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STAFF WRITER

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After voters in six communities turned down a

\$62 1 million bond issue Tuesday, Superintendent Jim Ryan didn't even hesitate when asked if his crys-

tal ball foretold a third attempt at passing a bond for

In this case, the third time is not the charm, Ryan said I hear the board telling me were done with facilities for a while Now that the \$2.3 million (to reimburse the general fund for property purchased

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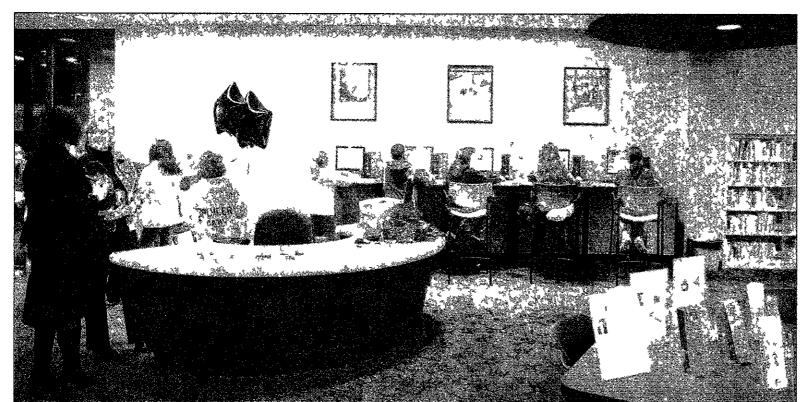
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The Canton Library opened its Tween area Thursday evening The room is specifically geared toward 8-14 year olds

## Tweens get a place of their own at library

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

The tween department is officially cool

The newest section of the Canton Public Library was given the thumbs up by groups of pre teens that browsed the area at its grand opening celebration Thursday

'This looks really good," said Talar Takessian, 11

With its official name coming later this month, the tween room was designed to be a hub for kids ages 9-14 who don t want to hang with younger tykes but aren t yet ready to relax with older teenagers

The celebration featured light refreshments, purple and royal blue balloons and magic tricks by the Impossible Man Dean

The idea for the space, which is located in the back of the childrens section, surfaced after the library began tapping into the tween market with special programming

More than 8,500 of the library's cardholders fit the tween demographic



Nisha Patel plays Diner Dash and Helena Gallagher plays EnergyHogs org on computers in the new tween room

Anne E Heidemann, head of the library's children's services department, said tween events have included movie nights, ice cream making, book discussions, crafting and poetry corners

"We've found that a lot of tweens are interested in the same things as teenagers but they're just not ready to take that leap," she said 'We wanted to make

sure they felt at home (in the library) and have their own

As she looked over photo displays from previous tween events, 10-year old Taylor Morton exclaimed when she realized she didn't attend an afterhours tween party

'When was this?' she asked, while throwing up her hands I

#### WANT TO HELP NAME THE TWEEN DEPARTMENT?

Through March 16, the Canton Public Library will accept nominations for the naming of the new tween sec tion of the library, Choices

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would ve gone to it"

Morton said the new section is a perfect fit for kids her age

I think it's cool," she said The 25-by-15-foot section is decorated in greens, blues and purples The area features five computers, L-shaped seating, magazines, a reference desk and a unique ceiling design Lord of the Rings-themed posters that

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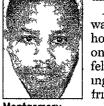
## Canton man charged with child abuse after graphic video found

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

A 90-second tape of a man torturing a toddler has rattled even the most seasoned Canton police officers We ve seen a lot of things and everyone that has

seen the tape described it as despicable,' said Canton Police Sgt Rick Pomorski In my 27 years (on the force), I've never seen anything like

Andre Thornton Montgomery, 27, was arrested Sunday at his Canton home and has been charged with sec-



Montgomery

ond-degree child abuse, a four-year felony The video shows a man abusing the son of Montgomery's girlfriend Pomorski said it's unknown if the man is the child's father

a \$50,000 cash bond The footage is believed to be about two years old and shows the child, who was around 2 years old at the time, bound with duct tape around his hands,

Montgomery, who was arraigned Monday in 35th District Court, is being held in Wayne County Jail on

feet, mouth and eyes Montgomery, who was initially arrested on an unrelated charge, lived with his girlfriend and the

child, now 4 years old Pomorski said the boys mother stumbled upon the tape and called police

"I think she should be applauded for coming forward,' he said, noting that the department has a lot of cases where one parent is aware of child abuse caused by the other parent but does nothing to stop it 'They lived together so I know this woman loved her boyfriend but a mother's love for her child (was stronger) Its got to be hard but we are thankful she did the right thing'

"As far as we know, the mother never had any red flags, Pomorski said

The woman has told police her son never showed any signs of physical abuse and is currently doing

A preliminary examination is scheduled for March 9 ın 35th Dıstrıct Court

## Newest priest can turn to the big picture

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Last week, Peter Swarr's big worry was what to serve to a party of 30 or more coming to witness his ordination as an Episcopal priest

Now, with the ordination successfully completed, Swarr, the assistant rector at St John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth Township, can turn his attention to the bigger picture as one of the church's newest priests

Swarr, 27, was ordained Saturday with the Rt Rev Chilton Knudsen, bishop of Maine, and the Rt Rev Wendell Gibbs, bishop of Michigan, in attendance

The ordination completed a discernment process that officially took some five years, but actually got started way back when Swarr was a sophomore at Kennebunk High School in Maine

'I grew up in churches of some shape or size, so Christianity was a big part of my life,' said Swarr, who came to St John's in July 2006 'A friend asked me if I'm ready (for ordination), and I told him I'm not

ready I m excited and anticipating it and nervous, but I don t know how you get ready

Swarr, who lives in Canton with his wife, Angela, and their 14-yearold black Lab Paulie, better get ready He's been overseeing the rebirth of St John's youth groups, the church school, mission and outreach He oversees the churchs Vacation Bible School, shares preaching and liturgical leadership

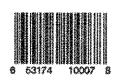
This summer, he will lead a mission trip to the

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The Rev Peter Swarr (center) of Canton was ordained Saturday by the Rt Rev Chilton Knudsen (right) the Bishop of Maine, while the Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs, Bishop of Michigan was also in attendance

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#### Township board meeting

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p m, March 6 at the Canton Administrative Building, 1150 S Canton Center Road The board will consider a site plan for Hampton Inn Hotel and Suites Other agenda items include a request for funding for theater and administrative building projects, the purchase of 40 wireless microphone packs for in-car camera systems for police department, bid award for the spring 2007 tree planting program, and the purchase of 4-patrol laptop computers for ordinance officers

The board will also hold a study session about the tax assessment process

#### St. Patrick's Day party

Canton senior citizens (55 and older) are invited to a St Patrick's Day Party, from noon to 3 30 p m, March 14 at Summit on the Park in Canton The event, sponsored by Waltonwood Cherry Hıll and Carriage Park and Community bank of Dearborn, will feature down home food, including roast beef, corned beef, mashed potatoes and gravy There will also be entertainment by one man band Rennie Kaufmann Door prizes and special prizes for the best green outfits will be awarded

The cost is \$9 for residents

and \$18 for non residents For more information or to purchase a ticket, call (734) 294-

#### **New officer**

The Canton Police Department recently hired Richard Beedle, Jr, as its newest police officer He was hired to fill one of several vacancies created by retire-



Beedle

Beedle, 22, earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in April, 2006 and received his MCOLES

certification from Wayne County Regional Police Academy this past November He was also a member of Canton Police Department's Explorer program established for teens ages 14-20 who are interested in exploring a career in law enforcement The program is designed to provide realistic exposure of the law enforcement career Beedle was an Explorer for roughly four years, and earned the rank of Explorer lieutenant

Candidates for the Canton Police Department go through a vigorous testing process that includes written and physical agility tests, oral board, medical and psychological examinations

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#### Bingo night

Those who would like to spend the evening socializing, enjoying refreshments from b ds Mongolian Restaurant and Back Home Bakery, play Bingo for prizes and want to meet the social, civic, charitable, organization the Canton Newcomers are invited to their Wednesday March 7, adult general meeting at the Sunflower Clubhouse (45800 Hanford, west of Canton Center) at 7 15 p m

In addition to meeting the first Wednesday of each month for an activity or speaker of interest, the group hosts 20plus monthly events for the entire family including a book club, bunko, creative kids, moms and tots, ladies day out, game night, euchre, scrapbooking and many more The group will also be holding a Mom 2 Mom sale on Saturday April 21, 2007

For more information about the group or to receive a complimentary club newsletter, visit cantonnewcomers org or call (734) 981-1715 You don't have to be 'new' to be a Canton Newcomer

#### Professional business women

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Stepping out

Spotlight Players and the Village Theater will present the comedy "Stepping Out" a play with dancing by Richard Harris which opens on Feb 23 and plays Friday and Saturday at 8 p m and Sunday at 2 p m through March 10 Tickets can be obtained on line by clicking on www spotlightplayers net, calling the Summit at (734) 394-5460 or at the theater one hour prior to show time. Pictured as members of the cast which includes Betty Berryman Barbara Bloom, Joe Cone, Marsha Droz Victoria Gilbert, Megan Hallgren Dan McKane Pat McKane, Linda Pohl Amber Schley Jennifer Schuler and Sue Schuler Rob Martin is directing the show, and Dorrie Milan is choreographer. The Village Theater is offering Dinner and The Theater on Saturday March 3 and Sunday March 4 one hour prior to curtain Advanced reservations are required. For more information on the dinner, contact the theater at (734) 394-5460 "Stepping Out contains some adult language and slight adult content so parental discretion is advised

Professional Women will host a meeting social and networking event from 6-8 30 p m, March 12 at Waltonwood at Cherry Hıll, 42600 Cherry Hill in Canton Waltonwood is located on Cherry Hıll ıust east of Lilley Enter off Cherry Hill and come in the main entrance The group will meet on the 2nd floor

The event will offer an opportunity to network with other business women in the community and to see what Canton BPW is all about while you showcase your business Attendees are encouraged to bring samples and give-aways to hand out Reservation is required to attend this event Please RSVP by Thursday, March 8 Contact Canton BPW president June Nicholas,

junenicholas@comcast net or (313) 610-2561

#### VFW fish

The VFW Post 6695, 1426 S Mıll Street (Lılley) ın 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

#### Chamber mixer

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and TC Gators Sports Page have joined together to host a special After Hours celebration 5-10 p m Thursday, March 15 at T C

Gators, which is located in the Canton Corners Shopping Center at Ford and Lilley roads This will be a great opportunity for you to enjoy dinner, drinks while networking with family, friends and coworkers TC Gators will be offering food specials such as quesadıllas, nachos, and fajitas

as well as drink specials This event is sponsored by the chamber but open to the public so bring your family, friends and coworkers TC Gators has generously offered to donate 10 percent of purchases made to the Canton Chamber of Commerce This money will help fund some of our educational programs, expos and events," said Dianne Cojei, president of Canton Chamber of Commerce

In addition to food, drinks and networking opportunities, the Canton Chamber will be selling \$5 raffle tickets -- one ticket holder will win a \$500 vacation voucher

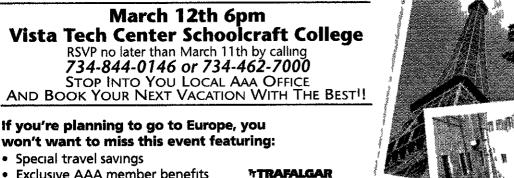
If you would like more information regarding this event, please call the Canton Chamber of Commerce office at (734) 453-4040

#### 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

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#### **PRIEST**

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Dominican Republic, a labor of love for Swarr and his wife, who did a similar mission trip to Juarez, Mexico, in 1998

"We loved it," Swarr recalled "In the midst of poverty and heat, we loved the culture There was something very different As many problems as they have, they also had many gifts to share with us"

Swarr, who still officially was a part of the Diocese of Maine before his ordination Saturday, knows the church faces challenges In recent years it has wrestled with the idea of women in the priesthood and homosexuality

Swarr clearly has no problem with the former I work at St John's with a woman as rector and the bishop of Maine is a woman," Swarr said Clearly, I'm supportive '

His support of gays in the church has come around much more slowly When he went to Wheaton College, a conservative evangelical institution, he 'felt very firmly the ordination of homosexuals was incorrect

Having encountered many gays he calls incredibly faithful people,' Swarr has changed

I respect deeply people who disagree with me on this but I think God does call gay people to be ministers in the church, Swarr said People of good faith can read the Bible and come to the conclusion gays and lesbians should worship together with everyone, and other people of equally good faith can read the Bible and come to the conclusion they should not worship together"

Born and raised in Maine, the die hard Boston Red Sox fan - Now that I m here. I root for the Tigers, too! he said, laughing wasn t thinking much about becoming a priest as he moved into high school

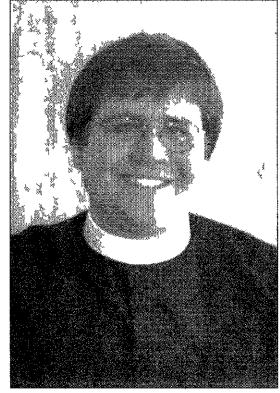
Like a lot of kids that age, I wasn t so sure about church," he said

He attended a renewal' weekend as part of a youth program called Happening and heard others talking about their faith and doubts In that period Swarr recalled he experienced being welcomed and cared for, of being loved It was incredible"

He became more and more active in his local church, activity that eventually led to a discussion with Knudsen, the bishop of Maine

She asked me, You feel called to be a priest, don t you? Swarr said "It really blew me away From that point I was in frequent contact with her, did internships, opened a new church, just to see what it's like

Swarr graduated summa cum laude from Wheaton (Ill) College with a bachelor's degree in history in 2002, then graduated cum laude from the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary in Alexandria Va, in 2006, with a masters of divinity, and was a recipient of the Charles and Janet Harris Award in recognition of academic excellence, leadership ability and



The Rev Peter Swarr was ordained during ceremonies at St John's Episcopal Church Saturday

personal qualities for the ordained ministry

When he finished seminary, Swarr started looking for his calling After looking at churches in Providence, Austin, Texas and Washington DC, he found it in Plymouth after talking to St John's rector the Rev Dorian McGlannan

"From the moment I talked to her I sensed we had a good relationship, Swarr said We're on the same page theologically When I came out, I fell in love with the place

Its been a good fit for the church too McGlannan is impressed with how hard Swarr has worked, and how much he has wanted to

Hes worked toward this since he was 16 years old, McGlannan said "The process is very demanding Hes remarkably centered and focused for someone his age I m blown away by

Now that he sa priest Swarr looks forward to not only continuing the ministries with which hes already associated but expanding his liturgical responsibilities including the ability to celebrate the Eucharist

'It ll really be a fuller dimension of what I can do, Swarr said "I ll be able to take more liturgical leadership in the parish

That'll work out well for the parish too, according to its leader

Hes going to be a wonderful priest McGlannan said Hes open, he has the pastoral skills and the vision He will do very well in his ministry

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## Local clergy skeptical about TV documentary on Jesus' tomb

not archeological scholarship,"

said Rev George Williams,

pastor of St John Neumann

STAFF WR TER

This evenings Discovery Channel documentary The Lost Tomb of Jesus doesn t seem to be getting much credibility from the local clergy

The producers claim to have located the tomb containing Jesus of Nazareth, along with his wife Mary Magdalene and their son Judah

However, the theory contradicts Christian theology, in which Jesus was crucified on the cross, died and ascended into heaven to be seated at the right hand of God

Some local clergy members aren t interested in the madefor-television theory and don t

"I m not that interested because from the things I ve read, what is being promoted is

plan to watch

Church in Canton Township The majority of science doesnt support this is Jesus' tomb When you go to the Church

of the Holy Sepulcher, the traditional site of the tomb in Jerusalem, its been revered because local tradition says this is where it happened, he said "It has been handed down from generation to generation, from the people who were actually there

Pastor Dorian McGlannan of St John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth said she'll be watching something else Sunday night at 10 p m

"As soon as I saw the biblical scholars were skeptical, that was enough for me," said McGlannan "I m just suspi"We went through this with the Da Vinci Code,' she said 'There is absolutely no evidence Jesus had a family On the other hand, if he did it wouldn't have an impact on my

Williams said the story will make for a lot of argument, but the bottom line is that it's totally contrary to Christian and Catholic tradition

Christ was raised from the dead, and we're not going to find his bones,' Williams said The thought there's another place (other than Jerusalem) where Jesus lived and there is a burial pit no one knew about until some guys found it 27 years ago that sincredible It sounds like good television to

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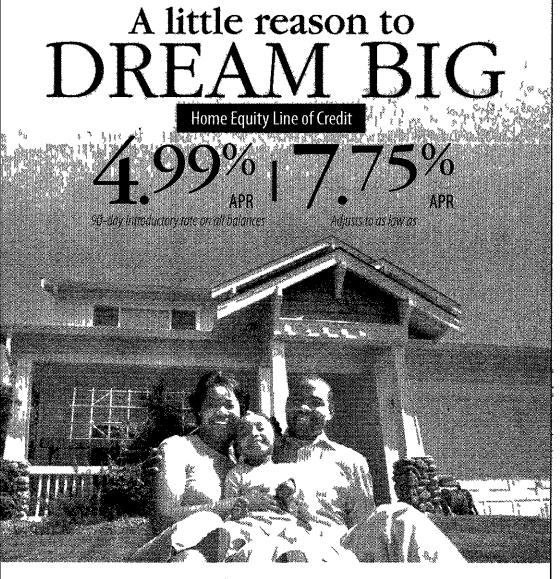
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## New Starbucks has high energy grand opening

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WR TER

More espresso roast and house blend has just arrived in Canton

Starbucks Coffee opened a new location at 39982 Ford Road on Feb 27 Dozens of green and white balloons outside the location mark its pres ence

Everything is going very well and energy is high, said Store Manager Katya Fedoriw We are so excited to be here and we have regular customers

The store, located on the northwest corner of Ford and Lotz roads, is the second Starbucks location in Canton A franchise owned store is in Kroger on Canton Center Road

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store in Canton, said Fedoriw, touting the locations indoor and outdoor cafe areas

The store has about 20 employees

Starbucks is celebrating its newest opening with a host of activities including a ribboncutting ceremony that took place Friday with Township Supervisor Tom Yack The event was scheduled to be

taped for the townships public access channel

Friday's events also featured various musical performances, including recording artist Ashlev Areeda, the O'Hare School of Irish Dance, Jon Rounke and Kylee Phillips

The store also gave away \$5 Starbuck Cards to 50 customers

On Saturday, Jumpstart, a reading program that pairs college students with small childrén set up shop at the coffee store They will be there again from 10 a m to 2 p m today A quintet will perform at 5 p m today

On Monday, representatives from the Canton Relay for Life will be on hand from 9 a m to 6 p m to discuss the American Cancer Society's signature event

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Starbucks barrista Elizabeth Fisher makes a vanilla latte for a customer

Friday, the Canton Community Foundation will be at the store

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Fedoriw said the coffee empire places a high emphasis on community relations As a corporation we're

growing but each store is nes-

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its important that we remain locally relevant,' she said

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## Variable universal life is not a good investment

My husband and I are in our early 40s and about to purchase a variable universal life (VUL) policy for my husband. In light of your comment in the Jan. 7 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, we were wondering about the wisdom of VUL in our case. We currently contribute 10 percent of my husband's income into a 401(k), the first 5 percent is matched. The account is expected to be very large at retirement, 20plus years from now We were advised that we have the textbook case to purchase a variable universal life policy because our tax bracket is expected to be a lot higher when we retire. Our adviser recommends we invest half of the money currently earmarked for our 401(k) contribution into a variable universal life policy instead. He argues that a 10- to 20-year life insurance policy would probably cover most of our life insurance needs We have currently put as much as possible in Roth IRAs as well is VUL a good strategy in our situation or is there a better way? What do you suggest?

As far as I m concerned, the only one who will benefit from a variable universal life policy is your agent First, if you need additional life insurance, you should buy term life insurance Term insurance by far is the cheapest type of life insurance and you can shop for it on the Internet You can buy a 10- or 20-year term certain policy which guarantees a fixed annual premium for that period of time With the variable universal life policy, you are buying life insurance and making an investment Unfortunately, you are paying the most for life insurance and paying the highest fees for investing

Your adviser's recommendation that you reduce your contributions to the 401(k) plan makes no sense Considering you are in a high tax bracket, money contributed to your 401(k) is pretaxed money The money that is contributed into the variable universal life is posttaxed money In addition, with a VUL you have very high investment expenses - more likely than not, substantially higher than your 401(k) plan

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The usual cause of tendinitis is injury. In many cases pain arises days after

the or ginal insult to the tendon because the reason for the pain comes from a breakdown in the healing process. When tendons heal, the injured area initially ays down a layer of calcium, then new tendon fibers grow through the calcium. matrix. Further chemical reactions lead to eventual absorption of the calcium.

Instances arise when the body lays down calcium in a faulty manner. The result is not healing but further irritation to then tendon. In the foot, a shoe

squeez ng on the top or sides of the toes may add sufficient further injury to inhibit the healing process

The pain you feel may be sudden and intense as occurs in a gout attack

and can mislead you and your doctor to that diagnosis. However, treatment for gout with medicine such as colchicine, will have little effect on your pain

When the problem comes from calcium in the tendon, the preferred therapy is

In the shoulder bursitis really comes from a disruption in a shoulder tendon As in the foot the cause is injury to the tendon the treatment of choice is sterold injection into the tendon. This procedure relieves irritation but

does not heal the injury. The steroid dissolves the calcium improperly laid

down and allows the process of repair to begin again. In most instances, this

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When money comes out of your VUL, it is taxed at your ordinary income bracket just like money in the 401(k) plan Therefore, there is no tax sav-

ings by using a VUL The one issue is that the VUL is not subject to the minimum required distribution rules However, that is a minor benefit at most and is not offset by the high cost and limited investment options ın a variable universal life poli-In your situation, I would continue to contribute the maxımum to your 401(k) plan After all, you are getting a double tax benefit - money that you are contributing is pretaxed money and all the income grows on a tax-deferred basis If you have

additional money that you can invest, then I would invest that money outside of a variable universal life policy using a variety of growth mutual funds By using companies like Schwab or Vanguard, you have a wide variety of commission-free funds that you can select from You can coordinate with what you have in your Roth and 401(k) plan to supplement your portfoho By contributing outside a variable universal life policy, you also have significant tax savings Yes, money in the VUL grows tax-deferred, however, when it comes out it is taxed at your ordinary income bracket Money invested outside of a VUL will grow at the capital gains rate Your capital gains rate is substantially lower than your ordinary income bracket

The reason why so many advisers sell VULs is because of high commissions they receive and trailers Trailers are the amounts that the advisers - or, as I like to refer to them, financial salespeople — get on a yearby-year basis That money comes out of your account and goes to pay the salesperson, whether they service your

account or not My recommendation for all investors is to avoid variable universal life policies They sound good, however, the devil is in the details If your goal is like mine to keep more money in your pocket and less in others, you need to avoid these types of policies

Someone I know works for a company that has all of it employees' 401(k) money in an annuity. Is that a good idea for the employees? I have never heard of such a thing.

Dear Gail Unfortunately, it is not unusual for companies to use annuities for 401(k) plans In fact, you see it more frequently in nonprofit organizations such as hospitals and school systems Typically, the types of annuities are variable annuities, which allow you to invest in a variety of mutual funds There are two distinct types of annuities, a variable annuity and a fixed annuity Fixed annuities are similar to CDs in the fact that you get a guaranteed rate of return on your money I am a fan of fixed annuities, but not of variable annuities

The reason that I'm not a fan of variable annuities is the high sales and administrative costs involved These types of fees do nothing but hinder investment returns In many variable annuities, the administrative fees and the fees within the fund themselves are very expensive It is not unusual in a variable annuity for people to pay

between 2 and 3 percent a year ın hıdden unnecessary sales fees However, not all 401(k) plans that use variable annu ities have high fees. In some sit uations, the fees are reasonable

My recommendation to your friend is first to examine the annuity that is being used by the company to determine all of the fees involved One good way to do this is to look at the fees on the mutual fund options within the annuity and then to compare those fees with the same mutual fund if they purchased it outside of the annuity If the fees are higher, then it makes sense for your friend to try to talk to the employer My experience has been that companies that use variable annuities within 401(k) plans are typically smaller companies which do not believe they have any other options In today's world, small companies have a variety of options and they no longer have to pay high fees for 401(k) plans

Using a low-cost 401(k) plan is one of the few areas that are a win-win for both the employee and the employer After all, more likely than not the employer is also contributing to the 401(k) plan and they will also save money

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for a middle school in Canton Township) is gone forever, I think they re going to keep an eye on the economy, and in Michigan that's not going to be a quick change"

In fact while a plan hasn t been discussed formally by the Board of Education Ryan believes it will be several years before voters will be back at the polls deciding another bond issue for Plymouth Canton school improvements

I believe the board will, in ıts master plan, ask (Assıstant Superintendent) Ken Jacobs in 2008 to lead another steering committee involving the com munity to study our facility needs, Ryan said Even if it

started in January 2008, I d be surprised if it was done by the end of the 2009 school year That would put a bond issue at about 2010 at the earliest

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Its a tremendous task, and then the board would have to wait for this economy to improve he said

Jacobs led a community steering committee in 2002 03, which took 15 months to produce future needs and wants All of the needs on the list were addressed in the 2004 bond approved by voters, which resulted in Workman Elementary being constructed, as well as renovations at almost every building in the district

Instead of spending time on bond issues, the school board is expected to begin working on the 2007-08 budget at its March 12 meeting

'We're already in a structural deficit, we've got Central (Middle School) that needs a lot of work, we ve got Starkweather with a program that really needs to be upgraded and we ve got overcrowding at the middle schools," said trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski 'We definitely need

to work fast Going into this budget reshaping process, we need to be creative in the way we reduce our structural deficit he said To me, that means holding teachers harmless from layoffs and I don t want to touch class size We need to stay afloat until the state turns around and we can start to see some growth in our funding from the state

Ryan said the school board will also spend significant time in finding his replacement

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While Ryan's contract ends July 1, the board is expected to extend his contract for up to a year as it searches for a new superintendent

Their target is to interview in March 2008, and we're hoping by April 1 (2008) to have a candidate in place and signed, Ryan said

As for Tuesday's bond defeat, Ryan admitted optimism began to fade as economic bad news affecting Michigan seemed to make headlines almost daily

We had Pfizer moving out of Ann Arbor, DaimlerChrysler said it's cutting 13,000 jobs, we know about Fords cutbacks, layoffs and buyouts Ryan said Tax bills came out a week before the election, then on Election Day the stock market had its biggest correction since 9/11

We had about 25 days to give our presentation to com munity and school groups, and we were presenting to smaller crowds," he said 'That, coupled with the continuing development of bad economic news, I started to get the feeling in my stomach that we were swimming upstream

Ryan said that sinking feelıng dıdn t get any better on Election Day

I was cautiously hopeful Tuesday because I know the kind of people we have in the district and how they support their kids, the personal time and money they invest,' he said But, it was a low turnout and I knew early in the day it wasn t going to happen

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#### **PLANNING BOARD AGENDA**

Canton's Planning Commission will meet on Monday, March 5, at 7 p m on the first floor of the Canton Administration Building Items on the agenda include

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

■ Plymouth/Canton Schools future land use amendment Consider request to amend the future land use map from community facilities to very low density residential Property is located south of Joy Road and west of Beck Road

■ T-Mobile zoning ordinance text amendment Consider request to amend the zoning ordinance sections 6 02S and 11 02B to allow cell towers in the R-1 through R-5 zoning dis-

tricts as a special land use ■ McClennan rezoning Consider request to rezone from RR, Rural Residential to R-2. Single-Family Residential Property is located south of Cherry Hill Road and west of Beck Road

#### SITE PLANS

■ Super Fine Wines & Liquor Consider site plan approval Property is located south of Ford Road and east of Haggerty Road (Previously tabled Aug 21, 2006)

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

■ The Goddard School Refer review of developer instigated revision to staff Property is located west of Canton Center Road between Warren and Hanford Roads

■ Wellington Preserve preliminary PDD Refer review of pieliminary PDD to staff Property is located south of Ford Road and east of Lotz Road

■ Gordon Food Service Marketplace store Refer review of site plan to staff Property is located north of Ford Road and west of Lotz Road

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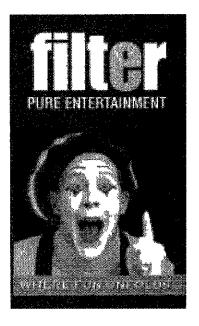
As she munched on an cookıe, Amber Maroudıs, 11, gave approval

The ceiling is very cool, she said I'm glad they made something for kids in our age group This is for us

Amber's mother, Richelle Fales of Canton, agreed

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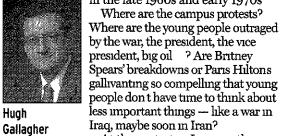
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oveOn org sponsored a Congress the Decider event Feb 22 War protesters delivered letters to their congressional representatives, telling them that they had an obligation to oppose the presidents Iraq war policies

President George W Bush had once grandly proclaimed 'I'm the decider, an imperial boast ranking with Louis XIV's "I am the state

If the events across the country were anything like the gatherings at the offices of Rep Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Rep Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township, the country's displeasure with the war in Iraq isn't even close to approaching the

outcry against the war in Vietnam in the late 1960s and early 1970s



At the protest in Livonia, the group of about 30 were predomi nantly middle age and older Many of them probably have some fond memories of those glory days when they were young and angry and marched by the thousands up Woodward Avenue

The exception was Rachel Lamontagne, a 24-yearold Wayne State student from Commerce Township, who has been encouraged by an activist mother to

take her First Amendment rights seriously 'I am so fed up with Bush,' she said Shes taking classes in criminal justice, but she said what she really wants to be is a whistleblower and bring the wrath of justice down on corrupt cor-

porations Lamontagne is concerned that others of her generation are too politically passive During Vietnam, young Americans had the Selective Service to push them out of passivity US Rep Charles Rangel, D-New York, has advocated restoring the draft as a way to spread the sacrifice

and increase the resistance Certainly a good regard for self-preservation added to the national displeas ure with Presidents Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon and their war Arlo Guthries comic epic Ahce's Restaurant recounted how a conviction for littering made him

ineligible to serve in Vietnam Like Lamontagne, he

had an activist parent who inspired him to speak

Its unlikely that the protesters at McCotters and Knollenberg's offices will change the opinions of those congressmen Despite some quibbles over the details, McCotter and Knollenberg are supporters of the president's crusade (No, strike that, the word has some unfortunate connotations in the Middle East — call it a mission instead )

In a passionate speech opposing a Democraticsponsored resolution against the president's troop surge, McCotter compared Democrats to Neville Chamberlain before World War II and to Democratic Illinois legislators who opposed the Emancipation Proclamation The comparisons displayed McCotters love for history and his genuine erudition But his analogies are thin He might as easily have compared Iraq to Britain's disastrous campaign in Afghanistan in the 1870s

Many Democrats are scrambling to explain their support for broad presidential powers that have allowed Bush to continue his fight At the time, in the wake of 9/11, it seemed like political suicide to stand up against the invasion of Iraq After all, no one would want to give a free pass to a dictator as monstrous as Saddam Hussein

And now opposing Bush is "opposing the troops Isn t it rich how politicians hide behind young soldiers? Troops carry out assigned missions, the American people decide what those missions should be We support the troops by stopping misguided missions as well as by properly equipping them when they are in harms way

In retrospect, American actions have lit a fuse too long stifled and stirred deadly animosities and power politics The once oppressed Shi'a have now ascended to power and neighboring Iran sees an opportunity to make an ally Meanwhile, the decline in the power of the minority Sunni causes concern for Saudi Arabia and most of the rest of the Sunni majority Middle East In retrospect, careful diplomacy might (might) have prevented this

A rising national indignation isn't enough to bother Bush, Cheney, McCotter or Knollenberg It takes a good strong case of national outrage

At the end of Arlos story, he urges everyone to sing the chorus loud, to create a movement, The Alice's Restaurant Anti-Massacre Movement.

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## Cash and college make March a cool month for juniors

uniors, your senior year starts now While there's nothing quite like being a high school senior, March of your junior year is looking pretty terrific, too, thanks to the state of Michigan and some

hard-working counselors What makes March so cool? Cash and college

First, about the cash Juniors will be taking the Michigan Merit Exam March 13-14 This test replaces the MEAP test your older brothers and sisters took, and while the MEAP test gave them some money for college,

MME is a much better deal First, if you earn a good score on all four parts of the MME, you ll qualify for \$4,000 for college, no matter how much money you ve saved for college, no matter how much money your parents make

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The MME is all about you and how much you know, and the four grand is a payoff for studying hard You've always thought getting paid to go to school would be a great idea? Congratulations — your wish just came true

The second reason the MME is a better deal has to do with the ACT, which is one part of the MME exam You probably know the ACT is a test required by most four-year colleges as part of the application process, and taking the ACT usually requires you to give up a Saturday and about \$40 Thanks to the MME, the ACT is now free, and you get to take it on a Tuesday - so you keep the money and you get to sleep in on Saturday With the ACT under your belt, applying to college early just got easier — and applying early in your senior year can be a big factor in getting admitted to the college of your

The state of Michigan has free ACT test preparation materials Ask your counselor, or go to www michigan gov/mme for more

And speaking of counselors, some hardworking high school counselors and college admissions officers are throwing this huge college party for you The Metro Detroit College Fair is Thursday, March 8. at the Burton Manor Conference Center in Livonia More than 100 colleges will be there to talk to you about their colleges and what they have to offer You can find out about scholarships and other forms of financial aid, and experienced counselors will be on hand to help you put your college plan together

All of this is free, including the parking, the fair runs 9-11 30 a m and 6 30-8 30 p m For more information, go to www nacanet org, and look for the College Fair link in the bottom right-hand corner,

It's great the state of Michigan is giving you money for college, but it's up to you to spend it wisely Part of making a good use of that cash, of college, and of your life is to scope out colleges that will and won't work for you, and the fair gives you that chance Since choosing a college is kind of like buying a home (yes, a good college will feel that comfortable), bring your parents along - they know a thing or two about finding a good place to live and, admit it or not, they know a lot about you

Plus, they'll probably spring for pizza after the fair's over, so bring your friends,

Once you ve visited the fair and aced the MME, it's time to visit with your counselor Counselors are busy people There's only one counselor for every 671 students in the state of Michigan But the good news is they care a great deal about you and your future To make sure you get the most out of meeting with your counselor, set up an appointment to meet (rather than just dropping in) and be sure to tell your counselor you want to talk about col-

Before the meeting, type up a list of your community service work and extracurricular activities, along with awards and recognition you've received You also want to include the classes you plan to take in your senior year, and any questions you have about college, like when to apply, colleges they might recommend, good Web sites to investigate, whatever Make two copies of all of this, and put one in a folder to give to your counselor This preparation will go a long way to establishing a good relationship with your counselor So when a college asks them about you, the information you've provided and the impression you've left will both be a real plus

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## Maida Woods developer sues city over recent council vote

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

<sup>a</sup> The developer fighting to build the controversial Maida Woods subdivision has slapped the city of Westland with a lawsuit accusing certain officials of conspiring with disgruntled residents to stall the project, near Hannan and Palmer Roads

The civil suit filed Wednesday in Wayne County Circuit Court, accuses six Westland City Council members of essentially seizing prop erty belonging to Royal Oak based developer Kentmoor

The suit, filed by attorney Stephen Wasinger, also alleges that a council majority violated Kentmoor's civil rights by treating the company differently than other developers 'We should be treated the same as anybody else

Wasinger told the Observer

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The latest suit came just six days after Kentmoor filed a lawsuit accusing a citizens group of slander and trespassing on the Maida Woods property on the south side of Palmer Road between Hannan

and John Hix
The new lawsuit names the
city the Westland City Council
and individual council members James Godbout Cheryl
Graunstadt, Bill Johnson
Michael Kehrer, Dewey Reeves
and Robert Stottlemyer

"We are going to defend the city and the council members on this vigorously City Attorney Angelo Plakas said I think the claims raised in the complaint are at this point pre-

mature and without merit With council President

With council President Charles Pickering dissenting, the six council members voted Feb 20 to postpone a Maida Woods site plan until a state administrative judge rules on a wetlands issue

The citizens group — the Westland Homeowners Committee for Environmental Conservation and Smart Growth — has challenged a state report that says the 14-acre Maida Woods site contains 1 5 acres of state-regulated wetlands The group believes the area could be larger

The project is also opposed by some Canton residents who live across Hannan from the project

Kentmoor's latest suit accuses the city of illegally meddling in environmental issues governed by state law. It criticizes the council majority for relying solely on unsubstantiated fears concerning environmental issues instigated by the disgruntled individuals who opposed Kentmoor's lawful development of its property."

Graunstadt, the highestranking council member named in the suit, defended the decision to postpone the site plan vote until the state administrative judge issues a ruling on the wetlands issue

I was disappointed to hear that the developers felt it was necessary to file a lawsuit against the city, she said. I think it shows me personally that it doesn't look like this business wants to be very friendly with members of our community. Regardless of

where you stand on the issue, I feel the citizens exhibited their right to speak

Graunstadt said the suit's reference to 'disgruntled' citizens was disrespectful," and she said she believes the city had the legal right to postpone the site plan

I firmly think we did the right thing, she said

The suit seeks damages exceeding \$25,000 It states that Kentmoor has been told repeatedly by city officials that the proposed development complies with local ordinances

The city administration had recommended Feb 20 that the site plan be approved Moreover, Pickering had indicated during the meeting that the council had no basis for delaying the vote

The suit claims that the council's refusal to approve the site plan "constituted the selective enforcement of law and deprived Kentmoor of its constitutionally protected right to equal protection' compared to other companies

The suit also alleges that council members conspired among themselves and with the citizens group to deprive Kentmoor of its rights

The battle over Maida
Woods has mushroomed into
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#### NMU Dean's List

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To earn the achievement, students must have a

grade point average of 3 25-

3 99

### Phillips Academy honor roll

Randy X Li, who is the son of John Lie and Ana Shu of Canton, made the honor roll for the spring term at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass To be named to the honor roll, students must maintain at least a 5-point average on a 6-point scale

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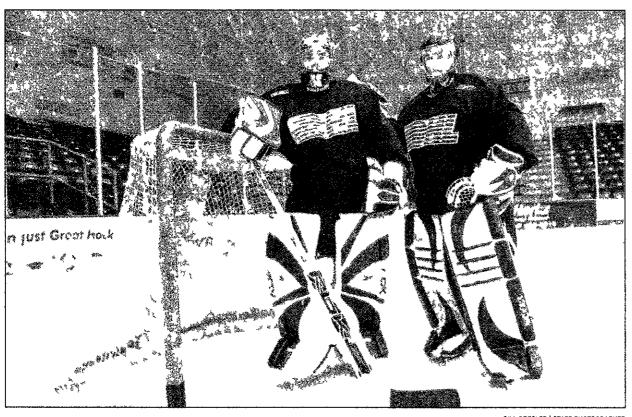
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Michael Neuvirth (left) and Jeremy Smith have combined to give the Plymouth Whalers the top one-two goaltending punch in the Ontario Hockey League Both Neuvirth, a native of the Czech Republic and Smith, of Brownstown Township are ranked among the top three goales in the OHL based on their paltry goals-against averages

## World-class 'net'working

## Whalers' two-goalie platoon is giving opponents fits

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

One lives in Brownstown Township, a 25-minute drive from the Compuware Sports Arena

The other grew up in Usti Nad Labem, Czech Republic – a 20-plushour flight from the home of the Plymouth Whalers

One has evolved into an elite

Ontario Hockey League goaltender due to his incredible athleticism, the other because of his amazing tech-

One is a slender, 159-pound 17year-old

The other is a solid, 198-pound 18year-old

Yes, Plymouth Whaler goaltenders Jeremy Smith and Michal Neuvirth are different in many ways But its their similarities – a willingness to share the spotlight and an ability to keep pucks out of nets – that have helped lift the Whalers to the secondbest record in the OHL with just three weeks left in the regular season

Through 67 games, Neuvirth had started 36 games while Smith had protected the net in 31, which means

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, B2

## First-place Detroit Ignition calms Wave

The Detroit Ignition moved into sole possession of first place in the Major Indoor Soccer League standings Friday night following a 14-12 overtime victory against the Milwaukee Wave in front of 3,577 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The victory improved Detroit's record to 14-9, the Wave slipped to 11-12

The game-winning two-point goal was scored just 25 seconds into the extra session by Ignition midfielder Kyt Selaidopoulos

Detroit forward Jamar Beasley extended his league-lead point total by tallying six points thanks to three two-point net-finders

On Sunday, Detroit will head to Milwaukee for the final regular season meeting between the MISLs oldest and newest clubs The opening kick is set for 2 p m

Wave rookie midfielder Marcio Leite started the night's scoring with a two-point goal at 4 13 of the opening quarter Detroit's Hewerton Moreira knotted the game at 2-all just 29 seconds later with his 10th goal of the season

The Waves Troy Dusosky and Beasley exchanged second-quarter goals to tie the game at 4-all at the half

Milwaukee led 10-8 after three quarters despite Beasley and Moreiras second goals of the night

Beasley rounded out the hat trick with a twopoint goal at 3 36 of the fourth quarter to even the contest at 10-10 Ricardinho handed the Ignition its first lead of the game with a twopoint goal assisted by Hewerton at 6 58

Milwaukee responded with a two-pointer of their own, this time from Troy Dusosky at 8 45, tying the contest 12-12

Selaidopoulos, a former Wave, sent the sellout crowd home satisfied when he planted a pass from Worteh Sampson into the back of the net 25 seconds into the OT

Ignition goalkeeper Sanaldo (11-8) earned the victory in net by stopping 16 of 22 shots

#### **Hoop clinic**

Perfect Play Inc will be hosting a "Perimeter Moves" basketball clinic for youngsters from 1-2 p m Saturday, March 10, at High Velocity Sports in Canton

The fee is \$25 for the clinic, which is open to the first 20 players who register

A former professional basketball player will direct the clinic

Interested players can register at High Velocity Sports For more information, call (734) 487-7678

#### Canton to host District hoof

Canton High School will be the site of the Class A District 25 basketball district tournament March 5-9 On Monday, March 5, Novi and Novi Catholic Central will square off in a first-round game The winner will take on Plymouth, which drew a bye, in a semifinal contest set for 5 30 p m Wednesday, March 7

The March 5 nightcap set for 7 p m , will pit Canton against Salem The winner will take on Northville at 7 p m on March 7

The championship game is slated for 7 p m Friday, March 9

## Penguins set for playoffs

The Plymouth-Canton Salem Penguins, the reigning champions of the Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League, will open the post-season playoffs Monday at 5 30 p m against the winner of yesterday's game between Farmington Hills Mercy and Bloomfield A victory would advance the 16-0-2 Penguins into Thursday's semifinal » round The state final is set for Friday at 7 p m

All games will be played at the Eddie Edgar Ice Arena in Livonia

#### **Rec offerings**

The Northville Parks & Recreation Department will be offering adult women's and adult cored softball leagues beginning in early May The entry fee for women's teams is \$445, the cored fee is \$410 For more information, call (248) 449-9947

## Wolverine cagers earn MIAC Red Division title

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

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Two down, one to go
That's the status report on the
Canton Agape Christian basketball team's pre-season goals following Friday night's 56-45 victory over Taylor Baptist Park
The triumph improved the
Wolverines' record to 15-5 overall and 8-0 in the Michigan

Conference's Red Division More importantly, it clinched Agape's second division title in the past three seasons

Independent Athletic

Our three goals heading into the season were to win the Red Division, beat Plymouth Christian and win a District championship, reflected Agape coach Keith Anleitner "We won the division, beat PCA once, but were going to have our work cut out for us to win the division Lutheran Westland (who the Wolverines play Tuesday night in an opening-round District game) is very, very good, and so is Westside Christian, who we'd play if we beat Lutheran Westland'

The Wildcats, who finished 13-6 overall and 6-2 in the league, could have forged a first-place tie with a win over the Wolverines

Jack Anleatner and Ty Majeski shared the spotlight for Agape, netting a team-high 16 points a piece

Fourteen of Anleitner's points came in the opening 16 minutes when he led his team to a 21-20 halftime lead

Plagued by foul trouble, Anleitner played limited minutes in the third and fourth quarter before fouling out with four minutes to play The Wolverines trailed, 37-35

heading into the final quarter before outscoring their hosts, 21-8, down the stretch 'It came down to the fact that we made our free throws down

the stretch, and they didn t, said Anleitner Agape's Showla Olojo registered a pair of clutch offensive

rebounds in the game's final three minutes

Mark Mullett also played well for the winners, chipping in with nine points — five in the

Hudson Hodges paced the Wildcats with 14 points

first quarter

The Wolverines canned 15-of-21 free throws while Baptist Park drained just 9-of-20

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Lajoie produces on ice, gridiron

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Considering his grandfather is Bill Lajoie – one of the most successful and respected general managers in the modern era of Major League Baseball – its not surprising that Alex Lajoie is a two-sport standout at Canton High School

What's somewhat surprising is that neither of the two sports Lajoie excels at is base-



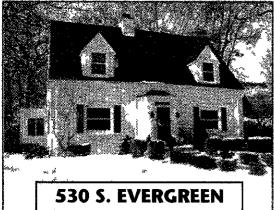
This past fall, the speedy 5foot-8, 160-pound senior played an important role for the Chiefs state-ranked football team as a defensive back and special-teams contributor In the winter, he was a highscoring captain for the school's hockey team, which concluded its season Tuesday night But baseball just wasn't in

But baseball just wasn't in the cards 'I played baseball when I was really young, but I was

'I played baseball when I was really young, but I was horrible," Lajoie said, chuckling 'My dad and uncle were both very good players, but I liked hockey and soccer better

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**Plymouth** Whaler

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Jeremy

Smith is pictured re-

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shot during

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#### The 'Girls of Winter'

The 10U Pride Stars from Canton were the 2007 indoor fast-pitch softball champions at Total Sports in Wixom The team finished with a 7-1 record Pictured (front row from left) are Lauren SanMillan, Tori Kiers Emma Nowak, MacKenzie Nieto, Elizabeth Yager, (second row from left) Kristi Zink, Brooke Senkbeil Annie McDougall, Emily Marcero Lauren Hayes, (back row from left) assistant coach Jeff Marcero head coach Dave Senkbeil and assistant coach Eric Yager Not pictured is Kendall Ritcher

#### LAJOIE

Even though a lot of people in my family are into baseball, they never pushed me to play it They supported me in whatever sports I chose to

Bill Lajoie was the primary off-the-field architect of the 1984 World Series champion Detroit Tigers He later went on to serve crucial front-office roles with the Atlanta Braves and the Boston Red Sox, his current employer

A couple years ago, after the Red Sox won the World Series, my grandpa came up and watched me play in a hockey tournament right after the Red Sox won the World Series, he said He brought his World Series ring with him and showed it to everybody, which was cool

'When I went through some tough times during my junior year of high school, my grandpa was somebody I could always call and talk to 1 m very appreciative of what he's done for me

Hockey is by far Lajoies favorite sport He displayed early signs of excellence a short time after stepping on the ice for a mini-mite practice at the age of 4

I was the only one in my group who could stop and spray ice on the boards with their skates, so they moved me up to play with the 5- and 6year-olds," Lajoie remembered "I played for a house team for a couple of years then my dad (Jeff) started the first Canton Crush travel

The highlight of Lajoies youth hockey career unfolded three years ago when he helped lead an Orchard Lake travel team to the Silver Skates championship game in Sarnia, Ont

We ended up losing to a Canadian team, but it was still fun making it as far as we did,

Lajoie decided to forego travel hockey for the high school variety this year It was a decision that agreed with Canton head coach Dan Abraham

Alex is one of those kids you can stick out there in any type of situation - power-play penalty killing, everything, said Abraham 'He always gives 100 percent and he motivates the other players by

how hard he plays "He's one of the players on

our team I wanted out there when we needed a big goal He could move the puck with his passing or he could take it coast to-coast if he had to"

Lajoie had never stepped onto a football field prior to his freshman year at Canton, but he decided to give the sport a try anyway He picked up the sport quickly and soon found himself starting both ways and on special teams for the Chiefs ninth-grade team

In the three years he played football for Canton (Lajoie didn't play his junior year due to off-the-field issues), the Chiefs freshmen, junior-varsity and varsity teams compiled an incredible record of 30-1

My only loss came when we lost to Rockford this year in the semis,' he said I never got into football when I was younger but I m glad I decided to give it a shot in high school I have a lot of great memories from it

Lajoie is going to try out for the Team Michigan hockey team in the spring

I may be the smallest guy out there, but I'm going to give it a shot anyway,' he said 'I love the sport and I want to keep playing if I can

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#### **WHALERS**

that a skill both learned in kindergarten — sharing — is as essential as glovework and smothering loose

Heading into Friday night's game at Kitchener, Neuvirth and Smith were listed No 2 and No 3, respectively, in the OHLs goals-against average

More importantly, the two net-minders are tied for No 1 when it comes to setting aside their egos for the good of the team

#### **TEAM COMES FIRST**

Despite his lofty statistics - a 20-6-0-1 record, 922 save percentage and 2 55 goals-against average - Smith is cool with his co-goaltending role

"Sure, I d like to be playing every game, but I like the system we have here, too, because it makes me battle and it makes me compete harder so that I can get more games," said Smith, a senior at Woodhaven High School Even though were both competing for the same spot, Michal and I have a great relationship We'll talk about certain goals we've given up and we'll play little games at practice to keep us sharp We get along great and we both

The goalie timeshare system is a relatively new one for Whalers President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci, who admitted hes almost always been a one-goalie coach prior to

"I tried something like this once when I coached Junior A hockey, but not since I ve been with the Whalers, Vellucci admitted 'Michal and Jeremy are both playing well and they both deserve the opportunity to play"

#### **PLAYING A HUNCH**

Vellucci said he doesn't have a master plan laid out regarding who is going to play what game

Its all feel, he said Certainly, things come up that will dictate who plays For instance, Michals parents were in town from the Czech Republic for two weeks earlier this season, so he played four of the six games And if one of the guys gets a shutout, he'll probably play the next night, too But most of it is based on a gut feeling'

Vellucci said there are plusses and minuses to the goalie-platooning set-up

The biggest advantage is if one of the guys is not going well, we can put the other one in there,' said

Vellucci 'With most of the other teams in the league, if their No 1 guy is struggling, they're in

The biggest disadvantage is that they both want to play more and they both deserve to play more

Neuvirth was acquired by the Whalers with the 27th overall pick in the 2006 CHL draft. He was also drafted last year in the second round of the NHL draft by the Washington Capitals

Being a European, Michal played a lot of very competitive hockey as a youngster, said former Detroit Red Wing net-minder Greg Stefan, who currently doubles as the Whalers goal tending coach and a scout for the Carolina Hurricanes 'Washington selected him in the second round last year, so they obviously think very highly of him Hes more physically mature than Smitty Playing in Europe and over here has been good for him because it's allowed him to see different styles of

Heading into this weekends games. Neuvirth had racked up a sterling 23-8-1-1 record with four

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shutouts 'Michal's technique is very good, and he's big so he covers a lot of the net, said Vellucci "He's a very smart goalie, too

Smith's ice time was scarce last season, his first with the Whalers, when he backed up solid No 1 starter Justin Peters This year hes flourished, having recorded a 20-6-0-1 record and 2 55 goalsagainst average in his 31 starts

Last year was tough for me because I didn't get a lot of starts, and the first two weeks this year were a little shaky for me, Smith said But I seemed to fall into a nice rhythm about the same time the team

#### **HOME-GROWN TALENT**

Unlike his teammates, Smith - a resident of Brownstown Township – gets to live in the comforts of his own home, which he considers a huge plus

'Like they say, there's no better bed than your own," he said

I like the fact that I get to see my parents and my younger brother all the time I can't imagine what it must be like for Michal to only see his parents once or twice a year"

Smith said he doesn't receive any extra attention from his peers at Woodhaven High School despite his status as one of the OHLs rising stars

'I've been going to school with pretty much the same kids since the fifth grade, so I'm just the same old Jeremy Smith to them,' he said, with a smile Obviously, my buddies know what I do, but most of the kids in school probably don't even know I play for the Whalers

#### **GOOD STUDENT, TOO**

Smith has been as solid in the classroom as he has been in the crease In fact, his grade-point average (3 6) is a point higher than his goals-against The school has been really good about working

with my schedule, he said I'm in a work-study program that allows me to leave school early because we start practice at 2 p m

Im in the National Honor Society but I had to cut back because hockey has just been too demand

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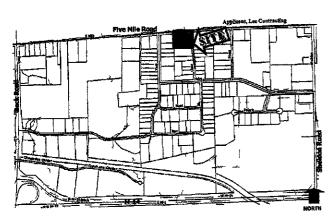
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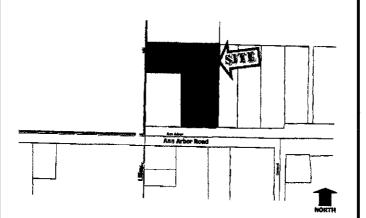
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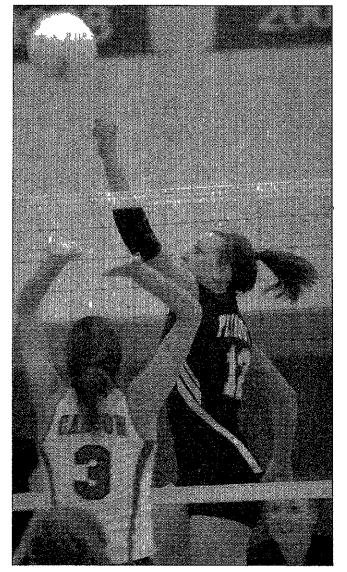
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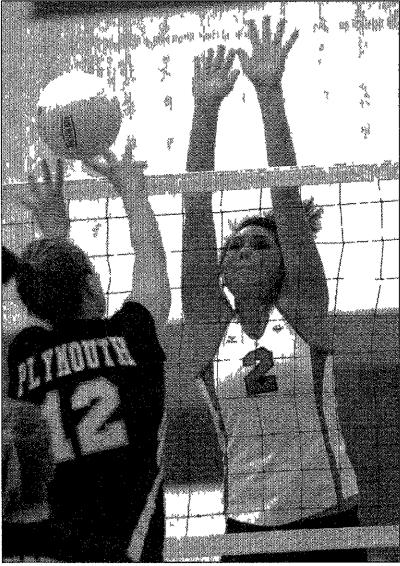
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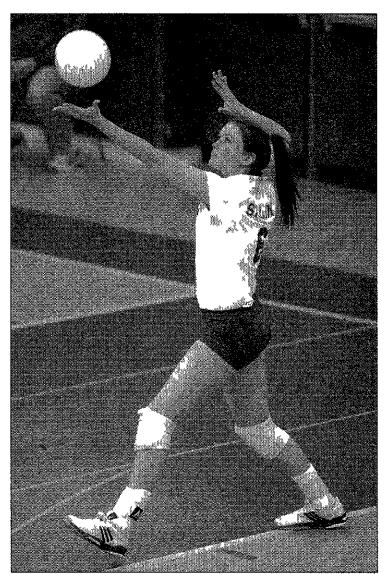
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Brittany Hengesh, pictured above in a match earlier this season and her Plymouth teammates were ousted by Northville in three games in Friday's Class A District tournament at Churchill



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Lauren McPartiin (No 2), pictured above in a match earlier this season and her Canton teammates had their season ended by Northville Friday night in the Class A District tournament played at Livonia Churchill



Alecia Goodes, pictured above in a match earlier this season, and her Salem. teammates were eliminated from Friday's Class A District tournament in four games by eventual champion Churchill

## Churchill spikers capture talent-rich district

### Salem ousted in tense semifinal match; Northville eliminates 'Cats and Chiefs

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Volleyball's version of March Madness started early Friday as host Livonia Churchill emerged victorious in one of the toughest Class A district girls tournaments in the state

The Chargers, ranked No 3 ran their record to 51-2 1 over all by ousting Western Lakes Activities Association rivals Northville (25-19, 25-19, 25 17) and Salem (25-18 25 17 23-25, 25-23), two teams with

over 40 wins this season The championship game was anti-climactic compared with Churchill's four-game semifinal victory over Salem, its fourth win over the Rocks

this season Senior Lauren Krupsky and tunior Kyndra Abron com bined for 62 kills in the match

with 36 and 26, respectively Setter Kelsey McKenzie added 51 assist-to kills, while the defense was led by senior

libero Kelly Archer with 32 Stephanie Bradshaw added 16 digs, while McKenzie and

Jordan Kerr each added 14 "I thought Kelsey was absolutely wonderful,' said

Churchill coach Mark Grenier,

whose team overcame a 19-16 deficit in the fourth game She was sick with the flu all week and was under the weather today But she came to school and put it together She did a nice job and

deserves a lot of credit Churchill was able to offset Salem's one-two attacking duo of Teresa Coppiellie and Lauren Kurtz, who finished with 26 and 19 kills, respec tively

Playing Salem four times we were fortunately able to fall back on, Grenier said And our kids have the experience of making it to the quarterfinals We played a very good Salem team, but we know how to take care of dusiness and we were able to play with'

The 6-foot-2 Abron was particularly effective in the front row against the Rocks

"Kyndra was dominant today, Grenier said She swung as well as she has all year and she was equal with her presence blocking She was able to put together a great day But everybody else did their job and did their role They did a wonderful job as a supporting cast

Salem's sophomore setter Jansan Falcusan had 42 assist-

to kills, while Courtney Seiler and Coppiellie paced the defense with 29 and 18 digs, respectively

We made some minor adjustments the third game, Salem coach Amanda Suder said "We decided to pull Teresa (Coppiellie) off her middle hitter spot and put her off for more side shots and it opened up that third game But we basically played them the same way we have all year

'But Churchill is a great team Its the best Kyndra has played against us and Krupsky was also on fire When you have two of the best hitters in the state, it's hard to defend'

Salem defeated South Lyon 25-23 25-7, 25-18, as the 6foot Coppiellie had 13 kills and nine aces Kurtz, another 6foot senior, added 12 kills

Falcusan finished with five aces and 23 assists, while Seiler had 17 digs

The Rocks, who lose five seniors, finish the year at 44-9-1 overall

"Those seniors have been a special group, Suder said "They ve played together so long They're like a family

Four will possibly play in college We ll miss them a lot and they ll be hard to replace

In the win over Northville, a rematch of last Saturday's WLAA Tournament final, the 5-11 Krupsky led the way with 19 kills and four blocks Abron also had 19 kills and three blocks

Digs leaders included Archer (16), Anna-Marie Gatt (10) and Kerr (9) McKenzie

added 35 assists Joanna Foss a 6-foot senior led Northville with 13 kills but no other Mustang reached

double figures "Our serve receive broke down and generally were stronger than that,' said Northville coach Steve Anderson, whose team finished a school record 43-6-3 overall I thought hitting and blocking wise, we matched up well I thought every other part of our game was fabulous But a critical part of our game fell apart at the wrong time When you can t pass, you can t

Churchill advances to the regional semifinals, 10 a m Saturday at West Bloomfield

champion Plymouth's season ended with a three-game quarterfinal setback to Northville 25 11, 25-9 and 25-11 The loss left the Wildcats with a 17-21-5 record

Regardless of our overall record, I m proud of how the girls won with class and how they learned to lose with class, too," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland They kept their heads up, stayed positive and never got down on one another throughout the entire

Junior Rachel Heaton went out with a bang for the Wildcats as she registered eight kills and 11 digs Also playing well were Brittany Hengesh (10 kills), Chelsey Quinlan (seven digs) and Courtney Buttermore (18 set assists)

Canton drew a first-round bye, but got eliminated in three games by the Mustangs in the semis Details of the match were not made available to the Observer as of Friday night's deadline

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

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for Asbestos Abatement at Eriksson, Field, and Hulsing Elementary Schools as well as Proneer Middle School. The project will be completed in early 2007 prior to building renovation activities and will include the removal and disposal of asbestos flooring materials asbestos thermal system insulation asbestos transite materials and windows with asbestos window caulk Bid documents will be available for pickup on or after Tuesday March 27 2007 at HealthAir, Inc 23491 Research Drive Farmington Hills Michigan 48335 or by phoning (248) 426 0165 A Pre Bid meeting will be held on Tuesday March 6 2007 at 4 30 p m at Pioneer Middle School located at 46081 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth MI 48187 All submissions should include 3 bid copies (1 original 2 duplicates) which are due to the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center RE School Abatement Bids 454 South Harvey Plymouth MI 48170 on or before 2 00 pm Tuesday March 20 2007 where they will be read publicly For additional information phone Dan Phillips Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416 2746 The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school

> Board of Education Plymouth Canton Community Schools

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#### **ADVERTISEMENT**

Sealed proposals will be received for the installation of a Soil Vapor Extraction System by Plymouth Charter Township as Owner and representative for the Plymouth Charter Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority until 2 00 PM Official Local Time on Friday March 16 2007 at the office of the Clerk Plymouth Township Hall 9955 N Haggerty Road Plymouth Michigan 48170 at which time and place all bids will be publicly

#### The services will include

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A mandatory site walk-through will be held Monday, March 12, 2007 at 10.00 A.M. Official Local Time at the Plymouth Township Fire Station No 2, 41212 Wilcox Road, Plymouth,

Specifications may be examined at the Clerk's Office Plymouth Township Hall 9955 N Haggerty Road Plymouth Michigan 48170 Copies may be obtained at the office of Dietrich Bailey and Associates PC 107 South Main Street Plymouth Michigan 48170 on or after Monday March 5 2007 by making a deposit of \$25 00 for each set which will not be refunded Bid documents will be mailed for an additional charge of \$5 00

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the Owner as security for acceptance of the contract A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within 60 days after the date set for the opening thereof

The right is reserved by the Owner to reject any or all proposals either in whole or in part and to waive any irregularities therein

Signed Publish March 1 & 4 2007

Marilyn Massengill Clerk

Plymouth Charter Township

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

Notice is hereby given that on 03/09/07 at 10 00 a m at Mayflower Auto Transport 1179 Starkweather Plymouth MI 48170 a public auction of the following

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following

David Medley ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton MI 48188 (734) 394 5260

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

The Plymouth Housing Commission is requesting proposals from qualified agencies/individuals interested in the administration of a HUD sponsored Family Self Sufficiency Program This agency/ person must have a minimum of five years experience in this program and/or the original Boot Strap program

Proposals including scope of work and fee requested will be accepted by mail until COB Friday March 14 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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#### 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)

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 p m 5 00 p m 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  $13^{\rm th}$  after 5 00p m and Saturday March  $17^{\rm th}$  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

> TERRY G BENNETT CLERK Charter Township of Canton

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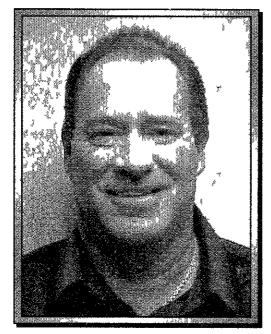
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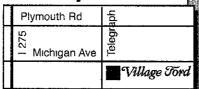
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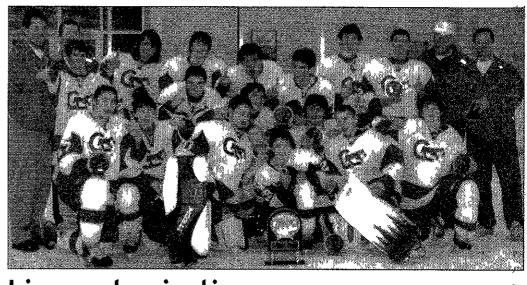
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Icing on a championship

The Canton Crush Bantam AA hockey team defeated the USA Eagles 10-5 in the District 4 championship game = played earlier this month Team members are Ryan Bauer, Matt Berry, Jimmy Botti Justin Brewer, Bryce Connor Sean Gaffney Alex Gilo Austin Hervey Matthew Hull Kyle Korte Steven Manser Vince Rossi Christopher Sitler Bradley Wilhelm Ben Wilkewitz Michael Woynick and Stephen Zavori Coaches are Ken Gaffney Doug Hervey Mark Korte and Michael Woynick The team will play in the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association State Bantam AA championships in March in Sault Ste Marie

#### **SPORTS BRIEFS**

#### **IGNITION CAMPS**

The Detroit Ignition will be hosting a senes of summer soccer camps for youth players The camps which will be located throughout metropolitan Detroit, will give young players an opportunity to train with Ignition players as well as members of the Major Indoor Soccer League teams staff

Designed for kids between the ages of 4 and 18, the camp curriculum will offer a broad spectrum of training — from basic soccer introduction for younger players to advanced training for older players who are looking for both a technical and tactical

Camp instruction will be led by Ignition head coach Mark Pulisic and team members Instructors will be subject to camp dates and availability but they may include Jamar Beasley Jonathan Greenfield Doug Rice and Danny Waltman

For locations and schedules of the camps, visit www detroitigni tion com, or call (888) 436-4625 The camps are sponsored by the Hantz Group and the Henry Ford Medical Group

#### **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 tourna ment on Tuesday, March 6, against Lutheran Westland in a game slated to tip off at 6 p m A victory would send the Wolvermes into a semifinal game at 6 p m on Thursday, March 8, against Westside Christian Academy, which drew a firstround bye

PCA will open at 8 p m on March 6 against host Covenant, which is led by All-State performer Durrell Summers Awin 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 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 Call (313) 294 0890

#### **OLGC FOOTBALL**

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 regis tration materials will be distributed

Contact Kevin Suppelsa at ksuppelsa@wowwaycom, or (734) 414-8275, or visit www olgcfootball net

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Aprıl 28	Pre-Game On-Field Clinic
Aprıl 29	Tigers Pin Album First 10 000 fans
May 19	2006 World Series Rally Towel All fans
May 26	Pre-Game On-Field Clinic
	Gary Sheffield Replica Baseball Glove
	First 7500 kids 14 & under

May 27 Floppy Hat First 10 000 fans Justin Verlander 2006 A L June 30 Rookie-of-the-Year Baseball First 10 000 fans July 1 Magglio Ordoñez Bobblehead First 10 000 fans On-Field Photo Day

July 4 Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular Negro Leagues Tribute Game July 21 July 22 2006 Tigers A L Championship Cap First 10 000 adults 21 & over

Aug 5 Carlos Guillen Bobblehead First 7500 kids 14 & under Aug 11 Tigers Youth Cap First 10 000 kids 14 & under Aug 12 Joel Zumaya T-Shirt First 10 000 fans Sep 9

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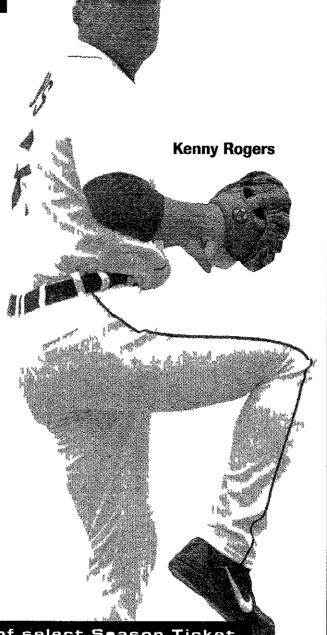
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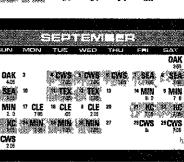
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## Family support and food journals

amily and friends can be a great source of support while you re trying to lose weight However, making dramatic lifestyle changes can cause tension even among the closest families

Some family members, or even close friends, may be unsupportive Some may be resentful, while others may feel



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uncomfortable eating around you Some, often those who need to lose weight, may be jealous of your weight-loss progress and try to sabotage your efforts

If you find your loved ones are unsupportive, try to remain positive They may not want you to change simply because they fear

change Dont we all at times? When they see the positive results healthy weight loss has on your attitude and appearance, they may want to join your

In the meantime, if relatives encourage you to eat high-calorie foods at family gatherings, try to be polite and refuse You can respond by saying, "No thanks, I ate so much of that delicious chicken, I have no room for cake

You might want to avoid gatherings for a little while, until you're more comfortable asserting yourself You cannot become a hermit, though A very important part of successful long-term weight loss is being able to handle social situations, since you re obviously not going to avoid them forever

You can also try asking for help Sometimes all it takes is letting someone close to you know how important and helpful their support is in helping you achieve your goals Good support is a common trait among successful dieters

Another common trait is food journaling At times, when the weight doesn't seem to be coming off, or staying on track seems difficult, keeping a food journal is very beneficial If you don t keep track of your diet using food journals nows the time to start Write everything down, and carefully examine those times when you strayed and had a httle

Are you noting accurate portion sizes? If you're not, then you're probably not weighing and measuring, which will ensure proper portions and teach you how to judge portion sizes when eating out Just 100 extra calories a day will pack on 10 pounds in a year

Look for times when you ate too little, as well For example, you may notice that you tend to skip breakfast often Breakfast jump-starts your metabolism for the day

Even if you don't skip breakfast, take a closer look at your food choices Are you eating protein at breakfast? Protein gives you energy and makes you feel full longer Selecting good protein sources, such as skim milk, yogurt or eggs, combined with complex carbohydrates like whole wheat bread or high-fiber fruit, will give you a great boost to start your

Also, look at your meal times Are you consuming three meals with no snacks, or one large meal with several snack times? Try to spread your food out evenly among four to six meal and snack times This will help boost your metabolısm, help your body burn calories more efficiently, and prevent energy dips dur-

ing the day You should also examine your food selections Are you consuming high-fiber selections? Fiber is important when trying to lose weight as it makes you feel full and curbs your appetite between meals Its also important for your overall digestive health as well, regardless of whether you're trying to lose weight

Finally, look at the last time you ate Are you snacking late at night? Is there a big gap between your last meal and your first? Again, spreading out meal and snack times will help keep your metabohsm humming along and burning calories, and will keep your appetite in check

Furthermore, make sure you get about eight hours of sleep each night Not only will you have low energy levels from too little sleep, research shows people tend to compensate for a lack of energy with

Keeping track of what you eat doesn t just help keep you aware of what you're eating It allows you to examine your eating habits so you can have a clearer picture of where you can make significant changes to promote and maintain weight

Linda Aubuchon is the owner of Diet Center of Canton a provider of personalized weight loss solutions. She can be contacted via e-mail at Linda@DietCenterofCanton com or call her at (734) 414 9200

## Shamrocks



2006 Grand Marshall Brian Bonner, and United Irish Societies officers Curtis Anderson Dennis Hayes and Mary Lou McKelvey paint shamrocks on Michigan Avenue

## to shenanigans

### Irish paint town green to honor St. Patrick

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

One of Mike Kelly's favorite parts of the Detroit St Patrick's Day Parade is the painting of shamrocks on Michigan Avenue Friday, March 9 The event kicks off the weekend when 30 member organızatıons of the United Irish Societies (UIS) gather to celebrate their heritage

The 49th annual parade steps off at 2 p m from Michigan and Sixth and travels to 14th through historic Corktown on Sunday, March 11

Kelly and Joe Parsky of Huntington Woods co-chair the parade that turns

Detroit green Its a family day to reflect on our Irish heritage and honor our ancestors to carry on our traditions, and to promote Corktown and Detroit, said Mike Kelly, a Livonia resident and member of the Knights of Equity and Ancient Order of Hibernians, Stephen Walsh Division

Kelly's grandparents came from County Mayo His wife Maureen's grandparents, the O Sullivans, came from County Clare Maureen and Mike co-chair the annual parade fund-raiser in February Maureen, a member of Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Rose Kennedy Division,



In 2005 parade chairman Mike Kelly (right) was assisted by Wayne County Executive Robert

marches in the parade as does Mike The day begins with the UIS organizations gathering for a 10 30 a m Mass at

St Patrick's Senior Center and Parish, 58 Parsons at Woodward Afterward, the Motor City Striders present the Corktown races, a fund-raiser for the St Patrick's Senior Center in Detroit at 11 30 a m For information, call Parsky at (313) 885-

The theme of this year's parade is From Famine to Fortune - The Celtic Tiger since Ireland has progressed from one of the poorest countries in the European Union to one of the wealthiest

'We have a calling of the clans, the Irish families that march," said Kelly "We have novelty groups like high school bands, pipe bands, dignitaries, Roger McCarville and the United Wheelchair

PLEASE SEE SHAMROCKS, C3

### St. Patrick's Day Parade springs up in Oakland County

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

In all of the excitement, Steve Zanetti doesn't want anyone to lose sight of the true meaning of the St Patrick's Day Parade stepping off at 11 a m Saturday, March 10, in Ferndale

The event is sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Norman O Brien division in Oakland County, and travels from St James Church on Woodward and 8/2 Mile north to Nine Mile then west to Livernois and ends at the American Legion Afterwards awards will be given out at Rosie O'Grady's on Troy Street For more information, call (248) 541-2500

The parade was held in Royal Oak for the first four years This year, the Ferndale Downtown Development Authority is co-sponsoring the event

"The most important thing is the celebration of St Patrick, our patron saint of Ireland,' said Zanetti, parade

PLEASE SEE PARADE, C3

## Arts patrons are invited to wear Renaissance costumes

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Paula Gangopadhyay won t be wearing a Renaissance-style gown to the annual Plymouth Community Arts Council dinner dance auction on March 9, but she is encouraging guests to come in costume

Every year, arts council patrons look forward to dressing up according to the theme of the gala and 2007 should be no exception In past years, women and men turned out in Denim and Diamonds

This year, An Artful Affair is drawing on a Renaissance theme for the affair that takes place 6 p m to midnight Friday, at Laurel Manor, 39000

Schoolcraft in Livonia.

For those who enjoy dancing, Channel Six will play a wide range of music from the 1940s to today

Tickets are \$85, \$35 of which is taxdeductible For more information, call (734) 416-4278

The Renaissance theme ties in with revitalization efforts we are undertaking this year," said Gangopadhyay, who plans to wear a casually elegant gown Gangopadhyay became the arts

council's executive director in July The council is going to be turning 40 in 2009 As part of strategic planning we have embarked on a cam-

paign, Countdown to 40 Proceeds from the dinner dance and its silent and live auctions will help

fund three main areas of growth programming to reach out to community members of all ages, membership, and

'We currently have student and family members. We want to begin focusing on expanding retail business and corporate memberships It is very important for the entire community to support the arts," said Gangopadhyay "As far as funding, we're looking into expanding corporate support, seeking new grants from foundations as well as the state We just received a \$15,000 grant from the Michigan Humanities

Council "It's all about rebirth, revitalization"

PLEASE SEE COSTUMES. C3



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**New Plymouth Community Arts Council** director Paula Gangopadhyay came from the Public Museum of Grand Rapids

### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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#### **AROUND TOWN**

#### Crafters/vendors needed

Crafters and vendors are wanted for the springtime craft show/bazaar 1 6 p m April 28 at the Inkster Recreational Center 2025 Middlebelt in Inkster Cost is \$30 per booth E mail Vdotson@twmi rrcom for application or call (734) 595 1083

Supreme Court Justice speaks Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly will be the guest speaker at a luncheon meeting of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County on Saturday March 10 The pub lic is invited to attend and enjoy a mod est lunch (\$5 donation requested) The meeting will be held at the Livonia Civic Center Library at 12.15 pm For more

information please contact Paula

#### Bowman at (734) 455 4726 Prostate screening

St Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a prostate screening and Men's Health Day 8 am to 1 p m Saturday March 31 Men can receive a prostate screening learn about medical and health information and more Prostate screening Day con sists of a blood test for Prostate Specific Antingen total cholesterol and HDL a prostate exam by a physician and a blood pressure check Hospital officials suggest men 40 and older get checked A \$10 donation to the new St Mary Mercy Cancer Center is optional Appointments fill quickly To register call (734) 655 8963 St Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile (at Levan) in Livonia

#### Hidden Lake Gardens

Hidden Lake Gardens will waive entrance fees for the public on the first Monday of every month beginning March 5 (exclud ing scheduled tours and holidays) throughout 2007 It's an opportunity to bring the family and explore Hidden Lake Gardens 755 acre botanical garden and arboretum. For more information call (517) 431 2060 Hidden Lake Gardens is located at 6214 W Monroe Road (M 50) in Tipton

#### Sportsmen's Banquet

The Metro West Steelheaders will hold their 22nd annual Sportsmen's Banquet at 6 p m Saturday March 10 at Roma Banquets 32550 Cherry Hill Garden City There will a silent auction featuring wildlife prints that are framed matted signed and numbered and prizes like choice of firearm valued at more than \$1250 an assortment of fishing and hunting supplies, charter trips and rods and reels Tickets are \$35 each and include buffet meal and open bar Tickets must be purchased in advanced and are available by calling Randy Emery at (734) 368 7360 (cell ) or (734)

332 6044 or by e mail at RandyEméry@aol.com Proceeds go to MUCC Camp for Kids Michigan rivers and lakes to support future fishing projects and private organizations in their endeavors to make Michigan the place to enjoy the outdoors

#### **AAUW's 'The Petticoat Ladies'**

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host a public per formance by The Petticoat Ladies at 645 pm Tuesday March 13 at Fox Run Retirement Community 41000 13 Mile Road Noyi (just west of M 5) Beth Ann Knisely (248) 305 8992

#### Mom-to-Mom Sale

The St Edith/St Kenneth Mothers of Preschoolers group will host a Mom to Mom Sale from 9 a m to 1 p m Saturday April 21 at St Edith Church 15089 Newburgh south of Five Mile Gently used baby and children's items will be sold Admission is \$1 Lindsay (248) 252 4775

#### **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 pm Saturday March 10 Tickets are \$10 as a fund raiser for the school Local restaurants and bakeries will serve signature dishes while the auction features hotel packages/weekend getaways/spa packages etc (734) 261 9540 or visit academicpathways tripod com

#### **Academic Pathways preschool**

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool at 30330 Schoolcraft in Livonia will host an open house form 13 pm Tuesday March 6 Enroll in classes Tuesday and Thursday mornings 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 academicpath ways tripod com

#### Lenten fish fry

St Sebastian Catholic Church 20700 Colgate in Dearborn Heights hosts its annual all you can eat Lenten Fish Fry 4 7 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 \$4.75 for children under 12. For more informa tion 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 opportunity to receive pro fessional instruction on the sport from World Cup Bocce players The event takes place 2.6 p.m. Sunday April 22 at the Palazzo di Bocce in Orion



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#### Hockey town for a day

Detroit Red Wings Tomas Kopecky (left) and Johan Franzen came to Canton on Monday and signed autographs at IKEA. The players signed photographs and other items for a donation to First Step, a local organization that works to end domestic and sexual violence as well as providing a shelter facility in Canton They also raffled off a game stick from each player and a Franzen Red Wings jersey Here Alex Schnieder, 8, and Chandler Berlin, 12, show off their winnings IKEA Canton store manager Mark McCaslin stands in the rear

Township Bocce for Bucks III features an afternoon of indoor bocce ball tourna ment play ideal for families and people of all ages an Italian buffet silent auction and much more No prior expe rience 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 raised 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 vis its Tickets are available with the follow ing benefits \$100 Guest ticket Receives bocce play Italian buffet dinner beerwine desserts silent auction 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 invitation to Private Benefactor Reception For sponsorship advertising or ticket information for Bocce for Bucks III call (248) 967 8324 or visit vna org

#### **Ewald scholarship**

The HT Ewald Foundation is accepting applications for its 2007 scholarship pro gram Completed application must be postmarked by March 1 2007 To be elig ble one must be a graduating high

school student living in Metro Detroit and entering college full time in the fall Scholarship recipients are chosen based on their overall scholarship record lead ership abilities community work char acter and financial need. To apply one must send in an official HT Ewald Foundation Scholarship application three or more letters of recommenda tion a photograph a minimum of 500 word autobiography and a complete h gh 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 num ber of scholarships awarded varies every year The scholarships are renew able for up to four years. For an applica tion or more information call the HT Ewald Foundation office at (313) 821 1278

#### **Waste to Watts**

The Ann Arbor Hands on Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibition 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 recov ery from landfilis can be used as an alternative energy source ult mately reducing our dependency on other fuels Hours are 10 am to 5 pm

Monday Saturday noon to 5 p m Sunday For information visit www.aahom.org.or.call (734) 995 5439

#### Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290 OES Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon 3 p m the second Tuesday of each month Admission is \$6 event features table prizes and door prizes The temple is located at 27705 W Seven Mile in Livonia (734) 459 6063 Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw western Wayne Monroe and Livingston counties Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship light house keeping 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 communica tion skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and mater als, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416 4906 for more information

#### **@ THE LIBRARY**

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the library's list of best-sellers based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at plymouthlibrary org

#### **FICTION**

- 1 "Plum Lovin" Janet Evanovich
- 2 "For One More Day," Mitch Albom
- 3 The Alexandria Link," Steve Berry
- 4 Cross," James Patterson
- 5 "Hannibal Rising," Thomas Harris

#### **NON-FICTION**

- 1 'The Audacity of Hope," Barack Obama
- 2 Born on a Blue Day,'
- Daniel Tammet 3 Palestine Peace Not
- Apartheid, Jimmy Carter 4 'The Innocent Man,' John
- 5 'Power, Faith and Fantasy," Michael Oren

#### **PARENT'S CHOICE**

#### **NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS**

- 1 "Estelle Takes a Bath," Jıll Esbaum
- 2 'The Most Precious Thing," Gill Lewis
- 3 "Brave Bitsy and the Bear," Angela McAllister
- 4 Tickets to Ride,' Mark
- Rogalski 5 "The Princes Bedtime,"
- Joanne Oppenheim

#### ON CAMPUS NMU Dean's List

The following local students made the Northern Michigan University Deans List for the fall 2006 semester Benjamin J Wielechowski, of Canton, Ashley E Olson, of Canton, Robert S Richardson, of Canton, Brad A. Filips, of Plymouth, Russell P Markwood, of Plymouth, Kathleen A. Nicastri, of Plymouth, and Robert L Rymph, of Plymouth

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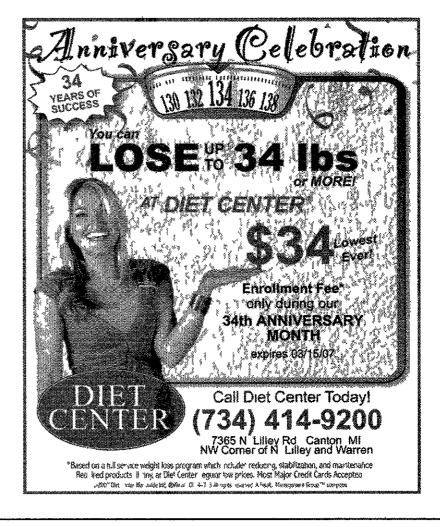
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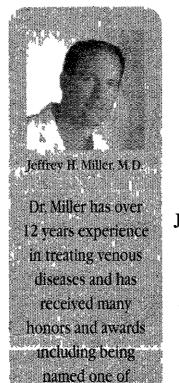
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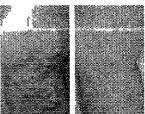
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FROM PAGE C1

chairman "We started the parade because we needed to celebrate the Irish in the area, to celebrate Irish heritage, to show pride, to bring the Irish com munity together, and to help the businesses and promote goodwill Its a family-oriented parade, not all floats It's marchers and clans Everybody's welcome to march We're a nonprofit organization and it costs for police overtime and city workers so a dona-

tion is welcome" Carolyn Christopher, a member of parade committee, is inviting everyone to come out and have a good time Christopher will be announcing the parade on the judges stand near the Twisted Shamrock

The restaurants will all have entertaınment," said Christopher, who lives in Berkley and works at O Brien Services, an automotive repair facility in Ferndale where a green bus is housed and maintained and decorated for the parades in Ferndale and

"We started the parade to bring a little bit of Irish to the suburbs Last year, we had floats, bagpipes, and this year we've asked the Ferndale Honor Guard through the Police

Department to lead the parade Last year, a contingent of more than 100 dogs and their owners paraded behind the Clancy clan The effort is being organized again this year by Uppity Puppy co-owners Kim O'Brien of Ortonville and Patty Livernois of West Bloomfield To regıster, call (248) 336 2380

We're so excited, said O Brien We're asking \$5 per furry child Each furry child that pays \$5 will get a shamrock bandana We're collecting the \$5 per walker to benefit the Anımal Welfare Society and Small Paws Rescue, Michigan-based nonprofits We hope to reach 150 this

year We're still looking for walkers This is going to be huge I don't



FROM PAGE C1

Association, and Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans leading the mounted division New this year is the Irish Setters Association Afterwards, we go back to our organization for corned beef and cabbage and Irish entertainment"

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Karen Tait leads the Birmingham Celtic Pipes and Drums Corps She and husband George, a piper, have marched in the parade for 30 years This year, George will watch from the sidelines because of his arthritic hips George has been playing bagpipes for 35 years and still rehearses with the band every Tuesday night at Birmingham Chrysler Jeep, the Troy dealership that sponsors the corps George and the band perform the rest of the year at concerts, parties and weddings around town (www.celtic pipes-and-drums com) Daughter Kristen Tait, a percussionist with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, teaches the drum corps The band offers lessons in pipes and drums, and is always looking for individuals to join the 28 members ranging in age from 11 to 81

The parade is just a wonderful holiday for the Irish," said Karen Tait, the Pipe Major

We do fund-raisers for the United Irish Societies so they give us the honor to lead the parade, added George Tait who's Scottish 'With bagpipes, there's not much difference between Irish and Scottish We re all brothers under the skin

George is especially looking forward to doing a little pub crawling after the parade and playing a few tunes, having a glass of Guinness and going on to the next Alcohol is not allowed during the parade as the day is for families

'Its always a good, happy day for everybody, said Dennis Hayes, United Irish Societies president "Prior to the first parade in Dearborn there were a couple of small parades on the west side by a parish priest It was moved to Detroit and we've had them on Woodward then Michigan Avenue ever since We've had people get married during the parade There are clown groups, a Detroit Fire Department clown team and funny fire engines, something for everybody, color guards from the VFW and American Legion, and clans of families like the O Malleys It's a very welcoming event We hope to see you there We want people to realize what a wonderful city we still have in Detroit The suburbs

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Bidding on auction items is always one of the most exciting parts of the Plymouth Community Arts Council's gala evening

#### **COSTUMES**

FROM PAGE C1

In addition to inviting guests to come in Renaissance attire, volunteers plan to decorate the hall at Laurel Manor with pillars and busts of David,

Michelangelos classic sculpture We want to kind of create that ambiance, said Gangopadhyay 'We ll have close to 200 items unique artwork, vacation pack-

ages, autographed sports memorabilia, dinner and tickets to museums, sports events and zoos We will be publishing a list of items on the Web site (www.plymoutharts.com)

'So many of us do these fundraisers,' said Gangopadhyay This is the arts councils major fund-raiser and supports arts education for the entire western Wayne area When funding for schools is declining it's important for us to keep offering these opportunities'

#### **BABY CONTEST** Boys & Girls:

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### Arts group offers classes, exhibit chances

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VAALs next meeting is March 15 and features speaker Edee Joppich discussing design and composition The group's spring show will be held May 1-31 at Livonia City Hall There is also the opportunity to exhibit in Art from the Heart Livonia's annual arts and crafts fair, to be held June 9 10 For details call VAAL presi dent Virginia Bosak at (734) 432 5976

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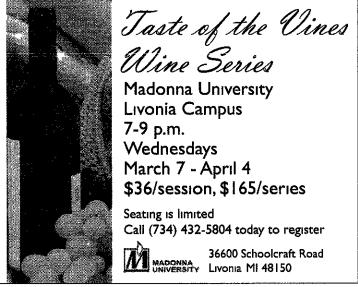
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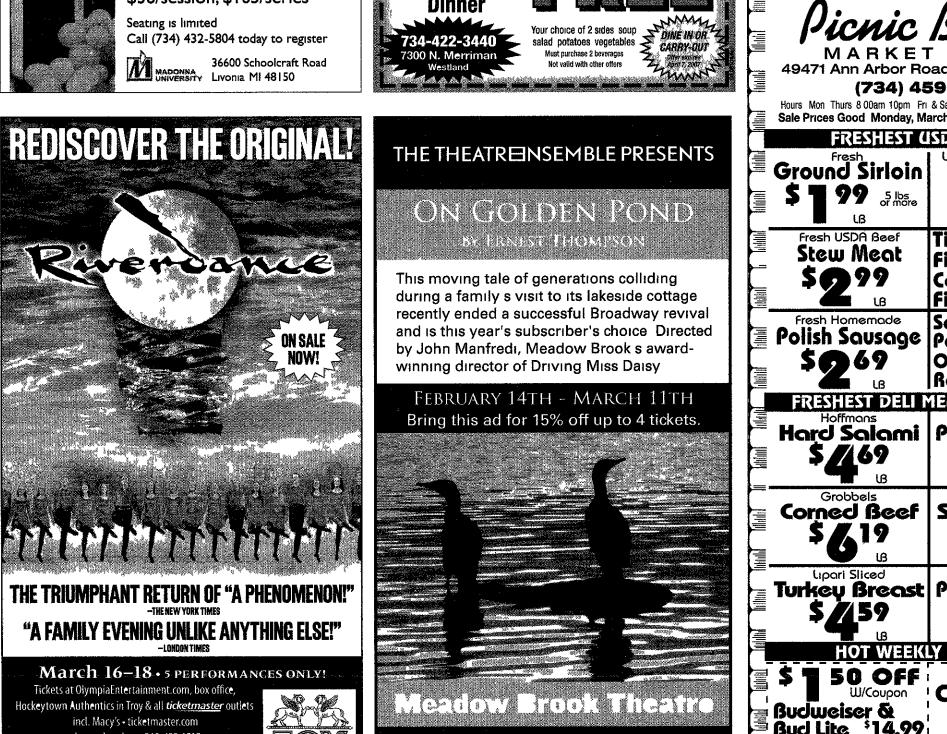
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#### REUNIONS

#### **Berkley High School** Class of 1987

A 20 year reunion in planned for Nov 24 2007 Looking for all current con tact info for alumni from class of 1987 Contact Kim (DeWilde) Everingham at (734)422 0087 or e mail info to kim sliasophia@gmail.com Reunion web site is www BHSreunion1987 com for further information and details

#### Bishop Boraess Class of 1987

A 20 year reunion Sept 15 2007 at the Livonia Marriott Contact borgess87@hotmail.com for more information

#### Dearborn Fordson Class of 1977

A 30 year reunion Friday Aug 3 to Sunday Aug 5 2007 Contact Val Schulte (Wrenbeck) at msugrad81@cox net with your current address and phone number

#### Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1967

A 40 year reunion 7 30 pm Saturday Aug 4 2007 at Doubletree Hotel Dearborn Hors doeuvres and cash bar approximately \$35 For informa tion call Cheryl Riske Brown at (313)336 0192 or e mail efhs67@yahoo com

#### **Detroit Chadsey** Class of 1957

A 50th Reunion is being planned for Sept 29 at Webers Inn in Ann Arbor Looking for January June and Summer 57 graduates If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates contact Pat Gorski Zielinski (989) 366 9288

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**CLASS REUNIONS** 

#### **Detroit Cooley** Classes of 1967, 1968

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www.classreport.org/usa/mi/detroit/co oley/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 lost gradu ates 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 sum mer/fall Contact Diane Kangas (Krok) at (586)446 9011 or Mary Mezzardi (Winowiecki) at

#### mmezzadri@hotmail.com **Detroit Henry Ford**

#### Class of 1967

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

#### **Detroit Holy Redeemer** Class of 1957

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

#### Detroit Mackenzie

Class of 1957

Looking for graduates to attend a reunion scheduled for Oct 19 2007 Call Eleanor at (734)425 8278 **Detroit Western** 

#### Class of 1962

A 45 year reunion will be held in Sept 15 2007 at Warren Valley Country Club Dearborn Heights Seeking information on classmates from that year All other

classes welcome Contact Helen Knights at (734)285 4927 or Ralph Brighton at (734)513 7499

#### **Detroit Southwestern** Class of 1957

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

#### **Epiphany Grade School** Class of 1966

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

#### 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

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

#### Garden City High School Class of 1987

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#### Class of 1997

A 10 year reunion is planned for June 9 2007 at the Crowne Plaza in Romulus For more information and to update your address visit the reunion website at www.gchs97reunion.com

#### **Grosse Pointe North** Class of 1991

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#### Ladywood High School Class of 1967

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#### WEDDING



#### **Marino-Curtiss**

Caroline Suzanne Curtiss and Mark Ashton Marino were wed July 8, 2006, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth with the Rev John Sullivan officiating

The bride is the daughter of James and Suzanne Curtiss of Plymouth She is a 1995 graduate of Mercy High School, a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan and 2002 graduate of Notre Dame Law School She is an attorney with the firm of Leader, Berkon

The groom is the son of Anthony and Deborah Marino of Mandeville, Louisiana He is a 1994 graduate of Holy Cross High School, a 1998 graduate of the University of Notre Dame and a 2001 graduate of Northwestern Law Schoo He is employed a real estate broker

The bride was attended by Kelly Amsworth, maid of honor and brides friend, Kelly Marion, groom's sister, Meghan Covino, brides friend, Jennifer Eng, bride's friend, Rachel Stockhausen, bride's friend, Elena Tantille, brides cousin

The groom was attended by Gregory Marino, best man and groom's brother, Ross Cannizaro, friend of the groom, Kevin Cantrelle, friend of the groom, Brad Diggs, grooms cousin, Kevin Diggs, grooms cousin, and Stuart Marino, grooms brother

A reception was held at the Bay Pointe Golf Club in West Bloomfield The couple honeymooned in Tahiti and Bora They are making their home

ın Manhattan

#### **ENGAGEMENTS**

#### Cole-Keyes

Gerald and Patricia Cole of Wyandotte announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Shannon Cole to Justin Michael Keyes of Westland

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan and a teacher at the Burger School in Garden City

The prospective groom is the son of Russ and Cathy Keyes of Westland He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and a teacher in Wyandotte at the Lincoln Center

A Saturday, June 30, 2007



wedding is planned for Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church with Pastor Karl Travis officiating A reception will be held at Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club

#### Stout-Clos

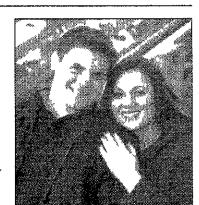
David and Lynn Stout of Fremont announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Marcel Stout, to William Clos. the son of Charles and Elizabeth Clos of Plymouth

The bride-to-be, a West Bloomfield resident, earned bachelors and masters' degrees from Michigan State University and is an elementary art teacher in the Troy School District

The prospective groom, also of West Bloomfield, is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and the Michigan State School of Law, and is an attorney with Asker Clos & Perlmuter, PC, in Westland

A July 28, 2007 wedding is planned at Saint Marys Catholic Church in Muskegon, with Fr Ernest Bernott officiat-

The bride-to-be is to be attended by Matron of Honor



Kate Glancy and bridesmaids Nicole DeMol and Melissa Clos The prospective groom is to be attended by Best Man Andrew Clos and groomsmen Thomas Clos, John Stout, Rudolfo Pacheco and Paul Urbiel

The couple plans to take a honeymoon cruise to the Western Caribbean before settling into their home in West Bloomfield

#### BIRTH

#### **Ella Grace Tomlinson**

Jeff and Kelly Tomlinson of Florence, Ky, annouce the birth of their daughter, Ella 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 Redford and Pat Cardinal of Livonia

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#### **BETTY BARNETT MORRIS**

Age 84 of Bloomfield Township died February 19th in Miami FL She was born October 26 1922 in Pueblo CO Betty Morris was a graduate of Eastman School of Music She taught school in Grosse Pointe MI Upper Darby PA and the Birmingham School District until she retired in 1986 Predeceased by husband Eugene Morris in 2001 she is survived by one daughter Betty Jeanne of Pembroke Pines FL one son Charles Kevin of Miami FL and two grandchildren Perry and Caryn A service is scheduled for March 9th at the Baptist Church in Great Valley 945 N Valley Forge Rd Devon PA 19333 The fam ily suggests memorial tributes may be made in her name to the Humane Society or the Arthritis Foundation

#### HELENA M HYMA

Age 90 died February 28 2007 Beloved wife of the late George A dear mother of George (Annabelle) Grandmother of Ruthie (Eddie) Zelmanski great grandmoth er of Eddie sister of Walter (Virginia) Messer and twin sister Elizabeth (the late Earl) Halsey Also survived by several nieces and nephews Memorial service was 11 00 a m Saturday at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church 1340 W Long Lake Bloomfield Hills MI 48302 1335 Memorials to the church

#### LILLIAN MILCZAREK

Age 92 of Oxford OH formerly of Punta Gorda FL and Garden City MI She passed away February 5 2007 at McCullough Hyde Hospital She was born January 17 1915 in Detroit MI the daughter of Wladyslow Dul and Alexsandra (Szram) Dul She was a member of the Oxford OH Kıngdom Hall of Jehovah s Witnesses Services will be private and at the convenience of the family Avance Funeral Home & Crematory Fairfield OH is serving the family For condolences more family information and loving thoughts at

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#### ROBERT W. WILLIAMS Age 86, February 27, 2007

Beloved husband Constance Loving father of Carol (Richard) LaPensee Gerald (Brenda) and Bruce (Heidi) grandfather of Nick and Christopher LaPensee Mary and Elizabeth Williams No services R G & GR Harris Funeral Home (734) 422 6720 in charge of arrangements



ROBERT D. DEN UYL

After a long battle with Parkinson's disease Bob died in his home in Vero Beach on February 25th, 2007 He was born October 14, 1926 in Detroit and lived in Grosse Pointe Michigan After graduating from DUS at 17 in 1944 he enlisted in the Merchant Marines in the second World War After the war he went to the University of Michigan for two years and pledge Chi Psi Fraternity He transferred to the University of Colorado in Boulder

and graduated with an M B A in June 1949 Seven days later he and the for mer Andrea Jorgenson were married in Kenilworth, Illinois on June 18 They lived in Birmingham Michigan and moved to Bloomfield Hills Michigan where they still have a home They have three children Douglas Den Uyl 1950 Bruce Den Uyl 1952 Marcia Dietz 1955 He started his own Manufacturer's Rep business in 1957 and besides work he loved sports, especially handball tennis and wind surfing and traveling to many places He has a home at Macatawa, Michigan near Holland where his father Simon and his mother Marjorie grew up before moving to Detroit Besides his wife he has a brother Richard and seven grandchildren, Julia and Deborah Den Uyl Clark and Eric Den Uyl and Lindsey Andria and Erica Dietz He is a 60 year member of the DAC of Detroit and also belongs to the 100 Club A service will be held on Saturday at 11 00 AM at Trinity Episcopal Church in Vero, the 3rd of March Another service will be planned in the spring in Bloomfield Hills MI, so the grandchildren can attend In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Humane Society the Parkinson's Foundation or Hospice in Vero or Bloomfield Arrangements are under the direction of the Thomas Lowther Funeral Home and

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50th anniversary

Mastersons celebrate

Edward H and Helen V (Gustus) Masterson of Livonia celebrated their 50th anniversary March 2

The Mastersons were married March 2, 1957, at St James Catholic Church in Ferndale They have lived in Livonia for

45 years The Mastersons have five children Edward Jr of Westland, Kevin of Westland, Leslie of Livonia, Steve of Livonia, and Shane of Livonia

They have three grandchil-



Edward Masterson has been retired for 20 years Helen Masterson has been retired for 14 years

The couple enjoy music, traveling and playing cards



Edward Masterson plays guitar They will celebrate their anniversary March 10 at a party for 50 people at the Moose

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#### **BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST**

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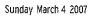
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Randall McGhee was far from irritated when his wife asked him to slow down as they walked through Northland Mall in Southfield The 53-year-old Detroit police officer was happy since his spry steps were a sign that he d fully regained his health

At one point McGhee was nearly forced into retirement because he couldn't walk While recuperating from arthroscopic knee surgery, he contracted a staph infection and had to be admitted to St Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia Upon release, his physi cian referred him to Dr Bruce Ruben for treatment After 1 1/2 months of intravenous antibiotics, McGhee was depressed to learn the infection returned only one week later That's when Ruben suggested McGhee undergo hyperbaric oxygen therapy in a glass, cylindrical chamber at Ruben's O2, The Complete Hyperbaric, Infusion & Wound Care Center in Farmington Hills After seven months on medical leave, McGhee was finally able to return to work as a patrol officer thanks to 30 hyperbaric oxygen treatments

I kept thinking my infection would come back, but it didn't, said McGhee

#### **INFECTION NEARLY HEALED**

Gene Dean looks comfortable inside the chamber built for one person. The 54-year-old Novi man is nearing the end of 40 treatments for a bone infection that resulted from an automobile accident. Ruben says Dean's leg is 80 percent healed.

An infectious disease specialist Ruben developed an interest in wound care about four years ago. On Thursday, he installed a second chamber after seeing how hyperbaric therapy saved the limbs of several patients at the center by inundating the body with oxy



Mamie Martin talks about the benefits she received with treatments in a Hyperbaric Chamber under the care of Dr Bruce Rubben at the O2 offices in Farmington Hills

Wounds fester and fail to heal when not enough oxygen enriched blood reaches the area A single hyperbaric treatment increases oxygen in the body by as much as 10 times. These high levels are carried in the blood to help heal wounds and damaged tissue.

While 80 percent of Ruben's patients receive hyperbaric therapy for diabetic ulcers, bone infections or radiation damage from oral cancer treatments the high-levels of oxygen can be used for a variety of conditions including crush injuries caused by accidents, carbon monoxide poisoning and smoke inhalation, brain and certain other abscesses, skin grafts, and decompression sickness Ruben even treated one young girl with a nontraumatic brain injury

In the 1950s the Navy realized those scuba diving who would come up too fast would get the bends or decompression sickness, said Ruben Since then they we found excellent medical uses for the chamber

Mamie Martin suffered with a limb threatening bone infection. After undergoing 40 hyperbaric oxygen treatments, the 90 yearold Detroit woman is back doing housework and looks forward to growing flowers and vegetables in her garden this summer.



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Dr Bruce Ruben of O2 The Complete Hyperbaric Infusion & Wound Care Center in Farmington Hills talks about the benefits of Hyperbaric Chamber treatments

I was fearful they might have to amputate my toe, said Martin

#### **UP AND AROUND**

Charlotte Adams was afraid doctors might have to surgically remove her foot after a toe became infected while she was doing aerobics in the swimming pool. The 85-year-old Westland woman was unaware of the injury due to neuropathy which can cause numbness

At one point I was unable to walk—said Adams—I'm claustrophobic and thought I d never make it through the treatments—but losing my foot did not to appeal to me

Once Adams overcame her fear of being trapped inside the chamber she grew to like the 1 1/2 to 2 hours she spent there for each treatment Without the therapy she probably wouldn't be able to attend a March 20 fund raiser at Schoolcraft College Adams is a member of the advisory board for the

Women's Resource Center at the college in Livonia

Its a most fantastic feeling, said Adams You don't feel anything You're very comfortable

McGhee is claustrophobic as well so it helped to be able to see wife Alicia standing alongside the chamber Ruben prefers the monoplace to the multiplace chambers where several patients at a time receive therapy A monoplace chamber allows family members to be in the same room with the patient Mamie Martin shared her time inside the chamber with her niece and grand-niece

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wounds so effectively that Ruben has not only added a second chamber at his Farmington Hills center but has become a partner in the Infection Care Specialists at the Lake Center in West Bloomfield where hyperbaric therapy is also available

#### **GROWING TREND**

Robert David of Advanced Therapies International in Auburn Hills says wound care centers using hyperbaric therapy are growing in popularity He currently is serving as a consultant to proposed facilities in Chicago, Missouri and Bloomfield Township

"A number of patients (at O2) they were able to save two feet,' said Robert David "Afterwards, one of the patients did a cancer walk'

Garden City Hospital's Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Center of Michigan has seen success with a number of conditions since opening in August 2006 with two hyperbaric oxygen chambers Since then the Garden City Hospital center has added a third due to demand caused by patient volume in the area For the last 14 years, the hospital has had a special wound

nurse on staff We've had patients with diabetic foot wounds soft tis- feeling sleepy the next day sue radiation injury, deep bone infections known as osteomyelitis, and venous leg ulcers that have been doing very well, said Scott Filgo, director

"As volume expands we might go to a fourth or convert to a multiplace

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Garden City Hospital's Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Center of Michigan can be reached at (734) 762-9935

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## **Hospital hosts** prostate screening

St Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting a Prostate Screening and Mens Health Day 8 a m to 1 p m Saturday, March 31, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia Men can receive a prostate screening and learn about medical and health infor-

The sreening consists of a blood test for Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA), Total Cholesterol and HDL, a prostate exam by a physician, and a blood pressure check

A \$10 donation to the new St Mary Mercy Cancer Center is

optional Appointments fill quickly To register, call (734) 655-8963

It is suggested that men 40 years and older get tested PSA results and other forms of screening allow men to access prostate cancer treatment during the early stages of their disease Whether immediate treatment is required or not, symptoms can be monitored by your doctor if the condition worsens Prostate cancer is the second most prevalent cancer among men Early screening and early detection can save lives

### Excercise, will help you sleep

Matt from Ann Arbor e-mails saying long naps during the day that he is having a hard time sleeping, but he does not want to take any medication. He asks if there is anything naturally that he can do to get some more shut-eye

Good question, Matt There are so many people who have a tough time getting good sleep Most people are just doing the wrong thing right before they go to bed The first no-no is drinking alcohol While it may help you get to sleep initially, it tends to disturb your sleep later in the night, leaving you

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Peter's **Principles** 

Peter Nielsen

night is stress If you bring work home with you, finish it up early in the evening so it does not linger into your bedroom The same thing with food, don't eat right before bedtime Finally, try to

go to bed at the same time

every night and avoid those

Rich from Canton is concerned hearing for years that pumpkin seeds help promote a healthy prostate and e-mails for the

shows that claims about pump kin seeds and prostate health are most likely false. The seeds have been used for centuries to promote urmary tract health Some research shows that extract from the seeds can pro mote healthy urmary flow, but studies trying to link the seeds to prostate health have been a wash so far

However, don t toss out that pack of pumpkin seeds just yet They are still a very healthy snack food! In fact, the seeds have just 148 calories and 12 grams of heart healthy fat for every ounce Halloween may be history, but it wouldn't hurt to keep a pumpkin around the house year-round

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

about prostate health He has been

Rich, unfortunately research

If you have a health or fitness ques

#### **MEDICAL DATEBOOK**

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society Michigan Chapter hosts Building Emotional Bank Accounts a program dedi cated to building safety and trust in rela tionships tested by the challenges of MS 630 pm Tuesday March 6 at NMSS Michigan Chapter Education Center 21311 Civic Center Drive Southfield Cost is \$5 Call (800) 243 5767

Eat your way thin

Dr Carol A Fischer presents a free work shop to help you learn why diets do not work ways to avoid weight gain how to lose weight with diet/nutrition and exer cise 6 pm Tuesday March 6 at the Alfred Noble Library in Livonia Learn what to eat when to eat how to eat Learn why eating fat will not make you fat. Seating is limited reservations requested No charge Call (734) 425 8588

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Dr Daniel Laframboise chiropractor pres ents Haif Hour to Health Workshop at 615 pm in his office at 18444 Farmington Road Livonia March 6 topic is The Best Kept Health Secret No charge Seating limited To register call (248) 474 5252 After I'm gone

Parents and care givers can plan now to help ensure loved ones with developmen tal disabilities are cared for in the future during seminars 1 pm and 6 pm Wednesday March 7 at the Arc Detroit Building 51 West Hancock After I m Gone features presentations on estate plan ning property rights transfers insurance issues social security and tems vital to planning for the future If interested in attending call Arc Detro t at (313) 831

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Our Body lecture series

Dr Conrad Nagle corporate chief of diagnostic imaging for Beaumont Hospital is the first speaker in a series in conjunction with the Our Body The Universe Within exhibit at the Detroit Science Center Admission to the lec ture is free with paid general admis sion RSVPs are required to attend these events and seating is limited. To RSVP send e mail to events@sci encedetroit org with event date and names of those attending Museum hours are extended to 10 pm on event dates (except April 26) to allow atten

dees to view the exhibit. There is a separate admission charge for the exhibit Conrad speaks at 7 pm Thursday 4 March 8 on Our Health in a Picture Is an Image Worth a Thousand Words? 8 a m. April 26 the topic is Can Michigan Make Employee Health a Competitive Advantage? 7 p m May 3 Why Should Bone Health Matter to You? 7 pm May 24 Preventing Obesity in Children Where Do We Begin? and 7 p m June 14 Does Family History Accurately Predict Your Future Health? Our Body The Universe Within is an édu cational exhibition comprised of actual human bodies and organs and exposes the inner workings of human anatomy by presenting actual human specimens anatomical displays reproductions of his toric anatomical artwork and more Tickets are \$24 95 adults \$22 95 sen tors \$19.95 children General admission is free with the purchase of an exhibit ticket Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by adult. Advance tickets are on sale at www.detroitsciencecenter.org For information call (313) 577 8400 or visit the website http://www.detroitscience

center or a Yoga workshop

The Energy of Health a weekend work shop with Michael Glicker energy healer and teacher March 9 11 sponsored by Yoga Association of Greater Detroit Participants may attend one two or all three sessions. For more information or to register call (313) 562 5937 or (248) 545 2685 or send e mail to

a pleasant@att net Replacement seminar

Orthopedic surgeon Dr Angelo Sorce addresses the latest technologies and current surgical techniques in hip and knee replacement surgery 9 11 a m Saturday March 10 at Summit on the Park 46000 Summit Parkway Canton No. charge To register call (313) 586 5347

Project Hope benefit Women's Division for Project HOPE (Health Opportunities for People Everywhere) present Casino Royale James Bond Party with Casino games strolling supper music silent auction raffle prizes 7 11 p m Saturday March 10 at Oakland Hills Country Club 3951 West Maple Bloomfield Hills Benefits Women's Division for Project HOPE which since 1958 has worked to develop and imple ment programs around the world to share health education and medical tech nology T ckets \$100 \$125 \$150 Reservations and information contact Serena Orsini at (248) 646 0289 or e mail to sebbieo@aol com or Gwen Bowlby at (313) 393 9428 or e mail to

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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 shes collecting items to make the soldier's life as bearable as possible in the hos

tile country From now through March 17 at Pet Supplies Plus in Canton Law is accepting donations of travel size mouth spray dispos able razors shaving cream hand sanıtızıng 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 (must say over seas calling or be a Costco WalMart Smart or Old Middle Eastern Calling Card with a camel on it)

Surplus items will be passed

on to other US soldiers serv ing 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 Laws Mutts & Mutts Rescue Michigan Coonhound Rescue and the store

Canton story manager Ted Linden says he hopes the drive will inspire different organiza tions such as the Boy and Girl Scouts to collect items for the men and women serving in

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 deodor ants granola bars without chocolate which melts Kleenex, cough drops emer gency or pocket size containers of Bayer Aspırın 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 pas senger 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 rescuing ani mals in 1988 and her Mutts & Mutts Rescue became a non profit in 2001 If you can help call (313) 538-1383 To see a list of the animals up for adop tion visit www muttsand mutts petfinder org

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## Exhibit explores cultural diversity

One Great Tapestry A Celebration and Exploration of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity continues on display through March 9 in the second floor Exhibition Gallery in the Library Wing at Madonna University 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan Livonia

The shows title was inspired by the lyrics of the song Weave us Together and was taken from the words We are many colors we are many textures yet we are entwined with one another in one great tapestry The show draws attention to the beauty of diversity and acknowledges the need for education and for healing neg ative conceptions regarding race and ethnicity

The exhibit showcases the work of 13 visual artists work ing in a variety of mediums Some of the artists featured are Patricia Izzo Olena Sydoruk Anthony Bacon Jean Paul Abou Dib and Asha Walidah

A significant contribution to the exhibit is a contemporary Asian art collection loaned to the university by Olivei Aguilar and Richard Phillips

The works have been in majoi museums and exhibi



This woodblock print is by Fang Lijun It is from the collection of Oliver Aguilar and Richard Phillips

tions in the US Europe and Asia and have been featured in books respected art maga zines and on the cover of

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the exhibit curator, at (734) 259 2934 or send e-mail to nancvpaton@yahoo com Madonna University Gallery director Jeanne Moore can be 1eached at (248) 875-7332, or by e mail at jartdirect@com-



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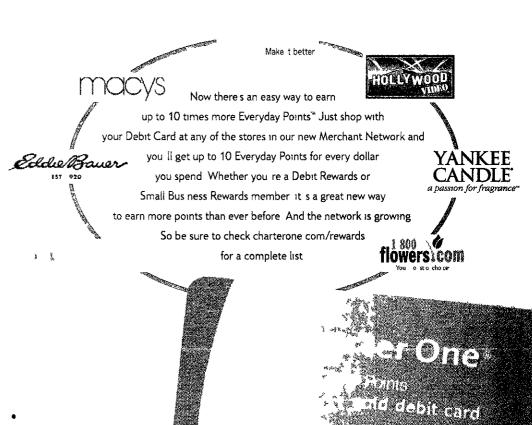
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## Miller Canfield offers free legal services to startup ventures

Following Pfizers announced pull-out from Ann Arbor, the law firm of Miller Canfield anticipates a significant growth spurt in new business ventures in biotech and other emerging technologies As former Pfizer professionals develop spin-off businesses, the firm is offering to incorporate and organize at no cost for legal services qualified startup ventures seeking to commercialize their emerging technologies and grow their businesses in Michigan

"It's sort of a win-win proposition," said Rick Walawender, a senior principal/attorney at Miller Canfield who heads up the corporate and securities

The aim is to keep talented people and businesses in Mıchıgan "Its also good busıness," said Walawender, a Bloomfield Hills resident noting its a way for the firm to attract clients

To handle the emerging venture work, Miller Canfield has expanded and reorganized its Venture and Technology Practice by adding two experi enced corporate and finance partners, Michael Van Hemert and Jeffrey LaBine, to its Ann Arbor office, and the firm is looking to add biotech and



intellectual property lawyers

A strong legal foundation is very important to a new business success in accessing growth capital," said VanHemert, who has over 20 years experience in corporate financings governance and securities issuances as well as mergers and acquisitions "Our goal is to help emerging tech nology companies establish that foundation while control ling their organizational stage legal costs - all in anticipation

of meeting the expectations of subsequent investors lenders and other constituencies

The aim is to get ventures organized and operational, said Walawender, giving them access to a top law firm Its more than just incorporating a company, he said Such ventures typically have a group and there's a need for agreement among founders Walawender said in some ways its like a prenuptial agreement, and covers the future of the ven

There are bylaws as well and components involving sharing in stock, generally part of individuals compensation

Paul Dimond, senior counsel ın Mıller Canfield's Ann Arbor office and former special assistant to President Bill Clinton for economic policy and former director of the National Economic Council added, With the University of Michigan, one of the top 10 research universities in the world, as our anchor, Ann

Arbor is uniquely positioned to generate, attract and retain talent and new inventions These are the two ingredients essential to thriving in the increasingly global knowledge economy Pfizer's pullout is a wakeup call to all of us that we need to welcome and to support entrepreneurship, starting with ex-Warner-Lambert, Parke-Davis and now Pfizer researchers who want to stay in Ann Arbor and see their inventions come to fruition right here"

The firm was involved in a sımılar sıtuatıon ın Kalamazoo, and biotech and venture attorneys such as Harold Decker and Phillip Torrence in the firm's Kalamazoo office are assisting the team in Ann Arbor In 2003, Miller Canfield made a commitment to Southwest Michigan First Corporations "Stick Around' Campaign. designed to assist ex-Pharmacia workers who wanted to remain in the Kalamazoo community This included temporary pro bono services by local attorneys At least partly as a result of the campaign, it is estimated by Southwest Michigan First that more than 200 scientists stayed in the Kalamazoo area, nearly 75 are running their own business or working for startups in Kalamazoo, and more than two

dozen new businesses were launched

Most are still Miller Canfield clients They seem to have appreciated the beginning which was the toughest time to , for them,' Walawender said

In certain cases, the firm also will offer-discounted or flat-rate packages for intellectual property work including prosecuting patents, copyrights and trademarks, procuring IP, as well as other fee arrangements for future rounds of external financing

Walawender noted the announcement was timed with Pfizer's downsizing, but isn't ' limited to those people Other entrepreneurs beyond the medical field - including automotive, electronics and computers - are also eligible

As the ventures grow, they'll enter a more normal billing arrangement, Walawender said The offer is for those planning to do business in Michigan

Those interested in exploring these business opportunities should contact attorneys Michael VanHemert, Jeffery LaBine or Paul Dimond at the Ann Arbor office of Mıller Canfield at (734) 663-2445

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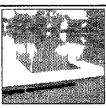
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# Home fire safety affordable thanks to three-part system

(NewsUSA) — Popular myth suggests that constructing buildings with maximized protection against fire is an expensive task to undertake But experts at the National Concrete Masonry Association say that maximum fire protection can be both affordable and simple, as long as it involves a concept of balanced design

According to Harry Junk, residential markets manager at the NCMA, balanced design requires three components detection suppression and containment

Detection is provided by an alarm system that senses smoke and alerts occupants, suppression is provided by a sprinkler system that serves to extinguish flames, and, finally, containment is provided by concrete masonry wall systems that prevent fire from spreading to adjoining rooms or buildings

Taking any of these components out of the mix leaves occupants of a building at significant risk, Junk says

According to Junk, many home builders feel that using concrete masonry is often cost-prohibitive, but results from a recent study conducted by the Fire Safety Construction Advisory Councils of Pennsylvania, New England, New York and Mid Atlantic demonstrate that this is often not the case. The study revealed that, in many cases, the difference in cost between concrete masonry construction and using combustible materials was between 3 percent and 5 percent, and in one instance the cost for noncombustible concrete masonry construction was actually less

Balanced design for maximum fire safety is especially important in structures where large numbers of people share walls, such as town houses, dormitories and assisted-living facilities

Fire safety information and report summaries are available through the Fire Safety Construction Advisory Council by calling (866) 723-3623 or visiting www firesafeconstruction org

For more information about concrete masonry, visit the NCMAs Web site at www ncma org



Fire safety through balanced design is very important for multi-family dwellings such as town houses or dormitories

# What men don't tell women about business

Chris Flett, successful entrepreneur, business leader, coach, speaker and traitor to the male race, will tell metro Detroit women what really happens in the executive suite, at the water cooler, in the men's washroom — and, more importantly, just after you have left the room

Presented by Commercial Real Estate Women Detroit, Flett will tell all in his highly engaging, informative and often shocking luncheon program "What Men Don't Tell Women About Business" from 11 a.m. to 1 30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, in Detroit's Atheneum Hotel at 1000

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Tickets are \$50 for members and \$65 for guests and are available online at www.crewdetrot.

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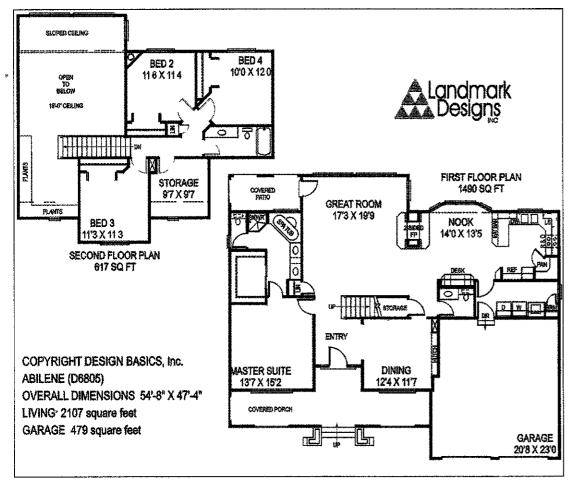
"Women need to know what goes on at the office when they aren't in the room,' Flett said. "Men have ways of sabotaging women in the business world and women are even better at self-sabotage."

At great personal risk from the male population, Flett is currently on a speaking tour across the US and will visit 39 cities, speaking to 53 groups During his presentation, he opens up what men think, how they act and perceive women at work and offers advice on how to deal with alpha and beta males in business situations and come out successful

"I have had lots of men tell me to shut up because I am telling women our secrets," Flett said "I just laugh I have also had a few women walk out of my presentation or try to take me on in front of the audience because the content offended them. I'm not telling them how to they should do business, I am just telling them how to do business successfully if they have to deal with men."

"We are looking forward to hearing what Chris has to say about what men really think, fear, expect and do in business settings and how to use that information to our advantage," said Carol Ann Arvan, president, CREW Detroit "We know it will be entertaining, but it's also going to be very beneficial'





## Abilene features tile roof, covered veranda

The Abilene (D6805) has a tiled roof with a uniquely covered veranda, visible behind archways This home has two stories with the master suite downstairs and the other three bedrooms upstairs It has the accented facade of a southwestern home, but would fit in any part of the country

Crossing the beautiful veranda, one enters into the formal foyer of the Abilene Just beyond the entry are the staircase to the second floor and also an optional staircase that could go to a basement, if one is desired To the right of the foyer is the formal dining room There is a large archway from the foyer and a smaller one at the rear that goes into the kitchen A large window overlooks the veranda in the front and the room has an added amenity of a built-in hutch that runs the length of one wall This would be ideal to display one's best dishes or collectibles

The kitchen occupies the left rear corner of the Abilene along with the breakfast nook, the utility, and a half bath The kitchen has a corner walk in pantry as well as a Lazy Susan between the range and the dual sinks This makes getting spices, canned goods, and the perishables easier to reach. Facing the break fast nook is a snack bar

The nook has bay windows that provide extra sunlight A built-in desk is on the oppo site wall with the half-bath behind A cozy feature that adds warmth to both the breakfast nook and the Great Room is a see-through fireplace in the back corner Along with this extra, the Great Room has two large windows across the back, overlooking the back yard, and a door to the covered patio It is also open to the roof with an 18-foot ceiling



Opening off the Great Room is the master suite It runs the full length of the left side of the Abilene It has a huge master bath with an oversized shower, a whirlpool tub, and dual sinks A large walk-in closet behind sliding doors will hold an ample supply of "his and her' clothes

Upstairs is dedicated to the three remaining bedrooms, each with a wall closet and large windows A full bath with a tub and single sink is located at the end of the hall next to bedroom 4 As extra space, a storage room has been added A built in plant shelf is over the foyer for added decoration

For a study plan of the ABILENE (D6805), send \$15 00 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd E, Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call 1-800-562-1151 Be sure to specify plan name and number Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for your dream home (\$5 00 shipping and handling will apply) Or you may order or search online at www ldiplans com

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#### **Builders association names VP**

Robert (Bob) Jones, a luxury home builder from Bloomfield Hills was elected vice president and secretary of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) by its 235,000 members Jones company, Robert R Jones Homes, is expected soon to announce a major new luxury housing development in the Ann Arbor area

Im honored and excited to serve the industry I ve been a part of for more than 25 years, said Jones The tide is shifting in the right direction in our business and we need to make sure we provide the resources our fellow builders need

The election took place during the NAHBs annual International Builders Show in Orlando

on Feb 9 Jones new role elevates him to the level of Senior Officer in the NAHB and puts him on the ladder to become president in 2010 Jones said many priorities

from 2006 will remain on the NAHB agenda this year - efforts to reform oversight of housing government sponsored enterprises, secure federal funding for

key housing programs, expand the availability of workforce housing and improve federal regulations designed to protect the environment

During his run for office Jones embarked on a yearlong nationwide tour, visiting state and local business associations attending regional builders conferences and meeting with past NAHB leaders, as well as some of the best and brightest new talent in the industry

The common attribute among all our members is their commitment. Jones said. They are involved and knowledgeable about the industry and candid about the challenges they face The thoughts they shared provided me with a solid understanding of national home builder issues This campaign

has been a fantastic educational experience' Jones and his wife Carole founded Robert R. Jones Homes in Michigan in 1979, and he became involved in local, state and national builder associ ations early on Previously he was Michigans national representative to NAHB and named National Representative of the Year Jones was president of the Michigan Association of Home Builders and served as president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, which inducted him into its Hall of Fame in 2000 He served as chairman of several major NAHB committees and participated in various other committees and task forces, including positions on NAHBs powerful Budget and Finance Committee

#### Two-story homes planned

Westchester Village, a Bloomfield Township community of some 350 ranches first developed in 1953 will now allow the construction of twostory homes, as the result of a change in a deed

Builders Wellington-Chase Homes of Bloomfield Hills and Hunter Roberts Homes of Birmingham are involved in the re-development of the community

With four new homes already built and more to come owners of existing ranches are getting on the redevelopment bandwagon they re con sidering renovating their ranches to include first-floor masters and redesigning layouts suited to empty nesters

'We're really excited about this opportunity to enhance the community, said Ken Peterson, part ner, Wellington-Chase Homes "Its the perfect neighborhood for this mix of one and two-story homes Unlike other upscale urban areas the twostory homes in Westchester won t infringe on the

privacy of neighbors, or cast shadows on their homes – the lots in Westchester are large

Wellington-Chase Homes Homes, at 36240 Woodward Ave in Bloomfield Hills, was established in 1999 and specializes in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area Partners Brett Boes, Ken Peterson and Ron Grobelny have backgrounds in engineering, architecture and construction Wellington Chase Homes is a member of Licensed Builders - State of Michigan, National Association of Home Builders – Washington D C , Building Industries Association of SE Michigan, Michigan Association of Home Builders and The Birmingham Builders Task Force They are also members of and contributors to the Macomb County Habitat for Humanity (Ken Peterson is a past president) and Rebuilding Together Macomb - president Visit their Web site at www.wellingtonchasehomes.com

#### Builders pre-license class

Oakland Builders Institute is presenting a 16hour comprehensive seminar to give students the help needed to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination The seminar is scheduled for 8 a.m to 5 p m Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Dr., Rochester Hills

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan The cost of the seminar is \$205 The manual, sample questions and the test application are all included

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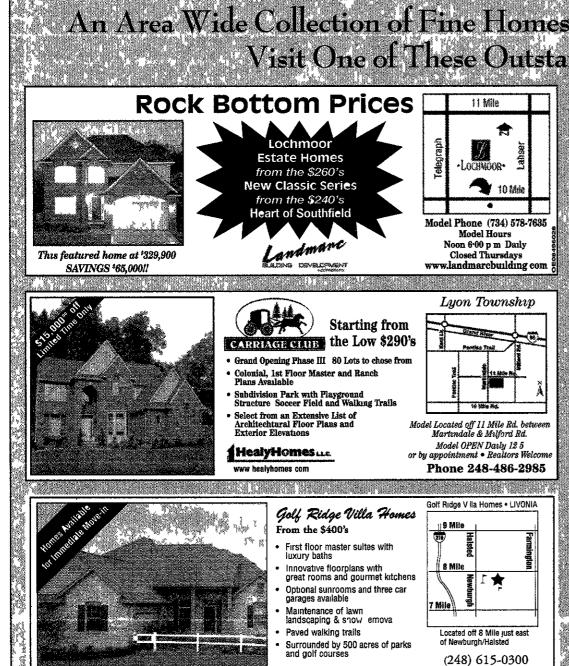
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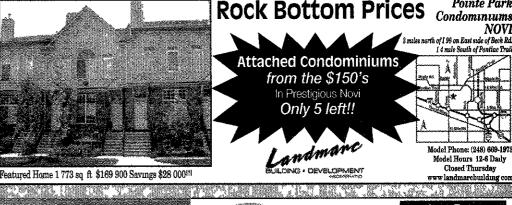
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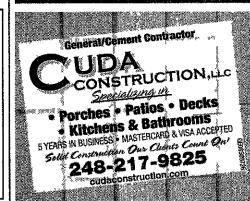
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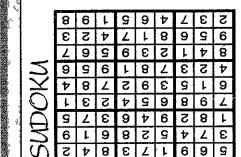
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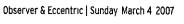
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TALL DARK AND HANDSOME SBM 31 55 185lbs enjoys church movies and hanging out seeking a B/WF 27+ to share these activities with and more Let's get to know each other

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WORTH THE CALL

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HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SBM 44 59 150lbs father enjoys gourmet cooking beach walks sun shine soft rock much more Seeking a loving happy lady to share the special times in life 2151943

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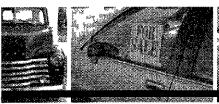
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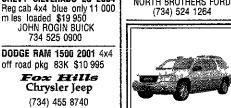
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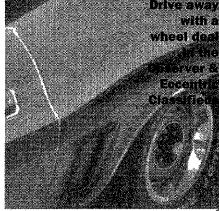
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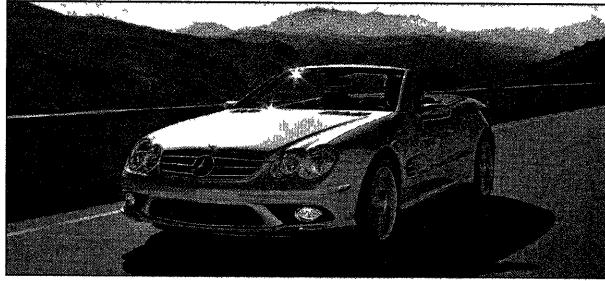
I didn't really want to write this story Not because I don't like the 2007 Mercedes-Benz SL55 AMG Roadster, but because I didn't really want to stop driving it long enough to sit at the keyboard and type the story

It's that much fun to drive This car is a driving enthusiast's dream - and it's priced like it But we'll get to that sobering bit of news later Let's focus on the

First off, the SL 55 AMG looks so cool sitting in your driveway, it's an instant conversation starter, especially with the retractable hardtop down You just want to hop over the door of this two-seater and settle in The front air dam and the front grille have been redesigned for 2007 and they look sharp and aggressive The sideways "8" headlamps are still there and there's a big Mercedes logo in the center of the grille Side air dams, chrome-trimmed fog lights, four chrome exhaust outlets, 19-inch wheels and performance tires complete the look This car was made to go with the top down, retracting the hardtop is as easy as pushing a button, and the entire process takes less than 20 seconds

Inside, you'll find a well-equipped cabin, with seats that will wrap themselves around you The standard heated, leather power seats are very comfortable and provide great support The can be adjusted 12-ways and come with three memory settings Active ventilated seats are optional (\$1280) and give you an even more comfortable and responsive ride There's plenty of leg and head room, and there's a small amount of room behind the seats for a little storage

There's leather throughout the cabin and it's laid out like a cockpit I expected more gauges - there are only the tachometer and coolant temperature, besides the usual speedometer and fuel gauge I guess I expected oil pressure and amp gauges, these, and the other functions are monitored with warning lights. There are small storage compartments built into both the driver and passenger arm rests The leather steering wheel contains paddle controls for the transmission and can be power adjusted Dual-zone automatic climate control is standard, as are cruise control, an integrated



2007 Mercedes-Benz SL 55 AMG. Vehicle class: Two-seater. Powertrain: Supercharged V8 engine generating 510 horsepower. Mileage: 14 city / 19 highway. Where built: Bremen, Germany. Base price: \$128,800. Price as tested: \$137,775.

garage door opener, and tire pressure monitoring

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/ weatherband/CD system, with a six-disc changer, eight speakers and a Bose digital surround sound system It also comes with a Sirius satellite radio receiver and six months of service The system, as you would expect, sounds fantastic The system is integrated with the standard DVD navigation system and hands-free communication system The navigation system's graphics aren't my favorite, but it does give you a GPS latitude and longitude reading on the bottom of the

And those reading will change often – you're going to want to keep moving in this car You can move pretty quickly, too The standard powerplant on the SL 55 AMG is an aluminum supercharged V8 that gives you a whopping 510 horsepower and 531 lb-ft of torque You'll blow off the line (0-60 in 44 seconds) and past everybody on the freeway without a problem The top speed is electronically limited to 155 mph (is that all?) For you gearheads, this engine has three valves per cylinder and a compression ratio of 9 0 1

The engine is mated with a five-speed automatic transmission with AMG Speedshift You fly through the gears automatically, but if you choose, you can set to manual and use the paddles attached to the steering wheel to do the shifting

The SL 55 AMG, like the other SL models, uses a fully independent, double-control-arm front suspension and a five-link rear suspension, with gas shocks and coil springs in series with hydraulic cylinders. Active Body Control (ABC) is included in this system, which gives

you automatic four wheel level control, driverselectable ride height and automatic lowering at higher speed Mercedes has given the AMG special struts with firmer damping and specially tuned ABS brakes, traction control and stability control Pressing the "sport" switch on the center console can give you 95 percent reduced roll along with tighter shock damping

This thing rides and handles like a great sports car Power-assisted, rack-and-pinion steering makes it easy to maneuver and it corners very well. And it does this without sacrificing much in the comfort area - the ride is actually fairly smooth, while still providing good road feedback. The brakes are excellent

Mercedes has given the SL 55 AMG plenty of safety features The cabin is high-strength steel with front and rear crumple zones You get dual, two-stage front airbags, head-thorax side impact airbags, and a driver's knee airbag, and an automatic pop-up rollover bar As you would expect, there is an anti-theft system with engine immobilizer

All this fun comes at a price The SL 55 AMG starts - note I say "starts - at almost \$129,000 Even at this price, there are options to add Add the ventilated seats, the special panorama roof with sunshade, electronic trunk closer, keyless go system, and the bi-xenon headlamps and you're almost at \$135,000 And we can't forget the gas guzzler tax - that adds \$2600 to your final bill. Of course, you know the old saying if you have to ask you can't afford it

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