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## Deceased's roommate accused of scamming

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

The story gets more bizarre with every detail

That's how one Heathmore Apartments resident is describing the events surrounding the death of 19-year-old Ashley Ann Pierce

Police have said Pierce's 28year-old roommate kept the woman's death a secret for three weeks because she was scamming money from Pierce's father Police have declined to identify the roommate, who is under investigation, but neighbors have referred to her as both "Tina" and "Christina'

Police are investigating if the woman, who they believe impersonated Pierce over the telephone, was sent money intended for Pierce

I can't give an exact figure (on how much she got from the

father) but it was less than \$2,000," Canton Sgt Rick Pomorski said, adding that he "could only imagine" the telephone conversations

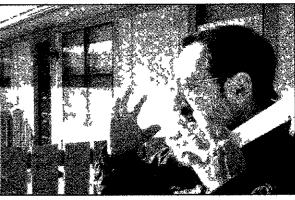
Pierce, who was born in Trenton but lived much of her life with her dad in northwest Michigan, moved into Heathmore Apartments off of Haggerty Road about two months ago Her decaying body was found underneath a pile of clothing on her

living room floor late Tuesday by police acting on an anonymous tip Pierce's roommate was still hving in the apartment

The discovery of her corpse has rocked the small, ranch-style apartment complex that has been described as quiet and friendly As media swarmed the area Thursday, some of Pierces former

neighbors refused to answer their

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Steven Reifler, next door neighbor to the dead woman, describes the medical examiner entering the apartment wearing a respirator mask because of the strong odor



## Canton man accused of duct taping boy bound over for trial

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

Accused child abuser Andre Thornton Montgomery, 27, waived his preliminary hearing Friday at 35th District Court in Plymouth and is scheduled to be in court again later this month



Montgomery

Charged with second-degree child abuse, Montgomery of Canton, was allegedly caught on a video tape tying up with duct tape and tormenting the son of his girlfriend when the child was about two years old The boy is now four The mother came across the 90-second video in late February and called police

While in court Friday,

Montgomery, who was dressed in

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### **High-flying Penguins**

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team defeated the Cranbrook-Kingswood Cranes, 5-2, Friday night to win its first state championship Stephanie Matusiak (from left), Adrienne Cercone and Edra Burris celebrate Cercone's goal For details on the game, please see page B1

## Tight knit troop

### Girl Scouts have been together since 1st grade

#### BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

Gathered around four small children's tables, the teenage girls giggle and joke about the day they will cross over into adulthood Literally

The girls are members of Girl Scout Troop No 1451 and will have their final Girl Scout activity at a bridging ceremony today The event, which will have an actual bridge for the girls to cross, will mark the culmination of a group that has been together since the first grade

As many as 25 girls at one point, the troop is now a group of 10 teenagers that have seen

each other through puberty, boys, uniform changes and thousands of boxes of Girl Scout cookies

The members are Ria Barker, 17, Katie Bartus, 18 Maggie Burr, 17, Caitlyn Elliott, 17, Lisa Foster, 17, Rhianon Hall, 17, Katı Lebiodo, 18, Melissa Miller, 17, Sarah Mırsky, 17 and Lauren Patterson, 18

Rhianon joined the national organization as a Brownie

We moved from Westland so my mom wanted me to get involved with something," she said, adding that she didn't expect to be a part of the program for so long

Rhianon's mother, Sharon

Hall, 1s the troop leader

With hundreds of meetings behind them and dozens of projects under their belts, the troop lives by their own unofficial motto Girl Scouts Gone Wild

The teens, who recite the Girl Scout promise in unison when asked if they know it, have planned murder mysterv weekends for other troops, hosted a baby shower for one of their mothers, spent the night in the Toledo Zoo, sent care packages to deployed soldiers and have vacationed together

Recently, they've been meeting every other Monday, but at their peak they were gathering

every Friday

They all joke about a camping incident last year when their tent flooded from heavy rains

While Ria cringed at the thought of the outing, Melissa said she will miss those chaotic moments with her friends

"Everything about that trip was terrible, but we still had fun,' she said

While browsing through a scrapbook chronicling their Girl Scout journey, the girls shrieked at old photographs and agreed that today's ceremony will be emotional

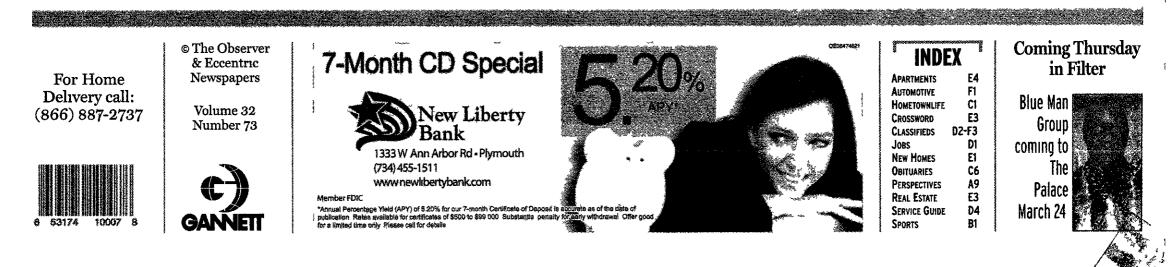
'We're all really good friends so this is going to be hard," Caitlyn said

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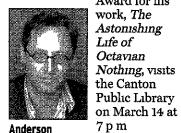
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Members of Girl Scout Troop No 1451 include (foreground) Lisa Hall, Rhianon Hall, (middle) Sarah Mirsky, Ria Barker, Melissa Miller, Cartlyn Elliott, (back) Kati Lebiodo and Katie Bartus



#### Renowned author to visit 🛸

Author M T Anderson, winner of the 2006 National Book Award for his



The book uses various diaries, letters, and other manuscripts to chronicle the experiences of Octavian, a young African American, from birth to age 16, as he is brought up as part of a science experiment in the years leading up to and during the Revolutionary War

Anderson is the author of several books for young adults, including FEED, a National Book Award Finalist, Burger Wuss and Thirsty In conjunction with his visit to the library, Anderson will also appear at PCEP

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The Canton Township Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p m, March 13 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S Canton Center Road The board will hold a public hearing and approval of submission of a Michigan DNR grant application Agenda items include rezoning of the McClennan property, authorization of \$25,432 payment of membership in the Alliance of Rouge Communities, award for goose control at Pheasant Run Golf Club and Heritage Park, approval of emerald ash borer tree planting grant program, and consideration of a CLEMIS Web site for police department

#### Chamber dinner auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Dinner Auction from 7 p m midnight on Friday, April 20 at Burton Manor in Livonia The



annual event 1s the largest fund-raiser for the Canton Chamber of Commerce

This is always such a fun event We have a silent, live, and raffle auction items, entertainment and lots of activities planned throughout the evening," said Chamber President Dianne Cojei "Canton 500 is this year's theme, which offers a lot of possibilities for all of our race car enthusiasts"

Last year's event drew a record crowd of more than 500 attendees and featured more than 250 prizes from categories such as Home-style, Travel & Entertainment, Sports & Leisure, Electronics, and many more This years auction is expected to draw a similar crowd and has already collected many great prizes that will be up for bid Several of the more popular items include a Detroit Tiger World Series banner, overnight stays in local hotels, jewelry and much more

Tickets are \$75 per person and are available to the public Admission includes full buffet dinner, open bar, entertainment, and the opportunity to participate in the live, silent, and raffle auctions Sponsorship packages that include tickets are available at Commerce office or via e-mail at eventscoordinator@cantonchamber com For more information, visit the chambers Web site at www cantonchamber com or contact the cham-

This year's auction is spon-Chevrolet and other local busi-

Board of Education is sched-March 12 at the Belleville High School Food Service Center, 555 W Columbia Avenue in Education Foundation Grant Awards, Governors Education Summit recommendation, and elementary attendance bound-

For more information, call

Ambassadors group from the



### Giving the 'warm fuzzies'

Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council Junior Girl Scout Troop 762 from Eriksson Elementary in Canton display the hand-made fleece blankets they recently donated to the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center as part of their 'Warm Fuzzies' Fleece Blanket Project Pictured are (from left, front row) Abigail Schreiner, Alison Panek, and Claire McManus in back (from left) are Emma Reinhold, Lisa Guthrie, Katelyn Valchine, Sydney Ortiz and Candice Dempsey

Plaza Lanes bowling alley is hosting this fund-raiser on March 25 from 1-4 p m Tickets are on sale for \$15 for which you get to play three games, and get a hot dog and pop This group will be traveling this summer from June 30-July 16

People to People Student Ambassadors has been introducing students to various parts of the world for more than 50 years

For tickets, please call Tami Fontaine at (734) 238-6701

#### 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 fajıtas 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

the Canton Chamber will be selling \$5 raffle tickets -- one ticket holder will win a \$500 vacation voucher The raffle is sponsored by AFLAC-Todd Taylor, Canton Computers, Carlson Wagonlit Travel and State Farm Insurance-Tom Stahl If you would like more information regarding this event, please call the Canton Chamber of Commerce office at (734) 453-4040

#### Christmas in Action

As part of its annual Action Day," Christmas in Action will be offering free 'Rake N' Go' services to elderly, disabled or low income Canton homeowners on Saturday, April 28 Rake N' Go services will include raking leaves, planting flowers and trimming bushes and shrubs To be eligible you must live in Canton and own either a single-family or condominium home

Christmas in Action is a non-profit organization with chapters throughout the country that have been providing "extreme makeovers' since 1973 In 2004 a Canton chapter was formed and each year with the combined efforts of more than 200 community volunteers, they ve provided free repairs to several Canton homes The repairs range from simple but critical plumbing and painting, to putting on a new roof, siding, windows, and pouring new concrete driveways All repair costs are sponsored entirely through donations from community businesses, churches, schools, civic groups and individuals Although the deadline to

apply for free home repairs has passed those interested in applying for a free "Rake N Go' should call Pat VanDusen at (734) 394-5193

Canton's CIA Chapter is composed of an eight member volunteer board and 1s endorsed by the Canton Board of Trustees CIA is a registered 501c3 non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible For more information on CIA, call (734) 844-8900 or visit www.christmasinactionwayne com

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

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

#### **Commission** looking for volunteers

Canton's Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage is soliciting Canton residents who have a passion for the arts to serve on two of its sub-committees These committees are

Public Art This committee is responsible for the development of public art policies and guidelines, establishes and approves parameters for publicly funded public art and exhibition projects, creates and participates in projects that help further public art throughout the community, assists with public education Meetings are the first Monday of every month

Community Advisory Council The Community Advisory Council represents all segments of the community and serves as a conduit for gaining information and understanding the community needs/desires regarding cultural arts activities Meetings are the first Tuesday of every month

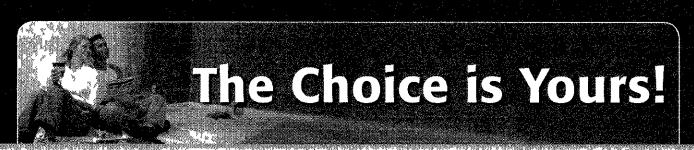
Interested individuals should mail or e-mail a letter of interest, identifying their committee of interest and including a brief synopsis of their background to

Deb Bilbrey Honsowetz Manager of Recreation and Facilities

Canton Leisure Services 1150 Canton Center Rd S Canton, MI 48188 dhonsowetz@canton-mi org

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## **First ACT**

### Juniors set for first shot at college exam

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton high school juniors are in for three days of testing next week, as for the first time all Michigan 11th-graders are required to take the American College Test and a work skills assessment exam in place of the high school MEAP tests

The Michigan Merit Exam begins Tuesday, with students taking the ACT in science, mathematics, reading and writing On Wednesday, the testing will concentrate on WorkKeys, a work skills assessment program that focuses on career preparation experiences And on Thursday, juniors will take Michigan-based tests on social studies and science

Mike Bender, Plymouth Canton's director of secondary education, said only juniors will be in attendance at the high school park Tuesday

We re trying to create the best possible testing conditions for juniors, Bender said Personally, for the kids, the ACT is very high stakes, and we want the conditions to be the best for them The College Board which oversees the ACT is very strict on testing regulations a certain number of students in a classroom, a certain amount of space between students, no bells or announcements

Secondly, the tests are important for students because the governor has put in place the Michigan Promise scholarships in which students can earn up to \$4,000 for a college education, he said 'The other benefit is for the district, as the student achievement level is reflected in our federal ade quate yearly progress report, the state report cards and meeting our own district expectations

Bender said classes for freshmen, sophomores and seniors Wednesday and Thursday will start at 10 29 a m to facilitate the testing for juniors Changes in class times and bus sched ules can be found on the dis-

#### ACT SUCCESS

Think you could do well on the ACT? Here are some of the ques tions you d have to answer You are preparing to tile the floor of a rectangular room that is 15 5 feet by 18 5 feet in size The tiles you plan to use are square measuring 12 inches on each side and are sold in boxes that contain enough tile to cover 25 square feet How many boxes of tiles must you order to complete the job? a 11 b 12 c 34 d 59 e 287 Minh cuts a board in the shape of a regular hexagon and pounds in a nail at an equal distance from

tricts Web site at pccs k12 mi us

Matthew Majzlik, 17, of Canton Township, said while the stakes are high, he's not taking this week's testing too seriously

I m pretty confident,' Majzlık saıd I'm not really studying that much for the test For really big exams, it s like testing myself to see how much I know and what I can remember by studying as least as possible I m curious to see what the score will be, but it s not that nerve-wracking"

Plymouth High School English teacher Wendy Ochoa, knowing she would be administering the ACT, took the test herself

I didn't get a perfect score on the English," chuckled Ochoa, who did record a 34 out of a possible 36 "I figured that since I teach English, I should know everything But when I took the ACT in high school English was my worst score

Ochoa, 38, last took the ACT before graduating from Huron High School in Ann Arbor in 1986

Overall, this time my score was 30 (out of a perfect 36),

each vertex How many rubber bands will she need in order to stretch a different rubber band across every possible pair of nails?

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■ The parallel sides of an isosce les trapezoid are 10 feet long and 16 feet long respectively What is the distance in feet between these two sides? a 3 b 4 c 5 d 10

Answers (1) b (2) a (3) c

which is pretty good consider ing in high school my ACT score was 27, Ochoa said Im happy I improved in 20 years"

Bender said while this years test is a different process, district officials are confident they ve taken the steps to help students succeed

'Teachers incorporated the format thats used in the ACT, as well as WorkKeys, in the test questions they use in their classes," Bender said "Steps were taken to confirm our curriculum lines up with the content assessed on the ACT We ve provided students with test-taking strategies as well as (sample) test questions

Ochoa said taking the ACT test herself helped in preparing her students

'I could honestly look at them and tell them what we needed to work on," Ochoa said

Since it's a graduation requirement, there's pressure on teachers and students This is much more pressure-filled than any MEAP test we were ever given when I went to school

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## Cops go high-tech for clues

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth and Canton Township police are going high-tech in efforts to solve crimes

Plymouth residents can now use the city's Web site to give police anonymous tips on current cases or information on happenings in their neighborhoods

If someone has information on anything criminal in nature on an ongoing or active case and are hesitant to come forward, they can e mail the information to us said Detective Lt Al Cox It can potentially give us leads and different directions we don't already have Sometimes we have

Sometimes we have hunches on what happened and who did it, but we may not have enough evidence to put us over the top he said 'A citizen may help us get to a point where we can put some probable cause to what we already think, which could lead to search warrants and arrest warrants in a case"

None of the larger neighboring police departments – Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Livonia, Westland and Farmington Hills – have yet moved to solving crime with tips via the Internet

However, Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro said if the township Board of Trustees approves a major revision in the police department's Web site on Tuesday, an avenue for providing anonymous tips will be part of the plan

We think that s a real plus, Santomauro said 'We recognize that a number of people view the use of the Internet a major part of communication, and provides a comfort level and anonymity for reporting crime The bottom line is not how we get the information, but that we do get the information

'There are also a number of major renovations planned, like video broadcasting, emergency broadcasts and the ability to run public service announcements," he said

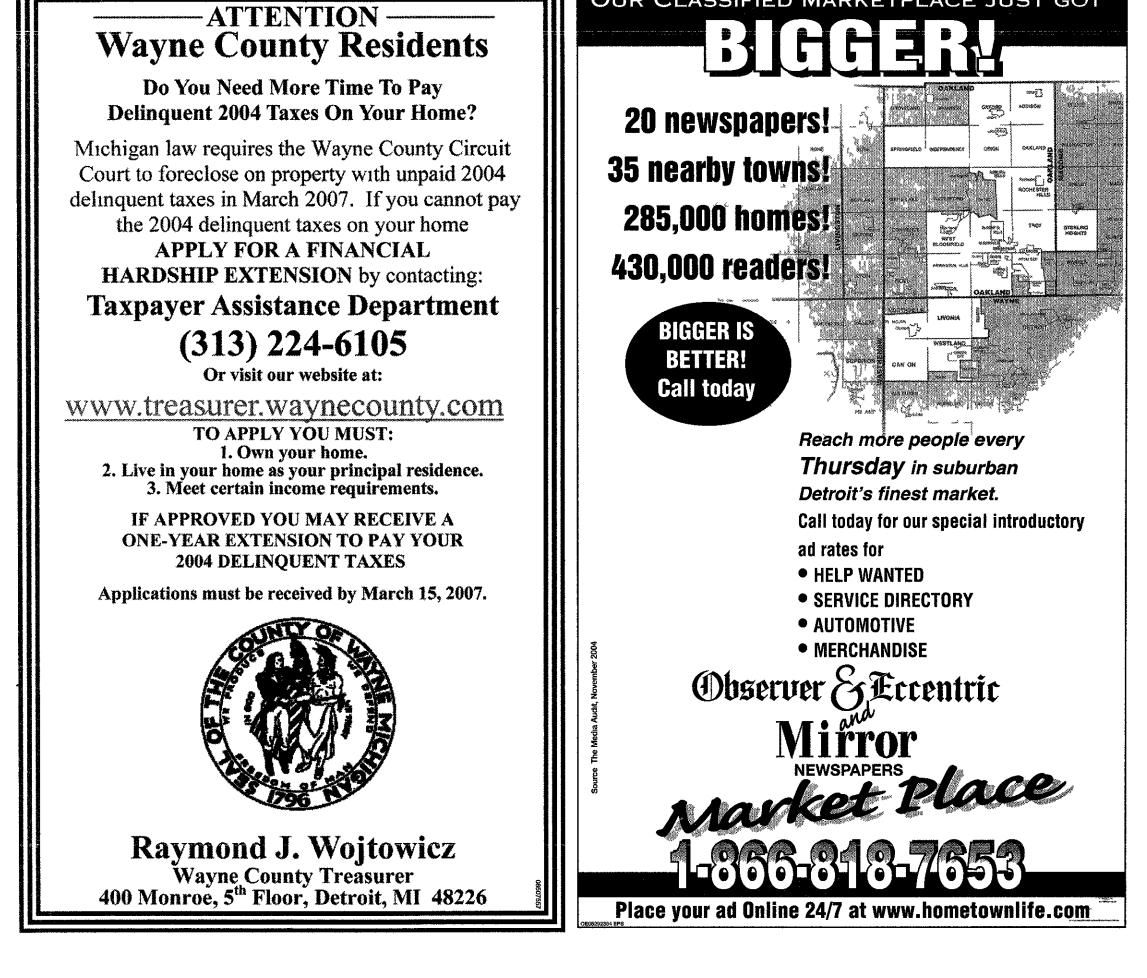
Cox said those offering anonymous tips shouldn't be concerned about police trying to find them for further questioning

That's not our intent," said Cox "We're not looking to trick people to tell us information so we can attempt to find them

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## The bare essentials

#### Calendar raises money to rescue Great Danes group of women in England

#### HOW TO HELP

■ What Great Dane Rescue Inc

Purpose A non profit organization dedicated to the rescue and adoption of Great Danes many of which are blind or deaf

■ Where 4125 Gotfredson in Plymouth

How to help The group is funded primarily dona tions and fund raisers such as its annual auction and Fun Day

The calendars are available for \$20

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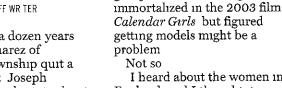
BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WR TER

More than a dozen years ago Sandy Suarez of Plymouth Township quit a good job at St Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti to devote her attention full time to the rescue of Great Danes

So the idea shed go to great lengths to help her favorite breed of dog shouldn t come as much of a surprise She proved it again with her latest idea to help raise money to save the pooches — a nude calendar

And in case you re wonder ing its not the dogs that are nude

Suarez 49 and several of her friends Great Dane devo tees all posed naked for a 2008 calendar being sold on the Web site of Suarezs rescue group Great Dane Rescue Inc Of course all the essen tials are covered by props (including some Great Danes) Suarez got the idea from a



I heard about the women in England and I thought it was a good idea said Suarez who has worked for Great Dane Rescue Inc since 1993 Surprisingly enough we did

nt have any trouble finding people to pose for it Suarezs love for Great Danes is nothing new after all she grew up with them Her mom Jean remembers having a Dane as far back as

1955 Sandy moved to Plymouth in 1989 and brought a pair of Danes with her both of whom died of old age

The folks at Specialty Pet in Plymouth told her about two Danes that needed adopting and Suarez wound up taking both of them

I realized there was a need for rescue after that Suarez said I hadn t known that before'

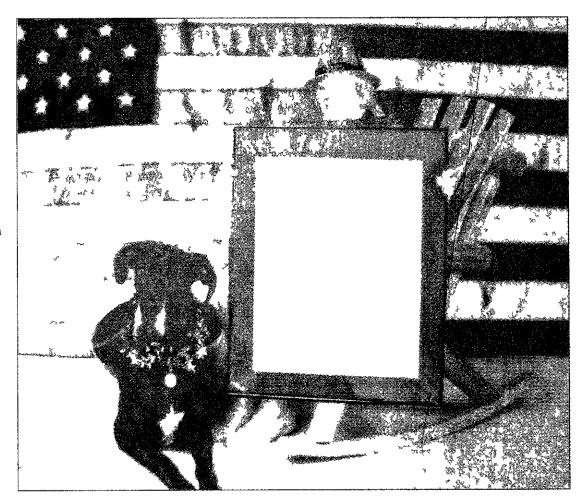
Michigan Anti Cruelty an anımal shelter ın Hamtramck started having money trouble and couldn t handle its load and Suarez started helping out Word of mouth spread and Great Dane Rescue, Inc began to boom

Suarez and her husband Jim Bouton at one time had seven Danes They take in predominantly handicapped dogs, such as the pair they have now Esmeralda is a 10 year old deaf Dane while Santana 8 18 blind and deaf

I ve had (Danes) my whole life, said Suarez a Redford native Its a breed we know We know their characteristics and their personalities

Great Dane Rescue Inc 1s funded by donations and fund raisers such as the annual auction at Plymouth Orchards and a variety of raf fles Seeking other funding mechanisms Suarez hit upon the calendar idea and started looking for models

Oncefthen was Jeanette Coval of Troy an administra



Miss July Jean Suarez 77 here posing with Benny modeled for the calendar on a dare



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#### Sandy Suarez with her mom s dog Benny and her dog Esmerelda heads Great Dane Rescue Inc.

tive assistant for commercial appraiser Wieme Rende and Associates in Troy Coval and her husband volunteer for Great Dane Rescue Inc doing transports 1 ome checks etc

The Covals who own three Great Danes adopted their

first Callie almost six years ago from Suarcz The couple started going to functions working the auction and get ting to know Suarez

Coval said she wasn't keen on the idea of posing for the calendai at first but quickly warmed to it She wound up posing in a shot with Carla Heath Great Dane Rescues adoption cooldinator

I hemmed and hawed a bit until it was fully explained to me then I thought about the dogs and the need and said, Imin said Coval who is the February entry It was a modesty thing kind of like What will people think? I finally decided I didn t care because this is a passion I wanted to help the dogs and if this was a way to do it so be it

 $\operatorname{Sum}\operatorname{\mathsf{ez}}\operatorname{\mathsf{s}}\operatorname{\mathsf{own}}\operatorname{\mathsf{mother}}\operatorname{\mathsf{had}}\operatorname{\mathsf{to}}$ be dated into posing One of the younger volunteers said shed only do it if Jean Suarez 77 would do it Jean agreed only to see her young chal lengei pull out

But Jean who lived in Redford for 50 years before moving to Plymouth five years ago followed through

I did it mo thy on the dare Jer Sunczsud The surl said she wouldn't do it unless I did so I finally said Why

not?

That's pretty much how it went with the more than a dozen people who wound up posing for the calendar Various props were used and the photos were all done tastefully, and all for a good cause

Suarez breaks into a broad smile when she remembers rounding up the models

Most of the people are crazy enough that all we had to do was say, We re doing a nude calendar, wanna pose? she said, laughing "Other people had to be talked into it

The calendar went to press late last month and should be available in the next couple of weeks, primarily on the groups Web site at www greatdanerescueinc com

Meanwhile, even some who shunned the modeling opportunity the first time around are having second thoughts

My husband said had he known how fun it was going to be ," said Coval, who posed with Heath in Suarezs brandnew Corvette

He didn t think it was going to be done in the manner it was done It was a lot of fun

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### Lawmaker looking for solutions to school funding problems

#### BY RENEE GATES NORTHVILLE RECORD STAFF WRITER

State Representative Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, wants to know the 20th District's response to two questions

1 – Is investing in education a viable way of creating economic development in Michigan?

2 - Do we invest to the point that our schools and students become magnets for jobs coming to the state?

Those are the questions he posed to residents and educators at Northville District Library during the first of three town hall meetings discussing strengthening education in Michigan

The representative said the questions were not rhetorical, but critical because the answers will determine his actions in Lansing

"From a structural standpoint there's a lot that needs to be done Can we believe in the idea that we can be the great education state," he said to the audience of over 40 people

'I think it can be done, but I need to hear from people I need to know, is this what you want me fighting for?"

Superintendents from three neighboring Wayne County school districts led the discussion facilitated by Corriveau

"Fundamentally, education is our future, and if we're going to be preparing our students for these future jobs we have to stop divesting in education, said Gregory Baracy, Ph D. superintendent of Wayne-Westland Community Schools

"We've been divesting in education for the last 12 years We have to decide what kind of educational system we want, what are our expectations and are we willing to support those expectations with the appropriate resources to meet them'

Questions from the audience ranged from equity in school funding, to the cost of educating children, retirement cost and health insurance

"The elephant in the room in this state is health care and the retirement system, said



State Rep Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, speaks to constituents during a town hall meeting

#### **EDUCATION FIRST**

State Representative Marc Corriveau is having a total of three town hall meetings dis cussing strengthening education in Michigan

I wanted to rotate these forums throughout the whole 20th District to give everybody in all the communities an opportunity to come hear and talk about what I see as an incredibly important issue " Corriveau said March 15 Plymouth District Library 223 S Main Street 78pm March 26 Wayne Public Library 3737 S Wayne Rd 78pm

Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of Northville Public Schools "Either we correct it and deal with it or we re going to tap dance around the tough measures"

Corriveau ended the discussion by asking for a show of hands from the audience if they believed education is a way for Michigan to change for the better

It's going to take guts, it's going to take a commitment, your commitment, he said

The discussions will continue with two other town hall meetings this month In addition to superintendents, representatives from Michigan Education Association and school board members will lead the future discussions

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doors while others spoke freely about the incident This is really strange," said Alea Shinn, 27, who's lived in the complex since August "Every bit gets more bizarre" Heathmore Apartments resident Annette Corradi agreed

This is kind of unusual," she said, referencing the body being in the apartment for so long with the roommate "How could she stay there?

At Pierce's former apartment, two gold hearts hung in the window, a pair of dirty socks were lying on the patio area and a cleaning service business card was tucked in the front door

Steven Reifler, who lived next door to the two women, said 'Tina" used to come over to his place several times a day to use his telephone

"It's a sad situation,' he said Pomorski said foul play doesn't appear to be a factor in Pierce's death The results of her autopsy are still pending but preliminary results have indicated drugs could have



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Nate Brown, 13, and Alea Shinn 27, are both residents of the same apartment complex as Ashley Pierce, who was found dead in her apartment

been involved He said a small amount ("user quantity") of heroin and some drug paraphernalia were found in the apartment Pomorski said the depart-

ment is awaiting the final

results of an autopsy that was performed by the Wayne County Medical Examiners Office last week, which he said could take some time because Pierce had been deceased for three weeks

When police finish investigating whether the roommate profited from Pierce's death. criminal charges could be filed Pomorski said it's not a crime to not report a dead body



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## Bomb threat turns Burglars break into Pulte Homes office out to be hoax

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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Plymouth police say a note indicating there was a bomb inside East Middle School Friday afternoon turned out to be a hoax

Detective Lt Al Cox said the school was pretty much cleared out by the time the note was found about 3 30 p m

The note was very vague, and addressed to a specific student, indicating there was a bomb in Room 5," Cox said 'It did not indicate the bomb would go off at a particular tıme

Unfortunately, in a crosscheck for the name on the note – which was a first name and last initial - there was no student at East with that name," he said

**Plymouth-Canton Schools** Superintendent Jim Ryan said the note was found by two students in the media center, about a half hour after school was let out for the weekend



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"Two kids found a note in the hbrary and turned it over to a teacher," Ryan said "The teacher took it to the assistant principal, who immediately called Plymouth police

'School was out at 3 p m , so there were very few people left in the building," Ryan said There were about 10 extended day kids in the building, and we worked with our transportation department to get a bus and moved them to Allen Elementary There was also a dance class in the building at the time, and they were taken out The building was then shut down

Cox said they called in a bomb-sniffing dog from the Wayne County Airport police and spent about a half hour searching for a bomb or explo sive device

'We blocked off the indicated room and those around it, and walked the dog all through the hallways surrounding the entire southeast section of the building, Cox said "The dog didn t hit on anything"

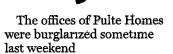
Ryan said the school district will conduct its own investiga tion next week

'The principals will do their best to find out who wrote the note, Ryan said 'We're hoping maybe someone will tell us who dıd ıt

Cox said if someone thought it was a joke, the police department isn't laughing

We're going to look into it to see if we can find who left the note and what their intentions were,' said Cox "Kids don't realize that when they do these things, the logistics are big We put all our resources - police, fire department, bomb dog and tie them up for a long time If we would have had an emergency somewhere else, we could have been caught short"

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During the incident, the thief pried open a window on the Amberley Street location and took three computers, valued at \$2,400 total A Pulte employee called police and said the company would try to get senal and model numbers for the items

Police have no suspects

#### MAN ATTACKED BY OWN DOG

A Canton man called police after his dog, a Rottweiler mix, bit him in the face Tuesday

The 38 year-old man had to get five or six stitches to close the wound He told police he

#### COP CALLS

wants to put the dog to sleep because the animal has bitten him before

#### TEEN DRUG USE REPORTED

On Tuesday, a maintenance worker at a Canton apartment complex called police to Fordham Circle after spotting three people, including a 16year-old boy, allegedly smoking marijuana

When officers arrived at the scene they discovered drug paraphernalia in a hallway

They were then pointed in the direction of the boy's apartment The teen, who was inside with his two younger brothers, was told to let his

McClenaghan, who earned a

degree in advertising at MU

Livonia is the base for my

opportunity we have, we try to

father's company, so every

parents know that officers had been at the location

Officers didn't find any illegal substances in the residence

#### PURSE STOLEN'AT GAME

A 47-year-old Plymouth woman has reported that her purse was taken<sup>4</sup> from Canton High School during a basketball game

The woman, who contacted police Wednesday, said she sat her purse on the bleacher in front of her and found it missing an hour later

The bag might have fallen underneath the structure and someone grabbed it, she said The purse contained the

woman's cell phone, credit cards and \$40 eash

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#### MAN ARRESTED FOR POT

Canton Police arrested a Detroit man Wednesday for marijuana possession after a routine traffic stop Officers said they stopped the 28-yearold man one of the lights highlighting his license plate was out

The man, who was driving a van, told officers the vehicle wasn t his and that he was looking for the automotive plant his brother worked in

After the officer smelled marijuana on the man, the man consented to a search and two small bags of the narcotic were found Rolling papers were also discovered The man is expected to

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## NASCAR race car item revs up Madonna auction

The TV panel from NASCAR racer Greg Biffle's National Guard car will help raise funds for Madonna University student scholarships this April

As curator for the Roush Automotive Collection, Susan McClenaghan, Jack Roush's daughter, donated the panel recently, to be auctioned off to the highest bidder at her alma mater's spring gala

"Madonna University is very much a part of the Livonia community and culture," said

### ABUSE

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Lowe by saying he never hit or beat the child

Calling himself Montgomery's stand-in attorney, Craig F Shrewsbury asked the judge to release him on personal bond or "something more affordable" saying that

of Michigan

the township man doesn t have a record

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Louisa Papalas quickly argued against it referencing the footage that allegedly shows Montgomery taunting the small child who was bound with duct tape around his hands, feet, mouth

At mention of the tape, Montgomery s supporters sighed loudly and muttered to themselves

that Montgomery's family

members had been harassing the mother of the allegedly abused child and her family members Montgomery and the woman were hving together when he was arrested

'They have made phone calls of a threatening nature,' Papalas said

When Lowe declined to alter Montgomery's bail, some of his supporters burst into tears One woman rested her head against the bench in front of her and wept

Saying that the case is strong against Montgomery, Papalas applauded the judge's decision

Lowe also ordered Montgomery not to contact the woman or her family and advised him to tell his family

not to make contact "Let them know it's not going to help you, it's only going to come back to hurt you," he said, adding that he understands Montgomery may

not be able to control his family Montgomery will be arraigned on the information March 23 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit

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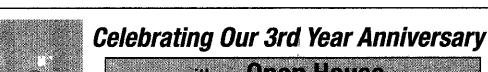


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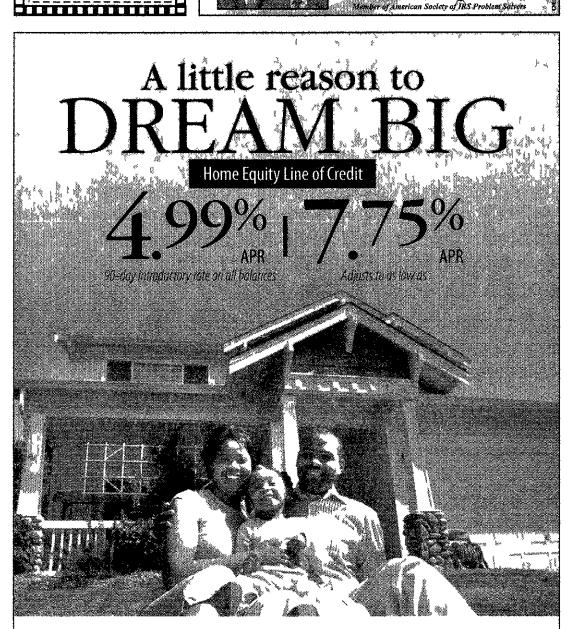
They also gave a reaction when Papalas told the judge



In addition to a piece of racing history, guests at the

support the community I like to think that Madonna and Roush are somewhat related, in that we're both leaders in our respective industries - them in education, us in technological advances,

she said



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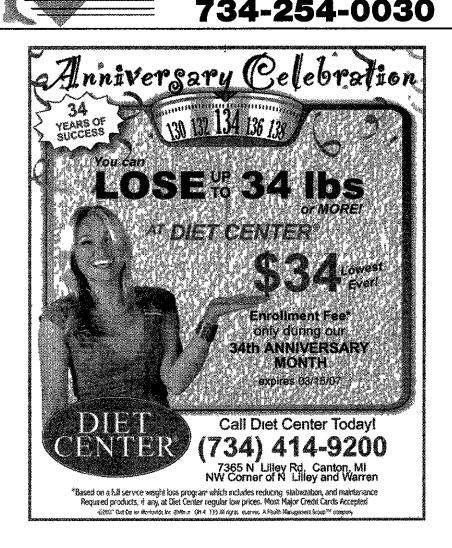
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## College fair helps students sort out their options

**BY HUGH GALLAGHE** STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of Detroit-area high school students jammed into Burton Manor in Livonia Thursday They were on a quest

College recruiters from as far away as Alaska and Hawan and as near as Madonna University and Oakland University were on hand to make their pitch and help the students navigate their way through the college admissions process The college fair in Livonia is one of several spring fairs around the country sponsored by the National Association of College Admission Counseling

The purpose of the fair is to give students a good start, not just on finding out about colleges in general but about colleges that are right for them,' said Patrick O'Connor, director of college counseling at Roeper School and an organizer for the event

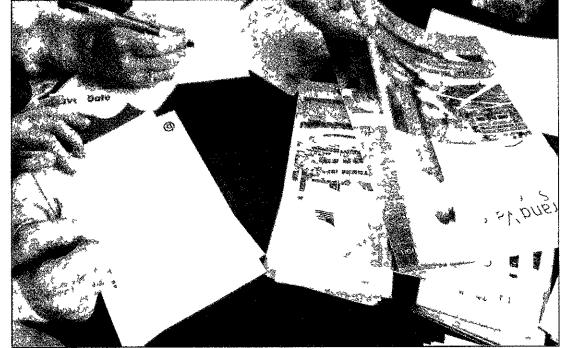
This year, 123 colleges participated Detroit, Flint and other school systems brought busloads of students to the Thursday fair Students could check out each college booth, talk with admission counselors and pick up literature In addition special programs were presented on NCAA athletic eligibility, financial aide, minority opportunities and preparing for the ACT

'We know from the college merit exam that they have the skills to go college and because of the Michigan Promise, they'll have some money to go to college, but it's not just about going to college but about going to a college that's right for them,' said O Connor

The fair provided a wide range of possibilities for the students on their quest for just the right college, from tech schools to art academies, large public universities to small private liberal arts colleges, and military academies to business schools

Livonia Churchill High School junior Michelle Emmanuel was looking to sort out which of those schools would fit her needs

'I wanted to know which schools have the major I m interested in which is physical therapy," she said "I m not sure about all the specific questions I wanted to ask, I just wanted to know which colleges were



Students fill out information cards for Grand Valley State University during the college fair

"I wanted information to know what requirements I needed to get into college or the program of study I m interested in," said Marcin Rivera, a junior at Churchill interested in pursuing a nursing degree

The college counselors were there to sort it out

#### **PROVIDING A ROAD MAP**

"We try to provide a road map of what the process looks like, encouraging them to explore their options," said Michael Guy, associate director of admissions outreach for Central Michigan University

He said the college fairs help students narrow down their options

"We encourage them to do more than just grab the material, take the time to ask good questions, get more materials, take time to do research on the Web and as summer goes on, have a goal of making applications to at least three-five schools,' he said

Guy, who has been with CMU for 20 years, said students are becoming more savvy about the often complex admissions process

'But its a double-edged sword, with so much information out there it becomes overwhelming This is a process to make more sense of it all " he said

For Richard Duncan, an admissions counselor for the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, it's all about de

ing what makes his college

'Students come to work and stay in Chicago and get the experience of living in a different city, a much larger one, more on the upswing and bring it back to their home area,' he said

He said not all students want a big city environment but that IIT has a lot of selling points

We re a small school, so they get to go to a small school in a big city We have two major train lines through our campus There are all the shows and sports centers The Sox play across the street from us, he said

In addition, he said the school offers a focused technological education

The process is different at the United States Military Academy at West Point Tom Lynch, a 1982 West Point graduate who lives in Bloomfield Hills, is a field force represen tative for West Point's admissions office He said the military academies are not for everyone

'Academics are important but the biggest thing is that West Point is looking for wellrounded individuals - 60 percent is academics, 30 percent is activities and sports and 10 percent in a physical test we give them, he said

He said applicants need to understand that the academies are a big commitment as they pay students to attend to receive an education valued at up to \$300,000 but

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For many students, Kalamazoo and other private colleges might seem out of their financial reach, but the fair offered students an opportunity to learn about financial aid

"I wanted to learn about more colleges than the University of Michigan and Michigan State, said Asia Hawkins, a Detroit Crockett Career High student, who is interested in studying to become a pharmacist

The fair gave her a good lead on financial resources 'At Howard University, I m eligible for a presidential scholarship because of my

GPA," she said For some the fair was reas suring that the quest might not be so difficult

I was surprised, said Michelle Emmanuel "I thought you had to have a high GPA to get into all the schools and some schools were much lower than I expected"

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Students fill the aisles gathering information on various colleges during the college fair held at Burton Manor Thursday



tnere The fair also provides help in sorting out how to get into the college that fits the students' needs

appealing for Michigan students living in a economically challenged area

Humane Society names new board members

The Michigan Humane Society recently announced the addition of three new members to the board of directors

David L Bialosky serves as the executive vice president and general counsel for TRW Inc in Livonia Elizabeth Correa, first vice president of Comerica Bank, 1s a resident of Birmingham Tina Ford is a resident of St Clair Shores and also serves as a board member with the Children's Center of Wayne County Each will serve a three-year term

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## **District stresses need for juniors to take state tests**

#### BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

Usually, it's a building problem or a snow day when a school district tells parents to keep their kids home, but that's not the case for Tuesday-Wednesday, March 12-13, in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools

Parents of ninth- 10th- and 12th-graders have been told

not to send their students to school those two days However, the message for parents of 11th-graders is Make

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> Board of Education Plymouth Canton Community Schools JUDY MARDIGIAN Secretary

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#### WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS

Supt Charlotte Sherman said "We've mailed a letter home to the parent of every junior, stressing that they need to be there This is a requirement for graduation'

This is the first time high school juniors around the state will be taking the MME, which replaces the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests at the high school level

In January, the Wayne Westland school board approved changes in the district's graduation policy, requiring that students take the merit exam in their junior year in order to graduate

They don t have to attain a particular score on the test. they have to make a good faith effort to be there and take the test, Sherman said The graduation requirement is that they have to take it dur ing their junior year They can take it again in their senior year to improve their ACT score, but it has to be taken as a junior to graduate

administer the ACT college entrance test, and on

Wednesday, students will take the WorkKeys, a work skills assessment program, in the morning and supplemental state tests in math, science and social studies in the afternoon

Students who miss this weeks test dates can make them up Tuesday-Wednesday, March 27-28 With more than 900 11th-graders in the dis trict, Sherman is hoping the number taking the makeup tests will be small at best

We re doing everything we can to have them there the first time, so we don t have to worry about a second test, Sherman said 'Hopefully, it will be a small number of students (absent) that we can take to an isolated area in the schools Were brainstorming that right now

The district decided to can cel classes for the two days in part to accommodate very specific rules for administering the ACT Its high schools – John Glenn Wayne Memorial and Tinkham

On Tuesday, the district will Center Alternative — are ACT test sites

It would be very difficult to hold school and test under approved rules," Sherman said "We can't have bells ringing and you can only have so many students to a room We need a pretty good chunk of the school to do the test

Each classroom will have one test coordinator and two or three proctors Teachers at the schools will serve as the assistants during the tests

Under ACT rules, the dis trict will not be allowed to serve students lunch The test takes about four hours and students will get short bathroom breaks Snacks are allowed and will be available in hallways during the testing Students will be dismissed at 12 30 p m Tuesday

There's no such limitation for Wednesdays testing, so there will be a lunch break Students can bring their lunches or purchase from a limited menu in the cafeteria

While the merit exam is a graduation requirement. its also important for students planning to attend college

Taking the test can mean receiving a Michigan Promise Scholarship

Students who receive qualifving scores on the test get \$1 000 a year for each of their first two years of college and \$2,000 after completing two years and having a 2 5 gradepoint average

Students who don t get the qualifying scores could get up to \$4,000 after completing college and having a 2 5 grade-point average

'Either way, it's important to take the test and earn money for college from the state,' Sherman said

As for the two days off, no makeup days will be needed According to Sherman, canceling classes to do the testing was factored into the school calendar during contract negotiations last year

We program those days into the total number of days students need to be in school," Sherman said

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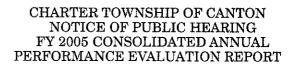
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Many of the impacts of these continuing job losses are apparent More people will leave Michigan in search of jobs, less disposable income will hurt the service industry, state revenue from income tax, sales tax and property taxes will squeeze state spending even further



There is another aspect that 1s not as obvious, but which will have an equally devastating impact Corporations, and their employees, contribute millions of dollars and donate thousands of volunteer hours to the states network of nonprofit and charitable organizations

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With corporate donations already reduced and the state's economy tanking, local charities

already were finding it more and more difficult to meet their fund-raising goals Pfizer and its employees were major support-

ers of the greater Ann Arbor community, and the true impact of those 2,000 lost jobs won't be felt fully for a few years

And if Daimler ditches Chrysler and it is broken up into several smaller companies, it could prove to be doomsday for the region's many cultural institutions, from the Detroit Institute of Arts to the Chrysler Art Beats and Eats festival, that have benefited greatly from the company's generous support over the years

And even though Comerica has pledged that it will not abandon the metro area when its corporate headquarters migrates to Texas, it is logical to assume that, eventually, the philanthropic efforts will follow where the headquarters goes What's at stake?

Last year alone, Comerica reportedly pumped \$8.3 million into the coffers of some 1,300 metro Detroit organizations, while bank employees donated some 20,000 community service hours in metro Detroit

Only time will tell which scenario proves true

Quiet, please! Next week, high school junors throughout the state will be taking the new Michigan Merit Exam The exam (think the ACT on steroids) replaces the old 11th-grade MEAP test and comes with a considerable financial carrot for those who do well on the test A \$4,000 state grant to be used at any Michigan higher learning institution

There are other benefits to the new MME as well for students and their parents The ACT is a test required by most four-year universities as part of the application process, historically has

been given on a Saturday, and costs students \$40 Now, the ACT portion of the MME can be used for the application process, is free and students and their parents don't have to give up a Saturday to take it

So whats the problem?

If my daughter's high school is typical of what is happening next week — and I suspect it is — a whole lot more students than just the juniors are being impacted by the testing

The ACT portion of the test is scheduled to be administered statewide Tuesday, with additional components taking up portions of two additional school days

Apparently to limit distractions for those kids taking the exams next week, my daughter's school district saw fit to cancel classes all day Tuesday for the rest of the student body, and scheduled half days the other two days In effect, everyone loses the equivalent of two full school days

Add those days on top of a lost day and a half this week for teacher conferences, a full week of mid-winter break just a few weeks back, a couple of recent snow/ice/cold days and spring break just around the corner, and I start to worry about how all of the broken weeks of learning are affecting the educational process

I hope the decision to provide a nice, quiet environment for the juniors to take the new test pays off

Losers become winner You have to love politics It might be the only environment where even those who lose elections are rewarded handsomely for their efforts

Consider the political fortunes of former state Sen Laura Toy, R-Livonia, unsuccessful congressional candidate Nancy Skinner and unsuccessful state Senate candidate Andy Levin In a matter of weeks following their losing bids for office, all three were able to land on their feet, and land jobs inside the political bureaucracy

Levin, a Democrat who narrowly lost his state Senate bid to John Pappageorge, R-Troy, was rewarded for his valiant effort with a job in the Granholm administration Toy, who lost her state Senate seat to Democrat Glenn Anderson, is now in the employ of her former fellow Senate Republicans

And Skinner, a liberal radio talk show host who moved back to Michigan to challenge (and almost beat) venerable U S Rep Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township, was recently named chief of staff for First Gentleman Daniel Mulhern

I am not sure why the spouse of the governor needs a chief of staff, but I am sure that Skinner will do a fine job of doing whatever it is she will be doing

There is an old saying that "to the victors go the spoils But in Michigan politics, even the losers appear to be winners

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## Nonprofits sure to suffer as Sunshine Week puts focus one accountability in government

hen you first hear about this being Sunshine Week, your thoughts might turn to spring break plans or perhaps a trip to Lakeland for some spring training fun (something my brother-in-law and his family recently dıd)

This Sunshine Week, observed March 11-17, is more serious but no less deserving of attention It pertains to government secrecy and the right of citizens to know how their government governs

I recently got my National Federation of Press Women newsletter, which regularly opines on openness in government It's important to note, however, that concerns about open government

shouldn't just be a media concern They're germane for all of



Information's available at www.sunshineweek.org, and it's not all that encouraging According to the Web site, Americans increasingly suspect the federal government has become cloaked in secrecy, a concern they don't have with their local and state governments

People overwhelmingly believe that their federal leaders have become sneaky, listening to telephone conversations or opening private mail without getting court permission, according to a survey of 1,008 adults commissioned by the American Society of Newspaper Editors for Sunshine Week

The poll, conducted by Scripps Howard News Service and Ohio University, found that concerns about federal secrecy are rising

Twenty-five percent believe the federal government is either "very open' or 'somewhat open,' while 69 percent said it's either "somewhat secretive" or "very secretive"

That's a shift from a similar poll last year, when 33 percent thought the federal government was open and 62 percent thought it was secretive About 6 percent and 5 percent were undecided in the 2007 and 2006 polls, the Web site notes

Lisa McGraw, public affairs manager for the Michigan Press Association, is the point woman for the effort here "This year, it's gone all over North America It includes Canada and Mexico, too," McGraw said There's a lot in Spanish on the Web site

'For the most part, yes," McGraw said of Michigan's track record on government openness being positive There's "always room for a little improvement' in Michigan

She agreed the week isn't just a media one (in fact. librarians have been at the forefront of this issue, along with others)

'I think that's the purpose of this week to promote why it's important to everyone," McGraw said MPA papers have always participated, 'showed examples of why its important'

The effort pertains to openness both in gov-

ernment meetings and documents McGraw's happy to answer questions and can be reached at (517) 372-2424

When I was at the University of Missouri in the early 1980s, I was lucky enough to have a teaching assistant's job at the Freedom of Information Center I worked with Dr Paul Fisher, a longtime expert on government accountability, and others to answer questions and provide printed information on openness (this was before the Web, of course)

Those lessons have stayed with me, and it's good to see that Sunshine Week is still going strong This year, journalists Ben Bradlee, Tom Brokaw and Judy Woodruff are the honorary chairs of Sunshine Week Bradlee is former executive editor and now vice president at large of The Washington Post Brokaw is former anchor and managing editor of NBC Nightly News and now a contributing reporter and producer for NBC News documentaries Woodruff is special correspondent for the NewsHour with Jim Lehrer and anchor of Conversations with Judy Woodruff on Bloomberg Television

Those are substantial names in media circles, but they're not fighting this fight alone

The gap in what those survey respondents believe about the Bush administrations tendency to secrecy, as contrasted with state and local governments, is noteworthy Certainly large questions have loomed about lack of accountability by Bush and his top leaders in the Iraq war

The issue of weapons of mass destruction, or lack thereof, as a justification for war has put Bush in the hot seat The furor over the Patriot Act, and its allowing government to spy on private citizens for questionable reasons, remains as well and has been an issue for librarians who have fought the good fight

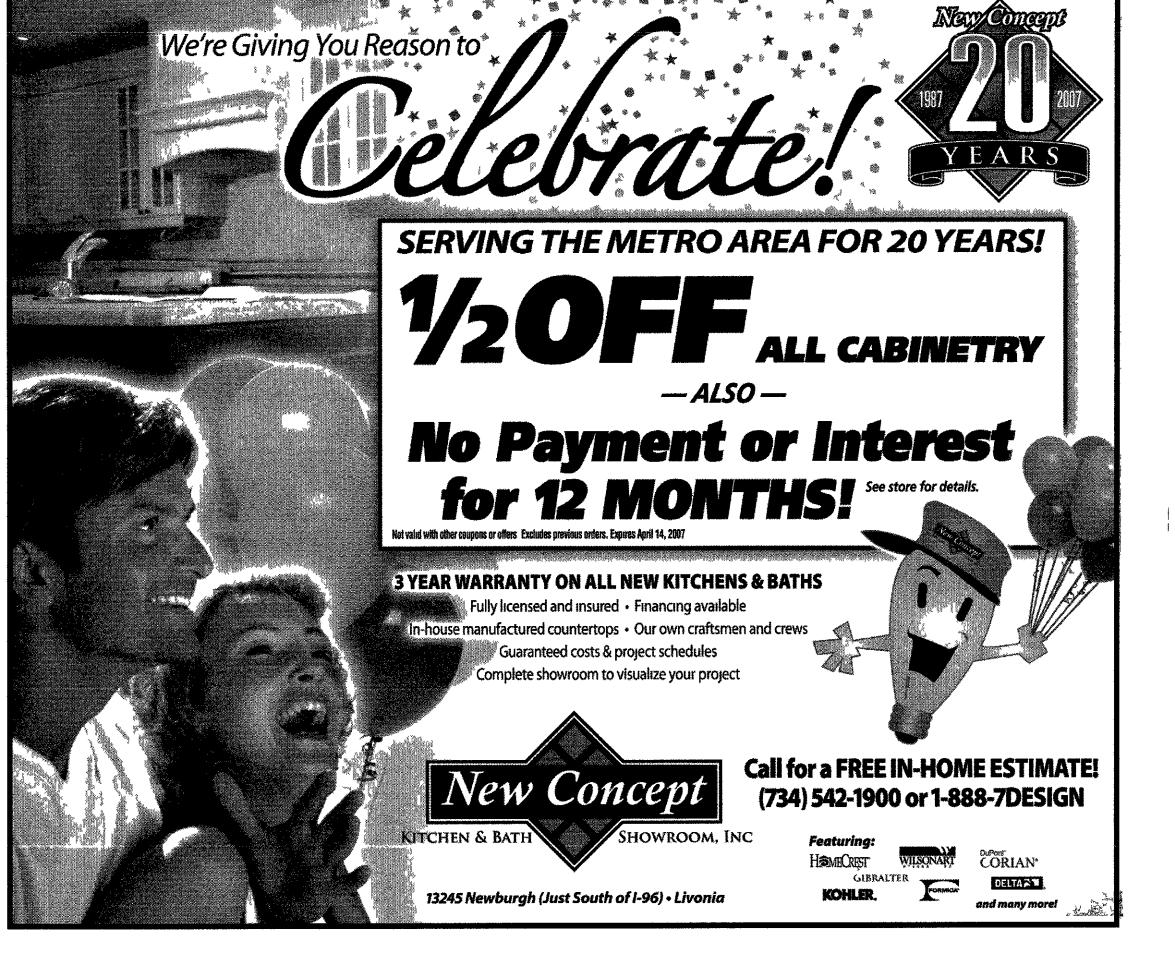
Local and state governments are closer to the people, and thus it's harder to cover things up (I like to think an aggressive press is a factor here as well, recognizing its watchdog role ) If you're going to run into the mayor and council members, or someone from your school board, while shopping at the grocery store, they re going to have a harder time keeping secrets

Of course, many public officials recognize the value of openness in government and have concerns about voter apathy as well It would be unfair to characterize all as trying to keep secrets from the public

Sunshine Week's worth noting in schools and elsewhere this week, as we teach our future leaders about the importance of openness in governing Granted, schools have a lot to teach but a little time on this timely topic is worth it

Take some time, too, to think about how you can encourage openness (and interest) in how our nation is governed A lot of things compete for our time, but Sunshine Week's a good time to remember this particular topic

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## Take time to learn about investing and invest wisely

I have just inherited a substantial amount of money and I would like to invest it. I have never invested before and would like some ideas. I saw on the Internet an investment opportunity where you can double your money in a year. What do you think? Paul

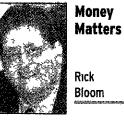
First, I would run as fast as I can from that Internet ad As far as I am concerned, ads and solicitations such as these are meant to do one thing and one thing only and that is to separate you from your money No one who is responsible in the investment world will tell you that you can double your money in a vear

Before you invest one penny of your money, you need to decide your goals and objectives for that money In other words, are you looking for current income or are you investing for long-term growth? Until you define what you are looking for from your money, you cannot begin to invest Since you are a new investor, I recommend that before you invest you begin to learn a little about investing An investor who understands even a little bit about the investment world will be a better investor Whether that individual uses a professional or not, the more you understand the investment process, the better investor you will be

If you decide to use a professional to manage your money, you need to make sure that the adviser is working for you and only you and that you can communicate with them Unfortunately, too many people in the financial world are what I refer to as financial salespeople as opposed to financial advisers My recommendation is to consider a firm that is fee only who will charge you for their service and will not get involved with investment products that have commissions Unfortunately, commissions create a conflict of interest and tend to make the adviser more of a salesperson than an adviser The bottom line when it comes to investing is take your time, don't rush and make sure that you have an overall game plan that fits your situation

I heard an ad on your station about return of premium term life insurance policies I am thinking of purchasing a term life policy. Do you think the return of premium is a good option? Stephanie

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I love the fact that you are thinking of buying term insurance as I believe for the great majority of people term insurance is the best type of

insurance to purchase However, I am not a big fan of the return of premium option In looking at the return of premium option, it certainly sounds enticing What this feature provides is that if you purchase a policy, for example a 20-year term pohcy and you pay premiums for 20 years, if you were still living at the end of the 20 years you receive your premiums back If you pass on during that 20-year period you receive the death benefit Therefore, in principal this policy seems like you can t lose However as always, the devil is in the details

The first issue you need to consider is the cost you are paying for the return of premium option In many situations, you are increasing your yearly premiums substantially When I run the math on this option, the rate of return is relatively minor What I recommend is to take the difference between what you are paying for the return of premium option and what you would pay for normal term policy and invest that money using some low-cost mutual funds If you have the discipline to invest the savings on a regular basis, at the end of the term period you will have substantially more money than on the return of premium option In addition, if you can, invest in a Roth IRA that money grows tax free

Another downfall of the return of premium option is if you decide to cancel the policy for whatever reason, you typically take a substantial hit on the return of premium In fact, in some situations you would get nothing back Therefore, all you ve done is pay higher premiums for no benefit

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## **Rouge alliance hires director**

#### BY KURT KUBAN \*STAFF WRITER

The fledgling Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC), formed last year to deal with stormwater issues in the Rouge

> River watershed, took a huge step m its evolution last week when the

body hired its first executive director The group, which has

Ridgway about 40 member com-

munities, hired Jim Ridgway, who has been involved with Rouge River restoration efforts since the mid-1970s, when he helped the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) write the original watershed plans required by the federal Clean Water Act

I am thrilled to have this assignment, said Ridgway, 55, who is a resident of Grosse Pointe Park

ARC is a unique alliance formed to provide watershed wide cooperation and mutual support to meet water quality requirements and restore beneficial uses of the Rouge River

The group hired Ridgway and his firm, Environmental Consulting & Technology (ECT), to provide leadership and a number of services to help accomplish those goals Among these services is to administer federal grants from the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project, as well as develop stormwater permits and public education programs

According to Canton's Tim Faas who heads the group's finance committee, the ARC budget for 2007 is \$650,000 The contract with ECT and Ridgway will consume about \$170,000 of the budget At a meeting in Dearborn

last week, ARČ members expressed relief that they finally filled the position, especially someone with Ridgway's experience dealing with Rouge River issues

I would like him to look closely over the next year and see what are the most important issues for this group, and begin to establish some goals," said Jim Anulewicz of Plymouth Township

Ridgway, who is also a board member for Friends of the Rouge, was instrumental in the efforts to create ARC He said the group, which needed a change in state law to come to fruition, is on the cutting edge in watershed restoration efforts The group can pool its resources, as well as apply for grants and seek other funding sources

This is an excellent example of institutional arrangement If we can make it work, it could be a model for the rest of the country, Ridgway said

Ridgway said one of his first chores will be to help ARC communities develop new stormwater pollution prevention initiatives that are required by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality kkuban@hometownlife com | (734) 459 2700

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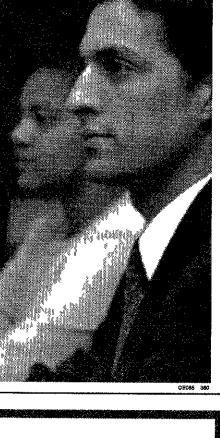
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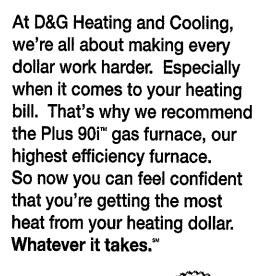


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The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team poses with its state championship trophy a few moments after it defeated Cranbrook-Kingswood, 5-2, Friday night at the Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia The Penguins finished the season with a 22-0-2 record

## PENGUINS MARCH TO STATE TITLE

### Unbeaten PCS girls hockey team ices Cranbrook, 5-2,

Visit www.hometownlife.com for a photo gallery of Friday nights state championship girls hockey game

> **BY RYAN DOHERTY** CORRESPONDENT

The final chapter of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey teams storied season came to a victorious end Friday night at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia

Sophomore forward Katie Zimmerman led the Penguins to their first ever Michigan Metro

knocked off Bloomfield Cranbrook-Kingswood, 5-2, before a packed house

Zimmerman, who has led the Penguins in scoring the past two seasons, netted a hat-trick and an assist to lead all scorers

"It's amazing and it's the best feeling I've ever had," said a smiling Zimmerman after the game 'We've been working at it all year and we weren t going to have our first loss come in the finals," she said, referring to the Penguins stellar 22-0-2 overall record

Her slick stick-handling and

tally late in the opening period Zimmerman scooped up the loose puck at the Cranes' blue line, skated around the lone defender, and sent a back hand over the glove of Cranbrook goalie Catherine LaGrasso

"(Zimmerman's) speed is phenomenal, she can set other players up, and shes a great weapon to have on your team, said PCS first year head coach Eric Mink

However, the Penguins' celebration was short-lived as the Cranes responded just 14 seconds later when Ariel Magdison fired a



Plymouth-Canton Salem forward Katle Zimmerman slips the puck past goalie Cranbrook-Kingswood goaltender Catherine LaGrasso for the first goal in the Penguins' 5.2 victory in the state title game Friday night



#### Skate-A-Thon

The Arctic Figure Skating Club in Canton is planning a benefit 'Skate-A-Thon" for Natalie Salazar, a 13-year-old member of the club who was diagnosed with neuroblastoma (a form of cancer) last summer

The event will be held from 7 30-9 p m Friday, March 30, at the Arctic Edge Arena in Canton Donations can be sent to "The Natalie Salazar Fund" c/o Arctic Figure Skating Club, 46615 Michigan Ave , Canton, MI 48188

Salazar has been treated at Children's Hospital of Michigan. Her father, was recently forced to  $\frac{\kappa_{\rm s}}{\kappa_{\rm s}}$ take a buyout from Ford Motor Company, so the family's financial need is areat

#### OLGC football

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

OLGC offers teams for boys in third through eighth grades

Families that belong to the following parishes are eligible OLGC, St Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a'Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St James (third-graders only) and St John Neumann Parents of interested players should attend the meeting Program information and registration materials will be distrib uted For further information, contact Kevin Suppelsa at ksuppelsa@wowway.com, or (734) 414-8275, or visit www.olgcfootball.net

G.rls High School Hockey League state championship as PCS

shifty skating got the Penguins on the board first with a short-handed

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## **Rising to** the occasion

### Canton runs past Novi for 2nd consecutive District hoop title

#### **BY ED WRIGHT** STAFF WRITER

The team that couldn't win in December 1s having a March to remember

After struggling through its pre-Christmas schedule at 0-4. Canton's boys basketball team continued to play like worldbeaters Friday night when it outplayed Novi, 68-54, to win its second consecutive Class A District title in the Phase III gymnasium

The Chiefs, who improved to 17-6, have gone 17-2 since Jan 1 with both setbacks coming to Northville.

Canton earned the right to

take on No 3-ranked Orchard Lake St. Mary's in a Regional semifinal game Wednesday at 6 p m at Troy High School The Kalın Lucas-led Eaglets defeated the Chiefs in last year's **Regional final** 

Appropriately, this week's tournament was labeled District No 25 – the same number worn by Canton's Neil Sharma, who poured in a team-high 22 points against the Wildcats after totaling team-leading point totals of 19 and 25, respectively, in the tournament's first two games

"I think we may have doubted

PLEASE SEE CANTON, B3 Friday night



TOM HAWLEY I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton senior center Ryan Waidmann, pictured above in a game earlier this season, contributed three points, five rebounds and strong interior defense to the Chiefs' 68-54 victory over Novi

## Phillips in hunt for the state title

Canton wrestler Corey Phillips bid for an individual state wrestling title was still alive as of Friday night.

Phillips advanced to Saturday night's 140-pound final match against Rockford's John Johnson by going 3-0 to improve his overall record to 55-0 Phillips, a senior bound for Eastern Michigan University in the fall, pinned Flint Carman-Ainsworth's Ronnie Latimer in 3 54 in his opening match He followed that with a 9-3 major decision over Grand Haven's Derek Houseman before pinning Grand Blanc's David Cheza in

### PREP WRESTLING

4 12 in a semifinal bout A pair of Donnies from Canton -103-pound Watkins and 285-pound Laramie – could still finish as high as

third as of Friday night. Watkins defeated Midland's Mike Maxwell, 11-0, in the opener before falling to Jenison's Nate Falbe, 4-2, in a tight second-round match Watkins then stayed alive with an 8-6 win over Wayne's Chad Dunn Laramie won his first two matches by taking a 9-1 major decision over Romeo's Andrew Stebbins before pinning D J Charneski of Hartland in 2 36

However, he dropped to the consolation brackets after getting pinned by Novi Catholic Central's Mike Martin. He needed two wins on Saturday to finish third Two other local 112-pound wrestlers - Plymouth's Ben Kosmalski and Canton's Carl Lucke - were sidelined after falling in their first two matches

For the results of Saturday's matches, visit www.hometownlife com

### **Baseball clinic**

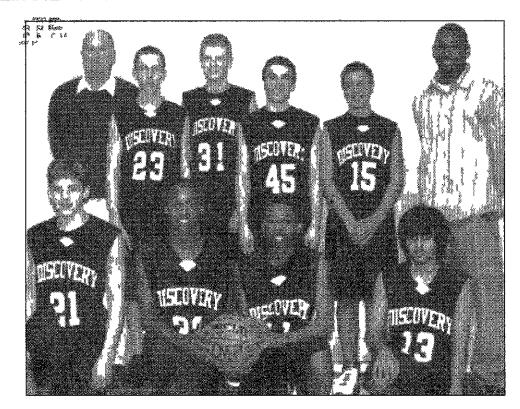
The annual Salem Baseball Clinic is set for March 24 and 31 There will be two sessions each day - the first from 9 a m. to noon, and the second from 1-4 p m

Sessions include training in baseball skills by the Salem varsity coaches and players

The \$25 registration fee includes lessons. T-shirts and a snack

For more information or to register, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026, or send an e-mail to pcmyers@hotmail.com

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### **Discovering perfection**

Discovery Middle School's "A basketball team recently captured the league title with an 8 0 record No team came within eight points of the Eagles all season Pictured (front row from left) are Clay Behrman, C J Mwila Dietrich Lever Abdul Chaudry, (standing from left) coach Dave Van Wagoner, Steve Jahn Luke Hager, Mike Nadratowski, Zach Yokum and coach Dominique Washington The Discovery B" team won the championship with a 71 record

## Whalers pounce on Otters, 5-1

The Plymouth Whalers outskated Erie, 5-1, Friday night to pad their Ontario Hockey League-leading record to 47-14-1-3

Vern Cooper opened the scoring with 6 18 left in the first period off assists from Wes Cunningham and Daniel Ryder Andrew Fourniers goal from Evan Brophey and Chris Terry 4 47 into the second period increased the Whalers lead to 2-0

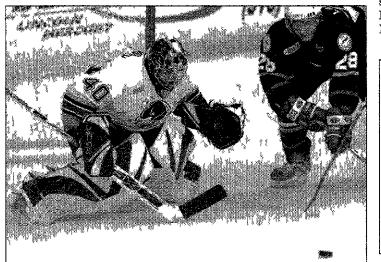
After Eries Michael Liambas scored from Shayne Taylor to make it 2 1, Terry lit the lamp with 5 09 left in the second period

Steve Ward and A J Jenks tallied insurance markers in the third period for the win ners

Michal Neuvirth earned the victory between the pipes for the Whalers with 36 saves

#### PLYMOUTH 6, WINDSOR 3

Daniel Ryder scored two goals and an assist and linemate Dan Collins added a goal and three assists as the Whalers defeated the Windsor Spithres in an Ontario Hockey League game played Thursday night before 3,127 at Windsor Arena With the victory, Plymouth (now 46-14-1-3, 96 points) moved into a first place tie with London (also 46-14 1-3) as the top team in the OHL



#### WALT DMOCH

Plymouth goaltender Michal Neuvirth (pictured above in a game earlier this season) led the Whalers to a 51 victory over Erie Friday night

Henrique (19) replied for Windsor Plymouth outshot Windsor 48 41 Whalers goaltender Jeremy Smith stopped 38-of-41 shots as the games third star and his sixth win against Windsor this year

## Ignition select locals in MISL college draft

The Detroit Ignition announced the selection of Michigan State defender Greg Janicki with the club's first selection in the 2007 Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL) College Draft, which was held via teleconference on Wednesday

Detroit selected Janicki with the eighth overall pick during the territorial round before adding five additional players in four subsequent rounds as the club builds depth for its roster going into a 2007-08 MISL season

Looking forward towards our second season, I strongly feel this draft class will provide our club with a wealth of new talent," stated Ignition head coach Mark Pulisic Not only were we fortunate enough to obtain a number of talented players, but we also gained a few local products that I hope will have the chance to play in front of fans here in Detroit down the road "

Janicki finished his career as a Spartan starting as a defender in 57 consecutive games He earned All-Big Ten First Team honors and recognition as a second team member of the NSCAA/adıdas All-Great Lakes Region team A gradu-

#### **IGNITION CAMPS**

The Detroit Ignition will be hosting a series of summer soccer camps for youth players The camps, which will be located throughout metro politan 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

ate of Anchor Bay High School ın New Baltımore, Janıckı helped Michigan State to a 10-6-2 record in his senior season

With its first numerical pick, the Ignition tabbed Rochester native Nate Norman out of the University of Notre Dame A four-time Big East academic honoree, Norman registered seven goals and 13 assists over 82 games in his collegiate career in South Bend The midfielder and Rochester Adams graduate received national honors as a thirdteam all-American selection by Top Drawer Soccer in 2006

With its second-round pick, Detroit selected midfielder Allan Nekuda from William Jewell College in Liberty, MO Nekuda played an integral role in the Cardinals' 18-3-2 season that included a trip to the NAIA Final Four and an undefeated run in the HAAC Conference

Nekuda, the team's co-captain, was also recognized as a 2006 NAIA First-Team All-American and ranked amongst the I eagues leaders in assists with 13

Goalkeeper Kevin Trapp, of James Madison University, was the Ignitions third-round choice The 6-3, 200-pound netminder started 70 of 72 game over his career, including all 17 games in 2006 where he posted a 1 01 goals-against average

During his four years as a member of the Dukes, Trapp talhed 26 shutouts and was honored for his play in 2006 with selections to the Charlotte JAKO Invitational all tournament team and VCU Classic all-tournament team

With the clubs first selection in the fourth round, the Ignition chose another local product in University of \*Detroit-Mercy midfielder Vahid Assadpour A three-time All-Horizon League selection, Assadpour finished his senior season as the League co-leader in assists per game at 0 44

Detroit concluded its second college draft class with the acquisition of the rights to midfielder Craig Neal of Ohio Wesleyan University The 5-9, 165-pounder from Powell, OH, was named North Coast Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year in 2006 with 10 goals and four assists while helping his university to the national semifinals of the NCAA Division III tournament

players who are looking for both a technical and tactical edge

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.detroitignition.com, or call (888) 436-4625 The camps are sponsored by the Hantz Group and the Henry Ford Medical Group

## **Desert gives bowlers different perspective**

n the road again, this time It was a few weeks in Arizona where I traded some single digit Michigan temperatures for the 70s with lots of bright sunshine in the Phoenix area

I visited the AMF Shea Lanes to watch the locals have bowling There are plenty of exHome Videos, which I stayed up late to watch Its silly stuff on the order of Americas Funniest Home Videos One segment featured

Shotgun Bowling ' In this scenario, a full set of bowling pins was the target for school bowling season, stats, names and records, log on to mhsibca com

Bowldetroit com announces a partnership between WrestleMania 23, the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Community Bowling Centers to bring the bowl with boody Lashley charity bowling event The Make-A-Wish Foundation is a participant in the WWE Circle of Champions program, which is scheduled for Saturday, March 31 at Skore Lanes in Taylor You can be a part of the WrestleMania weekend madness at an exclusive party with WWE superstars to help raise money for Make-A-Wish Here are several package options available, call (313) 291-6220 or e-mail Fran Wood at fwood@bowldetroit,com Eight bowlers remain this season in the Mayflower Senior Men's Classic to bowl a perfect game as Al Messecar of Westland rolled the fifth 300 of his career

Plymouth swept the season series with Windsor, winning all eight games this year

Ryan McGinnis (6), Andrew Fournier (18) and rookie Jordon O'Neill (first-ever OHL goal) also scored for the Whalers Kevin Hudes (12) Josh Bailey (21) and Adam

After Hudes tapped nome a rebound at 4 16 of the first period to give Windsor their only lead, Plymouth tied the game on Ryders first goal of the night at 39th of the year at 10 29 to tie the game at 1-1 On the play, Collins passed to Cooper from the left wing to the right hashmark and Cooper found Ryder on the left wing lip of the Windsor crease Ryder gave Plymouth their first lead on a power play at 18 19 of the period when he threaded a shot from the right wing that beat Windsor goaltender Andrew Engleage on

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McGinnis scored on a power play at 3 12 when his high shot the usual fun associated with from the right wing pinballed around Engleage

Plymouth pulled away with

two unanswered goals in the

forty minutes Collins scored

on a stuff from the right wing

goal line at 1 32 and then

second period to lead 4-1 after

the short side post

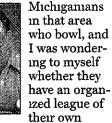
Fournier (rebound at 4 29), O Neill (shot from the left faceoff circle at 10 12) and Henrique (backhand shot right wing at 18 49) completed the scoring in the third period

Plymouth returns home Sunday at 2 p m to host the Sault Ste Marie Greyhounds Tickets are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster com

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He began his bowling career in 1933 and still has the ability to deliver a pretty good shot Desert TV viewers can also

find a show, Country Fried

a bunch of guys armed with shotguns They were blasting away at the pins and keeping score just like regular bowlers would in league play

They apparently use discarded pins that are not likely to last very long in these conditions Don't try this at home Arizona is a nice place to visit, but I'll still take our state, which is a great place to live

All of the hootin' and hollerin for the high school varsity bowling season is over And the local area kids did quite well although they did not come home with a state team tıtle

Livonia Clarencevilles Danielle Fecso, who was a **Division II singles competition** quarterfinalist, will be headed to Fayetteville, NC next fall with a full ride bowling scholarship

And coach Pam Jones says of her team, "Wait 'til next vear

For details on the past high

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America He can be reached at (248) 477 1839 or email tenpinalley@sbcglobai net

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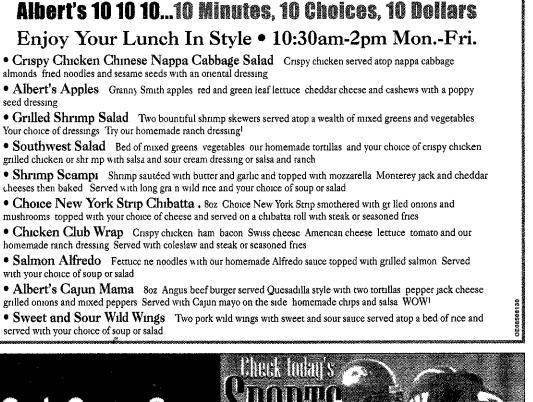
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Got Game? Yep, got scores, too.





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Canton's Ryan Langdon (with ball) pictured above in a game earlier this season scored five points in the Chiefs 68 54 victory over Novi Friday night

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### CANTON FROM PAGE B1

ourselves a little bit at the beginning of the year after starting O 4, but I kept 10 sen iors on this team because I believed in them said Canton coach Charlie Paye They've really come through after the rough start and Neil Sharma has been unbelievable for us the second half of the season

I feel good for the kids They have a few days to enjoy this, but then we have a tough

#### BRING ON THE EAGLETS

- What. Class A Regional semifinal basketball game,
- Who: Canton (17-6) vs Orchard Lake St Mary s (21-2)
- When: Wednesday 6 p m ,
- Where: Troy High School 4777 Northfield Pkwy Troy

How they advanced: Canton ousted Novi 68-54 Friday night while Orchard Lake St Mary's knocked off North Farmington 71 43

Who to watch. Canton junior forward Neil Sharma has been on fire the second half of the season and has led the Chiefs in scoring the past four games the Eaglets are led by MSU-bound senior guard Kalin Lucas

## Canton gymnasts 8th at state

#### **BY JIM TOTH** Staff Writer

Coaches always look for their teams to be peaking at tournament time and for Troy Athens girls gymnastics coach Deanna Fakhouri, that sight couldn t be more pleasing

Fresh off their high-point total a week ago in state regional competition, the Red Hawks followed up with another sterling performance Friday night in the 2007 MHSAA State Team Championships held on their home turf Backed by another solid night of performances from the sister combination on Megan and Michelle Mather, the Red Hawks were able to achieve a third-place finish with a season-best 145 200

"We had an outstanding vault and floor today," Fakhouri said of her teams performance They wanted it really bad, especially after starting off on balance beam and having a rough start The girls have learned throughout the season to really come back from a bad

start, and that s awesome I am thrilled and they gave it their all and thats the most important thing she continued It was the best night Everybody had a hit for it to be a best night Consistency is the name of the game and had we stayed on the balance beam, we might have even been better than 145

Holt which entered the finals as the team to beat, lived up to that billing as they captured the 07 championship with a 148 325 Grand Ledge placed second with 146 700 Following Athens in order of

finish were Forest Hills (144 225), Livonia Stevenson (143 900), Livonia Churchill (143 300), Farmington (142 700), Canton (142 600), Northville (141 550), Portage (138 125), Rochester/Adams (137 400), Rockford (137 100) and Brighton (133 175) Megan Mather, a senior, was Athens top placer on vault

(9 500, fifth) and floor (9 475, 10th), while Michelle, a sopho-

Following Athens in order of finish were Forest Hills (144.225), Livonia Stevenson (143.900), Livonia Churchill (143.300), Farmington (142.700), Canton (142.600), Northville (141.550), Portage (138.125), Rochester/Adams (137.400), Rockford (137.100) and Brighton (133.175).

more, led the team on beam (9 425, fifth and bars (9 075, 10th) Michelle finished with a 36 975 all-around, while Megan totaled 36 675

Naomi Cherup, Karen Guo, Brooke Madzia and Angela McCormick all aided the Red Hawks finish

Farmington, which entered as three-time defending state champion, saw that reign come to an end, despite an outstanding showing from Jill Haapaniemi that was highlighted by a gold medal 9 300 showing on bars among Division 2 competitors

Elana Cocke turned in Farmington's top finish in Division 1 with a 9 550 showing on floor that earned her a tie for third place Cocke posted a 35 775 that included 9 125 on beam, 8 900 on vault and 8 200 on bars

Others scoring well for Farmington included Amy Ancona, Danielle Bresso and Samantha Kohl

I think we got about as much out of this team as we could this year, Farmington coach Jeff Dwyer said after the meet 'I m happy as a coach We were competitive Our goal coming in was trying to crack the top five and we just missed that

"Our bars hurt us today, other than that, we had no falls on beam and that was nice to see, Dwyer continued I ve got a pretty young team and at the state meet it's always a different level of competition"

Stevenson and Churchill were neck-and-neck all night seeking to secure a top five finish and thanks to strong efforts from Laura Nomura, Meghan Powers and Emily Quint, were able to edge out their city rivals Quint, a Division I partici-

Quint, a Division 1 participant, posted a 37 425 all-round that featured a 9 525 on floor and 9 450 on vault Powers, also Division 1, totaled 36 725, and Nomura recorded a 35 500 in Division 2

Andrea Pisani, Paula Guzik and Alicia DiMauro came away as Churchill's top performers Pisani's 37 550 all-around in Division 1 was topped by a 9 500 on floor Guzik scored 37 050 in Division 1, thanks primarily to a 9 500 on beam and 9 475 on vault, and DiMauro finished with a 34 100 all-around in Division 2 with an 8 875 best on floor

Rochester/Adams, which had such a promising regional weekend just a week earlier by totaling 142 52, fell well below that level as injuries and falls made an impact right from the start

"Unfortunately, it was not the best of days,' Rochester/Adams coach Larry Adams said 'It was a combination of the injuries we had, the lack of focus – there just didn t seem to be a whole lot of fire in us tonight right from the beginning Coming in we thought we had a chance if we gave it our best shot, but it didn't happen today

Sara Moore and Cristal Klein were two of the Rochester/Adams tumblers who did draw praise from Adams for their efforts Moore compiled a 35 200 all-around in Division 2 and Klein tallied a 35 375 in Division 2 as well

Meaghen McWhorter of Grand Ledge, competing in Division 1, emerged as the meet s top gymnast, taking the top spot on vault (9 775), bars (9 725) and floor (9 700) and placing second on beam (9 525)

one on wednesday

The Chiefs threatened to run away and hide from Novi on a few occasions Friday night but the resilient Wildcats found a way to counter just about every Canton run with one of their own That is, until the final 3 20 when the hosts stretched a 56 51 advantage into the 14 point victory thanks largely to 10-of-12 shooting from the free-throw line

Altogether, Canton swished 21-of 26 free throw attempts (80 7 percent) while Novi con nected on just 5 of-13 (38 4 percent)

"At halftime, we told the kids that Novi wasn't about to quit said Paye Every time wed get an eight- or nine-point lead, it seemed like they d get a couple baskets or wed make a couple mental errors and they'd get back into it

I give Novi credit for hang ing around and our kids credit for stopping their runs when we had to

Canton senior guard Josh Butler was solid, netting 12 points, three rebounds and five assists Reserve forward Steve Paye also made a major contri

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bution with 11 points and five boards

A pair of reserve forwards — Eric Zech and Caleb Larner also played major roles for the winners pitching in with four and seven points respectively

Zech and Larner were huge for us tonight coming off the bench, said Paye Caleb scored some key baskets and Eric gave us a lot of energy

Caleb Dean paced the Wildcats with 15 points Reserve forward Tyler Hoover added 11 and sophomore guard Brandon Bradford chipped in with 10 points and five rebounds

The game was knotted at 9 all after one quarter Novi then grabbed its only lead of the night -11 9 - on a Dean bas ket 10 seconds into the second stanza.

The Chiefs never trailed after Steve Paye countered four straight free throws on consec utive trips down the court to make it 13-11

Payes basket with two seconds left in the half extended Cantons lead to 33 24 The Wildcats cut a 50 40 deficit down to seven when Brandon Bradford canned a triple from the corner with one second left in the third quarter

Larner banked in a glasser 31 seconds into the fourth quarter to push the Chiefs advantage to 52 43 The clos est Novi could get over the final eight minutes was 56-51

Charlie Paye pointed to his teams low turnover total (nine) for one of the keys to the victo ry

We ve been taking care of the ball, which is something we weren t doing early in the season he said. If we can keep the turnovers under 12 or 13 thats pretty good

Led by Sharmas seven boards, Canton outrebounded Novi 30 22

Mike Longo led the Wildcats with six caroms

The Chiefs shot well, hitting 22-of-46 field goals (478 per cent) They were especially hot in the third quarter when they connected on 7-of-11 shots

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ranging from 4 6 miles For more information send an e-mail to Bo@sprauer com or call Gary Haf at (248) 231 6114

#### BEACH PARTY FUND-RAISER

The Plymouth Wildcat Beach Party Fund-raiser to raise funds for the Plymouth High School athletic programs will be held from 6 p m to midnight Saturday, March 24, at the VFW Hall, located at 1055 S Wayne Rd in Westland

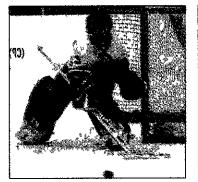
The night will be highlighted by a reverse draw down that will award \$1,000 to the first prize winner, \$500 to second and \$250 to third Last year over \$10,000 in prizes were given away

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Goalie Kristie Kowalski deflects a Cranbrook-Kingswood shot during Friday night's championship game

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rebound past PCS netminder Kristie Kowalski, who couldn't corral the initial stop

Meanwhile, Zimmerman and company outshot Cranbrook in the second period, 11-6, and as a result scored three goals to expand their lead to 4-1

Zimmerman snapped a wrist shot past LaGrasso on the stick side with 9 22 left to put the Penguins ahead for good Keely Kowalski drew the assist

Adrienne Cercone added a power-play goal four minutes later, as she slid the puck under a sprawling LaGrasso after a mad scramble in front of the net Zimmerman and Kelsey Nikkila recorded assists

"We've all worked hard together to get this done and it feels a little surreal right now,' said Zimmerman

She dropped in her third goal with 19 seconds left in the second, and Kowalski rounded

### 'The girls really came out and played loose tonight and it's just been an unbelievable year.'

PCS first year head coach

out the scoring for the Penguins in the third period with a nice wrist shot from the point

Kristie Kowalski turned aside 25 of Cranbrook 's 27 shots

"I think Kristie is one of the top goalies in the state," said Mink

Kowalski started all 24 games for the Penguins this season

"We wouldn t have made it anywhere without Kristie because she's always there to make the big save,' said Zimmerman

As the final buzzer sounded,



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## Penguins skate past Pioneers in semis

#### BY ED WRIGHT Staff Writer

With 2 28 left in Thursday night's Michigan girls high school hockey semifinal game, Ann Arbor's Angie Chronis lost her balance and slid into the net skates-first after misfiring on a break-away

It turns out that was the only thing got past Plymouth-Canton-Salem goalie Kristie Kowalski all night

Sparked by Kowalski's stellar play between the pipes, the Penguins held off a late Pioneer surge and won 2-0 to advance into Friday's state championship contest against the winner of Thursday night's Cranbrook Kingswood-

Livonia Ladywood matchup Kowalski turned away 17 Ann Arbor shots in the third period alone to record her 10th shutout of the season

10th shutout of the season 'Kristie was outstanding tonight,' said PCS coach Eric Mink

"I'm very proud of her The girls were a little nervous before the game tonight, but they played well enough to win I don't think we've played our best game yet" PCS, which improved to 21-0-2 overall, notched the only goal it needed just over five minutes into the game when Nikki Songer controlled a loose puck near mid-ice, deked Pioneer Clarice Grantham then back-handed the puck into the back of the net to make it 1-0 Edra Burris was credited with an assist on the goal

The Penguins registered an insurance marker with 1 16 left in the second period when Adrienne Cercone ripped a power-play goal past Grantham Katie Zimmerman assisted

The Penguins received strong efforts from defensemen Stephanie Matusiak, Keely Kowalski, Amy Coleman, Kristin Callahan and Shauna Siebert

Kristie Kowalski s most sensational save came with 9 58 left when she smothered a shot off the stick of Annelise Heeringa from the doorstep

The Pioneers outshot the Penguins, 26-21

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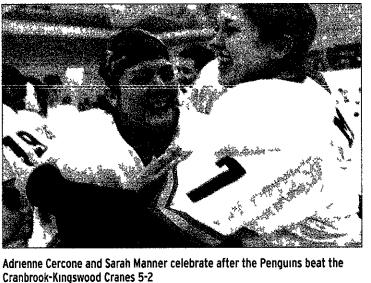
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Penguin Amy Coleman keeps the puck from Cranbrook's Anna Brown

Plymouth-Canton Salem captains Kristin Callahan Amy Coleman and Adrienne Cercone accept the state championship trophy





Kow alski described what it felt like on the ice

'It was kind of funny because I really didn't hear the buzzer go off, and the next thing I knew my teammates knocked me over and we began celebrating," she said

Kowalski also made several big saves in the closing minutes as PCS held off a late surge from Cranbrook, including a six-on-three advantage after the Cranes pulled their goalie

'Those last few minutes were intense but I just tried to stay focused and count on my defenseman, added Kowalski

Friday night's loss was only Cranbrook's fourth of the season, three of which came against PCS

"They just kept coming at us in waves tonight, and they're a well-coached team," said Cranbrook head coach Tom LaGrasso

The Penguins also avenged last year's trip to the finals where they lost to Grosse Pointe South, 5-1

"The girls really came out and played loose tonight and it's just been an unbelievable year," said Mink, who served as an assistant coach at PCS for two years before taking over the reins this season 'Three years ago I knew very little about girls hockey, and now to be a part of this is a pretty awesome feeling," added Mink



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## What are you attracting?

#f I have heard it once, I have heard it a million times Be careful of the company you keep "

Mom always felt it was important for me to know this And how many times have you heard the phrase guilty by association?"

As a young child, my parents always made it clear that in life it was very important not only for me to live a decent, upstanding life but that it was critical for me to pay



attention to the individuals surrounding me As I grew older however, I was able to do my own observing and view ing of life and have discovered one uni versal truth that many may be con fused by but is something very

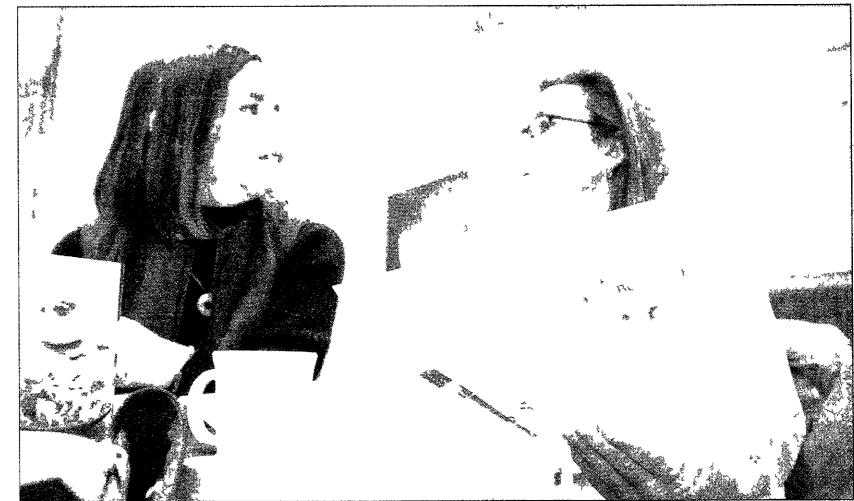
clear if we just open our eyes

If you have ever been a fan of the theory "opposites attract think about this How many times have you seen a couple together and you've noticed they have the same sense of humor, whether that humor is sinister or something more light hearted, the couple just seems to have a private language all their own?

Or how many times have you come across an individual in business who is all about the money, then you meet their assistant? You think to yourself, they must be twins, because of the simple fact they are so much alike

Social scientists and behavioral scientists have been discussing this human makeup for years, and that is we as human beings attract to our selves what we are Its not difficult to understand that we humans truly like being around those, and with those who are like ourselves I am not talking about what s on the out side – and the key to understanding this is first having a good sense of self

Example If you are a woman and you keep saying, I want a nice



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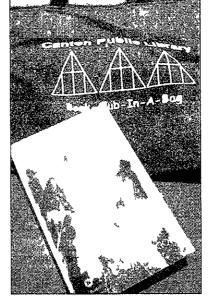
Amy Watts (left) and Jackie Dostine look over materials from the library that tell groups how to start a book club



## Book clubs bring literature lovers together

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Holly Bedour admits the book she selected for the Canton club to discuss in February is a trashy historical romance novel, but all of the members seemed to love learning about Mary Boleyn a mistress of Henry VIII in The Other Boleyn Girl by Philippa Gregory The book was on the Canton Public Library list of must reads as part of the Book-Club in a Bag kits that include eight copies of a specif ic title discussion questions a biography of the author, and any reviews The Canton library lends 60 different titles regularly to the nearly 40 clubs its registered including the as yet unnamed one that meets at Panera Bread on Ford Road in Canton Founded in June 2005 by Michelle Grytzelius the club varies in size with about 12 members who are neighbors in Fellows Creek subdivi sion The women, ranging from their mid 30s to early 50s, meet about every six weeks and take turns selecting books "Most of the members are working moms of small children friends and neighbors of Michelle, said Bedour Most reviews are done at Panera except for Memoirs of a Geisha when we met at a Japanese restaurant Its



The Canton library s Book Club in a Bag kits consist of eight copies of a specific title discussion questions a biography of the author and any published reviews





sweet and kind guv in my life but all you seem to be attracting are mean, angry and hostile men I say look inside Ask some tough ques tions Do you harbor resentment? Do you like to give people little digs in conversation if you suddenly decide you don t like them? Think about it

Who we are at our deepest core is who we really are If deep down you only want what s best for people and you are working hard to achieve that that shines through and people who are on the same page as you will be attracted to you

Those that reject you for who you are at your core are not like you so understand that and don t be offended by them Just move on

When it comes to people positive and negative can never share the same space without friction that only occurs when we are talking about batteries Remember that

So in life as you try to accomplish your goals and set priorities keep in mind that whatever stage in life you are in, you need individuals around you who are on the same page as you

If you are a positive and upbeat person, keep negative and com plaining individuals at a distance If you have the opportunity to pick a team to work with and you happen to be a stickler for time, choose those around you that value time and deadlines as much as you do It will make life so much easier

What are you attracting? Just look ınsıde yourself If you don t like what you see, the greatest strength we human beings have is the power to change If while at work, too much of your time is being spent gossiping and you don't want to be involved in that anymore, just stop You have the power to take your life where it needs to go

You say you want good, reliable friends in your life, I say to you, Be one It may take some time but believe me, it will happen When you start changing for the better, better will come to you

Bobbie Jones is a Belleville resident and regular contributor to the Observer She can be reached via e mail at WORKHARD36@aol com

PLEASE SEE BOOK CLUBS, C4

Canton librarian Ellen Pare joined the women in a neighborhood book club for a discussion of The Other Boleyn Girl' at Panera Bread



Jackie Dostine (left), Holly BeDour, librarian Ellen Pare, Michelle Grytzelius and Amy Watts discuss 'The **Other Boleyn** Girl, historical fiction by Philippa Gregory, at Panera Bread in Canton

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## Catholic conference inspires men of all ages

#### BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Not everyone goes on to join the seminary like Jeff Allan did, but participants do leave the annual Catholic Conference for Men feeling inspired about following Christ

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit, the event takes place from 8 a m (doors open at 7 a m) to 3 30 pm Saturday March 24 at University of Detroit Mercy, Calıhan Hall, 4001 W McNichols Detroit

Cost 1s \$40 in advance, \$50 at door \$25 students, and includes box lunch For information call (734) 459 9558 or visit www.christschosen.com.or www.mensfellowship.com

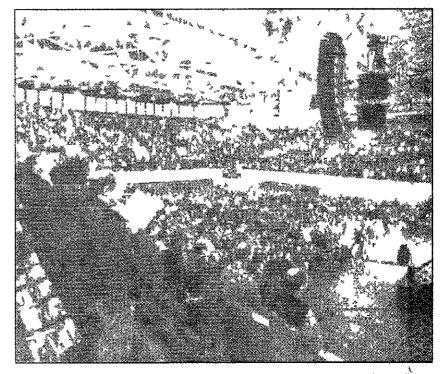
The day features speakers and a 2 30 p m Mass Confession is available throughout the event

"There's always something special when 3,000 to 3,500 men come together to celebrate Christ and

their faith and learn from one another, said Allan, a 28-year-old first year seminarian at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit Allan a former Livonia resident hopes to be ordained a priest in five years

Attending the past conferences impacted and influenced mejust how the Lord is working in the lives of men There's something special happening in mens fellowship here and around the world Men are being faced with a lot of challenges - family life work, different distractions like media, pornography, alcoholism, drugs Conferences like this can make men accountable and helps to find answers to some of those questions

The Rev John Riccardo opens the conference by challenging men to be Courageous Companions of Christ the theme of this years event Riccardo is the 41-year old pastor of St Anastasia Parish in



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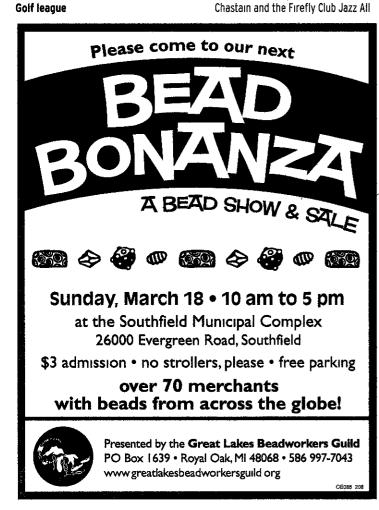
#### Sciencepalooza

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The Sciencepalooza science street fair gears up for FUN tastic Physics at the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum April 7 8 Sciencepalooza is held the first weekend of every month at the Museum and explores a specific topic in a fun and festive environment with in depth hands on experiments activ ities special guests and demonstra tions Twenty different hands on activities developed and presented by the Society of Physics students will be on display in conjunction with the FOCUS labs a UM research laboratory The Blake Lilly prize a national award that recognizes outstanding commu nity outreach and physics education was awarded to the UM student group after last year's Sciencepalooza. The Museum will host hands on activities and interactive projects exploring many different aspects of physics Unveil the mystery of magnets explore gravity and simply have fun with simple machines. This event is free with regular Museum admission and will take place Saturday April 7 10 a m to 5 p m and Sunday April 8 noon 5 pm For more information visit www.aahom.org.or.call (734) 995 5439

#### **Golf league**



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#### 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 rr com for appli cation or call (734) 595 1083 Prostate screening

St Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a prostate screening and Men's Health Day 8 a m to 1 p m Saturday March 31 Men can receive a prostate screen ing learn about medical and health Information and more Prostate screening Day consists of a blood test for Prostate Specific Antigen 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 dona tion to the new St Mary Mercy Cancer Center is optional Appointments fill quickly To register call (734) 655 8963 St Mary Mercy Hospital is locat ed at 36475 Five Mile (at Levan) in Livonia

#### AAUW's 'The Petticoat Ladies' The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host a public performance by The Petticoat

Ladies at 6.45 p.m. Tuesday March 13 at Fox Run Retirement Community 41000 13 Mile Road Novi (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 Lenten fish fry

St Sebastian Catholic Church 20700 Colgate in Dearborn Heights hosts its annual all you can eat Lenten Fish Fry 47 pm Fridays through April 6 The event features baked and fried fish macaroni and cheese spaghetti cole slaw and dessert Cost is \$8 50 for adults \$475 for children under 12 For more information call (313) 562 5356 **Bocce for bucks** 

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

Township Bocce for Bucks III features an afternoon of indoor bocce ball tournament play ideal for families and people of all ages an Italian buf fet silent auction and much more. No prior experience 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 visits Tickets are available with the following benefits \$100 Guest ticket Receives bocce play Italian buffet din ner 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 invita tion to Private Repetactor Recention For sponsorship advertising or ticket information for Bocce for Bucks III call (248) 967 8324 or visit vna org

#### Waste to Watts

The Ann Arbor Hands on Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibi tion through summer of 2007 due to popular demand Waste to Watts shows how new environmentally friendly technology can turn our trash into electricity Developed by Landfill Energy Systems of Wixom Michigan this one of a kind exhibit demon strates how methane gas recovery from landfills can be used as an alter native energy source ultimately reducing our dependency on other fuels Hours are 10 a m to 5 p m Monday Saturday noon to 5 p m Sunday For information visit www.aahom.org.or.call (734) 995 5439

#### Card party/luncheon

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

#### Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the library's list of best-sell-

**LIBRARY PICKS** 

ers 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 online at plymouthlibrary org

#### FICTION

1 "Innocent in Death,' J D Robb

2 "Step on a Crack,' James Patterson/Michael Ledwidge 3 "Sisters,' Danielle Steel

4 'The Double Bind,' Chris Bohjalian

5 "For One More Day," Mitch Albom

#### **NON-FICTION**

1 "The Audacity of Hope,' Barack Obama

2 "Somebody's Gotta Say It,' Neal Boortz

3 "A Long Way Gone," Ishmael Beah

4 'The Innocent Man," John Grisham

5 "About Alice,' Calvin Trillin

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

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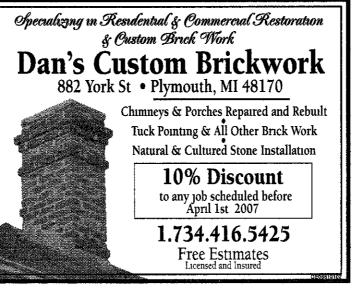
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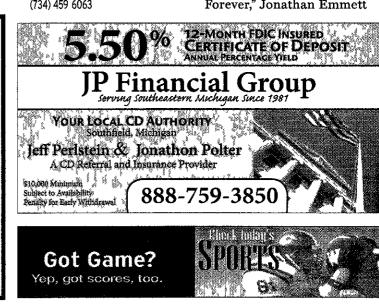
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Again,' Cece Bell 4 "Pirate Treasure Map,"

Colin Hawkins

5 'I Love You Always and Forever," Jonathan Emmett







### **Nominate Outstanding Community Volunteers**

Winners will be honored at United Way for Southeastern Michigan's Celebrate Volunteers...Recognizing HomeTown Heroes Awards Luncheon, April 16.

The award categories are as follows:

**Bernie Firestone Labor Award CorPLUS** Award **Exemplary Group Service Award Governor's Honor Roll** Heart of Gold Award **Outstanding Youth Award** Young Adult Award of Excellence **Outstanding Business Award** 

Call United Way at 313-226-9430 for complete nomination information or go to www.uwsem.org. All nominations are due to United Way by 5 p.m., March 16.

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### **BOOK CLUBS**

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certainly a good time to get together with friends and we all like to read

Jackie Dostine of Canton is reading four books at a time All of the women are avid readers They came together after Grytzelius sent a flier announcing the book club to 99 homes in her subdivision

Its a fun night out, said Grytzelius, an engineer at Ford "Its interesting to hear other points of view Its a good way to broaden your horizon I like the book club because it promotes a sense of community in our neighborhood

I really enjoy reading I have a 4-year-old and a 1-year-old I used to read all the time before I had kids

Grytzelius researched the history of Mary Boleyn and Henry VIII of England on www.wikipedia.com while reading the book about the girl who at age 14 became Henry's mistress Later, her sister, Anne, seduces Henry while Mary 15 recovering from childbirth

This book was interesting, said Grytzelius "You wanted to know what was real and not It was based on history

I was drawn in on the first page or part of the book, said Dostine The book begins and ends with a beheading I said I have to read more

Amy Watts enjoyed reading about Anne who becomes drunk with power and was beheaded for treason

Becky Schmitz doubted the validity of the book because she never heard of Mary Boleyn until she went online to read about her

#### **STARTING A CLUB**

Canton librarian Ellen Pare is fairly quiet during the book club meeting until asked how books are selected for the kits

Pare is one of the adult servic es librarians who called Grytzelius for information when the library's fiction committee was writing the brochure How to Start a Book Club in 7 Easy Steps which became available last fall Tips include how to search for members, cost and organization choosing a time and place for meetings, what to talk about, and selecting future books

Only recently the library began offering clubs the option of having a librarian present to assist in the discussion and answer questions such as how to select a book

'We usually wait until they're in paperback except for large print which only comes in hard back" said Pare 'I admit we ve picked dogs

Among the librarians current favorites are the nonfiction ALife in Two Genders by Jennifer Finney Boylan, Nickel and Dimed On (Not) Getting By in American by Barbara Ehrenreich and Blink The Power of Thinking Without Thinking by Malcolm Gladwell Favorite fiction titles includes Interpreter of Maladies Stories by Jhumpa Lahırı, My Sıster s Keeper by Jodi Picoult, and Plainsong by Kent Haruf

Canton librarian Kim Brandow says even if readers don t like a book, they can learn from it Brandow serves on the library's fiction committee and helped write the brochure

"We re not the first library to put together such a resource, said Brandow "We recognize these book clubs are a phenomena

Starting a club is not brain surgery It's relatively easy We give them simple steps on how to start a book club and let them know what resources we have as a library

'We do encourage them to have a few people with different beliefs and perspectives and obviously to pick a good book That is a bit of an art, but sometimes books you don t like generate the best discussions, and book clubs generate books you might not pick yourself"

Brandow says book clubs today meet at a variety of inter esting places including Internet cafes, churches, Cantons Summit recreation center and

other community centers, and homes

The Canton library offers a number of clubs including their Lunch and a Book group, teen and childrens book groups, and the Adult Contemporary Book Discussion

For information, visit www.cantonpl.org

#### **PEOPLE WANT TO SHARE**

For a lot of people its a social outlet Primarily women belong to clubs but men too. said Brandow Homes and restaurants are the two most popular places to meet

It can be fairly inexpensive if you get your books from a library Its a fairly mexpensive way to get together"

Canton librarian Rebecca Havenstein Coughlin has watched the book club phenomena grow over the last 27 years

They seem to be more popular now said Havenstein-Coughlin People are listening to books on tape as well as reading it It gives it another dimension A lot of books are made into movies

People read and want to share Thats the main incentive for book clubs They want somebody elses perspective

Pare is especially excited about the new Family Book Talk group the Canton library is starting for children in fourth to sixth grade with their parents Online registration begins March 12

They read the same book and come together and discuss it said Pare Im the mother of daughters 10 and 11 When I first heard about the concept of a mother-daughter book group I thought it would be a wonder ful opportunity for us to discuss things and get to know each other better I worked for two years to get a mother daughter book club off the ground It turned out people were just too busy, but I think book clubs have been growing steadily since I started (at the library) in 2001

For more information call the Canton library at (734) 397 0999

## Book clubs offer opportunity to share

#### BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WR TER

Book clubs are springing up all over, many in conjunction with local libraries, but some run by individuals

At the Alfred Noble Library in Livonia, Carol Harrison always welcomes new members 1 30 p m on the fourth Thursday of the month For details, call (734) 421-6600 Marchs book is Mermaids Singing by Lisa Carey, a novel about three generations of women It is set partly in Ireland

'We try not to do things from the best seller list, said Harrison, branch librarian 'We try to find authors they might not know of to introduce them to new authors Because we ve been meeting for quite a while people are comfortable with one another and frequently move on to other topics'

#### WESTLAND LIBRARY

The Westland library caters to a range of tastes and ages For information call (734) 326 6123 or visit www.westland lib mi us

Barbara Given, childrens associate especially is excited about Beginning Bookies for kindergarten to second grade The club meets 2 p m Sunday, March 18

"It's literature-based, said Given "We talk about the book and then do some kind of fun activity March they ll learn to read a thermometer and make their own froggy thermometer The third- and fourth-grade book club also read and do some kind of craft or activity Kids register and get a book to read and at the meeting discuss the book and socialize

Given leads the fifth and sixth-grade book club which reads a variety of genres

"We read a book about a magician and the kids made wizard hats, said Given This month were reading Chasing Vermeer and will be doing some thing with geometric shapes Were trying to broaden their horizons hopefully so they'll look at all sorts of books - science fiction, historical fiction" Bridget Sturdy the teen

hbrarian, leads the animemanga (Japanese animation or comics) group This summer, she hopes to start a teen discussion club for sixth through 12thgrade students who like to read supernatural fiction about vampires, werewolves or books like the Princess Diaries and Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants

Cathy Pense, adult services librarian, likes to pair books with movies At 7 p m March 20 the selection is The Other Boleyn Girl by Philippa Gregory about the lesser known mistress of Henry VIII The novel is set to be made into a movie in October

Anyone can come,' said Pense 'We vote on the books to read and try to do a good variety, different cultures, some histori cal fiction, couple of nonfiction, maybe a biography a year so men and women readers both like it

Science fiction is the newest club for adults in Westland It meets at 7 p m on the last Wednesday of each month and draws readers ranging from their mid 20s to a retired sci ence teacher

We started it about one year ago said Jane Lowry, reference librarian It started taking off in November 2006 when I listed it on the Internet We had four people come out right away and it's been growing ever since We welcome just about anybody and don't require you to have a lot of background, just read the book and show up Science fiction takes you out of everyday things Its an easy way to get really lost in a book

#### **REDFORD TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**

Children's librarian Karen Clinton is proud of the fact the Redford library offers book clubs for all ages, but especially teenage boys and girls Call (313) 531-5960 or visit www redfordhbrary org

My daughter, Alison, is in the teen club, said Chinton She doesn t get an opportunity to read the kinds of things she likes to read The club meets 7 p m the last Thursday of the month You have to have a library card and be at least 13 and get to

keep the book If you dont show up you won't get the next book.

Redford Readers, ages 9-12, meets 7 p m on the second Tuesday New 1s the adult book club starting in April - Redford Recreational Readers - 7 p m on the second Wednesday of each month It will be lead by Linda Pride, an adult services librarian at the Redford and **Plymouth libraries** 

"I believe every library should have a book club to get readers together," said Pride 'One of the things I really enjoy about book clubs, you expand your horizons, read things you wouldnt read on your own

Two years ago Mark and Karen Sleboda formed The History Buffs Book Club that meets the first Monday of the month at the Redford library For details, call (313) 255 7841 or send e-mail to slavmail\_sleboda@yahoo com Two of the last books dealt with the development of US railroads

'We read every kind of history - American, European, Asian, and even Greek history, said Mark Sleboda, who's studying for a masters degree in history at Eastern Michigan University The nicest thing about the discussion group is everyone gets to articulate what they thought was interesting

#### PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY

Sue Patterson, adult services librarian, leads the adult Contemporary Books club that meets in the evening at the Plymouth library, which also offers a teen club and is discussing forming a tween club

'We re always open to anybody no obligation, just come when you can and enjoy good book talk, said Patterson

Linda Pride leads the discus sion of The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion, the selection for the Brown Bag Lunch group at noon March 28

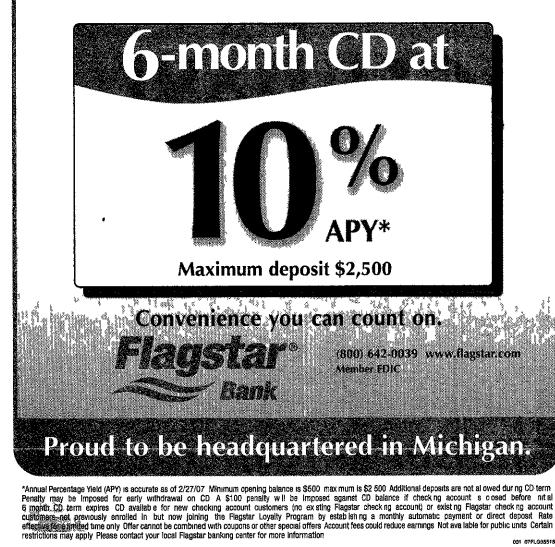
'Its mostly female members, but we ve had two guys, said Pride 'We have some retirees, stay-at-home moms, people who work an afternoon shift

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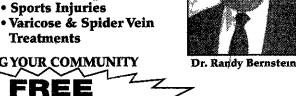
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#### **ENGAGEMENTS**

#### **Brown-Morris**

Rick and Nancy Morris, of Canton, announce the engagement of their son, Shane Morris, to Kelli Brown, of Des Moines, Iowa

Shane is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and Michigan State University He has a bachelor's degree in economics He works at the Des Moines Register as an advertising account executive

Kellı ıs a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia. She works as a graphic designer in the Des Moines Register newsroom

The couple met in Lansing, Mich, and now live in Des

#### Walters-Hansen

Robert and Diane Walters of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Elizabeth Walters, to Christin Julius Hansen, the son of Hans and Joyce Hansen of Canton

The bride-to-be earned an associate's degree from Schoolcraft Community College and 1s currently a sen-10r at Central Michigan University

The prospective groom is a senior at the University of Toledo

An August 2008 wedding is planned at St Colette Catholic Church in Livonia.

#### Bullock-Smith

Mr and Mrs Daniel Bullock of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Mary Bullock, to Eric Ryan Smith of Scottsdale, Ariz Eric is the son of Mr and

Mrs Michael Smith of Quincy, MI

A spring 2008 wedding is planned at St John's of Plymouth

#### Malaniak-Niemiec

Gordon and Sandra Malaniak of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Marie Malaniak of Rochester, Minn , to Timothy Donald Niemiec of Westland

Melissa Marie Malaniak is a 2001 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 2006 graduate of Wayne State College of Nursing She is employed at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn

Moines They are planning their wedding in early September in Des Moines



As space permits the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print without charge announcements of class reunions Send the information to Reunions Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48170 Please include the date of the reunion one contact per son and a telephone number

#### 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 Borgess

#### 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 p.m. Saturday

#### **SINGLES**

#### **MISC. SINGLES**

Ballroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8 30 11 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center 15218 Farmington Road Livonia Admission quest/\$6 associ ates/\$5 50 members/\$5 Dress women date style clothes men jackets and ties For more information call Joe Castrodale (248) 968 5197

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Anytime 6 45 9 45 p m Drop in volleyball in the gym and field house of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School 4200 Quarton Road west of Telegraph Cost is \$6 In the park Farmington Hills anytime 6 30 pm to dusk Heritage Park Farmington Road between 10 Mile and

#### **CLASS REUNIONS**

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 Weber's 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 **Detroit Cody** 

#### Class of 1957

A 50th reunion at the Embassy Suites Livonia

Oct 5 2007 Cost is \$90 per person complete with dinner, open bar mem ory book CD champagne toast and much more This invitation is to all 50s graduates Deadline is June 25 Call 800 859-9502 or email loret@wideopenwest for details Cost is \$90.00 per person complete with dinner open bar memory book cham pagne toast and much more

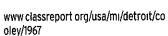
#### **Detroit Cooley** Classes of 1967, 1968

Reunion 6 30 p.m. Saturday Sept 29 2007 at Laurel Manor Livonia Discounted tickets before March 1 Contact Dave Junguist at (810)667 9131 Website www.geocities.com/coo levreunions67 All classmates are encouraged to register for inclusion in memory book at



#### **ELMER H. EAST**

formerly of Toledo Ohio, died Wednesday March 7 2007 in Plymouth, Michigan where he resided for the past ten years Born in Akron, Ohio on April 23rd 1912, he lived the early part of his life in Cincinnati, Ohio moving to Toledo in his late 20 s He worked for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and later was a Certified Life Underwriter for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company He was a member of Ashland Avenue Baptist Church where he taught Sunday school was a Deacon and was on the executive committee He started Cub Scout units at Ashland Church McKinley School, and Old Orchard School He was president of Glass City Toastmasters and president of the Optimist Club He coached students for the Optimist Club speech contests Many of these contestants went on to Sue competition Other nembershipand activities in his rich life include Toledo Zenobia Shriners in which he was a past president of the Drum & Bugle Corp Unit and a former ambassador to Wood County In addition he was a member in good standing with The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Lodge Council Chapter Consistory, Valley of Toledo, The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, Ft Industry Lodge The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, Ft Miami Calumet Chapter #191 Grand Council Royal & Select Masons of Ohio Calumet Council #133 and Toledo Knights Templar Mr East was also a member of the Maumee Ohio Elks Club and later, the Plymouth, Michigan Elks Club For seven years, he was a director of the Jack Lake Association Apsley, Ontario, Canada This and so much more, makes up the 'dash' between 1912-2007 Preceding him in death was his wife, Dorothy (Derby) East Surviving are his daughters Sally (Gary) Galliers of Plymouth Mi and Polly (Powell) Kingsley of Michigan, grandchildren, Powell Kingsley Jr of Michigan, Douglas Galliers of Plymouth, Mi, Kelly (Kingsley) Hooton of Clarkston, Mi Michael Galliers of Plymouth, Mi Christy (Galliers) Rosebush of Pinckney, Mi, Mindy (Kingsley) Tehero of Highland Mi, and David Kingsley of Plymouth, Mi There are also seven great grandchildren The family will hold a private memorial service Memorial contributions may be made to ANGELA HOSPICE 14100 Newburgh Rd, Livonia, Mi 48154 SHRINER'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, BURNS UNIT, 3229 Burnet Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229-3095 or ASHLAND AVENUE BAP TIST CHURCH 2001 Ashland Ave, Toledo, Ohio 43620



#### **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**

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**

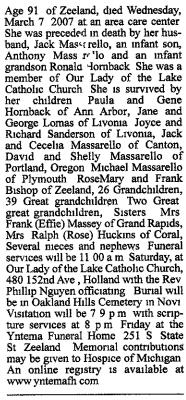
Class of 1967

A 40th reunion will be held 6 30 11 30 p m 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

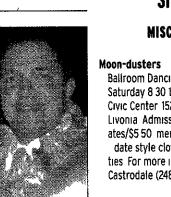
A 50 year reunion Oct 12 2007 at O Kelley KofC Council Dearborn In interested in attending or know the whereabouts or former classmates contact John Duff at oliverlynn@aol com or phone (734)261 3346

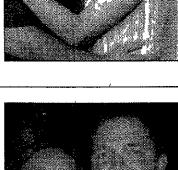
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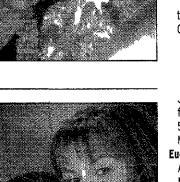
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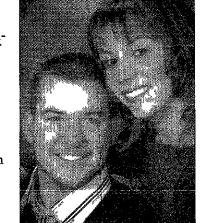














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Timothy Donald Niemiec is the son of Donald and Frances Niemiec of Westland He is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School He is currently pursuing doctor of pharmacy degree at Wayne State University

A July 2007 wedding is

#### Londberg-Keyes

Kristy Marie Londberg and Joshua John Keyes are planning a March 2008 wedding at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church in Westland

Kristy Londberg is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Ray Jackson of Plymouth and Mr and Mrs Norman Londberg of Allen Park She is a graduate of John Glenn High School and the Henry Ford Nursing School She is employed as a registered nurse at Henry Ford Hospital

Joshua Keyes 15 the son of Russ and Cathy Keyes of Westland He is a graduate of John Glenn High School and Eastern Michigan University and the Henry Ford Nursing School He is employed as a registered nurse in trauma at Garden City High School

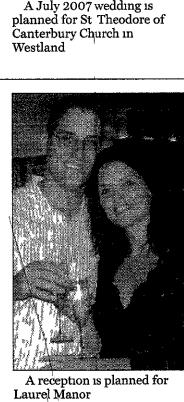
#### Herald-Rangaswamy

Kathy and John Herald announce the engagement of their daughter, Lesley Anne Herald, to Chetan Rangaswamy

Lesley Anne Herald 1s a 1996 graduate of Canton High School and a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in supply chain management She is employed by Accenture Consulting in Chicago as a manager

Chetan Rangaswamy is the son of Dr and Mrs BV Rangaswamy of Cambridge, Ohio He is a 1999 graduate of Ohio University with a degree in engineering and business He is employed by Accenture Consulting in Chicago

A May 2007 wedding 1s planned in Plymouth with a



The couple will make their home is Garden City

reception at the St John's **Conference** Center The couple will honeymoon in the Maldives and make their home in Chicago

#### THE AMERICAN SINGLES' GOLF ASSOCIATION

#### Open House

11 Mile Cost \$2

Thursday March 15 at the Bahama Breeze Restaurant 19600 Haggerty Road (between Seven Eight Mile roads on the east side of Haggerty) Cocktails and mingling between 67 p m with announcements at 7 p m Dinner is optional and is off the menu For more information contact Diane at (248) 347 0379 or stop by our booth at the Michigan Golf Show held on March 9 11 at the Rock Financial Showplace 46100 Grand River Novi

#### **BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST**

#### Breakfast meeting

Saturday March 17 at Leon's Family Dining 30249 Ford Road Garden City For details contact Kathy M at (734) 513 9479

#### Lenten Mass

9 a m Sunday March 25 Felician Sister Chapel at Madonna University 36600 Schoolcraft Road Livonia Use Newburgh exit Breakfast to follow Mass for details contact Kathy M (734) 513 9479

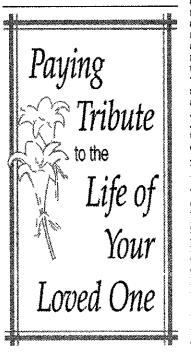
#### Together Dance

8 p m Saturday March 31 at St Robert Bellarmine 27101 W Chicago Redford Limited to 450 paid admissions only Proper attire \$12 admission For more information call Loretta from Bethany East at (586)264 0284

#### PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

#### Monthly dance

The Wayne Westland chapter of Parents Without Partners sponsors a singles dance on the second Saturday of every month at the Dearborn Elks Club at 25000 Michigan Ave 9 p m 1 a m Disc jockey cash bar \$6 members \$8 nonmembers Public invited Information Pat (248) 478 8977 or Diana (734) 751 7386



Tuesday call vermeulen Funeral Home for time and place (734) 459 2250 Mr Emmett earned degrees in mechanical and electrical engineering from GMI (now known as Kettering University) and worked for 21 years at General Motors from student engineer to Plant Manager at Hydromatic He was also founder and President of Superior Controls of Plymouth, and Orchards in Superior Township He was a member of the Kettering University Alumni Association and served for 12 years as a Superior Township Board Trustee He enjoyed mountain biking, travel, body building, wind surfing, and running He enjoyed piloting and enjoyed cars, as well as micro biology Interment will be at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia Memorial Contributions may be made to Children International, PO Box 219055, Kansas City MO 64121 ww children org To leave a message of condolence, log on to

DAVID CHARLES EMMETT

Age 64 of Superior Township March

Dear father of Brad (Julie) Jodie and

Kellı Dear grandfather of Wyatt David

Emmett Dear brother of Karen (Dave)

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Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and

2007 Beloved husband of Mary

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of Slinger, Wisconsin passed

#### JOHN P. GOSZ

away on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at the age of 65 years He was born in Manitowoc, WI, March 23, 1941, the son of John and Helen Gosz John married Karen Wagner in Theresa, WI on June 11 1966 He is preceded in death by their daughter Jennifer Gosz, his father John Gosz and his nephew Jason Gosz He is survived by his wife Karen and their daughter Jacqueline Gosz of New Berlin, WI his mother Helen Gosz of Green Bay, WI his brothers and sister, JoAnn Gosz, Robert (Sandy) Gosz, and Joseph (Monica) Gosz all of Green Bay Also survived by nieces nephews other relatives and many friends John served in the United States Army for 14 years and 11 years in the reserves He served in the Vietnam Conflict and retired as a Lt Colonel in the Army After retirement from the Army, he worked for the Ford Motor Company as a super-vising engineer in the light trucks division John was an avid sports enthusiast He was an outrageous Packer fan John skied the Birkebeiner ten times! John participated in charity bike-a thons and was an avid golfer He enjoyed fly fishing in the mountains John was on the board for Trouts Unlimited He volunteered for the Washington County Red Cross and was a master carpenter John will be deeply missed by his wife and daugh ter, and his extended family Visitation Sunday March 11 at Bla-ney's Funeral Home, 1521 Shawano Green Bay, WI from 3-8 p m and at Old St Joseph's Church at St Nor bert's College, 100 Grant Street DePere WI on Monday March 12th from 9 11 a m Mass of Christian Burial Monday at 11 a m at St Joseph's Church Rev Jim Nielson, O Praem, and Rev Tim Shillcox, O Praem, officiating

#### **DAVID A. SOLOMON**

Age 51, of Wayne, March 8 2007 Beloved husband of Kathleen Dear father of Angela (Adam) Moore, Michelle (Michael) Tyson and Laura Solomon Loving grandfather of Dylan and Madeline Dearest son of Pete and Stella He is also survived by his sisters Marsha Holt and Kathy (Jim) Miller He was preceded in death by his brother Pete W Solomon " Funeral services are Tuesday at 10 00» am at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park), 30895 Huron River Dr, Huron-Twp, (734) 783-2646 Visitation is Monday, 1-9 pm Entombment in Michigan Memorial Park

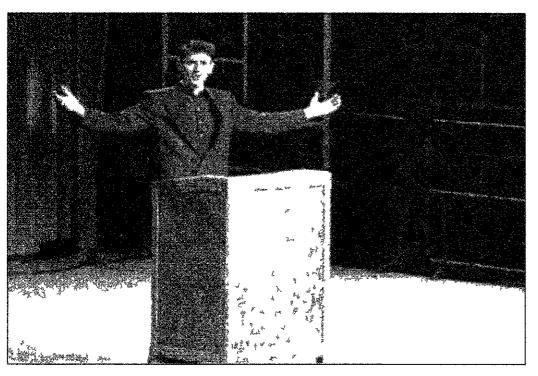




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The Rev John Riccardo returns to open the annual Catholic Conference for Men on March 24 Riccardo is pastor of St Anastaşia Parish in Troy

### CONFERENCE

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Be part

Troy This is his fifth consecutive appearance at the conference

I set the tone for the conference, give the pep talk or the challenge of the day, the challenge of the theme, that what we desperately need is not just church, but a world of truly courageous men willing to go to battle for the right things — the family, their faith, part of it's a challenge We're looking for noble, courageous, loving men," Riccardo said "I ll contrast that with how we see men whether at a sporting event without any inhibitions, yet when it comes to faith, often times men clam up, for them not to be ashamed of the gospel"

While Ken Castel is excited about hearing Riccardo speak again this year, he especially is looking forward to an appearance by his father, John J Riccardo, who served as chairman of the Chrysler Corp during challenging times

"I'm excited about the whole conference in general, but John J Riccardo was chairman of the Chrysler Corp in the late '70s and early 80s, Castel said 'He led Chrysler through very tumultuous times It's so timely for the men to hear how John's faith helped him get through tough economic times Men at Ford are facing the same problems right now"

Castel is also enthusiastic about a Youth Breakout Session led by Jim Beckman from the Denver archdiocese "I set the tone for the conference, give the pep talk or the challenge of the day, the challenge of the theme, that what we desperately need is not just church, but a world of truly courageous men willing to go to battle for the right things – the family, their faith, part of it's a challenge...'

#### the Rev John Riccardo

"A number of families in his parish were directly impacted by (the shooting at) Columbine (High School), Castel said 'We have room for up to 400 young people He'll be giving them some tools to live in this difficult society as a young person'

Luke Popiel is finding it difficult to grow up in today's world He plans to attend the conference for a third year to find inspiration

"You have to be more open to Christ and give the Lord our total attention, and get some of the distractions, Internet, the TV, out of our lives," said Popiel, a 17-year old jumor at DeLaSalle High School in Warren

Like Popiel, Adam Smith will be attending his third conference The 15-year old Farmington boy finds the event inspirational as well

'I think it's moving because when they talk, I feel closer to God," said Smith, who's homeschooled

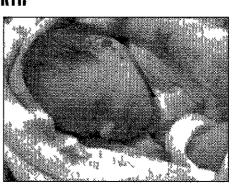
#### BIRTH

#### Daniel Jacob Brockway

Donald and Ewa Brockway of Novi, formerly of Livonia, announce the birth of their son Daniel Jacob Brockway on Feb 27, 2007 He weighed  $7/_2$  pounds at birth and

was  $20^{\frac{1}{2}}$  inches long

His grandparents are Gary and Ellen Brockway of Livonia His greatgrandmother is Mary Heitman of Livonia



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## **Reducing costs** of health care and diseases

Bill encourages wellness programs in workplace

#### BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

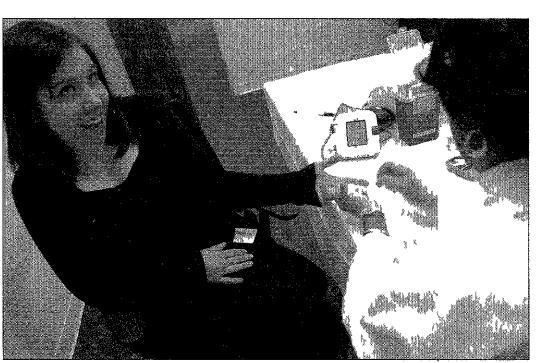
Joshua Kugelman would still be carrying around 270 pounds on his 6-foot-1 frame if Metaldyne hadn t launched its employee wellness program in early 2006 The product engineer has lost 52 pounds since the automotive supplier began partially subsidizing Weight Watchers at its facilities in Plymouth Township

Kugelman's health benefits have far outweighed the minimal fee he pays to participate in weekly sessions For months now hes been able to take only one blood pressure medication instead of his usual three

'I don't think I would have done it otherwise said Kugelman of Pontiac

If US Rep Joe Knollenberg's Wellness and Prevention Act of 2007 is passed, more employees could not only reduce their risk for disease, but help lower health care costs Studies have shown for years how unhealthy lifestyle choices lead to disease The bill promotes screenings and prevention programs in the workplace by offering businesses a \$200 tax credit for employees who join their wellness program. At least 50 percent of employees must participate Additionally, the act provides a \$200 tax credit for employees as encouragement

H R. 853 was introduced on Feb 6 and referred to the House Ways and Means Committee and House Energy and Commerce Committee. So far it has received support from the American College of Preventive Medicine, American College of Occupation and Environmental Medicine, Beaumont Hospital, Henry Ford Health System, Detroit Medical



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Human resources communication specialist Kara Kohis gets her finger pricked for a blood sample by Vivian Perkins, a registered nurse with Retail Health Network during a health screening as part of the employee wellness program at Metaldyne in Plymouth Township



Kara Kohis talks about her results during a health screening at Metaldyne as part of the company s wellness program

Center, Pfizer, AARP, and Oakland County Wellness Coalition

In addition to tax credits the bill provides a \$20,000 loan forgiveness for individuals pursu ing a preventive medicine specialty and achieving board certification between 2008 and 2012

#### **RETURN ON INVESTMENT**

Knollenberg says, this is not the solution to the rising costs of health care, but does save the government Medicare money by preventing diseases

Theres a payback here,' said Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township "You can deduct interest on the mortgage so you can own your own home so why not your health care It encourages people to do something about their own health

Knollenberg and his wife, Sandi, eat right avoid fast food and exercise daily Knollenberg 73 was a runner for 35 years but now walks and lifts weights to maintain his 176-pound frame Sandı, 67, does pilates, aerobics, spinning, yoga, and weight lifting

'Twenty years ago I was trying to sell my aero bics program to companies, said Sandi Knollenberg, who owned Sandis Fitness Firm for which she taught aerobics for 20 years 'Management didn t want to look at it Now costs are skyrocketing In the long run they'll see the benefits (of wellness programs) in lower costs and lower absenteeism

Metaldyne spent \$200,000 on its wellness program in 2006 but hopes to lower its health care costs in three years, according to Debbie McCarthy, corporate benefits manager The program makes it easier for employees to make life style changes by offering a free Smoking Quitline, online risk assessment a Living Well Web site lunch and learns, screenings, and chronic disease

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## Wellness bill gaining support of businesses

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

The Oakland County Wellness Coalition is supporting the Wellness and Prevention Act of 2007 introduced by US Rep Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township, in early February, according to Michele Hodges, a coalition member and president of the Troy Chamber of Commerce

The coalition formed in November 2005 to pioneer wellness in the workplace and ensure wellness is part of the solution in controlling health care costs For details, visit www oaklandcountywellness com

The coalition is in the process of creating an information clearing house for businesses on how to implement wellness in the workplace

We ve elected to support the bill, said Hodges Its consistent with our goals and further promotes wellness and lower costs Its more of a focus on prevention than management of disease

Bill Parsons thinks the act is wonderful He says the only way to reduce health care costs is to keep people healthy Miller Canfield established its wellness program  $3/_2$  years ago to cover the law firms 600 US employees It includes lectures by the Visiting Nurse Association on how to eat better, offering incentives of \$100 if employees renew a gym membership after a year, subsidized Weight Watchers and personal training, and a Web site for health and fitness

Its good to have the incentive for the companies to do this, said Parsons, Miller Canfield director of administrative and human resources Parsons is also involved with the Oakland County Wellness Coalition It's important to strike at the heart of the problem, to strike at bad health choices'

The Miller Canfield program is multifaceted and includes nurses who travel to each of the firms sites in Michigan and Canada to meet with each employee willing to participate The nurses give them a mini medical exam or physical fitness assessment to identify risks

The fewer risks the more resistant people are to getting ill said Parsons So far we have 70 percent of employees participating

The national statistics show that for every dollar you put in (to wellness programs) you save \$3 to \$5 dollars In 2005 we had 7 percent more people in the health plan, yet health care costs went down 5 percent

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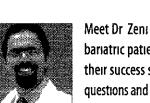
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St Patrick's Day is a great time to think about adding more greens to your diet In addition to the regular festivities surrounding St Patrick's Day this month, consider adding a new tradition more green foods to your diet

'Green foods across the board are healthy in terms of their vitamin, mineral, water and antioxidant content, said Erica Wald, Registered Dietitian, a wellness coordinator with the MFit Health Promotion Division at the University of Michigan Health System

'You want to incorporate lots of different intensities of green - all the various colors of green The more varied the colors, the more varied your vitamin and mineral intake

Wald also says that preparing them in a variety of ways, such as putting them in soups, stews and casseroles even serving them raw – are great ways to incorporate more greens into your diet

The following are Walds seven healthy and delicious tips for eating green for your health

■ Increase fiber with broccolı Broccolı provides many health benefits including soluble and insoluble fiber, vitamins A, C and E (important antioxidants for staving off

cellular damage from freeradicals), vitamin K for bone health, and a special antioxidant called sulforaphane, known for its powerful anticancer properties

Vary your leafy greens Wald says its important to remember that leafy green vegetables, such as lettuces, come in varying shades of green The lighter the green, the less vitamins and minerals they contain The darker the green, the higher the concentration of vitamins and minerals they contain, such as A, C and folate, which is good for preventing birth defects Spinach, a dark leafy green, contains lutein which is good for eye health Collard greens also contain sulforaphane and beta carotene

Choose vitamin K for increased bone health While vıtamın K ısn t a substitute for a good source of calcium, eating green vegetables high in vitamin K is good for bone health Choose vegetables like asparagus, green/herbal teas, spinach, kale, turnip, collard and mustard greens, broccoli, cabbage, endive, and brussel sprouts

Improve cholesterol with avocado, a good source of monounsaturated fats which can help lower your cholesterol Its also a good source of

vitamin E Consider tossing your dark-green, leafy salad with a few slices of fresh avocado and balsamic vinegar for added benefit

Alternate oranges with kiwifruit If you're used to grabbing an orange to ensure you're getting your daily dose of vitamin C consider eating kıwıfruit instead Kıwıfruit contain even more vitamin C than oranges and they're a great source of dietary fiber

Snack on green apples While green apples offer about the same benefits as red or yellow apples, green apples are a great source of soluble and insoluble fiber which aid in digestion and heart health

■ Drink tea – green tea If you like to drink tea, consider choosing green tea instead of black, oolong or other darker teas Green tea - next to white tea - packs the biggest punch when it comes to antioxidants It also contains flavonoids, a class of naturally occurring plant compounds that function as antioxidants that are good for the heart

Whether you like your green vegetables raw or cooked, there are many ways you can incorporate them into your meals But whatever you do, remember that variety is the key

### **MEDICAL DATEBOOK**

#### Benefit Skate-a-Thon

The Arctic Figure Skating Club in Canton is planning the skate a thon 7 30 9 p m Friday March 30 at the Arctic Edge Arena Canton to benefit club member Natalie Salazar 13 who was diagnosed with neuroblastoma (cancer) in summer of 2006 She has been treated at Children's Hospital and is now investigating stem cell transplant and experimental treatments at the University of Michigan Donations can be sent to The Natalie Salazar Fund c/o Arctic Figure Skating Club 46615 Michigan Ave Canton

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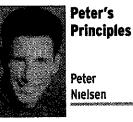
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Karen from Livonia suffers from severe migraine headaches. She emails for the latest research on their potential dangers. Karen, startling new

research shows that migraines may actually scar the tissue of the brain The scarring indicates cell death and poor blood flow It was first detected by MRIs and it is important to note that it hasn't yet been linked to loss of brain function But the research shows that migraine sufferers are more likely to have so-called dead spots in the part of the brain that controls motor function The new research



may cause doctors to re-think the way they view migraine headaches Scientists now think they should be viewed as a progressive problem with the potential to lead to long-term damage Nearly 30 million Americans suffer from occasional to frequent migraine headaches

#### Clarissa from Livonia suffers from type-2 diabetes. She e-mails for an all-natural way to help control the condition.

Clarissa, you are sure to find this new research easy to swallow It shows that diabetes sufferers can lower blood-sugar and lipid levels with just a small amount of cinnamon

every day Researchers assigned a group of patients to take between one and six grams of cinnamon per day Another group got a placebo Forty days later, every patient taking the dose of cinnamon had a drop in blood glucose, triglycerides and total cholesterol The group taking the placebo showed no change Scientists say the cinnamon appears to help body insulm work more efficiently One gram of cinnamon is roughly equal to one teaspoon When it comes to natural disease fighters, it doesn't get much sweeter

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The inside aspect of the elbow is the origin of the muscles that originate at the elbow joint. The inside aspect of the elbow is the origin of the muscles that go into the wrist and paims. The outside bone of the elbow is the seat of the muscles going to the back of the wrist and fingers Bowlers elbow is the common name for the pain you experience at the inside of the elbow while tennis elbow identifies the pain from the tendon originating at the outside. Both bowlers and tennis elbow occur because of the tendon strain.

Another source of elbow plain is in the triceps tendon where it anchors into the back of the elbow Again the cause is strain I have deliberately not included olecranon bursitis as a condition causing elbow pain Enlargement of the sac in back of the elbow is common Inflammation of the bursa is rare

The treatment for these tendon pains is injection. If you can determine what causes the strain then it is in your best interest to take the time to remove the strain or learn a different way to deal with t. Otherwise you will face the same pain and need for therapy repeatedly

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management by partnering with organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Weight Watchers, and its health care insurer Blue Cross/Blue Shield

#### FEEDBACK POSITIVE

So far, management has received favorable comments from employees about the program that goes global to encompass all 7,000 of its employees this year The program was initially offered only to its 4,500 US employees

'This year they get incentives They get co pays warved for office visits, said McCarthy "And were going to do the facility challenge again where they compete to earn the most points for partici pating in the wellness program

Last year, our two Pennsylvania facilities tied for a \$5,000 check.' Gail Woodward especially enjoyed last years Active for Life Team Challenge Woodward and Cyndie Holbrook, an accounts

receivable specialist, worked together to present in-place walking sessions and record the daily activity As a result, Holbrook, 50, became more fit and lost weight. The walking increased Woodwards energy level

I feel like I can do more, said Woodward, accounts payable manager and a Canton resident We now do this everyday at lunch in a training room Wed like to do this ongoing The chal lenge gave us the motivation to go out and do it.

McCarthy says Metaldyne founded its wellness program before Knollenbergs bill was

introduced She shared concerns about refining the requirements Metaldyne's program was developed internally The act says a company must have an experienced outside source to administer its wellness program.

"I think that anything supporting a company to have programming that enables employees to live a healthy, happier life and lowers our health care costs 15 good," said McCarthy

#### **TO YOUR HEALTH**

Martin Ingman is one of the employees who underwent blood pressure and blood panel screenings provided by the Retail Health Network on Tuesday Ingman always has an annual physical During the Action for Life challenge, his team of mountain bikers rode local trails to acquire points He'd like to see

Metaldyne provide more education on nutrition He tries to eat healthy, stays away from fast foods and trains after work so when he returns home there's only time to make a simple stir fry of vegetables He'd like to learn to cook a variety of meals quickly

Like Ingman, Knollenberg said most people who work find it hard to have time to exercise or have a healthy meal Business wellness programs would teach them how to change their lıfestyle

"The tax credit wouldn t be that much of an incentive, said Martin Ingman, a product development engineer who lives in Canton. "I'd do it anyway, but I could always find something to do with the extra money"

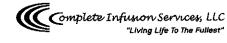
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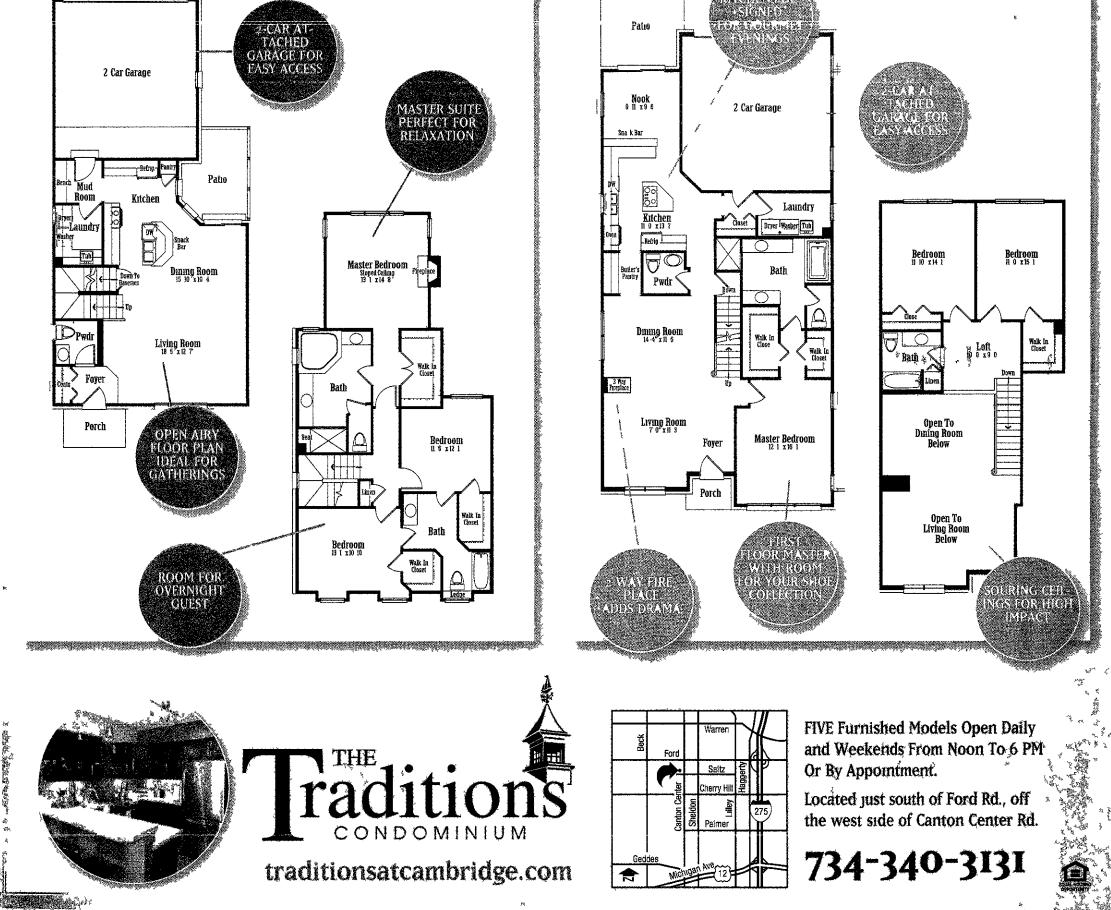
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Planning to take a maternity leave soon? These tips come from babycenter com

The first thing to take care of in determining how much maternity (or paternity) leave you can take is to find out which state and federal regulations apply to your situation The Family and Medical Leave Act, a US federal law, makes available to many Americans 12 weeks of unpaid time off to care for an immediate family member, such as a newborn or newly adopted child The FMLA applies to most men and women who can answer yes to all three of these questions

1 Do you work for a company with 50 or more employees or for a public agency (federal, state, or local)?

2 Have you been employed there for at least 12 months? 3 Have you worked at least

1,250 hours in the last 12 months? Whether or not the FMLA

applies to you, one or more of these additional options may exist for your maternity leave

Short-term disability coverage from your state, company, or a private policy, if applicable (Currently, only California, Hawaii, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island offer a shortterm disability program For a state-by-state rundown of parental leave programs, con-



sult the National Partnership for Women & Families Parental Leave Report (Michigan earned a D-, having no laws guaranteeing job protection or benefits for new parents in the private sec tor Michigan state employees are entitled to 26 weeks of unpaid job-protected parental leave, the report noted )

Paid sick time or medical leave if it's offered by your company

Paid vacation time if it s

offered by your company ■ Unpaid leave provided for by state family-leave laws, if your state has them

Maternity leave benefits offered by your union, if you belong to one

#### PREPARING DOCUMENTS

As you organize your leave, put your paperwork in a folder Keep copies of everything including any forms you submit FMLA application(s)
 State family leave application(s), if your state has its own family leave law(s)

Vacation time requestAny forms your family doctor

or pediatrician will need to fill out Your company's family

leave policy ■ Letters and e-mails (print them out) to or from your boss, human resources department,

or others Notes you take during phone calls to or from your boss, human resources department, and others

#### **QUESTIONS TO ASK**

Ask around to find out how other women at your company managed their maternity leave

1 What kind of response did you get from your immediate supervisor, higher-level managers, and colleagues when you asked about maternity leave?

2 How much time did you take off and how did you struc ture your leave?

3 What arrangements did you make to have your responsibilities covered while you were gone?

4 How did you transition back to work afterward? 5 Were you able to arrange any kind of flexible schedule before or after the baby arrived? 6 What forms did you fill out and where did you get them?

#### BY JULIE BROWN Staff Writer

Maria Von Buskirk and husband Peter expect their first baby in September

"It took us a while to even get pregnant, about a year and a half," the Garden City resident said "Its pretty exciting that it's happening'

She works for Mechanical Energy Systems of Canton in office management and marketing Its a family business

'I'll be working from home," after the baby comes, said Von Buskirk, who works for her mom and dad Her parents have been helpful in her preparing for maternity leave It's their first grandkid

Anything I say goes, she said with a laugh

Von Buskirk, 30, is finishing her first trimester, and has had some illness and fatigue 'Be honest with your employer on your plans," she recommends to other women preparing for a maternity leave

They may need to make some changes to allow her to work from home, possibly adding an upgrade to the home computer

Also expecting is Mandi Buckland of Plymouth, who owns Street Marketing in Northville She and husband Dave expect their first baby

"I've definitely thought about it I know I ll be working from home, Buckland said She'll try to get things done when she can after the baby arrives "I will have access to work stuff from home, definitely'

She ll get help from her sister who is her business partner at Street Marketing, which" offers marketing, public relations and media placement

"We just got married in September and got pregnant in October, she said The Bucklands just learned they're having a girl, and haven't set tled on a name yet

"Its all brand new and fresh for me as well," said Buckland, 36, of maternity leave She has talked to other women about it, Buckland would love the opportunity to stay home with her daughter but will need to work.

"It's important for moms who own businesses, they can become role models Staying home with your child is also a great contri-" bution, Buckland noted

This is our first, so its definitely a learning process" She's been feeling good

"I didn t have any morning sickness or anything I feel good I can t believe it's gone by so fast, Buckland said

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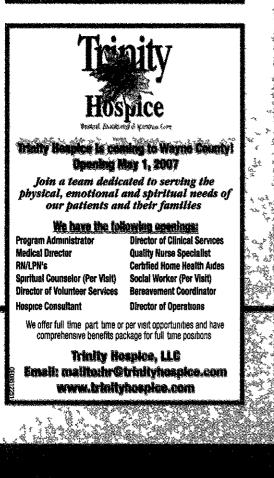
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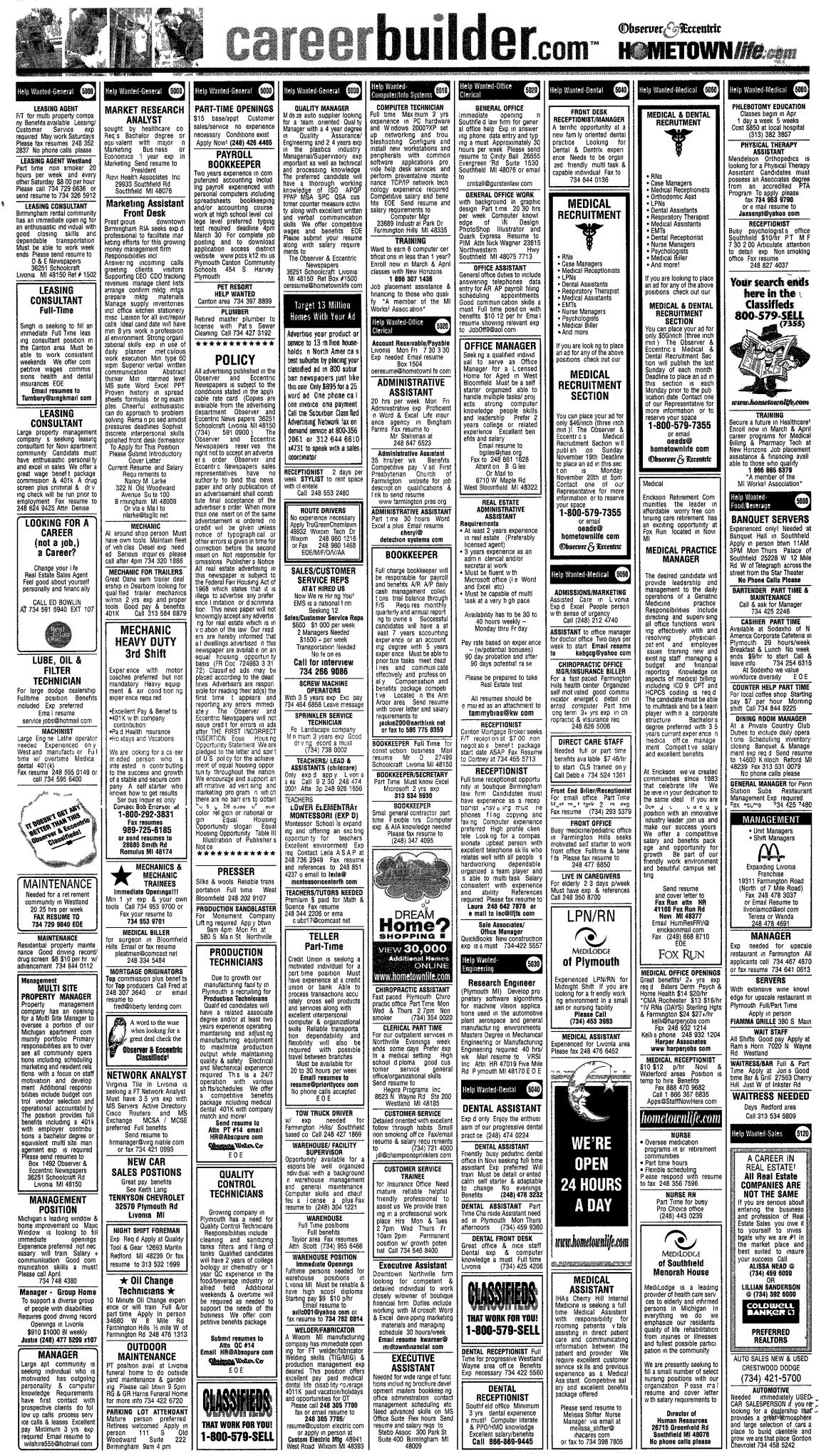
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<u>Retail Sales Manager</u> The ideal candidate will possess a bachelor s degree and two to three years of public speaking sales and/or public relations experience Excellent verbal communications skills and customer service skills are critical to this position This person must be creative self motivated, and able to work independently without direct supervision Must also have reliable transportation and a valid Michigan driver s license and be able to work outside of normal business hours if needed this job may require significant local travel

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## **Choosing an AC system that** Parade of Homes benefits the environment

(NAPSI) — There are many factors to consider when replacing or installing an air-conditioning or heat pump system and one of them is the environment Besides comfort issues, such as cold spots, drafts, humidity and air quality, the air conditioner should also be envi ronmentally friendly

According to the Clean Air Act, by the year 2010, heating, ventilating and airconditioning (HVAC) manufacturers can no longer produce new air conditioners and heat pumps that use R 22 refrigerant, a hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) that contributes to ozone deple tion

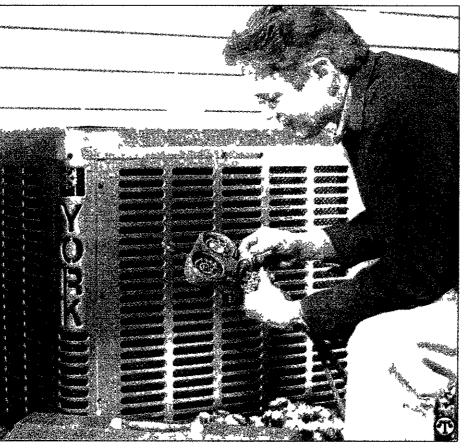
Since R 410A will likely become the new refrigerant standard to replace R-22, HVAC manufacturers are already starting to produce air-conditioning equipment that uses this refrigerant

However, refrigerant substitutes, such as R-410A, cannot be used in an air con ditioner that currently operates with R 22 refrigerant, unless a contractor makes some changes to the HVAC system

New cooling systems, on the other hand, incorporate compressors and other components specifically designed for use with environmentally friendly replacement refrigerants, such as R 410A

Another point for homeowners to keep in mind is that the HVAC contrac tor they select should be properly trained in the installation and service techniques required for the use of substitute refrigerants, like R 410A

According to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), homeowners should select a reputable contractor that employs service technicians who are EPA and NATE certified to handle refrigerants Properly installed AC sys tems rarely develop refrigerant leaks



Make sure the HVAC contractor that you select is certified and knows about the latest environmentally friendly regulations concerning air conditioners

and with proper servicing a system using refrigerant will have a minimal impact on the environment

#### **ENERGY-EFFICIENT EQUIPMENT**

Another important thing homeown ers can do for the environment and then wallet is to purchase an energy efficient systen HVAC manufacturers such as Johnson Controls offer several types of energy efficient air condition

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# opens Friday

Parade of Homes, the 18th annual exhibition of new model homes located across southeast ern Michigan, will open on March 16 The formerly monthlong event is being extended this year, and will run through Aug 1 Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and LaSalle Bank are the sponsors

"There has never been a better time to buy a new home in Michigan," said Richard Ives, president of BIA. Extending the program to nearly five months will give the community more of an opportunity to see the incredible homes that are available all over the region, and at a time when new homebuyers are enjoying historically low interest rates This is truly a buyers market

The Parade of Homes offers potential homebuyers an opportunity to visit the areas finest model homes, from condominiums and single-family homes to homes in gated communities and lakeside villas Participants will also have an opportunity to see firsthand the latest trends in architecture, interior design, amenities and materials  $\bar{T}he 58$ model homes range in price from \$97,400 to \$14 million

Architects and building industry experts will judge the homes and award winners in several categories prior to the event opening This years judges are Sharon Glinka of La Salle Bank, Michael Gordon, AIA of Moiseev/Gordon Associates Inc, and Michael T Miller, AIA, of The Design Group The judges will make their decisions based on the use of innovative design use of space aesthetic appeal of the home and value for

#### PARADE OF HOMES

What: An exhibition of 58 new model homes located throughout southeastern Michigan The free scattered site showcase of new homes gives potential homebuy ers an opportunity to visit the area s finest model homes

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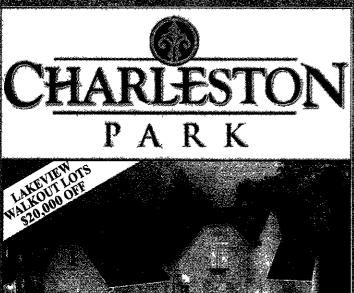
Features: An array of homes ranging from condominiums and single-family homes to homes in gated communities and lakeside villas

#### the price

A Parade of Homes magazine containing renderings, features, and location maps for all homes will be available at 300 LaSalle Bank branches and 205 CVS/pharmacy locations throughout southeastern Michigan, at all participating model homes, and at BIAs Spring Home & Garden Show, April 13 15 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi

For additional information on the 2007 Spring Parade of Homes, call (248) 862-1032 or visit www builders org The Parade of Homes Web site, www BIAparadeofhomes com, will go live on March 16 and will feature informative news stories on home ownership and economic issues as well as details on each home

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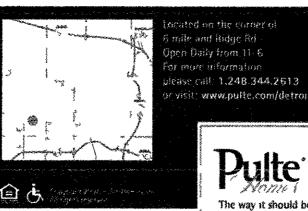


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## Elegant Pilot perfect fit for medium-sized lot

Brick and glass dominate the front view of the handsomely planned Pilot (335-260) Designed for a medium-sized lot, the interior of this 2,475-square-foot gem is a perfect match for the elegant exterior Windows surround the rear entry to the family room, allowing the available sunlight to brighten the entire area

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The two car garage boasts 595 square feet that 1s partially dedicated to the do-ityourself person or hobbyist in the family At one end is a liberal shop area with built in workbench and overhead storage cabinets The opposite end of the garage has another built-in workbench set beneath twin windows It is possible to step directly from the garage, through the skylit utility room, and into the kitchen This positioning will allow you to unload groceries quickly and safely, with no concern for the weather

Once inside the Pilot, the excellent allotment of space is unmistakable On the left side of the floor plan, a long skylit hallway leads to the two secondary bedrooms and home office The bedrooms are identical in size and will work well for a family with

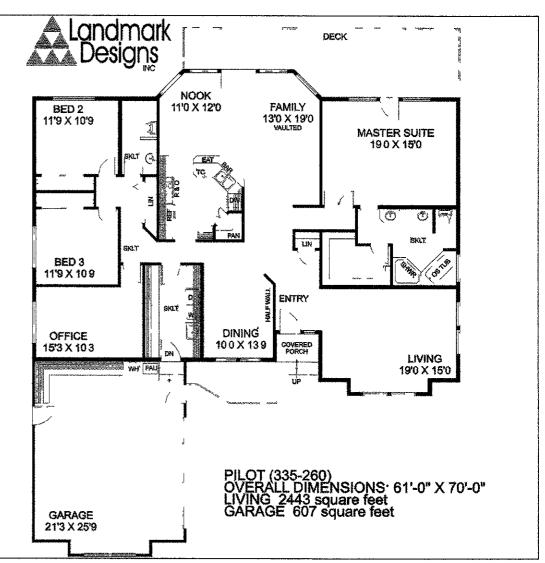


children old enough to get by without constant supervision, or they can serve as guest accommodations for empty nesters There is a full bathroom and generous linen storage off the hallway, and each bedroom has a large closet Install a computer, filing cabinet and some chairs in the home office, and you can maintain the household accounts while students in the home will have a tranguil place to study

The isolated master suite is sure to please Amenities here include a big sleeping area, huge walk in closet and private bathroom with sky light, double vanity, spa and tub There is also a personal door to the back

The cook in the house will appreciate the walk-through design of the kitchen Serving meals to either the nook or the dining room is easily done The kitchen features a raised eating bar, handy pantry and trash compactor

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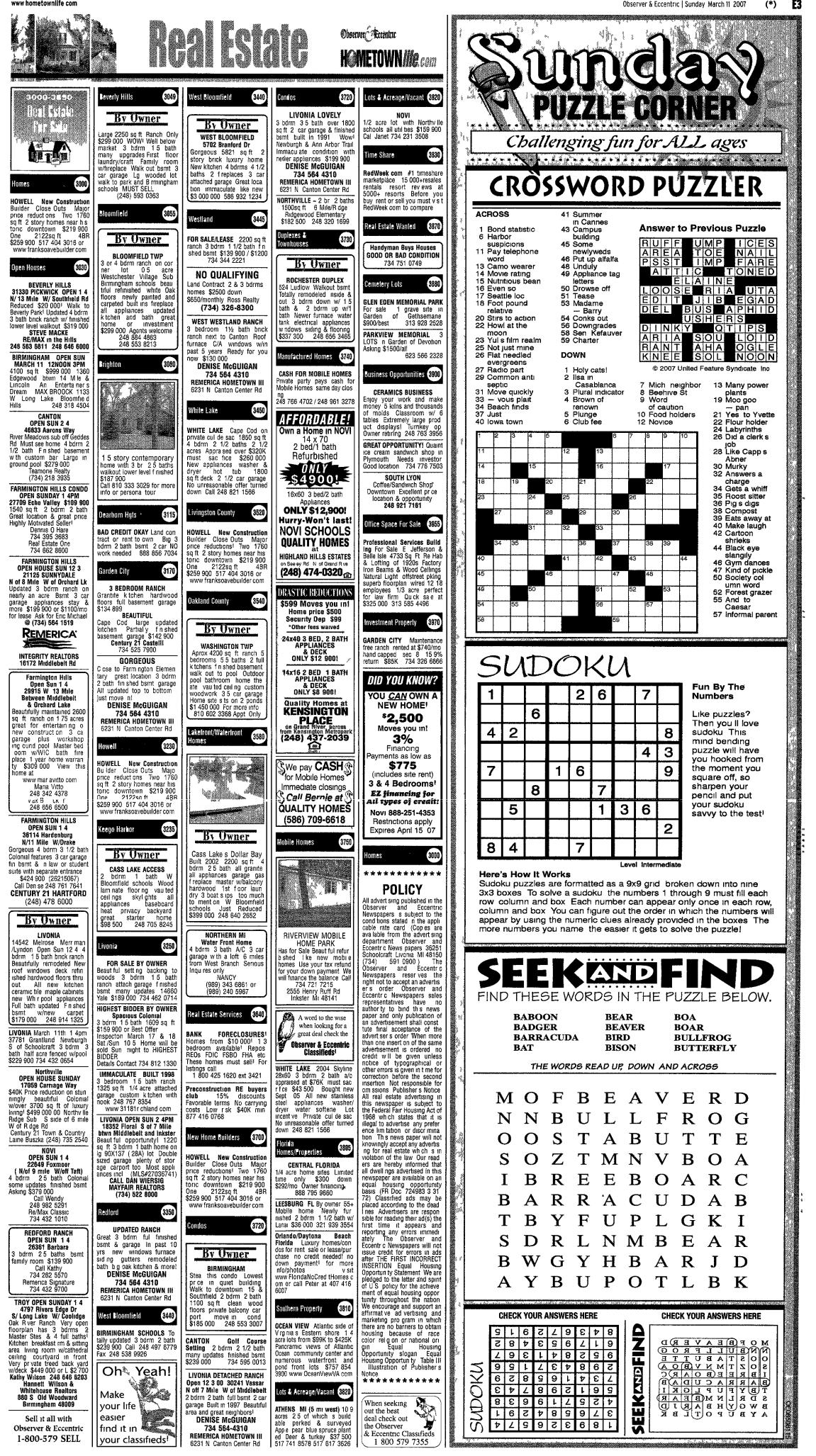
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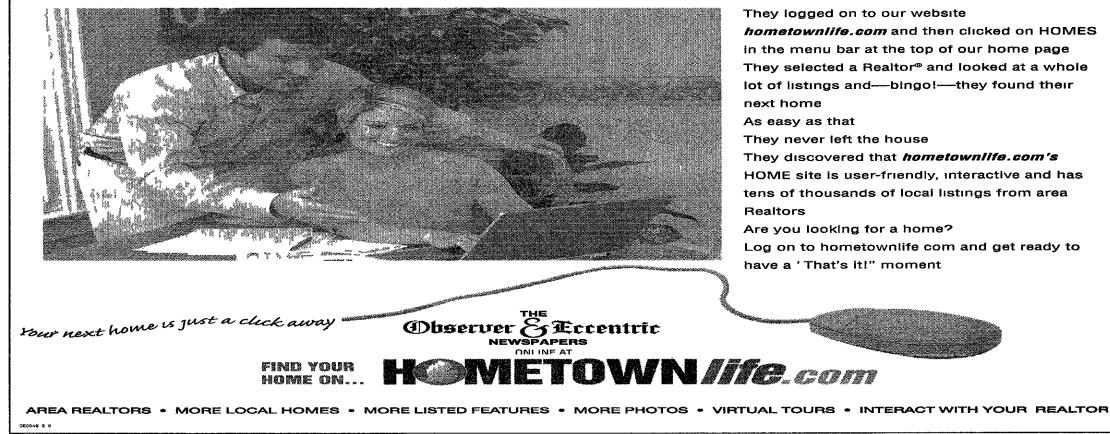
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At first blush the 2007 Dodge Durango SLT 4x2 is basically your hand me a stepladder so I can get into-it kind of vehicle for women It is after all, a prettied-up truck built to transport people (not much cargo!) sit higher than when in many other vehicles and feel power beneath you

But this new Durango - touted as refreshed and redesigned - has some nice extras, and a few surprises And they re worth mentioning

How many of us actually read the full instruction manual prior to turning the key? Well, if it's the number I suspect it is you'll appreciate the ease with which you can adjust and still drive the Durango simultaneously

From fine-tuning the mirrors and perfecting the seats to self teaching the instrument panel, this vehicle has what the learn-as-you-go driver needs

Yes, your eyes will have to veer to the dash at a red light so you can locate all the rear accoutrements but overall, it s a pretty feasible task

The interior is award-winning and well appointed Hats off to the dash designer for the two tone color use, accented with faux wood in the middle. The mix of light and medium slate gray on the doors and seats is visually pleasing and will disguise dust but I m not sure how the lighter gray will fare over time with dirt or wear

Luckily the seats have the mom approved YES' Essentials stain resistance protection. It's a much appreciated innovation

The front leather trimmed seats are roomy and comfortable However, I found my right arm dangling while driving The console although higher than most – doesn t reach high enough to be an erstwhile armrest for people who are not so vertically endowed or don t arm wrestle for a hving

Two other details worth improving The console is too narrow and not very deep Yes, the double cup holder area and rubberized pad beyond are very handy and even eye catching, but you can't fit much into the actual console



Dodge's 2007 Durango SLT 4x2 has spacious passenger room, a 5-star government safety rating and power in its 4.7-liter V8 engine.

An overhead console is a great addition for smaller cargo like sunglasses, and reveals direction as well as outside temperatures

Also, the Durango is plagued with the usual DaimlerChrysler seatbelt debacle for women That is Strangles-R-Us No matter how much you try and adjust these babies (and there is even a little button on the belt itself to aid in the process), the seatbelt is built for tall men not shorter women

It lies very uncomfortably across the neck and looms as a sure hazard or a choke filled reaction during any potential impact

One handy feature the helpful handgrips for the second seat specially molded to assist the entry or exit of Durango travelers Being part of the actual door frame grounds that movement safely with stability The power sunroof, heated front seats remote

The power sunroof, heated front seats remote starter, heated power/foldaway mirrors cargo net and rear chmate controls are well received luxures in this glorified truck. The 4.7 liter V8 engine is unmistakably power en route, with 235 horsepower and 290 foot pounds of torque

By adding the third row of seats the Durango provides the quintessential group ride but the very limited cargo space just beyond the third seat is only marginally accommodating

One trip to the grocery store strains the cargo net Forget luggage sports/band equipment or serious picnic supplies unless you re planning on hauling it on the roof or separately in fairness the split third row seat does fold down so that is minimal help Fully loaded the Durango SLT 4x2 comes in at under \$36 000 but the lessened mileage catches up with that powerful engine

Fourteen miles to the gallon in the city improves slightly to 19 on the highway – another potential area for improvement But if power and feeling secure in your driving environment is important, this is your vehicle

Safety features include a tire-pressure monitor and warning signal and a battery with run-down protection

An electronic stability program, front advanced multi-staged airbags and supplemental side curtain airbags in all rows ensure some protection for all passengers

Having earned the US governments 5-star safety rating, the Durango s 152 4 cubic inch interior also snagged it a best-in class interior award, with a nod to the spacious head and legroom

It's power at its best in the 2007 Durango with safety approval and enough comfort and fringes to make any ride a pleasure

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