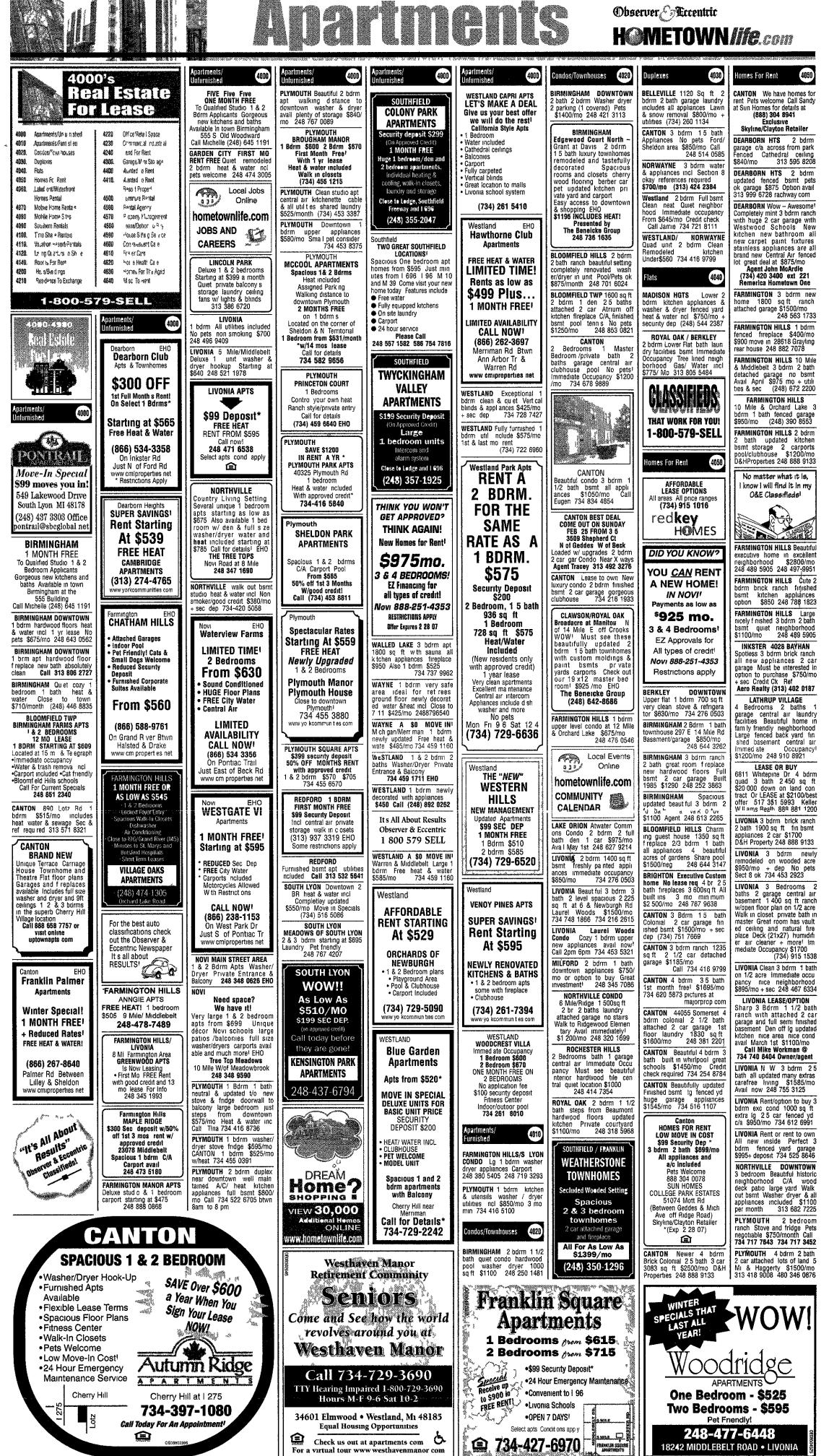
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