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Fund-raiser to help pay for stem cell transplant for young skater

> BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

As her slender, French-manicured tipped fingers finish lacing up her white ice skates, Natalie Salazar flashes a wide grin and then heads to the ice at Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena

The bubbly 13-year-old has done this hundreds of times but as her parents watch her twirl in the middle of the rink, their smiles are tinged with sadness

Natalie, whose chiffon periwinkle skirt sways with each of her graceful movements, was diagnosed with a form of cancer called neuroblastoma in September

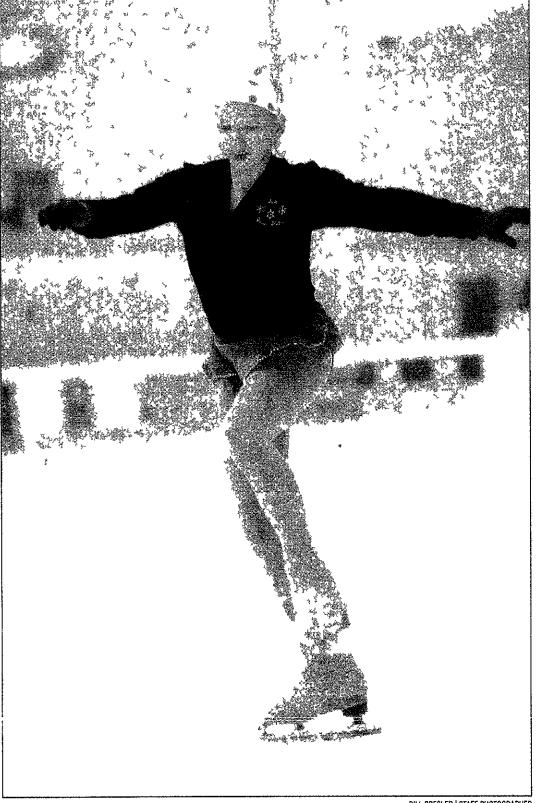
'We used to watch stories on television about other families (with sick children) and have tried to put ourselves in their position but you can t," said Natalie's mother, Maria Salazar, as her voice quavered "I can't imagine that my daughter might die She's our spirit When she is feeling good, I feel so alive but when she is sick, I feel so empty in my heart

A self-described 'girlie girl' who loves the color pink, Natalie speaks with an intelligence beyond her years about blood cell counts, chemotherapy and bone densi-

"Neuroblastoma usually only affects babies so my doctors were really surprised when I was diagnosed," she said 'I've probably had it since I was little

The National Cancer Institute defines neuroblastoma as 'a cancer that arises in immature nerve cells and affects mostly infants and children" The disease has four

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Natalie Salazar laced up her skates and spent some time on the ice, something she hasn't been able to do much since becoming ill

Studio's 'Cutest Kid' contest will help Epilepsy Foundation

STAFF WRITER

Is your kid cute? We're talking head turning, borderline Gerber baby, really, really cute

If so, winning the CLIX Portrait Studio 2007 Cutest Kid Contest should be a breeze

The second annual contest, created by CLIX owners John and Naoko Vena, is designed to be a fun way to raise awareness about epilepsy The Venas are friends with a couple that has a child with the chronic neurological condition that is marked by unprovoked seizures They've partnered with the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan to spread the message about the disorder, which can affect mental health, school performance and cognitive functions

"It's very hard to have a kid with any type of problem so we wanted to do something to help," said Naoko Vena 'We can t support (every organization) but we can try to do one at a time'

The contest, open to children age 4 and younger, began March 12 and ends April 9 CLIX is located at 6511 N Canton Center Road in Canton

Last year's winner, John Lemon, a blonde-haired, browneyed toddler from Plymouth competed against more than 250 other angelic faces to grab the

"There are lots of cute kids so it's hard to pick one," said Vena Contest participation is free and contestants will get a free 5x7 that says "Cutest Kid Contest" and their entry number

"Not only is this a great way for us to help but this can be a great memento for parents, especially if they are into scrapbooking," Vena said "Everyone loves it"

Informational pamphlets about the Epilepsy Foundation are displayed at the portrait stu-

Andrea Schotthoefer, marketing manager for the foundation. said its not everyday that a business offers to help spread their

"We are very excited that they are doing this in such a fun and creative way," she said

According to the foundation, epilepsy affects 2 7 million Americans of all ages There are roughly 100,000 people in Michigan with the disorder The foundation, which has offices in Southfield and Grand Rapids, offers a summer camp for children with the condition to meet new people and participate in recreational activities

There are no obligations to participate in CLIX's contest but Vena recommended that people call the studio to reserve an appointment The winner of the "Cutest Kid" title will receive up to



PHOTO COURTESY OF CLIX PORTRAIT STUDIO

John Lemon, of Plymouth, was the winner of the 2006 "Cutest Kid Contest '

50 free digital prints each month for a year and become apart of the studio's advertising campaign The winner and his or her mother will also receive jewelry from The Showroom of Elegance

For more information on the foundation, log onto www epilepsymichigan org To book an appointment with CLIX, call (734) 459-2500

Flame-out?

Canton officials pull out of talks for regional fire department

BY TONY BRUSCATO

It appears interest in a regional fire department among six local communities could be going up in

While Livonia and Plymouth continue to show substantial interest in regionalization — with the potential to improve fire and emergency medical services at a cost below current budget levels -Canton Township officials said they're out of discussions, Westland is balking at the cost for a feasibility study, Plymouth Township is in a wait-and-see mode and Northville Township has put its interest on hold while it looks for a new fire chief

"If there's one thing I've learned through this whole process it's not to get too high or too low, and keep on working," said Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, who has been in the forefront of regionalization "It hasn't been easy all along Until they tell me 'no,' I'll assume they're in'

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said he believes residents are pleased with his community's full-service fire department, which includes Advanced Life Support firefighters who also transport patients to hospitals

'We're hard-pressed to see any benefit for Canton

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Roman Forum source says Best Buy rumors are a bit premature

BY TIFFANY L PARKS

The talk going around town is that another blue and yellow big box store is coming to Ford Road That's news to Anthony Gatto

Gatto, the general manager of Roman Forum restaurant, said a developer has expressed interest in buying the eatery's property and putting a Best Buy at the location However, he said the deal is no where near final

"There are these big rumors going around that we are closed and that Best Buy is coming but we don't have a contract in place,' he said "We are still open for business"

The Italian restaurant, which sits across from IKEA on Ford Road, opened in 1976

"(People) are running around talking about Best Buy but no one has given us any money," said Gatto, the son of the restaurant's founders "There's nothing in place

Township Supervisor Tom Yack highlighted the pending arrival of the electronic superstate during his State of the Township luncheon earner this

Best Buy Spokesman Justin Barber was tight lipped about any specific plans the company has for Canton

We have not announced anything at this time," he said "But I can tell you we are certainly interested in

Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said the process of bringing the national retailer to the town-

ship is still in the preliminary phase Tentative plans call for a "total redevelopment" of the property where Roman Forum is located, Goulet

If the plan moves forward, Gatto said there's a possibility the restaurant will relocate

Best Buy, which sells computers, appliances and music, has locations in Westland, Novi and Ann

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Red Hat birthday celebration

Canton's five Red Hat Society chapters (The Crimson Chicks, Red Hat Peppers, Red Hot Honeys, Red Hot Mermaids, and the Regalettes) will host a luncheon noon-3 pm, April 18 at Summit on the Park in Canton All Red Hatters in western Wayne County are invited

The theme of the luncheon, the first ever Canton Red Hat community-wide special event, is "Magic is in the Air It will feature a buffet luncheon and entertainment by The Amazıng Clark, a magıcıan There will be door prizes and Red Hat vendors Tickets are \$27 for members and \$30 for others Register at the Summit by Aprıl 2

For more information, call (734) 394-5460

Dinner theater

The Educational Excellence Foundation serving Plymouth-Canton schools hosts a dinner theater evening 6 30 p m Thursday, March 22 at Salem High School

The award-winning PCCS Culinary Arts team will prepare dinner and dessert After dinner, patrons will enjoy reserved seating in the Gloria Logan Performing Arts Auditorium for opening night of the Park Players performance of the musical, "Footloose

Tickets are \$50 each and qualify as a tax-deductible donation in support of the per forming arts Only 100 tickets are available, advanced sales only

For more information, call (734) 416-2718

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 is the largest fund-raiser for the Canton

Chamber of Commerce

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'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

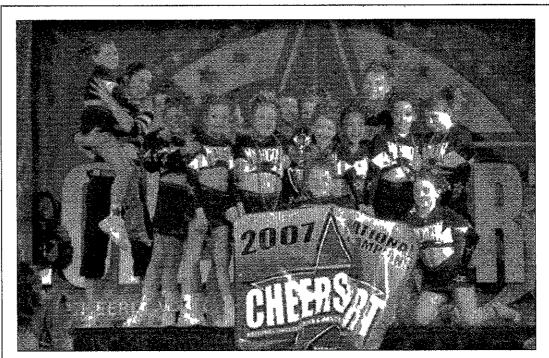
Last year's event drew a record crowd of more than 500 attendees and featured more than 250 prizes from categories such as Home-style, Travel & Entertainment, Sports & Leisure, Electronics, and many more This years auction is expected to draw a similar crowd and has already collected many great prizes that will be up for bid Several of the more popular items ınclude a Detroit Tiger World Series banner, overnight stays ın 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 the Canton Chamber of Commerce office or via e-mail at eventscoordinator@cantonchamber com For more information, visit the chamber's Web site at www cantonchamber com or contact the cham ber at (734) 453-4040

This year's auction is sponsored by Lou LaRiche Chevrolet and other local busi-

Grief support group

The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour is an ongoing grief support group for widows and widowers hosted by Heartland Hospice The group is held from 10-11 a m at Heartland Healthcare Center located at 4701 N Lilley Road in Canton The focus of the group is on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss This group is



National champs

The Michigan Extreme Shooting Stars competitive cheer team recently competed at Cheersport Nationals in Atlanta Ga The team took 1st place earning a National Champion title in their division. Pictured are Kennedi Lewis Kayleigh Karinen, Payton Yoder Isabelle Babon Tatiana Clark Mackenzie Atkinson, Samantha Gregory, Kristina Hollis Shae LaFave Kelsey Lugin Averi Montagano Shelby Neislar, Casey Nelligan Ashlyn Geoffrey, Gabrielle Ratcliffe Kandice Williams and Coach Kelly Ward

held the first and third Wednesday of the month is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse There is no charge to attend

For additional information, contact Ann Christensen, Heartland Hospice bereavement coordinator, toll-free at (888) 973-1145

Canton idol

The Plymouth Canton Head Start children will compete in an American Idol-like contest and singing songs they have practiced throughout the school year for their parents and family members a 6 p m, April 3 at Full Gospel Temple, 34033 Palmer Road in Westland The judges for the event will be Tammy Coker, site leader, Melissa Petiprin, a family service worker, and aide Brynda Russell Cook All the children will receive a certifi cate for participating in the event along with a small token

The public is welcome to

attend the event, which is free Head Start, which is now enrolling for the 2007-2008

school year, is a free preschool program for children ages 2-1/2 to 4 that provides services to meet all areas of children development including free meals For more information, call Tammy Coker, site leader, at (734) 326-6271

Yard waste collection

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste in Canton will begin April 1 and continue until November All yard waste should be placed separate from your trash and recyclables on your regular trash day

Acceptable yard waste items include grass clippings, leaves, yard and garden waste, prun ing debris, wood debris, and brush Unacceptable yard waste items include food scraps, animal waste, batteries chemicals, and sod

Twigs, branches, brush pruning, and wood debris must be tied with heavy twine into bundles no longer than three feet, 1-1/2 inches in diameter, and weighing no more then 50 pounds Bundles are limited to six bundles a week Grass clippings, leaves, and garden waste must be placed in 30 gallon paper yard waste bags or 32 gallon reusable containers with sturdy handles marked COMPOST Stickers for reusable container are available at Canton's Community Services counter

All containers must be marked COMPOST Containers weighing more than 50 pounds or that are more than 32 gallons will not be accepted All of the yard waste collected in Canton is delivered to the ONYX yard waste processing facility located on Six Mile Road in Salem Township At the ONYX facility the yard waste is screened, then placed in long wind-rows which facilitate the natural decomposition of the yard waste into reusable compost

For questions or more infor mation on vard waste collec tion, please refer to your Canton Resource Guide or call Canton Waste Recycling at (734)3975801

Coffee meetings

The Canton Chamber of Commerce, Canton Downtown Development Authority, and Canton Township will host two morning Coffee Meetings this month to share marketing ideas and other important information for local businesses

Building on the success of the ShopCanton for the Holidays discount card program, a sımılar mıd-summer program will be introduced In addition a number of plans will be discussed that offer business owners and managers the opportunity to make the most of their marketing resources including the Canton Visitor Guide, Liberty Fest activities, Jazz Concert Series, Lots of Fun on the Canton Live Stage, and other promotional activities Information will also be provided regarding road construction projects, as well as a schedule of major sporting tournaments that will bring many visitors to Canton

On Tuesday, March 27, the Coffee Meeting will be held at the Canton Super Bowl Lanes on Ford Road west of Sheldon Road On Thursday, March 29, the Coffee Meeting will be held at IKEA on Ford Road east of Lilley Road Attendees can choose the meeting that best fits their schedule Both meetings will start promptly at 8 a m and end at 9 30 a.m There is no charge, and everyone is welcome Please call (734) 453-4040 to RSVP by Monday March 26

Ambassadors fund-raiser

A People to People Student Ambassadors group from the Plymouth/Canton area is having a fund raiser for a community relations visit to China 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

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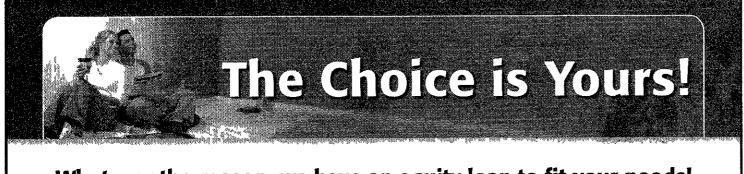
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County adds Mott to gravel road closures

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

Wayne County road officials on Friday added Mott Road to the list of gravel road closures in Canton because of impassable conditions Earlier in the week, county officials closed Lotz Road between Ford and Cherry Hill roads after a large county grader became stuck in the mud

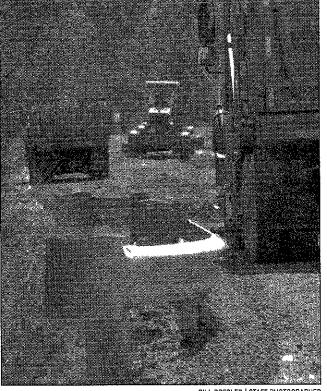
The Mott Road closure extends from Denton Road through the township's western border

"The recent warm temperatures have caused frost to leave the ground more quickly than usual making gravel road surfaces extremely soft,' said Canton Township

Engineer Tom Casari Both roads will be closed to thru traffic until further notice Residents living in the area will still have limited access to their driveways, though people are being warned the condition of the roads will make driving extremely

"The only way to fix the problem is to wait until the ground re-freezes or dries out," said Casari 'Other communities south of Canton are also experiencing the same or worse problems with their gravel roads'

Wayne County is urging heavy traffic, such as school buses and large trucks, to stay off all the gravel roads until the situation is resolved While Lotz and Mott roads are currently the only impassable roads in Canton, other gravel roads in the area are in rough shape, according to Canton officials



Poor road conditions due to the weather forced the closure of several Canton gravel roads last week, including Lotz Road south of Ford Road On Friday, county crews were grading Lotz in an attempt to make it passable

For more information about the road closures, call the Wayne County Department of Public Services at (734) 955 2331

Teacher in sex case waives preliminary exam

STAFF WRITER

The preliminary exam for a Plymouth High School English teacher charged with attempting to solicit a minor in an Internet chat room and exposing himself via a Web cam was warved Wednesday after-

The case against Orin Andrew Kennedy, 27, of Ypsılantı now moves to Washtenaw County Circuit Court after Wednesday's hearing in Ypsilantis 14-B District Court was waived Kennedy, who remains free on \$50,000 bond, is scheduled for a pre-trial hearing on April 19

Kennedy is charged with one count of using a computer to accost and solicit a minor for immoral purposes, which is a 10-year felony, and one count of using a computer to disseminate sexually explicit matter to a minor, a four-year felony The Michigan Attorney General's office alleged the 27 year-old Kennedy chatted on-line, propositioned and



exposed himself to someone he thought was a 14-year-old girl he met in a chatroom Kennedy was hired by Plymouth-Canton Schools in August 2005 and is not a tenured teacher

"We re working closely with legal counsel to find all

the options available to us," said Superintendent Jim Ryan "We'll follow the parameters of the union con-

Kennedy has been put on paid leave by the district A substitute teacher has taken over the classes for Kennedy's 135 students at the **Educational Park**

Matt Frendewey, spokesman for Attorney General Mike Cox, said 'no other complaints have come in" regarding Kennedy and his screen name oxyd69

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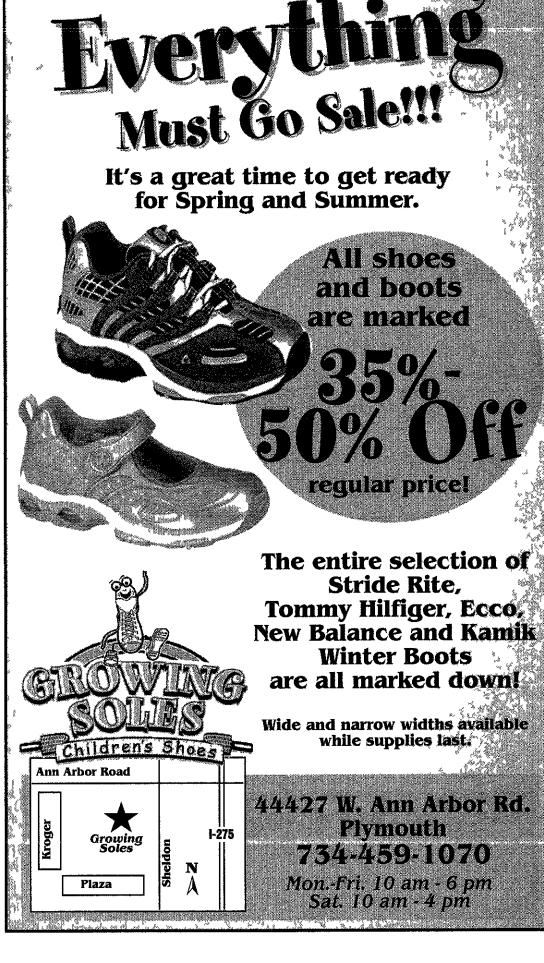
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Bicyclist back from Alaska-Argentina trip

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

He never ran into Matt Lauer, and there were times when his family and friends wondered where in the world Gary Gothard was but by mid-January they knew

Gary Gothard was home Gothard, 71, returned after finishing a 12,000-mile bicycle trek from Deadhorse, Alaska down to Argentina He left Deadhorse with a group of riders June 2, originally hoping to complete the journey in 12 months He finished the ride, sans the

group, in early January
And he made it back, mostly, without incident

The Number One thing is, I made it back," the 71-yearold Plymouth man said There was a bit of trouble, but nothing you couldn t overcome '

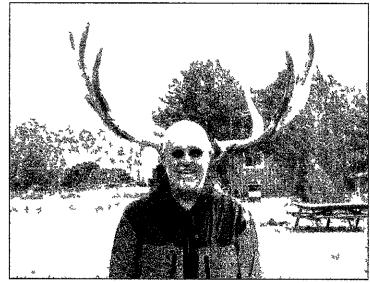
Gothard hooked up with the group with which he took off from Alaska during an Internet search The group of some half-dozen riders which left in early June began early on to experience some personality clashes, but Gothard wanted to press on

I knew I had to make it work 'Gothard said 'You're going to be living with these people 8-10 months, so you deal with stuff Most of the time, I rode by myself, because I was the slowest rider in the group Sometimes I wouldn't even see the group all day until we were camping at night"

Its just the latest in the high-endurance, big-challenge type rides taken by Gothard, who has bicycled through Canada, across Europe and even in China

But this one was the longest, and his family wondered - albeit briefly - about the wisdom of his taking it

He sort of broke us in with



Gary Gothard of Plymouth, who rode his bicycle some 12,000 miles from Alaska to Argentina, stopped to have a little fun along the way

his trips to Europe and Japan," said Brenda Hogue, Gothard's daughter and a South Lyon resident We were sort of intimidated by this one because of the distance, but when he said he was going with a group, we felt a little better

To get ready, Gothard did most of his training at the Livonia YMCA, where he is a long-time member His level of commitment and zest for such challenges has impressed folks there

"He d do everything from general cardio work to some weight training to biking and riding the stationary bike," said Jamie Stepanian-Bennett, director of marketing and membership for the Livonia YMCA "Being around him makes you want to kick yourself for not being as motivated as this guy"

There were challenges along the way The first day out of Deadhorse, there was a blızzard In Peru, a taxı drıver stole everything but the clothes on his back Luckily, he had his passport and credit cards with him at the time

Physically, Gothard said,

the ride was not that tough He had to deal with the lack of shower facilities and a lot of sleeping outdoors, and there were some cockroaches along the way he d rather for get, but other than that, the ride went fairly smoothly

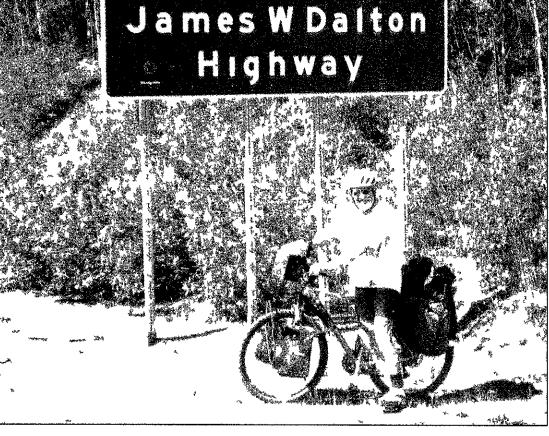
'It was a long grind, Gothard admitted Each day I looked at that days 60 miles I didn t look at the 10,000 miles we still had to go I took it one day at a

While he was pedaling down the West Coast, his family and friends were following his exploits via e-mail, written by Gothard from the rode and facilitated by his daughter, Hogue, who made sure everyone got her dads

While the group was made up mostly of family at first, it soon grew

"He was pretty regular about getting in touch, about every week, said Hogue, who works for Ford

'Occasionally he'd stretch it out to 9 10 days, and just when we were wondering where he was and whether we should call an American



Part of the 12,000-mile trip Gary Gothard took included the 414-mile James W Dalton Highway which stretches across

embassy, he'd get in touch

The group soon expanded to friends and family, and then to friends of the friends of the family, and even included people with whom Hogue works at Ford

I was asking people to email him so he knew there were people who wanted to know how he was doing,' Hogue said "There were a lot of people living vicariously through him It was amaz-

ing
The toughest part, Gothard said, came with a 12-percent grade that lasted 12 miles He said he hopped off the bike, stuck his thumb out and bummed a ride for part of it

My main thought was the duration," Gothard said "I wanted to take care of myself and not do something I can't physically do I didn't want to push too hard and end up getting sick That happened to a few guys'

With this trip in his rearview mirror, Gothard is already turning his attention



For much of the journey Gothard kept himself bundled from the cold

to his next adventure - a 6,000-mile trek through the Baltics he plans on taking starting in May Hell take that trip with a gentleman he met during a trip through England

And, with his bicycling days winding down, Gothard is doing nothing but looking

ahead

I ve probably got five years of good riding left in me," Gothard admitted 'You get the airline ticket and you go You don't worry about it You just do it '

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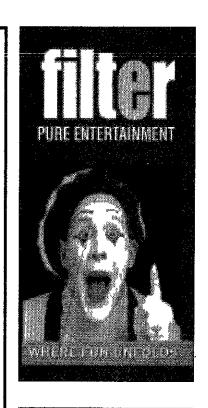


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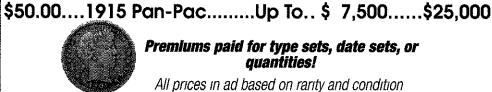
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Natalie Salazar and her parents, Sumorfin and Maria Salazar, talk about dealing with Natalie's illness

FUND-RAISER

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stages The second and fourth stages are divided into two categories

Natalie, whos in the fourth stage of the condition, is hoping to undergo a second round of cancer treatment that could ınclude a stem cell transplant Her mother and father, Sumorfin Salazar, are waiting to see if their insurance will cover the expenses

Sumorfin, a longtime Ford Motor Co engineer, recently took a buyout from the automaker and Maria is a stayat-home mom

In efforts to help finance what could become a costly procedure, the Arctic Figure Skating Club is having a fundraiser for the honors student on March 30 at Arctic Edge The event, which requires a minimum \$10 donation, will feature exhibitions by several accomplished skaters including Alissa Czisny, and Olympic silver medalists Ben Agosto and Tanıth Belbın

BENEFIT SKATE-A-THON FOR NATALIE SALAZAR

When: 7 p m Friday, March 30

Where: Arctic Edge Ice Arena 46615 Michigan Avenue,

Cost: Minimum \$10 donation

The exhibition will feature the award winning skaters Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto Brooke Castile and Ben Okolski Meryl Davis and Charlie White and Alissa Czisny For more information call Nancy Fees at (248) 891-6256

'We've been waiting to see what else we could do to help, said Nancy Fees, vice president of the skating club

'This has been a total community effort'

Natalie, an ice skater since age 3, 1s a member of the skating club and used to practice five to six times a week Since her diagnosis, she's only taken to the ice a handful of times

It hurt a lot when they told me I couldn't skate, Natalie said 'I love it so much'

Her parents proudly reference a poster board of photographs that show a beaming Natalie in various skating costumes with waves of auburn hair falling past her shoulders

"Shes wonderful," Sumorfin said while glancing at his daughter 'She's the best'

Natalie, who attends the church and school of St Anselm Parish in Dearborn Heights, received her confirmation Thursday

The Salazars, who have a 23year-old son, said they are hopeful their youngest child will survive the cancer that has spread to many of her bones

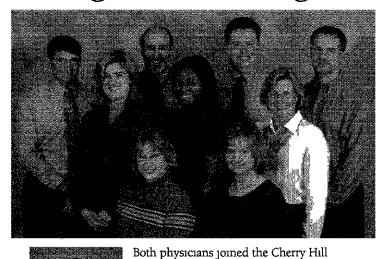
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New Dental office opens in/Canton

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A family and cosmetic dental office, Brite Dental Care has



patients The office, which accepts most dental insurance and has late evening and weekend appointments, is offering free bleaching for all new patients There is also in-house free financing, as well as free consultation

Brite Dental is owned by Dr Maha Zetouna, a 1995 graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy dental school She

BUSINESS BRIEFS

resides in Canton

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New vice president

McLaren Health Plan (MHP) recently announced the appointment of Canton resident Michael G Grodus as vice president and CFO In his new position, Grodus assumes responsibility and authority for establishing, directing, evaluating and coordinating all MHP's and Health Advantages accounting and finance activities related to developing and administering policy, short and long range goals, strategic planning initiatives, internal and external reporting, and regulatory communications

and initiatives

Grodus joins MHP from M-CARE, where he was director of provider contracting and reimbursement, responsible for negotiating and contracting with the organization's provider network consisting of 27 hospitals, more than 6,000 physicians and multiple ancillary providers. He has more than 21 years of finance, management and health care experience, including seven years at the Detroit Medical Center He was also chief financial officer at Oakland Physician Network Services "Mike brings a wealth of managed health care leadership experience and conceptual analysis skill to this position,' said Kathy Kendall, president and CEO of McLaren Health Plan 'He's a strong addition to a proven and capable manage-

FIRE

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residents," said Yack of regionalization "We have the best-ofthe-best, and Canton residents have gotten used to it What we've tried to do is be as efficient as we can, spreading our three fire stations in a way to create maximum coverage in the community Our response times are real strong

The Westland and Livonia models are much like ours,' he said 'In order to save big money, you d have to go to part-paid firefighters and a private ambulance service'

ANOTHER MEETING

Yack said he'd most likely have representatives at the groups March 26 meeting, but would not be willing to go further by spending money on a feasibility study by consultants Plante & Moran in Southfield

'Sooner or later we'll want out when they start charging admission, said Yack

The Plante & Moran feasibility study is projected to cost \$100,000 If based on community population, Livonia would pay nearly \$30,000 as its share, while the city of Plymouth would contribute \$2,700 However, Dwyer has said he would propose each community pay the same, which would average the cost at \$16,667

'The preliminary numbers were pretty high, in my estimation, for a study, said Mike Reddy, Westland fire chief "We'll stay in the loop as long as we can, but money could force us out We might be able to stay if there was some grant money available

To me, it doesn't warrant that amount of money to get something down on paper,' he said "I'd rather spend money on something more solid in place We'll have to get more in-depth with the discussion and see where we stand at the next meeting

SOME IN FAVOR

Dwyer has an ally in Pete Kunst, Livonia's director of public safety, who said the money for a feasibility study would be well-spent

I ve read the proposal, and I'm very impressed with it," said Kunst of the Plante & Moran document "I liked the fact they didn't focus on one solution, but are open-minded to a variety of different types of consolidation, like cooperation on training and a purchasing consortium

'The dollar figure doesn't scare me, he said 'That's a call the mayor (Jack Engebretson) will make with me and the finance director But, in his State of the City address, the mayor addressed that issue and affirmed he is involved in cooperative efforts and further talks The mayor wants to con tinue with the discussion

The major part of the feasi-bility study, if approved by the communities, will include the selection of a governance plan, development of an operational model, preparation of a finan cial model and creation of a presentation package

SURVEY SAYS

The results, according to the report, would also identify potential advantages and disadvantages of consolidation for each community, potential options for service consolidation and the benefits of each option

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said two representatives from the township board will attend the March 26 meeting, but

admitted they were in a waitand-see mode

ment team, and we welcome

his contribution"

"We are hopeful that we already provide services at the lowest cost we can for our residents,' Reaume said "We'll have to project our future costs to evaluate it We'll wait to see

what other communities have

to say ' Northville Township Manager Chip Snider has been in the forefront of regionalization, but said his community will have to take a back seat for

awhile We've had a series of organizational changes that have caused us some capacity issues within our fire department," said Snider, referring to recent events which have left him without a fire chief It concerns me to make decisions without a fire professional So, we're probably going to take a back seat for 3-4 months and hold these talks in abeyance

"I think the cost was reasonable, he said "The one thing I thought was appropriate was that everyone should split the cost evenly because everyone has the same vested interest in the outcome"

Dwyer, who has been working diligently to find a way to trım hıs cıtys \$1 2 mıllıon annual payment to Plymouth Township for fire and emergency medical services, remained optimistic

"If people didn t see dollar savings down the road, this many people still wouldn't be interested in the discussion,' Dwyer said "Everything we've seen shows it's possible to get the same or better service for a cheaper price That's how Plymouth has been able to weather the (budget) storm, by finding cheaper ways of doing what we do

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DEATHS

Kerth Alan Alleman

Alleman 38 of New Albany Ohio died March 12

Jennie Louise Conway

Conway 76 formerly of Rochester

died March 12 Michael J. Healey

Healey 42 formerly of Clarkston died March 14

Debra Kay Justice Justice 42 died March 9

Floyd Lasser

Lasser 77 formerly of Birmingham died March 5 Dave Little

Little 57 of Canton died March 9 Dorothy Skelly (nee Jurke) Loomis Loomis 68 formerly of Livonia died

Elsie Pauline (Tolonen) Precobb

Precobb of Chattanooga Tenn died

James E "Jim" Scharmen

Scharmen 58 of Traverse City died March 10

Edward Tarwacki Trawacki 89 of Wyandotte died March 12

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page C4



New Web site connects kids to the world of manufacturing

With the click of a mouse, young people can get a behind-the-scenes look into the significance and fascination of manufacturing. The Web site, Manufacturing is Cool (www manufacturingiscool com), was re-created by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) Education Foundation with the goal of inspiring pre-teens and teens to pursue careers in engineering and manufacturing.

If we are going to inspire enough young people to pursue

careers in engineering in the coming decades, we have to show our
kids how fascinating math and science can be, said Glen Pearson,
president of the SME Education
Foundation "With this Web site,
we re showing kids all the cool
things they could do if they pursue
a career in manufacturing"

Manufacturing is Cool provides an inside look at how kid favorites – such as snacks, fashion, cars and cell phones – are designed and produced by engineers. It also features video

clips of peers creating radio-controlled air planes and building computers at the Science, Technology & Engineering Preview Summer (STEPS) programs Additional site features include Moving Mechanical, which takes students behind the wheel, and Favorite Fashionista, which takes them to the world of cosmetics and apparel design The activities and resources available will continue to evolve as new information is posted to the site

Parents, teachers and students also

can use the Manufacturing Is Cool
Web site as a resource for information
on the Foundation, such as its available grants and scholarships. The site
contains links to information on
STEPS programs, which are now
offered in 14 states with more than 50
total programs. There are also links to
helpful directions on engineering programs at the college level and as well
as other interesting and fun manufacturing Web sites.

The Manufacturing Is Cool Web site is part of the foundation's larger

initiative to address the shortage of skilled manufacturing workers. If left unchecked, this deficit will critically affect America's manufacturers, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The foundation's youth outreach programs inspire students interest in engineering and technology at the middle and high school age. This helps motivate students to take the advanced-level math and science courses during high school that are prerequisites for pursuing engineering degrees.

Schoolcraft Multicultural Fair set for March 28

Get ready for a trip around the world at the sixth annual Schoolcraft College Multicultural Fair on Wednesday, March 28 The fair continues from 10 a m until 3 p m in the DiPonio Room in the VisTaTech Center, and will feature exhibits from various countries, samples of indigenous foods and entertainment

The fair is free, and community members are invited to join the 2,000 expected visitors

New this year is a large display showing wedding traditions from around the world that was prepared by an English as a Second Language class For \$10, visitors also can buy a cookbook of international recipes, gathered from the Schoolcraft community and printed by the International Institute

Among the two dozen cultural displays are exhibits from Brazil, Canada, Eritrea, France, India, Iraq, Ireland, Korea, Lebanon, the Philippines, Romania, Poland, Spain, Sri Lanka, Venezuela, Syria and Russia The displays are the work of students, faculty, staff, family and members of the community

The entertainment begins at 10 45 a.m with international songs from the kindergarten class at the Children's Center At 11 Tahitian dancers take the stage, and at noon the Marcus Garvey Drum and Dance Ensemble will perform The group is made of high school students from the Marcus Garvey Academy and other Detroit area schools They perform exciting music in the African drumming tradition

Also on tap is Ta'amullat, a folkloric dance group performing pieces from North Africa, the Near East and Central Asia Schoolcraft students will perform Native American flute music and traditional Indian dances, and a group called Tinkling will demonstrate Philippine dancing with bamboo sticks. Henna painting will be available at the Indian display.

The Multicultural Fair is cosponsored by the International Institute, Student Activities and Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society

Cookbook reflects multiculturalism

You can't know the soul of a region unless you know its food Therefore, it makes perfect sense that the Schoolcraft College International Institute, whose goal is to help the college community better appreciate world cultures, would publish an international cookbook

The book, called simply 'Cookbook," but with the word cookbook in many different languages, was created from the favorite ethnic dishes of the college's students, faculty and staff. It will be available for sale at the Multicultural Fair March 28 for \$10. This could be the perfect gift for Mother's Day or the new bride.

We wanted to create a project that involved the entire Schoolcraft community,' said Elzbieta Rybicka, English instructor and editor of Cookbook.

The book is divided into food categories – appetizers, soups, entrees, side dishes, cookies, desserts and drinks. There are more than 80 recipes in the 110-page volume, and countries represented include India, Poland, Taiwan, Mexico, Spain, Switzerland, Germany, Ireland, Japan and Indonesia.

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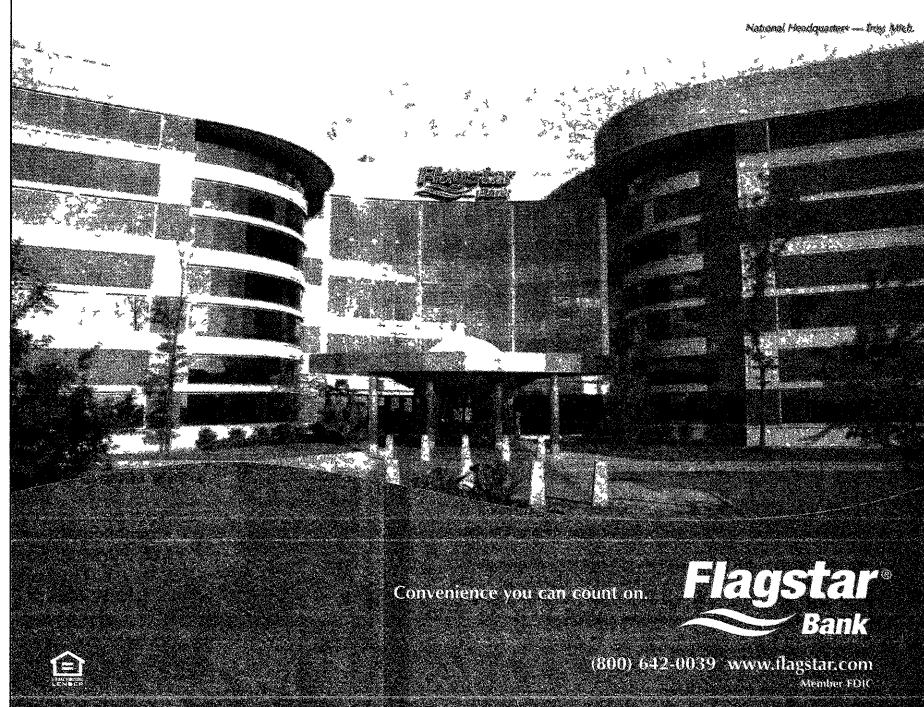
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High-tech game bags \$15,000 grant for teacher

STAFF WRITER

Salem High School forensics teacher Marcia Lizzio and her colleagues waited patiently for Principal Jerry Ostoin to begin his February staff meeting

Ostom was running late because he'd taken an important telephone call

He opened the meeting by announcing he was on the telephone with a representative from Best Buy and that I had just won a \$15,000 Teach Award,' said Lizzio "It was the first time I'd heard it and I was floored I didn't hear a word he said after that

It was Lizzio's second grant from Best Buy She received a \$2,500 award in November after competing with 8,000 other applications Of the 1,300 schools nationwide which won a total of \$4 million in awards, Lizzios was one of only 50 applications given an opportunity to apply for and eventually winning — the \$15,000 grant

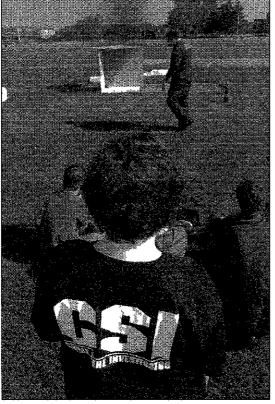
All that may look like small potatoes, as Lizzios efforts have now resulted in Plymouth Canton Schools competing with the 49 others for a \$250,000 district-wide grant which will be announced this summer

"The original \$2,500 was to support something in the classroom, and I bought a halfdozen digital cameras for students to use in class Lizzio said 'With the \$15,000 I'm going to get equipment to support making CSI Salem episodes My kids will write the storylines and scripts, using legitimate science, and collaborate with Janet Sutherland's advanced video kids for filmmaking and editing of the 15 minute shorts

Lizzios high-tech plans for her forensics class are the kinds of things Best Buy looks for while donating more than \$13 5 million in Teach Awards since 2004

'We firmly believe that technology can excite and engage students in the learning process, creating more valuable education experiences over time said Paula Prahl, vice president, public affairs Best Buy The applications we receive year after year demonstrate that teachers and schools have such wonderful, technologically creative ideas, but needed funds aren t available Best Buy Teach Awards help to bridge that gap by helping schools access the interactive technology to make learning fun

Plymouth-Canton Schools Chief Development



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Forensic Science teacher and CSI buff Marcia Lizzio watches Fire Marshall Frank Barrett burn a simulated room Lizzio recently won a \$15,000 grant from Best Buy and is eligible for another grant for \$250,000

Officer, Tom Sklut, is putting together a districtwide proposal for the top prize

We re putting together a picture for Best Buy on how we use technology to promote and motivate teaching in the visual and performing arts," said Sklut 'We would use the grant to encourage our music, art and classroom teachers to work together in using storytelling, illustrations and technology in making our curriculum accessible to more students in more ways

We decided to aim this technology opportunity at the arts and the classrooms because we know the arts are important to our parents and kıds,' he saıd

Sklut said the highest corporate gift given to Plymouth-Canton Schools thus far is the more than \$20,000 from Bosch Corporation to support the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park robotics team

After the grant is submitted at the end of the month, Lizzio said she's ready for a shopping spree at Best Buy

I have a \$10,000 and \$5,000 gift cards, and I plan to take a field trip to buy computers with film and video hardware, camcorders with hard drives, tripods, carrying cases and everything you need for filming and editing," Lizzio said

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Woman arrested for stealing items for child's birthday

A Canton woman was arrested for retail fraud and child neglect Wednesday after she attempted to steal various items, including a SpongeBob SquarePants candle, from Holiday Market to celebrate her sons birthday

The 36-year-old woman was confronted by two store employees after they said she exited the Lilley Road market without paying for the items in

When approached, the woman said she didn't have a receipt but offered to show her order form from the bakery The market employees then asked the woman to go back inside the building and called police

The woman, who had \$87 worth of property in her cart, told officers she was headed to her car to get a credit card to pay for the merchandise when she was stopped The store manager, who told police the woman may have robbed the grocer in the past, said the store wants to press charges against the woman

After she was placed under arrest, officers found more gro cery items, including a pack of 40 blue napkins, in her purse The woman told police she bought the merchandise from the same store earlier that morning She claimed a receipt was at her residence

Officers also discovered a credit card in her purse When asked why she didn't use that card to pay for the items in her cart, the woman said she 'had rules regarding credit card purchases

The woman, who was handcuffed and placed under arrest, then told officers her 5-yearold daughter was at home alone She said she left the sleeping child because she only expected to be away for a short period

Officers then called the woman's 35-year-old husband and informed him of the situation Child Protective Services were also contacted

COP CALLS

Police believe the woman tried to steal various candles, including one in the shape of a number 7, juice, milk and 30 cupcakes

The woman's husband later posted a \$300 bond

THIEF TARGETED HIDDEN SAFE

A batch of Realtors are included in the suspect list regarding the theft of several pricey items from a Canton mans safe

The man, 36, has reported that someone broke into his safe, which was hidden behind a picture, and stole several silver coins and \$1,000 cash A Rolex watch valued at \$19,000 and a \$22,000 diamond necklace were also taken from the safe

The man, who noticed the items were missing late last week, said he recently sold his home and has an electric lock box on the front door All of the Realtors that have the box's access code were listed as sus pects There were no signs of forced entry to the man's property and he said nothing else had been taken

The man told police he was unaware that anyone knew of the safe's location

SMASH AND GRAB SUSPECT

The Canton Police Department is still investigating the theft of the cash register from the Mobil gas station at Warren and Sheldon on March 10 "We do have a suspect in mind," said Canton Sgt Rick Pomorski

The thief was caught on film smashing a glass door and then taking the register, which contained an undisclosed amount of money

Pomorski said the thief spent a fair amount of time" struggling to remove the register from its location When

police responded to the store's alarm, the thief had already

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WOMAN'S CAR VANDALIZED

A 19-year-old Canton woman has reported that all four of the tires on her Chrysler Sebring have been slashed in two separate incidents

On Tuesday, the woman reported that her two passenger side tires had been cut Earlier this month, she told police that her two driver side tires had been sliced

The woman, who was driving the vehicle when the passenger side tires malfunctioned, told police she believes her ex-boyfriend damaged the car She showed officers eight to 10 text messages that the 20-year-old Dearborn Heights man had sent to her in a span of four hours

The woman said she has asked the man not to contact her anymore

Officers left the man a detailed voicemail after he didnt answer their call

There were no witnesses to the vandalism

WOMAN PASSES FAKE MONEY ORDER

An employee of National Parts Depot has reported to police that a former customer has swindled the Haggerty Road business out of \$1,000

The worker said the customer, who had placed six orders with the company in the past, racked up a bill for \$1,063 and paid through two money orders One money order for \$63 cleared, but the other for \$1,000 came back as counterfeit Store representatives unsuccessfully tried to contact the customer, whose telephone number had been changed The company wants to press charges

Tiffany L Parks





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Funding, roadwork needed to restore black neighborhoods

attended the taping of Bridging the Racial Divide on the campus of Madonna University No new ground seems to have been broken and the discussion petered out quickly It seems as though Livonia and Detroit's futures are joined at the hip

However, I was able to talk to several people that commented on the article I wrote calling for white people to recognize the suffering slavery is still causing many generations after abolition

One gentleman asked "Why do they think it was my fault? I was not even born then 'But I would ask 'Wouldn't you, if you were driving your car, and you came upon someone lying in the road obviously having been hit and injured,

stop and help them in any way you could?" Would any of us say "I didn t hit him, why is it my responsibility to help?"

I also talked to my very dear friend and neighbor who will be 90 years old this year. She moved to Detroit in the late '30s just before the war. She got married after the war and she and her husband built a house in Livonia in 1949 which she still lives in She told me how difficult it was

to find decent housing in the city back then
There was just no room for all the people coming
to work in the plants and factories producing war
materiel Every ethnic group had a section or
neighborhood they felt was their social, cultural
and economic center The blacks that migrated
from the South had the 'Black Bottom and
Paradise Valley" neighborhoods These areas ran
along what are now I-75 and the downtown spur
I-375

My neighbor told me about the freeway building boom and urban renewal' that started in the 1950s I-75 and I-375 wiped out the black ethnic neighborhoods Black Bottom and Paradise Valley This destroyed the economic center and much of the housing for working blacks in Detroit But the real problem came after, there was just no place for these people to go They were scattered across the city and forced to cram many families into old houses

There were just not enough houses to go around and bitter competition for decent housing ensued between whites and blacks. The small businesses did not survive either. My friend feels that this single event, freeway construction that destroyed blacks homes and businesses, was the root cause of the 67 riots and a wound that has not healed to this day.

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These events should fill us with hope Maybe now that we have identified and named the problem we can look at possible solutions

Remove and fill in I-375 Build back Paradise Valley and Black Bottom with walkable commerce and housing With the advent of improved transit on the horizon we can be rid of this gouge in the urban landscape.

Paradise Valley and Black Bottom should be considered economic empowerment zones. Long term tax relief and seed money for business start-ups and housing should be provided

Remake the Fisher/Chrysler intersection into a high speed through road eliminating the need to exit from one freeway to the other This may take up somewhat more space but the area to the northwest of the intersection is not viable now

Raise Jefferson Avenue where it goes under Cobo Hall back to street level Jefferson would then be open to the sky like all the other streets downtown Cobo Hall foot traffic can go under Jefferson with the use of pedestrian conveyor belts This would remove the blockage to development along the Detroit River on Jefferson and Fort Streets

Raise the Lodge M-10 freeway from under Cobo Hall to street level Build a new surface level intersection and street from Jefferson out past the casinos This should be a wide boulevard with plenty of space for high-rise housing, pedes trians, small retail and professional offices

Real economic and cultural damage was done to black society in Detroit by freeway construction and we can fix this The region will be stabilized when people can stay in their homes, get to work on efficient transit, send their children to good neighborhood schools, and their children and grandchildren will return to these neighborhoods for generations to come

Frank Kalınski's a Livonia resident

Hateful rhetoric won't help ease tensions in Middle East

emeaning Arabs is becoming a national sport with powerful individuals spouting hateful rhetoric in the press and on national TV

Thomas Friedman's quote about the Iraqis and the casualties of war was that 'If they loved their children as much as they hate us" Imus in the Morning's solution to the Middle East was to drop a nuclear bomb on Mecca, Jeddah and send a message to Mohamed And let's not forget Glen Beck's memorable quote "Muslim Americans are apathetic to terrorism' These words coupled with President Bush's State of the Union Address about how we

must fight radical Islam are becoming our anthem for going and continuing the war in Iraq and the dehumanization of an entire Arab-Muslim world

I'm amazed with the characters explaining Arabs and Muslims to us No wonder the general public is confused about the Middle East and they are just as confused about our intentions

In this age of the Internet, these words of hate, simple and willful ignorance not only reaches across the United States but also is downloaded and used as evidence of malicious intentions toward the Middle East This ignorance and hate toward Muslims and Arabs is not only directed at people in the Middle East. It is becoming the acceptable norm for anyone who is of Arab descent or connected to Islam.

Terry

Ahwal

As soon as Congressman Keith Ellis, formerly of Detroit and of Muslim descent, was elected congressman from Minnesota, the same ignorant voices questioned his allegiance to the United States And now, God forbid, we have Barack "HUSSEIN Obama running for president He will now have to defend himself for going to a Muslim school at age 6 One vocal voice on the radio asked where his loyalties would be when we are fighting the war of our lives against Islam

I wish I could say these are isolated voices and they don't harm the people in the Middle East or us, but harmful rhetoric is harmful to all of us. We do not select our ancestry, but rather are borne into it. What we are and how we conduct ourselves is what defines us.

In the last few years the fanatical and ignorant voices on all sides are influencing not only our thinking but our conduct. We begin with hateful words, then proceed to harmful and vengeful actions. The U.S. has been robbed of its security and we in turn are robbing them of their stability and lives

We are being spoon fed with fear and Islamophic garbage and they are being fed with the bitter pill of occupation and colonialism and the results are deadly for both of us

In weaker moments, I worry that it is too late to bridge the gap between our two societies. Then I look at my family and friends and see Arabs, Jews, Christians, Muslims, Republicans, Democrats, black and white, old, young, immigrants and natives and find hope for a future that embraces peace and harmony for all

They espouse this belief because they chose knowledge over stereotypes. They accept diversity over ethnocentrism and have the belief that we all are equal regardless of what continent we live in and as such we all deserve to life.

In his State of the Union Address, President Bush asked us to give the war one more chance It's been four years and I say four years is enough. The blazing guns and powerful force escalated the killing of both sides We need to stop before we ignite the rest of the region Stopping however, is not sufficient We need to examine our conduct and begin to listen, understand and treat the people in that region just like we want to be treated, with dignity and respect We can embrace the notion of Do unto others as you would have others do unto you' It is after all the ultimate norm of high morality in our culture We can begin to implement this by stopping the hate rhetoric in the media

Instead of stereotyping the Middle East and relying on unreliable sources for information about it, why don't we acquire true knowledge of the region and its people. We can begin by learning about the numerous past and current colonialist powers that worked for several generations against the natives in the region.

Instead of demonizing the whole population, we need to learn something about their language and culture. One would think after years of entanglement with the Middle East, we would know the Arabic language just to have the upper hand. As of today, less than 500 people know some. Arabic in our intelligent community. What is even more frightening is several members of Congress cannot name half the countries in the Arab League and some don't even know where they are located on

Knowledge and understanding provides limitless possibilities of transforming the Middle East and the world. The choice is ours to make, build generations of enemies with war or build peace, democracy and security

Terry Ahwal lives in Canton



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Transferring to an IRA gives more options

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The first issue you need to consider is where you transfer the money My recommendation is Charles Schwab, Vanguard or TD Waterhouse At all three companies you can establish a portfolio using a wide variety of investment alternatives If you choose to use mutual funds, which I think you should, each of these companies offers a wide range of commission-free, low cost mutual funds In addition, each one of these companies has excellent Web sites to help you establish an investment strategy

Investors who are closing retirement accounts need to be cautious that they do not fall prey to the financial salespeople who have one agenda and that is to separate you from your hard earned money

In choosing how you should invest this money, it is difficult to do without knowing your indi-

Money **Matters**

Rick Bloom

vidual goals and objectives My philosophy is that people should not invest based upon their age, but rather what they are trying to achieve as an investor In other words, do you need growth from your portfolio or are you investing for current income? If you mail me your goals and objectives, I can then recommend a portfolio for you All the investments I would recommend would be commission-free Many people are taking buy-

outs and early retirement packages If you're in that situation, this adage applies, buyers beware There are many flunflam and scam artists that are preying on individuals and that is why it is important that before your rush out and invest your money, that you take your time to make sure that you make the right decision for yourself Always be aware of potential conflicts of interest and rely on independent information Don't be afraid to get a second opinion

I am a new employee at Henry Ford Hospital. Their 403(b) plan only offers Fidelity Freedom Funds or an option to go with Met Life 1 contribute the max with catch up as I'm over 50 years of age I'm looking at retirement in approximately five

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years. I consider myself moderately aggressive and would like to know your recommendations I also have 403(b) money with two previous hospitals Do you recommend I transfer these to my own individual IRA and if so, are there any tax consequences?

I recommend you transfer the money into an IRA By directly transferring the money from the 403(b) into the IRA, there are no tax consequences The money will continue to grow on a tax-deferred basis The major benefit is that you now have more investment alternatives that are available to you

In today's world, to be a successful investor you need to increase the number of asset classes in which you invest A perfect example is the international area In the past, investors had limited options in this area and for most people the only options were to invest in large company international funds

In today's world, the options have been expanded to include small company international and emerging markets My belief is that it is important for all investors to add these asset classes into their portfolios By expanding the number of asset classes, it allows investors to reduce their risk and at the same time maximize returns Unfortunately, most retirement plans do not offer small company international or emerging markets in their portfolio and therefore, when you have the opportunity to transfer your money into an

IRA you can expand your portfolio by adding these asset classes into the mix

As to new money, your two options are Met Life or the Fidelity Freedom Funds The Fidelity Freedom Fund is basically a fund of funds These funds are managed based upon your retirement year The closer you are to retirement, the more fixed-income investments would be in the portfolio I believe an investor should not invest based only upon when they will retire To me, the key is to invest based upon your individual situation

For example, if you are going to retire in five years but you will not need income from your portfolio for 10 or 15 years, to me, you should still be a long-term growth investor On the other hand, even if you are going to retire in five years but you need income today, then, you should be investing in an income mode If you choose to use one of the Fidelity Freedom Funds, you should make the determination of when you would need income in retirement. If you do not need income for many years, then you should select one of the long-term funds

With regards to Met Life, the key is to examine the investment options and the costs involved. Met Life offers many different programs with many different cost structures If you are offered one of the low-cost Met Life Plans, then probably that would be the alternative to choose The benefit is that you would have more control of your money to select the different investment options On the other hand, if you have one of the high-cost plans where you are paying more than 2 percent in administrative fees, one of the Fidelity Freedom Funds is the way to go

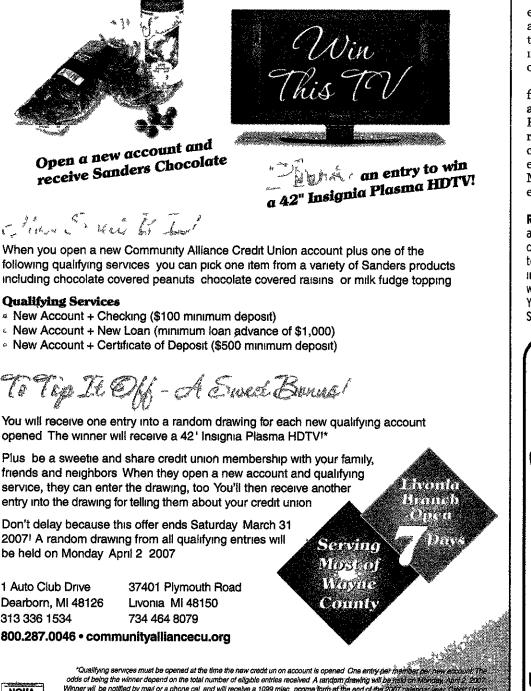
Unfortunately, in many retirement plans it is difficult to determine fees However, it is worth the effort When you consider the cost of the funds, the mortality charges (if any) and the administrative fees, it is very difficult for an investor to make money

I recognize it is difficult to examine fees, if you e-mail me a copy of your plan I'd be more than happy to tell you whether it is one of the high-cost plans or low-cost plans

I know I am obsessed with fees My reason is very simple and that is that fees do matter Every independent survey I've read always reaches the same conclusion and that is high fees equal low returns to an investor My goal as an investment adviser is to maximize returns

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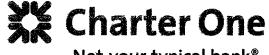
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- Ignition 14, Blast 7



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Detroit Ignition forward Mike Apple (7) beats Baltimore goalie Sagu with a high-scorching shot with 5 23 left in the first half of Friday night's 14 7 victory over the Blast Apple's goal gave the Ignition a 7-0 lead

GREEN DAY

Ignition wear St. Pat's jerseys, wear out defending champions

BY ED WRIGHT

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Throughout his illustrious profesdefenseman Droo Callahan has performed a crowd-pleasing series of backflips after each of his goals

On Friday night against Baltimore, Callahan was flippin' good The Brighton resident found the net twice in the first period — the latter a threepoint blast from just outside the arc to ignite the Ignition's 14-7 victory over the Blast in a pivotal Major Indoor game played sold-out crowd at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township

The normally red-clad Ignition made a fashion statement when it

PLEASE SEE IGNITION, B4 goal Friday night against Baltimore



Detroit's Kyt Selaidopoulos (left) and Jamar Beasley celebrate Selaidopoulos s third-quarter

Madonna hitters win, 3-2

The Madonna University baseball team finished up a successful spring trip to Florida with a 3-2 win over Fisher (Mass) Saturday, behind the pitching of senior righthander Josh Regits

The Lake Orion product earned his first victory as a Crusader, pitching 6 2/3 innings and fanning a career high nine

Senior reliever Mike Hand (North Farmington) closed out the win, which improved MU's record to 8-5 It was his first collegiate save

Madonna scored three runs in the first three innings after an RBI double by senior outfielder The Crusaders will now wait until 1 p.m. Tuesday to play their homeopening doubleheader, against Indiana Wesleyan at Ilitch Ballpark in Livonia.

Tony Luttman (Farmington) in the first inning, an RBI single by sophomore infielder Ryan Morrow in the second inning and an RBI sacrifice fly by sen-10r outfielder Manny Alvarado (Southfield) in the third, which proved to be the winning run

The Falcons (2-1) plated two runs in the seventh inning to chase MU starter Regits from the game before Hand came on to secure the win

The Crusaders will now wait until 1 p m Tuesday to play their home-opening doubleheader, against Indiana Wesleyan at Ilitch Ballpark in Livonia Saturday's twinbill with Malone College was postponed due to ment weather. No makeur date was announced

Ilitch Ballpark is located adjacent to Livonia Ladywood High School, off Newburgh Road between 1-96 and Five Mile Road

Hoop honors

Canton seniors Becci Houdek and Ja'nee Morton were recently honored by the **Basketball Coaches** Association of Michigan for their accomplish ments this past fall

Houdek, who earned an athletic scholarship from Ferris State University, was named to the 2006-07 BCAM girls Class A All-State 3rd team as well as the association's Academic All-State team, She was also selected to play in the BCAM Class & A/B All-Star Game in 🕮 early August

Morton was named to 🖫 the 2006-07 BCAMs Class A All-State honorable mention team after excelling for the Chiefs the past two seasons

Hockey honors Two members of the

Plymouth High School boys hockey team received Division 2 All-State honors recently Defenseman Jason O'Guinn was named to the D2 All-State second team after leading the Wildcats in scoring this past season Plymouth goalie Justin Desilets

Western Division title Wings alumni

received honorable men-

leading the Wildcats to a

14-8-2 record and WLAA

tion recognition after

alumni team will take the ice against the Oakland County Public Safety All-Stars today at 4 30 p m at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township The Oakland County team will be made up of police officers, fire fighters and employees of radio station WRIF

There will also be a dinner reception with the former Red Wings after the game for a cost of \$15 per ticket, however, space is limited

For more information. call (248) 592-2309

Hoop tryouts

The Northwestern Rocks AAU boys basketball teams will be holding tryouts at 7 pm Thursday, March 29, at Novi Catholic Central High School in Wixom Tryouts will be held for three age levels 14-andunder, 16-and-under and 🖔 16-and-over

For more information, contact Don Waxer at (734) 536-0406

Boyd makes the most of limited role

STAFF WRITER

If you judged Nick Boyd's worth to Plymouth's basketball team this past season simply by his statistics, you'd be greatly deceived

In sharp contrast to the playing time he received (less than five minutes per contest) and the numbers he put up, Boyd's contributions were plentiful thanks to an uplifting attitude and always-play-hard work ethic To gauge the senior forwards contribu-

tions to the Wildcats, you'd have to look beyond the scorebook and attend one of the team's practices, where he supplied incredible energy and an invaluable spark.

"Nick is a great kid,' said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner "He's a great student and he busted his tail every day in practice and when he got an opportunity to get into the games



"Sure, Nick would have liked to get some more minutes for us, but he didn't sulk just because he dıdn't play a lot He played hard

all the time and was a great influence on the rest of the kids on the team"

SUDDEN IMPACT

Despite the limited minutes he played, Boyd still managed to make an impact on the Wildcats' fortunes in a few games this

In a Western Lakes Activities Association consolation-bracket game against Livonia Franklin in late-February, he scored a basket during a rare firstquarter stint that seemed to ignite a Wildcats' run that eventually led to a vic-

'The way I looked at it was that even though I didn't get a lot of playing time, I was still a key player because it takes an entire team to win games," said Boyd "I tried to be someone who got everyone involved at practice by working hard and making sure everybody was communicat-

LATE BLOOMER

Boyd played volleyball in middle school, but didn't touch a basketball in an organızed game untıl hıs freshman year at Plymouth

"My older brother (21-year-old Terrance) was a good basketball player and he used to kick my butt when we played on the driveway," Boyd said, smiling "But I learned to love the sport by playing against him I tried out for the team my freshman year at Plymouth and



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Despite limited playing time, senior Nick Boyd made a major contribution to the Plymouth PLEASE SEE BOYD, B3 basketball team this past season

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Three cheers for the Extreme

The Michigan Extreme Superstars competitive cheer team was crowned class, division and grand champion of its class at the UCA Motorcity Showdown Feb 24. The Extreme has placed either first or second in all seven competitions it has competed in this season. Pictured are coach Danielle Rickman. Lindsey Macco, Katelyn Sakkinen, Jessica Hasty Chloe Lawrie, Brook Enciso, Kristin Crowley, Lauren Schizowski, Payton Hall, Hayley Justin, Kelsey Atwater, Deshara Cabay, Katrina Williams Hailey Barnes Madison Bruns, Katie Manley, Holly Atkınson Macayla Lynch and Morgan Pistolesi

Clack tries to stir up interest in Fox Hills senior golf league

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

Dil Clack knows a thing or two about well-groomed ter-

He served for two decades as foreman of the ground crew for Garden City Public Schools and also is a lifelong golfer

With the latter endeavor in mind, the 83-year-old Garden City resident is trying to bring lagging numbers for the Red Fox Golf League up to par

'I don't know if its due to the economy, or people getting laid off," said Clack, the oldest member of the league he organized in 1977 "But we're dwindling down (in numbers)

The league tees off every Saturday morning - at 6 49 a m - from mid-April until September at Fox Hills Classic Golf Course in Plymouth Township and mostly is com prised of men in their 50s and

But there currently are just 12 golfers signed up for the 2007 season which begins April 14 That is well below the halcyon days of the late 1980s and early 1990s, when as many as 24 hit the links every week

'I can add up to 24 golfers this year, too, he said

Clack still gets a thrill out of being around a golf course, working as a starter at Fox Hills on days when he isn't



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior golfer Dil Clack has been a longtime fixture at Fox Hills Golf Course in **Plymouth Township**

breaking out the clubs and shooting in the 70s

'I want to continue it (golf) until the day I die, he said I just love it' and he wants the league to keep going for others who also love the game

"These guys who want to play, they don t know where to

Clack is no stranger to stok ing the fire for recreational pursuits, either From 1957 85 he coached Little League, Babe Ruth, Connie Mack and Class A baseball leagues in Garden

Meanwhile Clack insists that every penny' of \$200 entry fees return to golfers through trophies and prize money (for example, \$1,000 goes to the first golfer to score a hole-in-one)

outing to conclude the season, on September 15

each golfer must bring \$34 every Saturday for green fees and if a participant opts to ride a cart must pay an additional

divided into the A-Division (for handicaps up to 20 strokes) and B-Division (for

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The Red Fox Golf League is handicaps up to 34 strokes)

Coach eager for new-look Crusaders to take the field

STAFF WRITER

Al White doesn't mind toss ing out superlatives when discussing his 2007 Madonna University softball team

The ninth-year head coach insists the current squad is the most-talented and hard-working group he's had the privilege to lead And even with the graduation of star pitcher Erin Brockert (21-10, 1 95 ERA in 2006) he isn't worried about how competitive the Crusaders can be this spring - starting with an Arizona tournament early this month

'It's very exciting," said White, actually in his 17th season with the team including eight years as a pitching coach "It's by far the most outstanding talent we've ever had'

There is only one senior (pitcher Shannon Noder, 6-4 last year) and four juniors pitcher Liz Ballinger, 5-1 last year, outfielder Heather Richardson of Canton (315, nine homers), catcher Stephanie Day (Livonia Ladywood, 294) and first base man Christina Finch (321 in an injury-riddled sophomore season)

That core is supported by some young players who could quickly establish themselves and boost the Crusaders right to the top of the Wolvenne-Hoosier Athletic Conference standings, where they are accustomed to

"Everybody picked us for third, (but) I really think we're going to right there at number one," emphasized White, whose team went 35-15 last year "If we can install a never-give-up, never-quit (attitude) into these girls, like we have the last couple years, I think that's going to play a big part into this teams

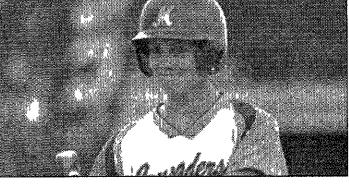
"These are the hardest workers we've ever had This program is going in the right direction I'm very excited

White also thinks the trip to the Tucson Invitational (12 games from Friday through Thursday, March 8) will work wonders for his team helping it get battle-tested ahead of the WHAC schedule

The Crusaders then play a number of games in Ohio and Indiana later this month, before the home opener 1 p m Saturday, March 31 against Cornerstone

GOOD TEST

'We're playing California teams the second day and we know they're good, White noted "They're always playing and they play outside By us being so young, I think it's going to help us down the road a few years in knowing how to



Heather Richardson of Canton is one of the offensive cogs for the Madonna softball team. She will bat in the middle of the lineup and play right field for head coach Al White

It's just like our league Every game means something and I m sure these girls will be up to the challenge Our coaches have worked very hard to get them to this point'

Without Brockert, who also hit 396 last season, Madonna will rely on Noder to "keep us in the games She's going to have to step up"

The coach also expects Ballinger to throw a lot of innings But beyond those two, he isn't sure of his staff Sophomore Novi product Alyssa Wagner is the number three pitcher, but she is trying to overcome a shoulder injury

He does know he'll have rock-steady Day behind the plate

She knows how to catch," White said "She caught four years at Ladywood

Starting at first base will be Finch, who collected five homers and 18 RBI in just 81 at bats in 2006 "She missed half of last year, and we hope she ll be ready to go in Arizona

The backup catcher is freshman Alyssa Bertrand

KEYSTONE KUDOS

A strong up-the-middle combo never hurts any team, and thats what the Crusaders seemingly have in sophomore second baseman Danielle Richardson and sophomore shortstop Tedi Johnston (a transfer from Oakland Community College)

Richardson hit just 248 a year ago but White said she brings experience as a top notch travel player with the Compuware organization Shes just a great kid, a good hitter As for Johnston, White had

We ve had outstanding shortstops in the 17 years we've had the program, he said She's by far the best shortstop we've ever had She is smooth She made one play today that I thought would be on ESPN at 6 p m She went to her left, got up and threw the runner out by

two steps Freshman Brittney Scero (Canton) is slated to start at third base and will provide some power into the leadoff position

Backing them up in the infield will be slick-fielding freshman shortstop Ashley Bonsall (Livonia Franklin), freshman second baseman Samantha Bell and freshman first baseman Cartlyn Sidor (Livonia Churchill)

The mainstay of the outfield 18 Heather Richardson, who will play right field and bat third in the order

'She's my number three hitter,' White said "A little bit of pressure is going to be on her"

Joining her in the outfield will be sophomore Mary Kate Setta in left and Waterford Mott all-stater Hannah Godfrey in center Godfrey, a sophomore, "brings speed and is very good defensively"

Setta hit 259 in part-time duty, but could break out with much-needed power numbers, White noted

"Actually, our middle is completely new," he said 'Our shortstop's new, our center fielder's new and our second baseman's new That's where you have to be strongest, no doubt "I think they can handle it

We think we're stronger this year than we were last year We re very confident in our players up the middle" Outfield reserves include

sophomore Kathleen Smiley (Walled Lake Western) and freshman Rachael Kethe

White also expects to get some offensive punch out of sophomore Alison Grant, who likely will be designated hitter Last year, Grant paced Madonna with 45 RBI while batting 377 She is recov from a knee injury, which might limit any time in the field (she can catch and play

"We're definitely looking for power numbers out of her, both at DH and pinch hitting, White said "We'll throw her in there down in Arizona"

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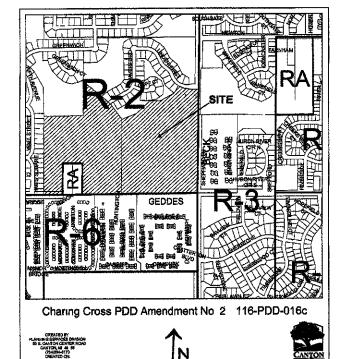
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY

PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday April 2 2007 at the Cherry Hill Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, at 700 pm. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

CHARING CROSS PDD AMENDMENT NO. 2 (OAKWOOD HOSPITAL) CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27 04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 116 99 0002 710 AND 116 99 0002 711 Property is located north of Geddes and west of Beck



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

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Wednesday March 28 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

Vic Gustafson Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2007 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday April 5 2007 commencing at $6\,00$

a request for a 10 foot variance for a required fifteen foot side yard setback for address 12348 Howland Park Drive a request for a 6 foot variance for a required fifteen foot side yard setback for address 12285 Wendover Drive

Plymouth Michigan The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall 9955 N Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734 354 3210

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Jackson Christian slams door on Spartans' championship dream BY TIM SMITH

The free-throw line wasn't very charitable to Redford Covenant, and the Spartans' season ended because of it.

With Jackson Christian senior point guard D J Baisden hitting all 14 of his second-half free throws, the Royals nipped Covenant 59-56 in a Class D regional final boys basketball game Thursday night at Hillsdale College.

But the Spartans (21-5) still had a chance for the regional title roaring back from a 39 28 deficit early in the third and actually taking a 54-53 lead with 2 36 to go on a layup by freshman point guard Carlos Carter (eight

Baisden regained a one-point margin for the Royals (25-0) with two free throws But Carter's allout defense forced a turnover and senior wing guard Durrell Summers subsequently made two foul shots with just 34 seconds left to put the Spartans back on top, 56-55

Next came the telltale sequence Summers (14 points) blocked a shot taken by Baisden and was fouled on the play to set up a 1-and-1 at the other end

His shot bounced off the rim, and instead of Covenant perhaps going up by three points, the Royals went ahead to stay on a

layup by semor forward Micky Rickerd (eight points)

Again, the major thorn as far as the Spartans were concerned was Baisden He drew Covenant defenders to him and dished to the wide-open Rickerd

"Its been happening all year," said Jackson Christian head coach Robert Stanton "They try to stop him (Baisden) and if they do he finds the guy that's open The bottom line, D J makes things happen when the game's on the line Icing the victory was a steal by

senior forward Derek Belote and two more Bassden free throws to give him 31 points and 19 of 20from the charity stripe

"I didn't imagine that happening,' said Summers in the quiet Covenant locker room, talking about his missed free throw "I think I shot myself in the foot and celebrated a little too early"

Another problem for the Spartans was four quick fouls called against Summers, who sat out virtually the entire third quarter as a result At least two of the fouls appeared to be questionable and prompted a chorus of loud boos from Covenant fans

said "You come out to do the best you can and you're playing against five players and three referees It's pretty hard, I wish the game could have been called fair but that's just the way it is"

'It's very frustrating," Summers

Churchill spikers earn berth in final

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

On the eve of St Patrick's Day, Livonia Churchill move one step closer to that coveted Pot 'O Gold – the state Class A girls volleyball championship

And it couldn't have been more fitting that a McKenzie – as in senior setter Kelsey – came up with the match-winning block as the Chargers upended No 1-ranked East Kentwood in five games, 25-22, 13-25, 25-20, 15-25, 15-12, before a raucous crowd Friday evening at Western Michigan University's Reed Fieldhouse

Churchill, 55-4-1 overall, earned its first trip to the Class A final since 1991, the year the Chargers won championship The opponent was North Branch, 74-2-1, which defeated defending state champion Fraser in four games in the other semifinal

The fifth and deciding game went back and forth with Churchill enjoying leads of 5-3 and 9-7 East Kentwood evened the match at 9-all and pulled to within one, 13-12, on a block by Miss Volleyball, 5-foot-10 senior Lauren Jones

But hard-hitting 6-2 junior Kyndra Abron nailed a shot to the floor, her team-high 21st kill on the night, and the 5-9 McKenzie kissed the blarney stone, going up on the right side of the net along with Abron for the game-winning block

The match-clinching point sent the Charger players into a jubilant celebration

'The fifth game there was no doubt in my mind because we wanted it so bad, said McKenzie, who finished with 36 assist-to-kills And what a point to end it on against Miss Volleyball (Lauren Jones) It s the most amazing feeling I've had in my life I must have jumped 20 feet in the air after that last point

Churchill captured the first



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Churchill's Lauren Krupsky sends a shot over for a point during Friday's state semifinals win over East Kentwood at Western Michigan University

and third games, but East Kentwood showed its prowess by jumping out to early leads and dominating the second and fourth games

In the final game, junior middle hitter Jaclyn Gribeck came up with a key block to put the Chargers up 10-9 after senior libero Kelly Archer made a sprawling save on the back line to break a 7-all deadlock

This team won t quit or say no, Churchill coach Mark Grenier said They've willed themselves and they ve proved it every step of the way It's been business as usual with this team all season

"Defense and ball control deserves the credit We ve always talked about passing and the defense – because if its not there – we won't get the swings

Lauren Krupsky, Churchills top attacker, was slowed all week by a twisted right ankle She added 11 kills, but it was well below her average She also made an uncharacteristic 15 hitting errors

'Lauren (Krupsky) hasn t practiced since Tuesday, the swelling has dropped down a lot lower,' Grenier said Shes still limited in her lateral

Senior Stephanie Bradshaw had a team-high 18 digs, while Archer added 17 And Jordan Kerr chipped in with 10 digs

movement, but shes a war-

Kerr was stunned momen tarily in the fifth game when she collided with Archer The junior defensive specialist however refused to go to the bench after suffering a shot just above her right eye

I feel O K and coach
(Grenier) asked me if I was
O K, Kerr said I was
pumped up since the beginning - we wanted it Even
when we got down we just
had to keep the energy up and
don't get down on ourselves
He (Grenier) told us we
deserved to win

I can't wait until tomorrow I'm excited

Jones had a game-high 23 kills and 16 digs to lead the Falcons, who finished 75 5 overall Rachel VanderWall and Jessica Brown added 12 and 10 kills, respectively Megan Rachette led East Kentwood with 21 digs, while

setter Megan Steenhuysen had 48 assists

There's not much you can do other than try and limit her,' Grenier said of Jones And when she gets to the back row, don't give them any free balls'

The Falcons had total of 15 blocks (one solo), to Churchill's 10 (two solo) Kentwood however, commit ted 13 service errors to Churchill's 10

We faced a buzzsaw, East Kentwood coach Roxanne Steenhuysen said Churchill played a great match and we countered with some great things It was just a matter of a couple breaks here and there They got to 15 points first in that fifth game and that sall that matters It wasn't meant to be In general they played well and they served tough

Abron's presence on the front row made life miserable at times for the Falcons, especially in the third game when she recorded eight kills and one solo block

We knew Kyndra and knew where the ball goes, I thought we did good job against her for the most part,
Steenhuysen said Kim
Stewart had five blocks and we were able to touch a lot of balls

Churchill was able to avenge one of its four losses on the season In the Temperance Bedford Invitational on Feb 10, East Kentwood defeated the Chargers convincingly in three games

Coach (Grenier) told us we re both great teams and this is a once in a lifetime experience. McKenzie said. He said we deserved to be here as much as they did, so why not it be us? It was one of the most amazing (pregame) speeches I ve ever heard.

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ROY

FROM PAGE

played all four years
This coming spring will mark
Boyd's fourth year on the
Plymouth track-and-field team,
for which he has competed in

the 200- and 400 yard dashes Hopefully, I ll be on the fourby-200 and four-by-400 relays, too, said Boyd 'I'm also going to try to long jump

I love track because I like to run and I like the environment that comes with track and field I like the way my coaches and teammates push me to do better."

WELL-ROUNDED STUDENT

Away from the athletic arenas, Boyd has made a name for himself in the classroom and in the choir room. He s a 3 5 student and a member of two singing contingents the P-CEP chamber mens choir and the choir at Plymouths First Baptist church, where he is a member

'Doing well in school is very important to me,' said Boyd My parents have always said that if I don't do well in school, there's no sports Away from the athletic arenas, Boyd has made a name for himself in the classroom and in the choir room. He's a 3.5 student and a member of two singing contingents: the P-CEP chamber men's choir and the choir at Plymouth's First Baptist church, where he is a member.

In the fall, Boyd is aiming toward attending Washtenaw Community College After two years of study there, he plans on transferring to either Wayne State University or Grand Valley State University

Wherever he ends up, he'd like to earn a degree in law enforcement

'My dad is kind of urging me to try to get a career in the FBI," said Boyd I think that's where I m leaning as of now'

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AAU BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Ages: 14U-18U March 25, 2007 14U & 15U 1:00-2:30 pm 16U & 17U 2:30-4:00 pm 18U 4:00 5:30 pm

Ages: 9U-13U April 1, 2007 9U & 10U 1:00-2:30 pm 11U & 12U 2:30-4:00 pm 13U 4:00-5:30 pm



Location: High Velocity Sports 46245 Michigan Ave. btwn. Canton Center & Beck Fee: \$15

For more information, e-mail Tony Robinson mi_elite_hoops@yahoo.com

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SPORTS BRIEFS

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering spring break camps April 9-13 for kids between the ages of 5 and 12 years old The four camps offered will be all-sport, soc cer, basketball and craft camp The instructor-to-child ratio is

The all-sport camp is offered in full-day (9 a m to 4 p m) or half-day (9 a m to noon or 1 p m to 4 p m) sessions. The full-day fee is \$45 per day while the half-day camp is \$25 Kids will play several sports, including soccer, flag football, basketball, volleyball and dodge ball

The soccer camp will be offered from 9 30 a m to 11 30 a m for kids 5 to 8 years old, and noon to 2 p m for 9 to 12 year olds The camp is five days long and the fee is \$125 per child The camp will focus on improving soccer fundamentals

The basketball camp is offered from 9 a m to noon with a fee of \$125 per participant. The camp is designed for beginner and intermediate players who are between the ages of 5 and 12 and interested in developing basic skills.

The craft camp is for children between the ages of 5 and 12 who would like to show off their creative side. There will be a variety of projects offered each day. The fee is \$30 per day, which includes all materials.

Early drop-off is \$5 per day and it starts at 7 45 a m Late pick-up is also \$5 per day and ends at 5 15 p m

For more information on the spring break camps, call (734) HV-SPORT, or visit www hvsports com

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 Road in
Westland

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

Tickets, which cost \$40 a
piece, can be purchased at the
Plymouth High School Athletic
Office

IGNITION CAMPS

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

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

REC OFFERINGS

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

DIESEL TRYOUTS

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

You must be 18 years old or older to try out The registration fee is \$30 For more information, call (313) 294 0890

RUNNING CLUB

Runners are invited to join the Northville (Redford) Road Runners running organization All levels are welcome

The club meets at 6 30 p each Tuesday at Northville's Hillside Recreation Center, located off Center Street just south of Eight Mile, and at 6 30 pm Thursdays and 9 am Saturdays at the Eight Mile Road entrance to Maybury State Park

Varying distances are run,

ranging from 4-6 miles
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OLGC FOOTBALL

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

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

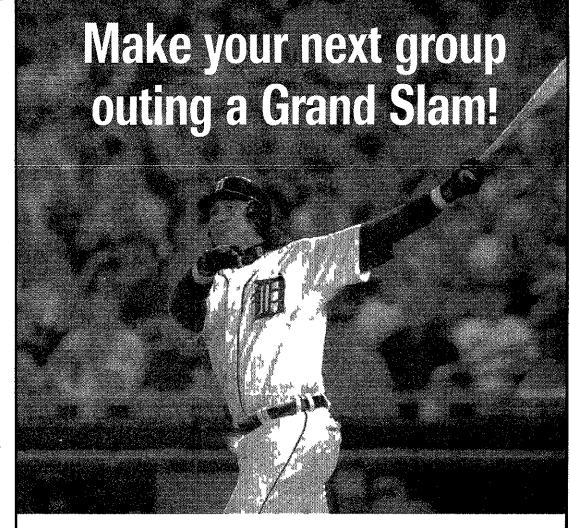
Parents of interested players should attend the meeting Program information and registration materials will be distributed Contact Kevin Suppelsa at ksuppelsa@wowway.com or

www olgcfootball net BASEBALL CLINIC

(734) 414-8275, or visit

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 Contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026, or send an e-mail to pcmyers@hotmail.com



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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit s Hewerton navigates around Baltimore defenseman Rey Martinez during Friday night s 14-7 Ignition victory Hewerton's fourth quarter goal extended the Ignition's

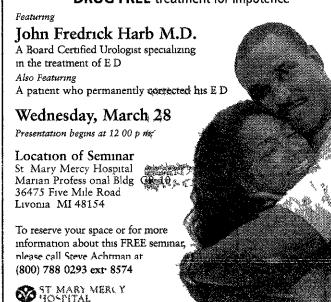
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IGNITION

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came out in green uniforms on the eve of St Patricks Day The first-year franchise then made a major statement in the MISL standings by jumping into first place with a 16-10 record a half-game better than the defending champion Blast (15-10)

Callahan had a premonition during warm ups that Friday night may be his night

When I was practicing before the game I could tell that I was striking the ball well, he said. I received two great assists and the bounces went my way tonight. I've had other nights when things haven t gone my way

When I heard we were going to wear the green, I thought it could go either way either it would bring us good luck or bad luck. Well it turns out it was good'

Detroit's Jamar Beasley, the MISL's leading goal-scorer entering Friday's contest, was held to just one goal - an empty netter with 205 seconds left

But it didn't matter thanks to the Ignition's balanced attack that featured five different goal scorers

I think our balance has been one of the keys to our success this season," said Ignition coach Mark Pulisic 'We have the leagueleading goal scorer in Jamar, but he's not going to get four or five goals every night, so the other guys have got to contribute like they've been doing

This was a big win for us coming off a disappointing loss in Chicago (on Sunday) It was important that we right the ship. We've been very successful at home this year This is a great building to play in with the crowds we get here

Detroit led 5 0 after the first quarter courtesy of Callahans heroics The Ignition padded its cushion just over five minutes before halftime when Mike Apple ripped a left-footed laser past Sagu off an assist from Beasley

Defenseman Bill Sedgewick made a pair of spectacular plays 17 seconds apart to secure the shutout — at least temporarily

With two minutes left in the half and Ignition goal keeper Sanaldo out of position, Sedgewick flashed into the goal crease and redirected a sizzling shot from Baltimores Machel Milwood He repeated the feat only this time from his backside — with 1 43



Detroit's Jamar Beasley (left) added to his MISL leading goal total Friday night with an empty-netter in the closing seconds against Baltimore

to go, much to the delight of the 3,000-plus

"Billy had a great shift," said Pulisic "He cleared those two balls off the line at a critical time of the game If they score, it cuts into our lead and gives them a lot of momentum

The Blast tallied their first points with 41 seconds left in the first half when Milwood scored off a perfectly executed give and go pass, cutting the hosts' lead to 7 2

Detroit regained its seven-point advantage 1 15 into the third quarter when Kyt Selaidopoulos launched a 15-foot rocket past Sagu to make it 9-2 Chile Farias was credited with the assist

The Blast countered with a serious rally that closed the gap to 9 7 on Denison Cabral (a three-pointer at 11 59 of the third) and Jonathan Steele, who scored off a restart at 13 08 of the third

The Ignition received some much-needed breathing room with 6 48 to go in the game when Hewerton one-timed a sensational pass from Farias into the back of the net

The Blast pulled Sagu with 3 20 left and added a sixth attacker But it proved to be a moot point on a night when the Ignition defense played liked it had six defenders on 3 the field

Over the course of the season, we ve matched up very well with Baltimore," said Callahan "Tonight's game showed that we're an athletic team and they're a little older and more experienced and we gave them fits"

Ignition net-minder Sanaldo improved to 12-9 by stopping 14 shots The Blast managed just one quality scoring chance in the first quarter

Detroit bombarded Sagu with 16 shots The Ignition will continue its drive for an MISL playoff berth Friday night when it hosts the California Congars The opening kick is set for 7 35 p m at the Compuware Sports Arena.

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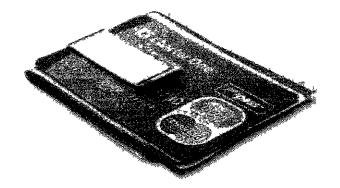
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Dieting is not 'all or nothing'

hen you want to lose weight, it's very easy to fall into "all or nothing" thinking. You might think you have to eat a "super strict" diet to make headway or that if you fall off the diet for a day, you've completely blown it. This type of thinking really affects your weight loss efforts

Rule 1 – Avoid the idea you have to be on a super-strict diet to lose weight. This is not the case Consider it a lifestyle change and you are getting your calories, portions and emotional eating.

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have to avoid chocolate or snacks to lose weight Not so There are many commercial products to help satisfy those cravings and allow you to stick to your lifestyle change You can eat snacks and still eat healthy

Rule 2 - You

Rule 3 – People go on and off diets every holiday or they say I'll start my program on Monday When was the last time you said "I'm going to start my new way of life on Monday" What happens is you binge and set yourself even farther back An effective diet is not just for the holidays It's for life!

Rule 4 – Variety is the spice of life Variety helps keep boredom at bay and allows you to enjoy your new way of eating Check out www KraftFoods com for some great Healthy Living recipes your whole family will enjoy They also include nutritional data

Rule 5 - Celebrate small victories and you won t be so easily thwarted If you choose fat-free cheese over nonfat, that's a victory Praise yourself for being in control You are changing your life Give yourself time to practice

Rule 6 – Learn to forgive your self So you make a mistake Fess up Deal with it and move on Talk to a supportive family member or friend to help you determine what you could have done differently The all or nothing mentality lets you off the hook You tell yourself, "I've really blown it, now I don't have to bother anymore' This is not a winning attitude No matter how far the other direction you go, its NEVER too late to turn back You may have made a bad choice today, but you can aim for a better tomorrow

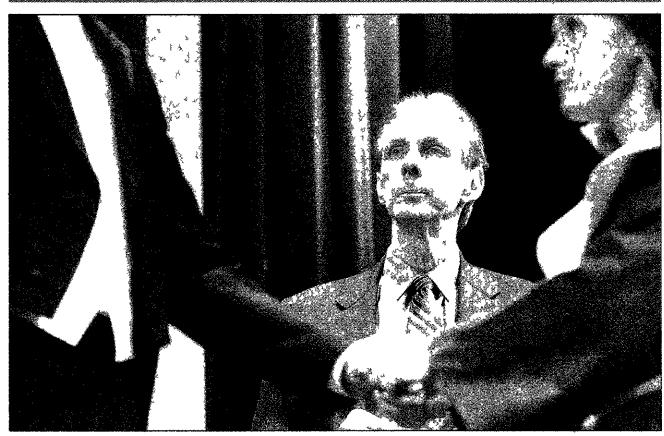
Rule 7 - Setting weight, nutrition, exercise and behavior goals is important to your long-term success in weight management Successful people set goals to monitor their progress and motivate themselves to accomplish tasks important to them Think about the goals you have set for yourself Who benefits most from these goals? Are you striving to please your spouse, friends, family, or doctor? Maybe your goals were set as a result of someone else's prompting, and not your own ideas

For example, are you consuming fish three times a week because someone told you it was good for you, but you don't really like seafood? Are you running three times a week with your spouse, but you'd really prefer some other form of exercise?

You will only succeed at achieving your weight loss goals if you find meaningful reasons for making changes in your lifestyle. Your goals should give your efforts purpose and meaning and should be designed for you alone.

Be sure the goals you strive for are right for you Try to determine mini-goals for yourself that are realistic, motivating, and give you a sense of accomplishment This attitude should increase your chances for success

Linda Aubuchon is the owner of Diet Center of Canton a provider of personal ized weight loss solutions. She can be reached via e mail at Linda@DietCenterofCanton com or by phone at (734) 414 9200 This is the 50th play James Hartman has directed at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, and a very special occasion. The college plans to celebrate by presenting a small token or gift to patrons at six performances of William Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*, an updated version edited by Hartman over the last two summers.



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Professor James Hartman watches actors Brian Taylor, left, and Brenda Lane, right, rehearse a scene as he directs the Schoolcraft production of 'Measure for Measure' The production is Hartman's 50th at the college

Plays go on and on

Professor celebrates 50th production at Schoolcraft College

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

ames Hartman expects to develop chills as the lights go down on Friday evening Every opening night leaves him breathless

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sor's directed at Schoolcraft

College in Livonia, and a very special occasion. The college plans to celebrate by presenting a small token or gift to patrons at six performances of William. Shakespeare's Measure for Measure, an updated version edited by Hartman over the last two summers. Hartman set the play in the disco era, but the moral dilemma is timeless. When Isabella's brother is sentenced to death, the Duke of Vienna poses a chilling.

ty in exchange for Claudio's life
Curtain times for the Theatre
and Drama Department production are 8 p m Friday and
Saturday, March 23-24, in the
Liberal Arts Theater, and as a dinner theater 6 30 p m March 30-31
and April 6-7 on the campus at
18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile
and Seven Mile roads, Livonia

bargain - to surrender her virgini-

Theater-only tickets are \$12, dinner theater tickets are \$24, and available through the campus bookstore at (734) 462-4596



Brenda Lane as isabella, left, and Benjamin Karl as Angelo, right, rehearse a scene from Schoolcraft College's production of 'Measure for Measure

REACHING MILESTONE

'It's very exciting I didn't even realize it's 50 shows," said Hartman, who gives a short speech at the dinner theater

"I wanted to thank the people who made our program successful Without an audience you don't have a following There are some people who come for everything we do I truly from my heart want to thank the public who've come to our plays I do appreciate it"

Hartman estimates that since he first guest directed at Schoolcraft in 1982, he's worked with about 1,500 cast and technical support members to put on the 50 productions. It's "mind boggling" to him when he counts up the number of theater patrons over the years. Sellout performances happen on a regular basis. More than 52,000 to 53,000 patrons have laughed and

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Pen, paper and prose

Author lets the 'magic' happen in first published novel

BY STACY JENKINS STAFF WRITER

Scribbling madly on loose leaf paper as a story line and images roll through her head like a movie, Katharine Beaman says writing is a magical thing that takes flight almost on its own

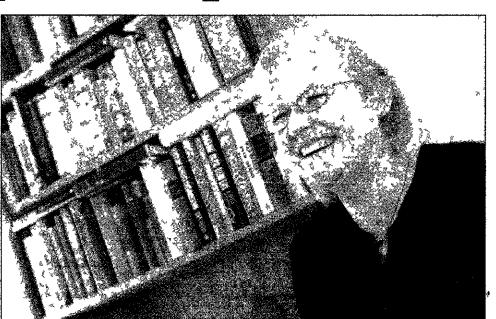
The characters become her closest acquaintances and the places become her home, if only for awhile, in her mind

The Farmington Hills writer draws on her experiences as a young, free-spirited woman who studied, then dropped out of school in Vienna to travel all around Africa and live in Berlin, Germany, for awhile

She was a self-described "flower child," who met her husband, Hans
Fruechtenicht, in Germany
It was tumultuous time, as the war in Vietnam raged and young people were rising up on college campuses in protest all around the globe

She married Hans and they had three children,

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Farmington Hills resident Katharine Beaman speaks about her life experiences that inspired her first published novel, "The Translator"

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- 3 'Somebody's Gotta Say It,
- Neal Boortz 4 'A Long Way Gone,'

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- Portis 4 'Thats Love, Sam Williams
- 5 'The Trouble with Tilly Trumble, Lynn Manuel

PROFESSOR

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cried through the shows Among the productions were Arthur Miller's A View from the Bridge, Ken Ludwigs Lend Me a Tenor and Moon over Miami On Golden Pond, The Odd Couple, Moliere's The Doctor in Spite of Himself, and Dracula which was so popular Hartman produced it three

AFFECTING LIVES

It does affect individual lives, said Hartman I like to have entertainment and learning or to teach and give them something to think about, if not something to talk about

Shakespeare turns a great many people off because they fear they can t understand I wanted to make it more accessible for today's audi ences I wanted to keep Shakespeare alive Language has changed over the some 400 years since his time'

Two years after guest directing, Hartman agreed to take on the job part time By 1987, he was teaching theater full-time and has never taken a sabbatical

Hartman originally taught at the University of Cincinnati for seven years before taking a leave of absence to work on a doctorate, but he never returned Afterward, he performed in a road show commercials and ındustrıal films

Then Hartman's agent sent him to Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester for a

It was while he was there that someone at Schoolcraft called and asked him to guest direct

It's been an experience,' said Hartman, who s originally from Cincinnati "Im a one-person department, but I like it that way because I m in control It gives me the freedom to do what I do"

REVISING SHAKESPEARE

Hartman has edited a total of five Shakespearean plays produced at the college He ll celebrate again later this spring when his first book is published by AuthorHOUSE Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress encouraged Hartman to write the book and gave Hartman the name and information of a contact at AuthorHOUSE In addıtion to Hartman's edited versions of Shakespeares Macbeth, The Merchant of Venice, Titus Andronicus, Othello and Measure for Measure, the book includes the original cast lists and explanations of how Hartman went about editing the plays

It's exciting,' said Hartman I tested the plays by reading them in class and then staging them

In the book, Hartman also relays anecdotes that occurred during each stag ing Over the years Hartmans had his share of disasters like the time in Macbeth when one of the actors required 24 stitches after receiving a gash in his head during a duel in the final scene

There's something known as the *Macbeth* curse

Scholars believe that Shakespeare was dealing with sorcery and ghosts (in the play),' said Hartman I don't know if I ever believed it, but told the acting company about it Through eight to nine weeks of rehearsals nothing happened and then driving to the last performance the thought crossed my

mind On the lighter side, Hartman recalls the time during Shakespeares Titus Andronicus when an artifi cial hand was cut off and the actors couldn t find it The hand had become entrapped in the long Elizabethan clothes

Hartman loves the actors and technicians that make each play a success

For each production, he draws on students and com munity members to fill the cast and provide technical support

'We ve had great student success stories with several ın Calıfornıa One was on an episode of House, and has done Burger King commer cials, said Hartman Others have gone on to earn mas ter's degrees and return home to perform at Meadow Brook

Three are currently performing at Disney World in Florida One is playing the part of a prince, and one Wayne State University grad, a female, was a designer at the Moscow Art Theatre Others are in Chicago doing independent theater work

A lot go on to four year schools Some move right out to California or New York and some stay around and keep coming back here"

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AUTHOR

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who are now grown There is a feeling of mortality when your children leave (the house)," she said "My writing has provided a new

Writing has always been a therapeutic and creative outlet for Beaman, who is 54

It's like any art form, its soothing, she said

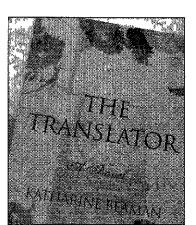
Shes proud of her first published novel, The Translator, which takes place in post-World War II Germany The stories from her husband, who grew up in Germany, combined with her mother's experience as a Red Cross volunteer and her own experiences in Berlin, painted the backdrop and helped Beaman develop the characters for this historic, romantic novel

The main character. Elizabeth Hedridge is in a service organization in Germany during the summer of 1945 when she meets and falls in love with Baron Frederich von Hohendorf, a translator, who is married and happens to be a German aristocrat

Elizabeth becomes pregnant and she hides this from the baron Lifes turns lead her to fall in love with an American GI and they are married The story jumps 50 years into the future, to 1995, where Elizabeth and her husband had made a life in Chicago They receive a call that there will be a British 9th Army reunion

All of these years, she has kept the identity of her daughters father to herself, said Beaman

The baron is there and meets his daughter for the first time The story includes cloak and dagger situations involving a Soviet agent, hidden Nazi weapons factories and secret



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Katharine Beaman's historic, romantic novel "The Translator" was derived from pages of hand-written

agents from America, depicting the first post-war year in Germany

Beaman said the novel, her second work, but first to be published, was a work in progress for four years She is now writing a novel titled, A Pause in Love Shes developing characters and settings and letting her creativity take it from there

"It's like watching a film," she said You're just watching as it unfolds

Beaman and her family lived ın West Bloomfield, before she and her husband recently moved to a condo in Farmington Hills She has a degree in education and shes an English as a Second Language tutor

Her novel, The Translator, 1s available online through Amazon (www amazon com) Borders

(www bordersbooks com), Barnes & Noble (www barnesandnoble com) and Publish America (www publishamerica com)

Shes thrilled to be published It's very exciting and very gratifying, she said, with a

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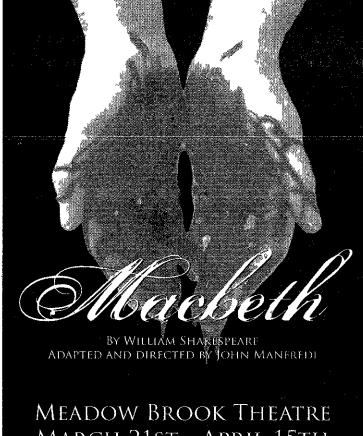


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Osteoarthritis of the knee is the most troublesome form of arthritis. More people have osteoarthritis of the hands, but the hand problem is one of appearance, and rarely limits function. Rheumatoid arthritis causes more disability but the numbers afflicted are low compared to numbers of people with osteoarthr tis of the knee

osteoarthr its of the knee

As in the other forms of osteoarthritis, the condition in the knee comes from
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knee injury hastens the onset of knee osteoarthr tis. Heredity in the form of inborn defects in the chemistry of cartilage also plays a role. In tially, you not ce difficulty walking up stairs over time even ambulating on every ground causes aching. Often pain is not in the knee but behind it. The reason for this discomfort is that the hamstring muscles are splinting the knee joint in the attempt to minimize strain on the joint. That splinting leads to tendon strain. On physical examination your doctor may find enlargement of the knee fluid in the knee or positioning of the leg in valgus or varus, what you know as a knockneed or bowlegged appearance. X rays, best done with you standing will show narrowing of the joint and strain on the bone above and below the knee.

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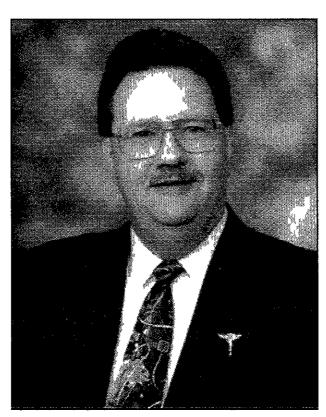
Key #1: Stress Enters the Body Through the Path of Least Resistance

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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

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A 40 year reunion 730 pm Saturday Aug 4 2007 at Doubletree Hotel Dearborn Hors doeuvres and cash bar approximately \$35 For informa tion call Cheryl Riske Brown at (313)336 0192 or e mail efhs67@yahoo com

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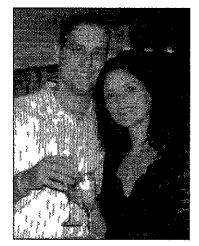
Londberg-Keyes

Kristy Marie Londberg and Joshua John Keyes are planning a Saturday, March 8, 2008 wedding at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church in Westland

ENGAGEMENTS

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 is 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 the emergency room at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital

A reception is planned for Laurel Manor

The couple will make their home is Garden City

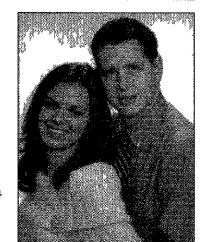
Kornvlo-Rvzvi

Patricia and Walter Kornylo of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheila Marie Kornylo, to Joseph David Ryzyi of Northville

Sheila is a 2002 graduate of Stevenson High School She received a bachelor of science in engineering degree in 2006 from the University of Michigan She is employed as a materials engineer with Ford Motor Co

Joseph is the son of David and Mary Ryzyı of Northville He is a 2002 graduate of Catholic Central High School He received a bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University in 2006 He is employed as an administrator at the Infectious Disease Center

A Nov 10, 2007, wedding is



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Revels-Brandenburg Ms Gloria Revels of Newport

and Mr Andrew Revels of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristina Lynn Revels, to Jeffrey Davis Brandenburg, son of Mr and Mrs Larry Brandenburg of Northville The bride-elect attended

John Glenn High School in Westland, and graduated from the University of Michigan where she studied economics

The future bridegroom is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and also attended the University of Michigan where he g.aduated with a



bachelor of arts in liberal studies Both the bride and groom elect are currently employed by the Lear Corp

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Sobier-Cherry

Michael and Donna Sobier of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Sobier of Wixom, to David Cherry of Novi

Melissa is a graduate of Michigan State University and a third grade teacher in South Lyon

David is the son of Robert and Debbie Cherry of St Charles, Mich He is a graduate of Michigan State University and a fourth grade teacher in

South Lyon A June 23 wedding is



planned at St Colette Church in Livonia

Ruf-Malkiewicz

Jim and Tonia Ruf of Atlanta, Ga, announce the engagement of their daughter, Devon Ann Ruf, of Atlanta to Kevin Michael Malkiewicz of Atlanta The prospective groom is the

son of Ken and Linda Malkiewicz of Plymouth He is a graduate of Michigan State University with a MBA from Kennesaw State He works for AmericasMart as executive director of Trade Shows and **Buyer Relations**

The bride-to-be is a graduate

of Florida State University She works at AmericasMart as sales manager for Gift Trade Shows

An August 2007 wedding is planned at the Marist College Chapel in Poughkeepsie, NY

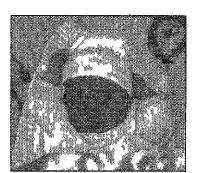
BIRTH

Nicholas Charles Hurley, Jr. Dawn and Nicholas Hurley

of Plymouth announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Charles Hurley, Jr, born March 5, 2007, at St Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti

Nicholas weighed in at 8 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 21 inches at birth

He was welcomed by grandparents Mary and Michael Hurley and Pam and Douglas Herriman, all of Plymouth, great-grandparents Virginia and Patrick Cavanaugh, Patrick Herriman, Marilyn Korte and



Donald Korte, all also of Plymouth, aunts Kathryn and Elizabeth Hurley of Plymouth and uncle Douglas Herriman Jr, all of Plymouth

2007 in his home. He was born July 16 1964 in Grosse Pointe to Maureen and the late James Healey Michael was self-employed in the construction known for his artistic abilities with his masonry work, and also enjoyed pho tography reading and writing. He is survived by his loving mother and step father Maureen Feely and Cyril Grobbel, two brothers Mr & Mrs James F (Catherine) Healey of Birmingham and Mr & Mrs Larry sister Mary Healey and her husband, Tom Stoughton of Birmingham seven nieces and nephews Claudia, Andrew, Nicholas, Sean, Charles Corey and David and an uncle and aunt, Mr & Mrs William (Patricia) Kemp of Houston Texas Visitation will be 2.5 & 79 pm Sunday in Marysville Funeral Home Rosary recited Sunday at 7 30pm Mr Healey will lie in state March 19 2007 in St Christopher Baranowski will officiate The Rite of

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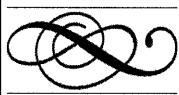
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DR JOSEPH N BRACE D.C of Northville passed away on March 2007 at age 58 Survived by wife Margie mother and father Dorothy Palmer College of Chriopratic and his office was on Five Mile in Livonia He was also a honory Eagle Scout Service was at Fred Wood Funeral Home 36100 Five Mile, Livonia Donations to Brace nieces and nephews scholarship fund

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MICHAEL J. HEALEY

Age 42 of Port Huron formerly of St Clair Shores Grosse Pointe and Clarkston died Wednesday, March 14 and landscaping business He was (Ruth Ellen) Healey of Midland, a from 10 30 a m until the time of funeral mass at 11 00 a m Monday Catholic Church Father Arthur Committal will follow at Mt Olivet Cemetery Detroit Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider Heartland Hospice To send condolences and messages of sympa thy visit marysvillefuneralhome com

FLOYD LASSER

A former Olympian and longtime baseball coach, died on March 5 2007 in Naples Florida He was 77 years (Swipes) and Joseph Brace sister old Lasser was born to immigrant par Susan Ehrlich brother Chuck (Jacinda) Brace son in law Art (Pegg Carura. He is a graduate of played three sports at Jackson High School He then attended the University of Michigan where he played varsity baseball and graduated in 1951 Lasser became a naval officer in 1953 and was stationed in Japan for three years In 1956, Australia, host of that year's Summer Olympic Games chose baseball as a demonstration The United States military formed a team A lefty Lasser was chosen as the team s first baseman and he helped the squad go on to win the gold medal Returning to civilian life shortly thereafter Lasser worked in the steel and automobile industries in the Detroit area. He spent the last twenty three years of his professional life at the Ford Motor Company During this time he formed and coached the Lynch Baseball Club of Birmingham MI a Class A amateur team whose ranks saw many former and future major leaguers and college standouts A perennial powerhouse the team qualified an unprecedented five times in a row for the AABC Class A World Series, held each year in Battle Creek Michigan After retiring from coaching and busi ness Lasser spent his remaining years in Florida Lasser is survived by wife Patti, his children Scott and Kelly and two grandchildren Charlie and Allison Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Support Network 660 9th Street N, Naples FL



DAVE LITTLE

Age 57, of Canton MI, passed away on Friday March 9 2007 at his home following a lengthy iliness He was born on January 5, 1950 in Lackey Kentucky, a son of Virgil & Gladys (Elswick) Little On May 6, 1989 he was married to Mary at Mt Hope Church in Livonia Prior to his med ical leave in 2005, he was employed by Sure Fit as a professional welder Dave is survived by his loving wife Mary (Wild) Little, cherished father of David John Melissa Little Michael Neal and his stepchildren Tammie Ann Todd and Chris Todd Adored grandfather of David Jason, Destiny Derek Gage and Makailah He was preceded in death by his parents and is brother Randati Funeral services for Mr Little were held on Monday March 12 2007 at the Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home in Belleville 734 697 9400 with Pastor Wayne Kurtycz of NorthRidge Church officiating Interment took place at Knollwood

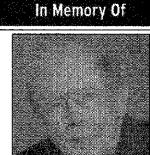
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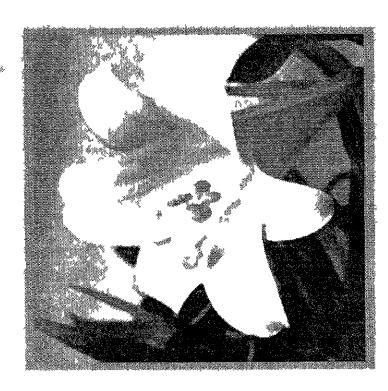
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The Library of Michigan is home to one of the top 10 genealogy collections in the country It offers electronic resources that make genealogical records and rare research materials more accessible

The seminar will run from 1-4~30~p~m, at the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 West Kalamazoo Street, in downtown Lansing Free weekend parking is available at the library's parking lot off

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"Participants will leave the seminar with a greater awareness of the family history resources available on the Web, including some created by the Library of Michigan, as well as tips and tools to better use these sources for tracking down vital records or learning more about

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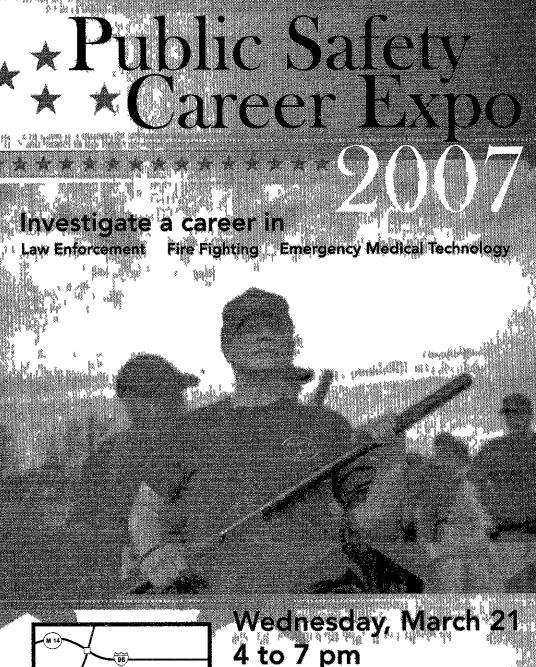
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Astima

Parents need a plan to control dangerous disease

Asthma brings three-quarters of a million children into the emergency department every year, which is the last thing anyone wants now that the warm weather and longer days are let ting kids play outside more The American College of Emergency Physicians says getting a good asthma management plan organized before an emergency may help your child stay out of the hospital altogether

"The good news is that fewer children are dying of asthma the bad news is that it remains the cause of more hospitalizations than any other childhood disease, said Rita Cydulka, a doctor with MetroHealth Medical Center/Case Western Reserve University Spring is an ideal time to put together an asth ma management plan, before the real trouble starts with the fall allergy and winter flu sea

If you are not sure whether your child has asthma but he or she has the symptoms of asthma (coughing wheezing, shortness of breath) talk to your doctor After a child has been diagnosed with asthma, the parent or guardian and child should meet with a physi cian to develop a plan for monitoring asthma symptoms (usually a peak flow meter) and for medicating the child when trouble develops

MEDICATION CAN HELP

Some children with asthma will benefit from two types of medication one they use daily to prevent asthma attacks (controller medications or inhalers), and one they use to relieve symptoms (rescue inhalers) Children with asthma should carry a rescue inhaler with them or have one readily available to them at school It is important that when children develop symptoms, they and their caregivers or téachers know how to administer the medication and do so quickly

Consistent use of controller medications can prevent many asthma attacks and help children lead a normal physically active life How and when medications are used may vary from sea son to season depending on what an individual child's triggers are

Typical triggers include

- **■** Exercise
- Colds and flu
- Laughing or crying hard
- Allergens from plants animals house dust cockroach droppings or mold
- Irritants such as cold air chemicals and

Cydulka recommends that you do what you can to limit your child's exposure to his or hei asthma triggers For example, if your child is allergic to furry animals, minimize his or her exposure to them at friends houses and in the classroom at school If cold air is a trigger arrange for your child to exercise indoors dur ing the winter instead of outdoors. If dust is a trigger, replace carpeting with wood tile or vinyl floor coverings

FLU SHOTS

Be sure to get your child a flu shot as soon as they are available in the fall. A recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed that only 30 percent of children with asthma get the flu shot even though flu can be fatal for people with asthma

Even with the best planning some children will have asthma attacks that require immedi ate attention from an emergency physician at the emergency department. The following conditions should prompt a call for emergency help (9 1 1 in most areas)

- Symptoms do not improve quickly after the use of rescue inhalers
- The child strains to breathe or cannot complete a sentence without pausing for
- The child's lips or fingernails turn blue Older children (ages 11 17) have the lowest rate of emergency department visits but the highest rate of death from asthma. It suggests that although they are more independent than younger children in many areas they still need close monitoring by their parents for signs that their asthma symptoms are worsening and in

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Peter's **Principles**

Peter Nielsen

Jack, in this case indulging in a summer treat can pay big health dividends! It turns out, watermelon can protect your prostate from prostate disease, and that is just for starters† It can also help replenish vital bodily fluids and protect from deadly chemicals called free radicals That is because watermelon is rich in lycopene

Jack from Detroit e-mails asking for

diet tips on protecting his prostate.

— in fact it has more than even tomatoes! The body is constantly producing the dangerous free radicals Lycopene is one of the most potent antioxidants around It binds to the free radicals and renders them harmless! Watermelon is also rich in fiber, but has just a few calories per slice. This in one traditional treat you'll want to make part of your everyday

Susan from Plymouth is concerned about high salt intake. She e-mails for an all natural way to help control the problem.

Susan, millions of Americans take in way too

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acid content in animal protein, wheat, rice or

The latest guideline for adults is to get at least 4,700 milligrams of potassium in your diet every day Most Americans take in 2,700 or less Potassium intake is especially important for African Americans who tend to be at higher risk for high blood pressure Some excellent sources include bananas, almonds, lettuce, mushrooms, and spinach! Talk to a nutritionist for the diet

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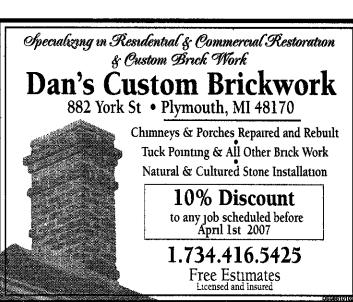
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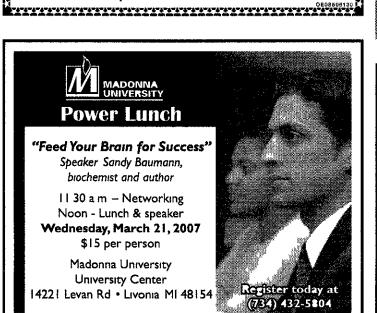


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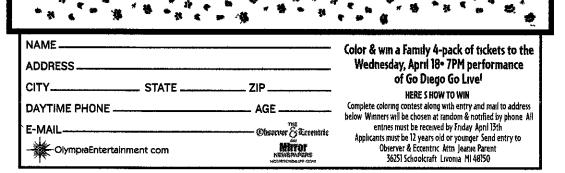
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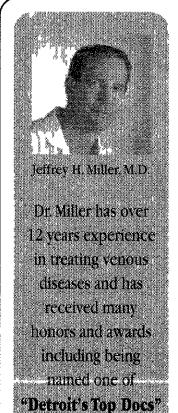
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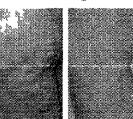
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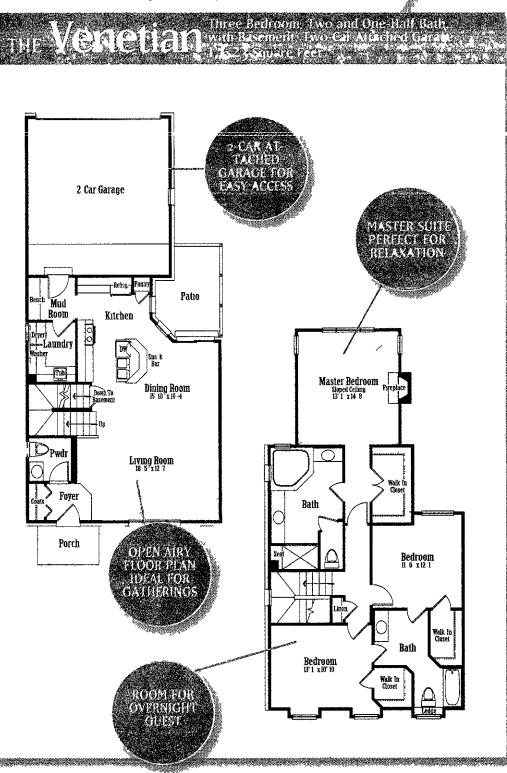
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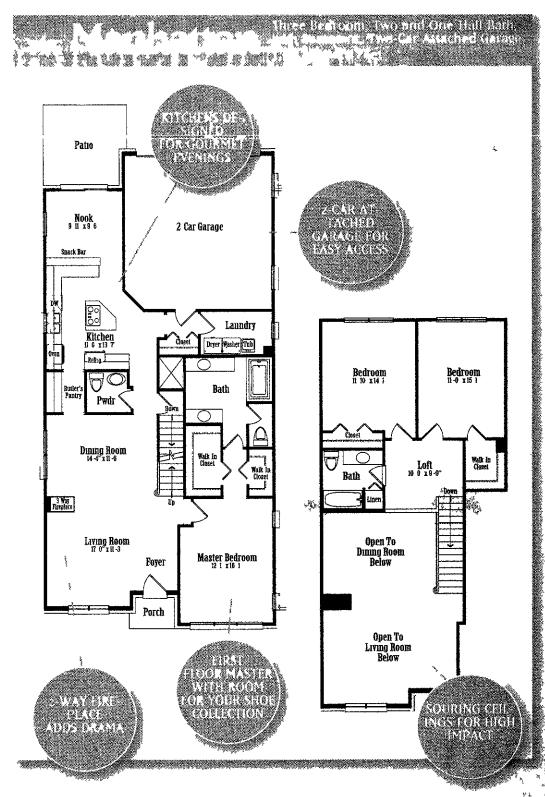
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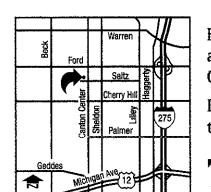
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Ex-offenders get helping hand moving into workforce

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Those getting out of prison or jail face an uphill battle to find work, but help's available through America Works

John Cromer is corporate developer for the Detroit office and speaks from

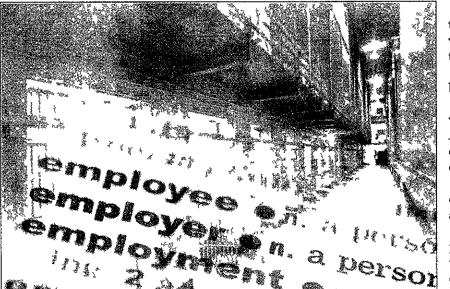
"We started working with single mothers who were receiving public assistance in New York,' he said

America Works was founded by sociologist Lee Bowes and Peter Cove, an anti-poverty activist, who say their solution to the welfare-to-work riddle is simple There's an incentive for everyone

Businesses get motivated employees, the state cuts its welfare rolls, and the welfare recipient becomes a selfsufficient worker

The Michigan office contact is John Cromer, 2990 W Grand Boulevard, Suite 400, Detroit, MI 48202 The phone is (313) 875 9084, fax (313) 875-4872 The Web site is www americaworks com (See streaming video on home page)

More recently, America Works has begun to work with formerly incarcer ated people In 2003, we got a grant, Cromer said That serviced 1,000 exoffenders in New York, and put 700 in Detroit to place 125 in jobs each year



"They wanted to give us a challenge," Cromer said of the programs expansion to Detroit, where it seeks to fight crime, recidivism and unemployment The two-year contract is to place 250 ex-offenders, mostly men, in jobs Mostly they're African American, 18 to 34, and formerly in federal, state prisons and county jails They ve been convicted of a felony which is nonvio-

lent and nonsexual in nature Public-Private Ventures gave the \$700,000 contract for two years in Cromer said

Light industrial and janitorial jobs are among those found 'We even have a couple payroll clerks Workers have been placed in the auto industry, making \$16 \$18 an hour "These people are working 50, 60 hours They re really making positive transitions, Cromer said

He noted that several cities includ ing Boston have removed question off application about criminal convic tions That's true not only for city jobs but also private vendors the city does business with

That means an employer must do the employment check after the interview That way hopefully the presentation will outdo the past"

Housing and transportation are also barriers for ex-offenders, Cromer said 'Sometimes it's hard to get them to work Bus tickets are provided by America Works until the first paycheck arrives Then, workers are encouraged to get a bus pass

Certainly that keeps them employed Now they have a way back and forth to work"

Ex-offenders must report to their parole/probation officer, taking off time from work That's an obstacle It certainly causes them to lose their job He hasn't had much success in getting flexibility with this

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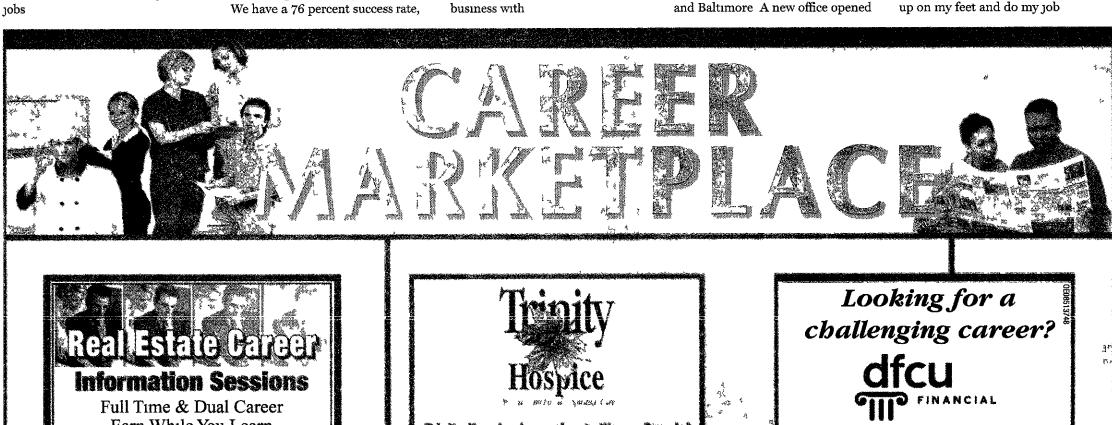
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New designs bring backsplashes front and center

(NAPSI) — There's good news for homeowners looking to make a major decorating statement in their kitchen with minimal effort

A new line of decorative tile backsplashes comes pre assembled and ready to hang going from the box to the wall in less than 10 minutes. The exclusive locking design hugs the wall and holds the assembled backsplash securely in place. With no adhesives cutting residue grouting or sealing, they are described as creating no mess in kitchens during installation.

Made by Broan the Ready to Hang Decorative Tile Backsplashes are available in three sizes (30 inches wide by 14 inches high 30 inches wide by 20 inches high and 36 inches wide by 20 inches high) The decorative backsplashes are said to fit the most popular appliance and range hood sizes Plus, they can be removed from the wall in min utes as decor needs change

According to Karen Formico the manufactur er's marketing services manager "We've done extensive market and consumer research in this product category and found theres nothing like it currently on the market in either the kitchen and bath showroom or retail channels. Consumers decorators and builders alike will find Broan back splashes convenient attractive and easy to use

Four designs are available. The Tuscany design combines a rich pewter finish porcelain relief mural surrounded by ceramic tile to resemble the romance of Tuscany. This design is an ideal choice for kitchens with almond, biscuit, black or stain less appliances and adds a touch of class to any kitchen.

The Gourmet style features tumbled marble surrounding a stainless steel coffee pot, a glass wine bottle and three utensils to create a beautiful backdrop, adding drama and focus to cooking

Featuring inlaid stainless steel and classic earth tones the Spatola style highlights three stainless cooking utensils that appear to hang over the range. The utensils are surrounded by tumbled marble.

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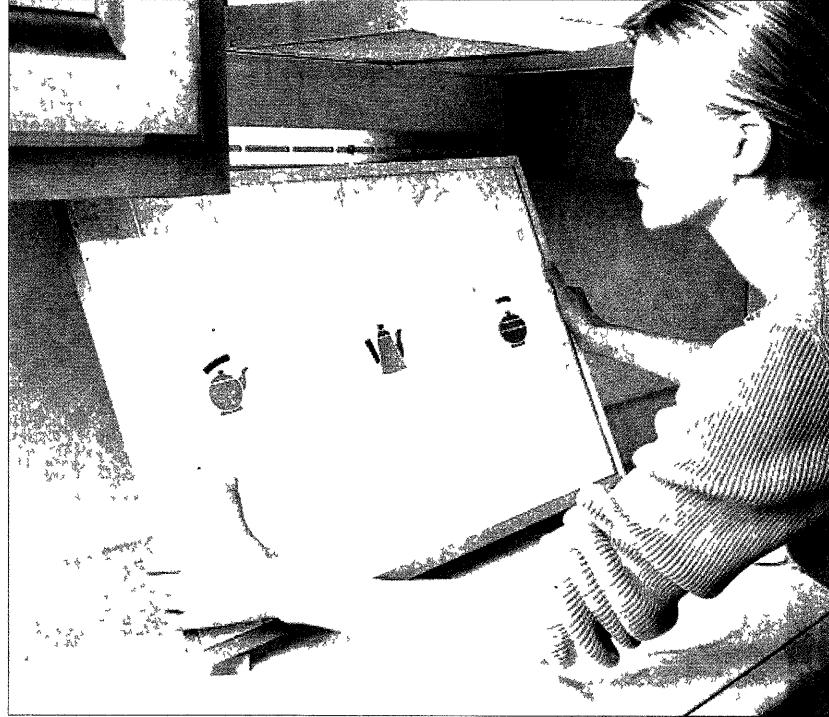
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Justine adds curb appeal for the young family

This beautiful home has a unique floor design and an attractive exterior that enhances its curb appeal A covered front porch adds a homey touch to welcome visitors

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Designed as a starter home the 1 685-square-foot Justine 2 (401-71) is well suited to meeting the needs of a young family The master suite is located near the other two bedrooms, while the sound separation provided by the two bathrooms and the closets offers an element of privacy The master suite amenities include a huge sleeping area a pri vate bath with custom shower, and a nice sized walk in closet

The family living areas are centrally located Shelves flank the wide, open fireplace in the living room An open-style kitchen is separated from the nook and the dining room by a work island Placement of the sink in the work



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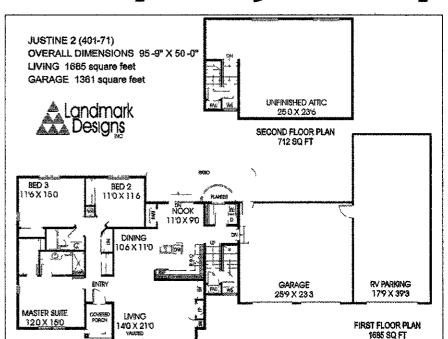
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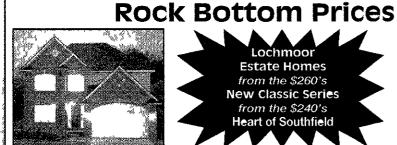


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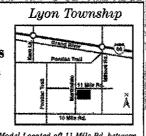


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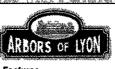
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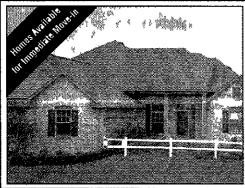
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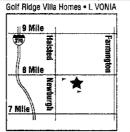
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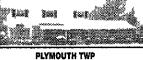
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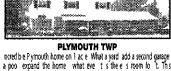
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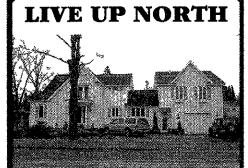




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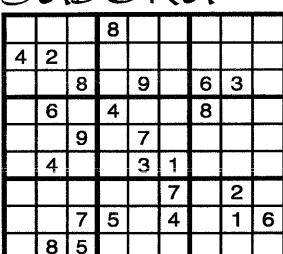
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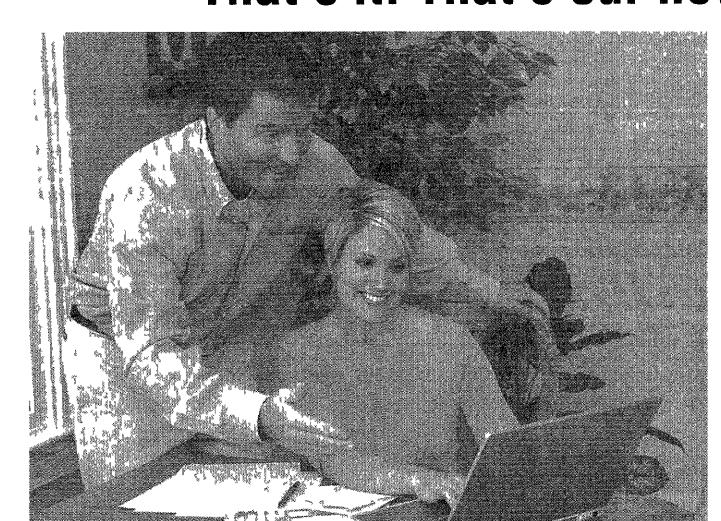
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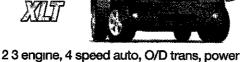
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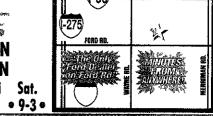
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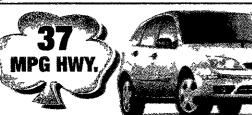
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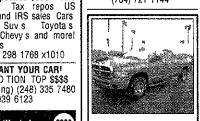
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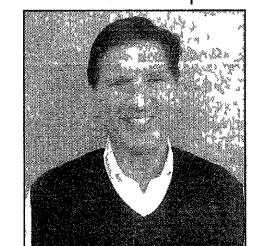
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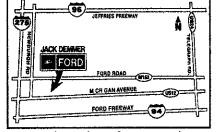
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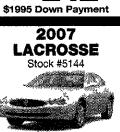
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The 2007 Dodge Sprinter sounds like a fun, surfbunny sedan, but one glance will tell you this is clearly a vehicle that means serious transportation. It is a truck, van and mini-bus No, it's not a Transformer toy, but it is shaped like something you'd find under the Christmas tree for the kid shrieking of testosterone

But, you may really want one - any day now Especially when you find out it comes in 18 possible colors Yes Eighteen

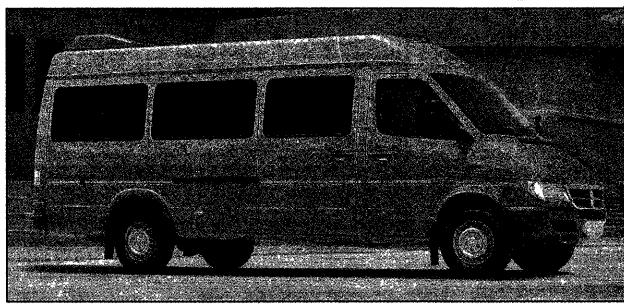
OK, the first thing you need to know is that Daimler Chrysler builds the Sprinter, and it is sold under the brands of Dodge, Freightliner and Mercedes-Benz Yes, you read that correctly Mercedes, as in blingbling

It was created to replace Europe's Mercedes-Benz T1 van, then later the Dodge Ram Van, and targeted mostly for businesses rather than private users You have probably most often seen them in use as ambulances, but their demand in van conversions and

mini-motor homes is growing Second, Sprinter is available in three body styles Chassis Cab (read Tonka-truck-under-the-tree mode), Cargo Van, and Passenger Van

The Chassis Cab has a flat frame (girls, this means the back of the truck) and a perfectly serviceable cab, with reclining bucket seats and attached headrests The sum of that equals easy up-fitting, or the painless addition of things like a tool box, etc Four-wheel antilock disc brakes and a premium 27-liter CDI (read world-premier) turbo-diesel engine join standard 16-inch wheels and tires, although there are two available wheelbases

The Sprinter's Cargo Van offers three wheelbases and 2 roof heights (maxing out at 73 inches), with up to 473 cubic feet and 4,824 pounds capacity of load area. Doors swing to 270 degrees in the rear, the widest open doors in its class, and remain open with exterior panel magnets



Caption: The 2007 Dodge Sprinter offers 18 colors and two heights for maximum choice even in a commercial van.

Translation You can wear your big hair, mama

It's the Passenger Van you're going to want, though, with its lets-haul-the-fam-to-the-mall space. It seats 10 passengers in 112 cubic feet of cargo room, and comes with standard air-conditioning, automatic temperature control, cassette stereo and 12 cupholders You will definitely be the hit with your kids, but may want to put a change collector on the dash Hey — gas is expensive these days

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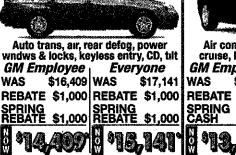
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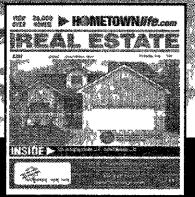
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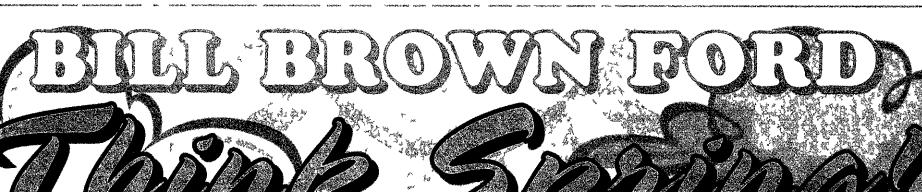
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