

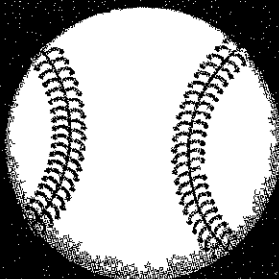


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Busing, other ideas mulled by district

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Charging a fee for all extracurricular activities, eliminating transportation to classes and field trips, as well as full-day kindergarten are among the latest options being bandied about by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education as it continues discussions on how to eliminate \$5.5 million from the 2007-08 budget.

Trustees will again sharpen their pencils at a workshop budget session Tuesday night, which could also include discussion on how to eliminate a \$7.5 million structural deficit.

"We have several extracurricular activities, like hockey and band, which fund themselves," said Trustee Tom Wysocki. "I would like to equalize the pain by making it more of a user fee for extracurriculars. Parents and students could pick up some of the costs for that. There are a lot of fund-raising opportunities for them to use."

Consolidating bus stops and eliminating field trips could save the district an estimated \$70,000 a year.

"We're looking at increasing walking distance for elementary schools from one mile to 1.5 miles," said Ken Jacobs, assistant superintendent for administrative services. "We could eliminate 30 elementary runs, which would affect over 2,000 students who would no longer be eligible to ride a bus."

Jacobs said his department is also looking at two full days-and-a-half of kindergarten to save on the midday transportation costs. Kindergartners would go to full-day classes on Monday-Wednesday or Tuesday-Thursday, with a half-day on Friday. A second alternative would have kindergartners alternating weeks with two full days one week, and three the next.

Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski suggested the elimination of freshmen and junior varsity sports programs at the high schools.

"Translating them into intramural programs, where coaching and activities related to that become volunteer-based," Ham-Kucharski said. "Students would still have an opportunity to participate, with a fee to cover the minor costs related to it."

Board member Judy Mardigan continues to press the administration to deal with the structural deficit, which could climb to \$9.7 million in 2008-09.

"I want the organization to think about what could we do differently next year, even if it's just for one year," Mardigan said. "I know we've made a lot of investments in purchases, but could we hold off on some large-scale purchases for one year to avoid building the structural deficit?"

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BY LL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Toni Malec paid no attention to dog breath when she performed mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on Bronson, her neighbor's canine. She's a hero to daughter Ally, 9, and Mateo Jepperson, 10, who were in the garage with Bronson when he collapsed.

Dog's best friend

TV 'research' comes in handy in pooch rescue

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Bronson, a 10-year-old, brown-haired 'good ol' dog, keeps getting rescued.

The first two times were when he was left, then adopted and then left again and adopted again at a shelter.

The German shorthaired pointer's

most recent rescue happened last month when he nearly choked to death on a ball and was saved by a neighbor, Toni Malec.

"I just happened to be at home at that time, which hardly ever happens, and I was watching my daughter, Ally, and our neighbor's son, Mateo, when Ally started screaming about Bronson," said Malec, 39. "I went to put on my

shoes but she told me to come now."

Malec, who lives off of Canton Center Road on Indian Creek Drive, says she discovered the near-lifeless dog in her neighbor's garage.

"I'm a physician's assistant - I know people, I don't know dogs," she said with a laugh. "The kids were staring at me and asking me

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Retiring police officer the last from original 1976 squad

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

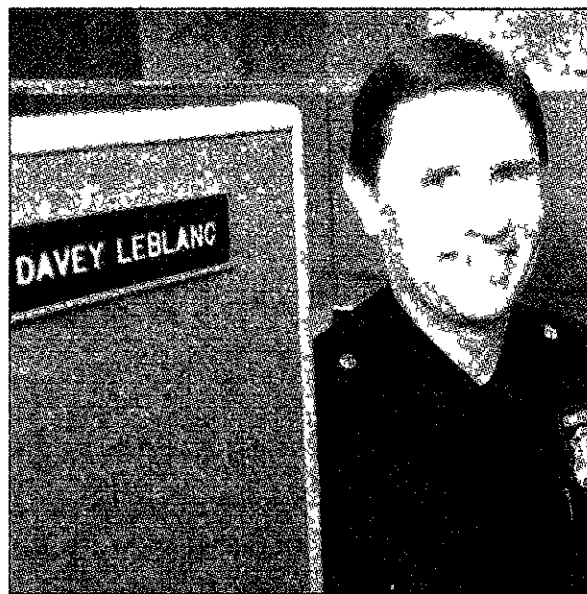
Growing up in Dearborn Heights, Davey LeBlanc never really thought about becoming a police officer, especially in a rural farm town like Canton Township. But March 30, more than 30 years later, LeBlanc walked out the door of the Canton Police Department for the final time - the last of the township's original police officers.

LeBlanc, 54, was hired in 1976, when the still largely agricultural township began a part-time department.

"I was looking through the newspaper and saw an ad for an officer and thought that might be a good idea. I never thought I would've been here 31 years," LeBlanc said. "When I first started, we were part-timers making only \$3.20 an hour."

Things changed for LeBlanc and the department in 1978, when the township went to a full-time force.

Over the years, LeBlanc participated in several of the department's special units. He spent nine years investigating cases in the Detective Bureau, but most people around town will probably remember him as one of the



BY LL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The retiring Davey LeBlanc is the final holdover from the original 1976 Canton Police Department.

PLEASE SEE **ORIGINAL**, A4

'Singh'ing wrong song

Realtors: Promoting
hospital won't help sales

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Although Singh Development is already promoting Oakwood's proposed hospital at Beck and Geddes, some Realtors are saying the facility doesn't come close to being a selling point.

Renee Reyer of Remerica Country Place called Singh's recent newspaper advertisement for its Charing Cross subdivision propaganda.

The advertisement, which angered some current homeowners in the upscale subdivision, promoted Charing Cross as being 'adjacent to proposed new state-of-the-art Oakwood Medical Facility'.

Oakwood Healthcare Systems has faced a mountain of backlash for its plans to buy 88 acres of land from Singh and build a 650,000-square-foot hospital on the northwest corner of the intersection.

Reyer lives in the vicinity of the proposed medical campus and has real estate listings in the subdivision that sits directly west of the vacant parcel.

"People do not want a hospital in their backyards," she said.

Singh Vice President G. Michael Kahm has said the company mentioned Oakwood in its advertisement because research has shown that homebuyers are attracted to properties near medical facilities.

Reyer said that hasn't been her experience.

"I've been a Realtor for many years and I have never been asked, 'Where's the nearest hospital?'" she said with a strained laugh, adding that, if approved, Oakwood's coming could lower property values near the intersection.

Carmela Surowiec of Century 21 Today also has a listing in the subdivision west of the site and hasn't touted Oakwood's plans.

"Every community can benefit from a hospital, but no one wants one in their backyard," she said. "It's the same thing with police departments and schools."

As someone aware of today's financial climate, Surowiec said she can see why Singh is trying to sell the land, but also understands the anger of current homeowners.

"Before you know it, doctor's offices may want to (build near the intersection)," she said.

Like Singh, another large developer is hoping Oakwood gets the green light.

In a letter to the Canton Planning Commission, Pulte Land Company Vice President Clark Doughty expressed support of the project. The *Observer* obtained the letter from Kahm.

Pulte has plans to build a subdivision a mile west of the intersection.

"We believe the Oakwood medical campus would enhance the attraction and marketability of our proposed project," Doughty wrote, adding that the facility could become an "economic engine" that may attract hospital employees and customers.

Oakwood will present a revision of its plans to the planning commission at 7 p.m. Monday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The meeting has been moved to accommodate an anticipated larger audience.

Signs promoting attendance at the meeting are sprinkled throughout several developments near Beck and Geddes.

An orange and black handwritten sign at the entrance of Meadow Villages near the southeast corner reads "Say NO to Oakwood" while computer-printed, blue and white signs that read "Neighborhoods not Hospitals" have

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Music ministry

The St. Thomas a Becket Music Ministry will be featured on Michigan Catholic Radio (WCAR 1090 AM) on Palm Sunday evening, April 1, at 6 p.m. and again on Tuesday, April 3, at 9:30 a.m. on the program "View from the Pew."

Music director Karen Wezner will be interviewed and samples of the ministry's music and choral presentations will be presented. The music ministry is currently preparing for Holy Week observances including Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday observances, the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday Masses.

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National Dance Week

To celebrate National Dance Week, Center Stage Dance Company would like to invite dancers from all studios in the area to submit an artistic representation of dance. Entries might include photography, drawings, sculpture, collage, paintings, shadow boxes, or fabric art, among others. One entry per person, please. The pieces will be showcased at the Northville Parks and Recreation dance performance in June.

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following information on the front of the artwork: the phrase "National Dance Week and the dates April 20 to April 29, 2007." Please put your name, age and phone number on the back of the artwork and submit to Center Stage by April 20.

Submit entries to: Center Stage Dance Company, 43334 West Seven Mile, Suite 250, Northville, MI 48167. For more information call (248) 380-1666 or e-mail: csdc5678@sbcglobal.net.

Creative Day registration

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Wine event

Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton sponsors a Wine Event Friday, April 27.

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Guests at Crescent

Some 35 Plymouth-Canton teachers and administrators, members of Delta Kappa Gamma, were guests at Crescent International Academy in Canton earlier this month, where they heard Sister Somish, Crescent's principal, speak about Muslim students and their community. A focus of the presentation was to inform public school teachers and administrators of the needs of their Muslim students. Delta Kappa Gamma is a sorority for women educators.

around the world, 25 premium beers, and a variety of hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at

the door. All proceeds will benefit local and international charities.

The event takes place 7:30-

9:30 p.m. at All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road in Canton, will be from 7:30 p.m. till 9:30 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Holiday Market at (734) 844-2200, Sarah at (734) 667-2287 or e-mail: szydeck@aol.com.

Easter Egg hunt

The Plymouth Jaycees host their annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 7, at Plymouth Township Park, located off Ann Arbor Trail at McClumpha. We will be starting promptly.

The hunt starts promptly at 10 a.m., and the Easter Bunny will be available for pictures. Other highlights include a police car and fire engine for youngsters to explore. Participants should bring their baskets, bags and cameras.

In case of inclement weather or for more information, call the Jaycee hotline, (734) 453-8407.

Showcase concert

The PCCS Showcase Concert featuring the PCEP Festival Singers takes place 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets are \$6 and may be purchased through the Village Theatre Box Office or Web site at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater.

A portion of ticket proceeds

benefit the PCEP Choirs.

Design advice

Exclusive Interior Design of Canton will discuss the difference between design and decorating, debunk the myths of design, and offer suggestions for getting started and "do overs" at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday April 4 at the general meeting of the Canton Newcomers to be held at the Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford (west of Canton Center).

Those interested in hearing this advice, enjoying refreshments from TC Gators and Back Home Bakery, meeting the individual meeting sponsor Tutor Time, participating in a raffle benefiting the troops, or signing up for any Newcomers activities are encouraged to attend.

The Newcomers, who will also be holding a Mom 2 Mom Sale on April 21 at Summit on the Park, are a social, civic and charitable organization that hosts adult monthly meetings with speakers of interest/activities along with 20-plus events throughout the month enjoyed by the entire family. You don't have to be new to Canton or interior design to attend.

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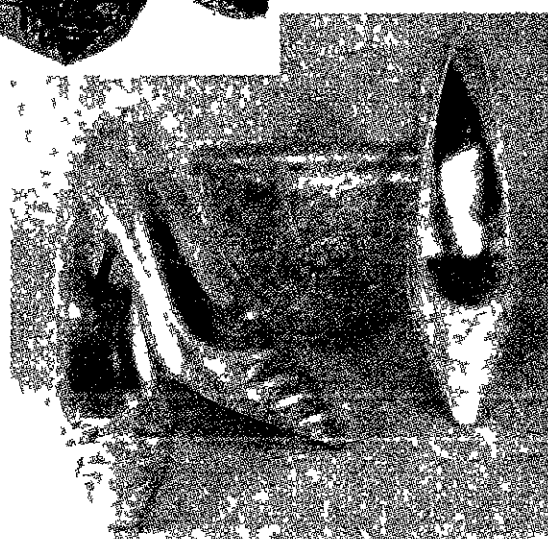
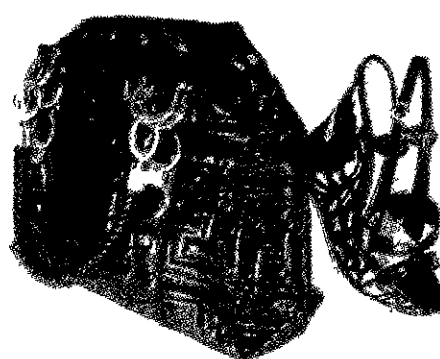
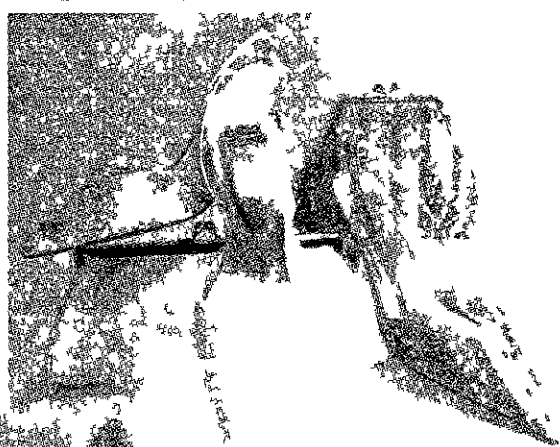
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Woman claims man tried to assault her

Police were called to a Lotzford Road home Wednesday by a woman who said a stranger knocked on her door and told her she had been sexually assaulted.

When officers arrived at the home, they discovered a 32-year-old Redford Township woman that they described as 'very belligerent and angry.' The woman, who refused offers to go to a hospital, complained of back pain from two large welts.

The woman said she had been at a party with a man she only knew by a first name when he asked her to go with him to Ypsilanti. She agreed but said the man drove her to an abandoned house on the 1000 block of Lotz, grabbed her by the neck and attempted to kiss her.

When she resisted, she said the man got out of the car, came around to the passenger side and pulled her from the vehicle. She said she injured her back on the door frame during the incident. The man then attempted to rip her jeans and she began screaming.

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Soon after, the man got back into the vehicle and left. The woman walked to a nearby residence.

She said her purse, which contained a cell phone and \$220, was still inside the car.

The woman, who got angry and began cursing when officers kept advising her to seek medical attention, eventually asked to go to a hospital.

She told officers she wants to press charges against the man.

Con job

A Canton woman has reported to police that she may have been conned out of \$500 by someone posing as a law enforcement official.

The woman, 51, said a person identifying themselves as "Deputy Sheriff Daly" called her home and said her daughter had a default judgment against her for an outstanding credit card bill. She was given the number of a Chicago law firm.

When she called the law firm, the woman authorized them to take a \$500 deduction from her checking account and was promised a confirmation letter. When days went by and she didn't receive a letter, the woman called the firm and they agreed to send her one the next day.

The woman says she became suspicious about the situation because the letter had a New York, not Illinois, postmark. She then called the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and was told they had no one by the name of "Daly."

The report has been handed over to the detective bureau.

Tobacco sting

CVS and Mobil Gas station failed the Canton Police Department's alcohol and tobacco sales checks this month. CVS, located at 225 N Sheldon, sold alcohol to a minor and the gas station, located at 44350 Warren, was caught selling tobacco to a minor.

The establishments were the

only two out of 15 that sold to decoy minors.

Establishments selling alcohol to a minor receive a misdemeanor citation.

Alcohol violations are also reported to the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Theft charges

A Canton man may face charges for mail theft after his neighbor accused him of stealing one of her packages.

The man, 50, told police UPS delivered a package to him bearing his wife's name but when he opened it, the enclosed materials had his 23-year-old neighbor's name.

When the man presented the package, which contained candles valued at \$19.95, to officers they discovered that the mailing label had been ripped off and his wife's name had been written in ink.

The man's neighbor said she wants to press charges against the man.

Tiffany L. Parks

ORIGINAL

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township's original motorcycle officers. He spent more than a decade patrolling the streets on a Harley Davidson, and in fact became a motorcycle instructor for other departments around the state.

During his career LeBlanc has been the recipient of numerous awards, including an individual commendation for meritorious service resulting in the apprehension of an armed robbery suspect, a departmental citation for his role in disarming and arresting a barricaded gunman holding three civilian hostages at gun point, a departmental citation for his assistance in rescuing a woman and arresting the three men who had abducted, beat and criminally assaulted her, and a life-saving award for performing CPR on a heart attack victim prior to medical help arriving, saving the patient's life.

Although LeBlanc has been in his share of tense situations over the years, he had his biggest scare in 2005 when he was diagnosed with cancer. He had to take more than a year of leave

from work and fortunately has recovered from the disease. However, since then, he hasn't been able to patrol and has been relegated to light duty and detective work.

Public Safety Director John Santomauro called LeBlanc's retirement a milestone — a passing of the torch — now that all the original officers are gone.

"We're losing a tremendous amount of historical perspective with his retirement," Santomauro said. Officer LeBlanc has been involved in a lot of the changes that have seen our department go from part-time to what we like to think is one of the most professionally trained departments in the area.

LeBlanc, who lives in Dexter and has four children, said what he will miss most about the job is the camaraderie he had with his fellow officers. He is proud of his career and feels he made a difference. Yet, when he thinks back, he shakes his head.

I never expected to be in a job this long. The years have flown by — 10 years, 15 years, and now 30 years, he said. But I have to say it's been a great place to work.


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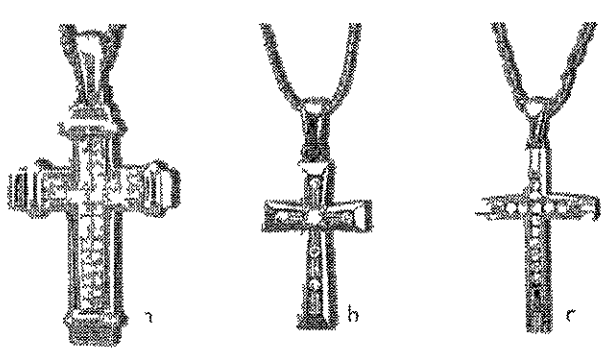
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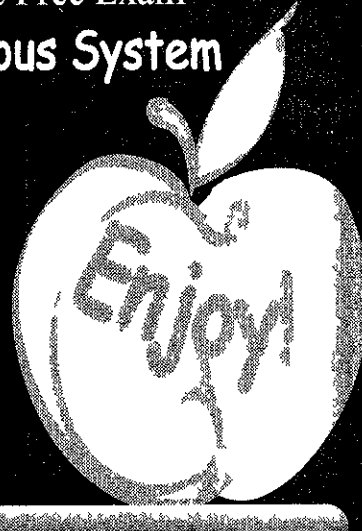
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Carroll Griffen (left) and Richard Schuck of the Dyer Senior Center get ready to fill backpacks that will be given out at the Kindergarten Roundup in 17 Wayne Westland elementary schools Tuesday April 3

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wayne-Westland rounds up class of '20

Class of 2020 where are you?

It's a call being put out by the Wayne Westland Community Schools as it prepares for its annual Kindergarten Roundup Tuesday, April 3

The district's 17 elementaries are inviting parents and their youngsters who will be attending kindergarten this fall to come to school 9 10 a.m. that day to tour the school meet the principal and kindergarten teachers, discuss the curriculum and review registration materials

For youngsters there will be free T-shirts and backpacks Parents also can enter to win a Leapster Learning Game System from LeapFrog

It's members of the Dyer Senior Center who annually volunteer to fill the backpacks with ABC and number charts crayons a Mother Goose activi-

ties book and Audrey Penn's The Kissing Hand book to use to prepare for school in the fall

For parents who can't attend the morning program school offices will be open 6-7 p.m. April 3 for registration only

Youngsters who will age 5 by Dec. 1 2007 are eligible for kindergarten enrollment this fall Parents must provide the child's original birth certificate with raised seal a current immunization record and three proofs of residency, such as a current mortgage/lease agreement or tax statement current utility bills or current employment record

Parents also can get information on the district's all-day kindergarten program which has been expanded to seven schools - John Hick in Inkster Wildwood P.D.

Graham Lincoln and Jefferson Barnes in Westland, Walker-Winter in Canton and Roosevelt McGrath in Wayne

Families who don't live in those school attendance areas can apply through the district's Schools of Choice program Applications are available online at www.wwcsd.net The deadline for applying is April 20 For more information call (734) 419-2083

There's also before and after school programs available at 13 of the district's 17 elementaries as well as an extended day kindergarten programs at Kettering and Wildwood with a free one-way shuttle service The programs are provided by Champions For more information call (734) 722-9157

Not sure what school to visit? Parents can find out by calling (734) 419-2000

DOG RESCUE

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to save him

Bronson's owners Chris and Patty Domin were both working at the time

An affectionate 70-pound pooch that loves to bark Bronson is an obsessive chewer with a thing for lacrosse balls After he's whittled them down to a certain point the ball is taken away and he's given a new one

Chris Domin believes the dog who is known to bury or hide objects secretly kept a ball that was supposed to be thrown away and retrieved it the day he choked

As Bronson collapsed in her arms inside the Domin's garage Malec said she knew she had to act fast in order for the dog to live

So she tapped into all of the knowledge she's gained from watching many hours of the Animal Planet channel

My husband totally makes fun of me for watching it so much but I can't help it she said Little did he know all that watching would come in handy

Malec said she remembered a program that featured a choking dog and did similar techniques on Bronson

I could feel the top of the ball rolling under my fingers so I was getting frustrated she said I wanted my husband to come home but then I realized his hand would've been too big so I tried it again

Eventually Malec who had nearly half of her arm in the dog's body was able to remove the ball

My daughter was saying Mom he's dying she said I knew I had to give him mouth to mouth

Well make that nose to mouth

Malec closed Bronson's mouth which had turned white and breathed into his nose

It was only for about a minute but it felt like 10 she said I saw his pupils constricting and I said Oh my God he's going to live He took a couple breaths his tail started wagging and I bent over and hysterically started crying

By this time Chris Domin had rushed home from work

When my son called me I thought it was my daughter because his voice was so high he said I had never heard him like that

Domin then took the dog to the veterinarian

Hes just fine now he said adding that he appreciates Malec stepping in to save one of his family's pets Its great to see that element of community is still there

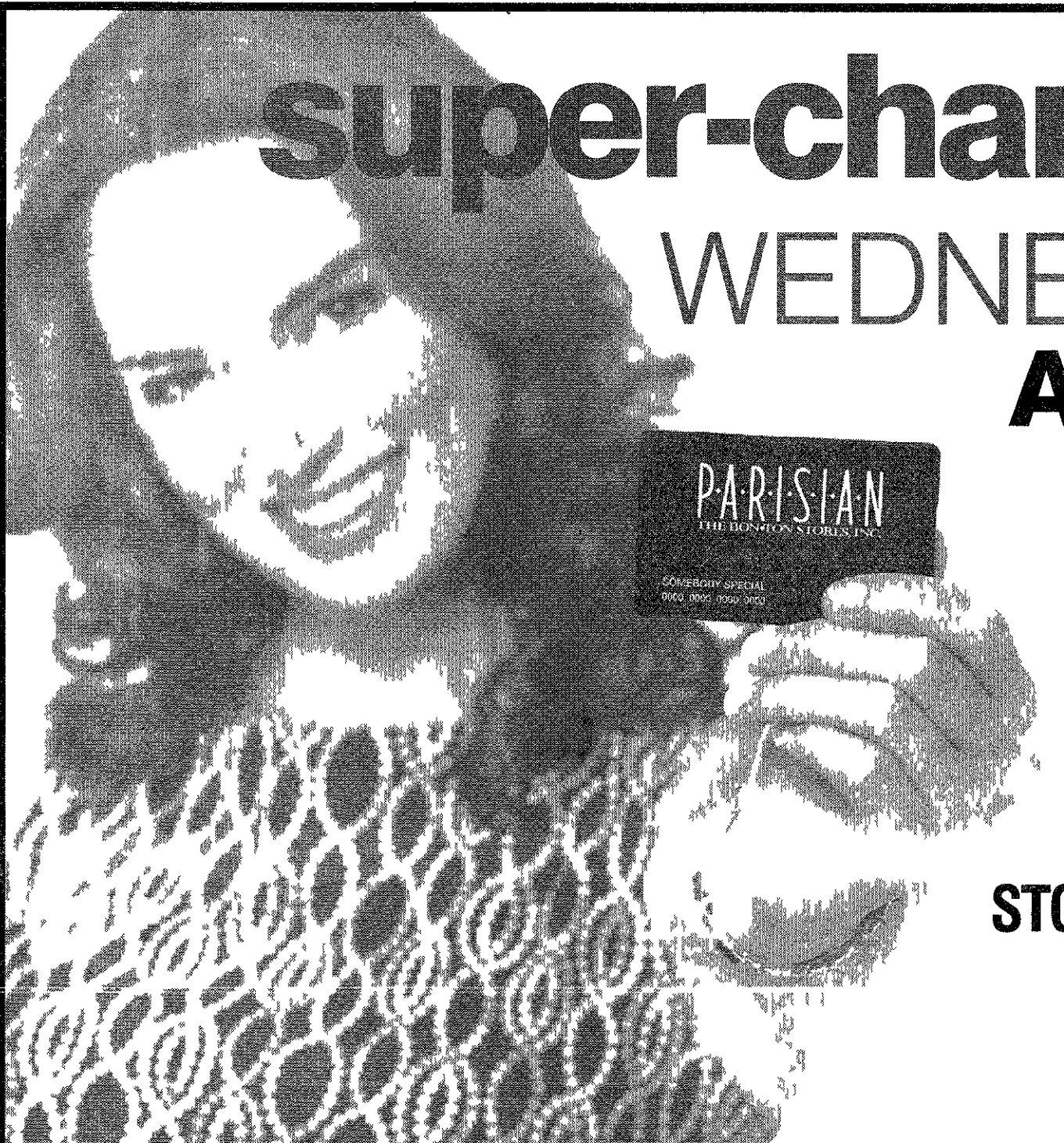
Domin said the vet told him that dogs have a swallow reflex not a gag reflex Dog owners should take away all toys that the animal can totally fit inside their mouths

That's our public service announcement he joked

Malec who laughs and raises her voice when she tells the story, says her daughter 9 teases her for putting her mouth on the dog and her husband Ed still jokes that her obsession with Animal Planet is goofy

This was one of my better experiences and I save people she said Im not saying that saving a dog is better than saving a person but that whole incident was awesome My kid went to school the next day like My mom saved a dog

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Pull-outs douse regional fire plan

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The concept of a regional fire department may have gone up in flames when four communities doused any chance by deciding this week to pull out of discussions.

Plymouth, Livonia and Northville Township representatives decided Monday to spend up to \$15,000 each for a study by consultant Plante Moran on the regionalization of fire and EMS services.

However, Livonia's director of public safety, Pete Kunst, said while they want the feasibility study to identify potential cost savings, the city's involvement in regional talks ended when Plymouth Township announced it wasn't going to pay for the study, and opted out of further talks.

If Plymouth Township is out of the conversation, then I don't see any reason to continue the discussion at this time, Kunst said. "If you look at the geography and the different borders, it really doesn't make sense to go

in this direction if Plymouth Township isn't part of the discussion.

It doesn't mean Livonia and Northville Township wouldn't have discussion on areas that might save money," he said. It makes sense for us to talk to them.

Also opting out of talks were Canton Township and Westland, leaving only the city of Plymouth and Northville Township ready to move forward.

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards said the Plymouth Community Fire Department has the lowest cost of any of the communities in the discussions, and he sees no need to spend \$15,000 to tell him that.

"We weren't interested unless it could show a benefit in improved service without additional cost," Edwards said. The other departments are operating at a higher cost than we are, so we would have to raise our costs to meet theirs.

If they're not talking personnel reduction, then it's not worth talking about," he said. "There would have to be a combined cut of \$6 million among all the departments to come down to our current rate per-resident. The idea is flawed all the way around."

Township Trustee Chuck Curmi didn't agree.

"How do you know it's not possible if you don't investigate it?" Curmi said. "You don't know until you do the analysis. You can't make a decision without the data."

The news was disappointing to Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, who has pushed ahead with fire department regionalization efforts ever since the City Commission made it the No. 1 goal for 2007.

"Regionalization is dead, I'd have to say," Dwyer said. "I still think it's the right thing, and down the road I think we will see it everywhere. But, at least I now know what option is out."

"Then we're going to look hard at public safety," said Dwyer of a plan to cross-train police to also be firefighters. "If it's a cheaper price and a better product, we'll do it. If not, the next option will be to continue with the fire agreement with Plymouth Township."

The city of Plymouth has already negotiated a provision in the police contract that addresses the public safety concept.

Dwyer lamented it's the second time Plymouth Township has blocked the city's efforts to regionalize services.

"They blocked us when we tried to regionalize dispatch," said Dwyer. "It's frustrating,

to say the least."

Westland Fire Chief Mike Reddy said he's taken a look at a similar feasibility study conducted for Downriver communities and said it answers some questions, but leaves others unanswered.

"We know the study doesn't get in-depth on how really to consolidate," Reddy said, "like how to deal with personnel and unions, and how four different communities would deal with contracts, pensions and insurance. The study doesn't address the real hurdles."

"I can't ask my residents to pay for a study that I've already done research on myself and know the issues," he said.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack made it known earlier that when it was time to "ask for the check," his community would opt out.

"We're hard-pressed to see any benefit for Canton residents," Yack said of regionalization. "We have the best of the 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."

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League book sale offers 4,000 titles

Now in its 25th year, the annual League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County's used book sale has more than 4,000 titles for sale starting this afternoon. The sale runs through Sunday.

There will be a preview of the sale today, March 29, from 5-9 p.m. The sale will continue from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and again from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission to the sale on preview night is \$2, the rest is free. Sunday is the bag sale.

Shoppers can purchase a brown paper grocery bag for \$5 and fill it with as many books as it can hold.

Over the past few days, a team of some 30 League members has been sorting the thousands of donated books into categories — fiction and non-fiction, science fiction and western — and putting them up for display at their sale location in Livonia Mall.

The mall donated a space (parallel to Seven Mile Road, near Sears) which used to be a Waldenbooks, which is perfect since it still has bookshelves throughout.

Almost all of the books are \$1 or less, although there might be a few better editions up for sale.

"We have Harriet Larson from the Friends of the Livonia Library come out to evaluate rare books," Book Sale Vice-president Ann Abdoo said. "Occasionally she finds one worth more than a dollar."

For more information about the sale, check the League's Web site at www.nwwayne.mi.livnet.org or call the office at (734) 421-4420.

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Wayne Memorial senior Ann Veloz (foreground) and junior Cindy Aslanian play the flute for the combined band

Musicians ready for Disney experience

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The world will literally be watching when students from Wayne Memorial and John Glenn high schools perform at two locations in Walt Disney World in Florida later this month.

More than 150 students, 25 pairs of chaperones and their respective music directors, Scott Cramer from John Glenn and Matthew Diroff from Wayne Memorial, will be in Florida April 17-22 to attend a Disney workshop and perform at the theme park.

"They're going to go onstage for the world at Disney," Cramer said. "It's an opportunity a lot of students might never have via their family. It's a great week for them to explore and branch off."

The students are members of the two schools' symphonic bands and orchestras. They've been divided into two groups and will perform in concerts in the park.

The A group — about 58 students — will perform in Downtown Disney, while the B group — 105 students — will perform in Epcot. A few of the students will perform with both groups.

They also will perform in a workshop where they will have the opportunity to work with Disney professionals and

Rehearsing music from *The Incredibles* are John Glenn senior Daniel Fabrey (left) and Wayne Memorial senior Pat Brown

learn what they do.

"It builds on what we talk about in class," Cramer said. "They learn about planning, time management and what's expected at that high of a level."

The bands will be traditional concert bands, performing marches and a mix of contemporary Disney music including several pieces from the *Star Wars* movies and *The Incredibles*.

We have a nice variety, so people are able to sit down and tap their toes," Cramer said. "It's going to be a lot of fun."

This is the fourth time Cramer has taken Glenn musicians to Walt Disney World and the first for Diroff

and his Wayne Memorial students. The two men have been talking about a joint venture. This one has worked out well, especially with Cramer's organizational experience, Diroff said.

It's a nice way for the students to go on a trip and for the students to get exposure to their counterparts," he said. "Scott also has a lot of experience, especially the organizational aspect that's been great. I've learned a lot."

Planning for the trip began in November 2005. They had to apply and send a recording to Disney to see if they would be accepted. According to the teachers, the trip was pretty much planned before it was mentioned to the students.

"We tested the waters by asking the kids if they'd like to go to Disney World. Matt's kids were all over it," Cramer said.

Rehearsals began in early February. The students have been gathering at John Glenn for three hours twice a week with each group rehearsing 1 1/2 hours.

They will take a break from rehearsing to perform the music in a concert at 7 p.m. Monday, April 2, at the Stockmeyer Auditorium on the Wayne Memorial High School campus in Wayne.

"It'll give parents who are not going down to see what their kids will be doing," Cramer said.

"They'll have a captive audience, it'll be a nice opportunity for them," Diroff said. "I'd love to see the auditorium packed."

The two teachers see the trip as a catalyst for other ventures possibly an honors group that would meet after school and perform music they might not get to do.

The students will leave by bus for Florida after school April 17, and both teachers admit that there are plenty of people who need thanking for helping make it possible.

It's taken more than us," Diroff said. "Everyone played a part in this. We're just getting on the bus and going."

"We're just a small part of this," he added.

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been placed in other subdivisions.

In order for Oakwood to move forward, township officials must alter a planned development district agreement for the land, which is zoned residential.

Residents showed up in droves to oppose the plans at a commission meeting in October and have continued to speak out against the proposal and any possible zoning change.

These people spent \$400,000 for their homes and now they could be living near a hospital, Reyer said.

Singh's initial plans were to

expand Charing Cross in three phases and build nearly 300 homes and apartments at the site. The second and third phase are "victims" of a slumping economy, Kahm has said.

The first phase includes only about 55 homes and just more than 30 have been built and sold.

Oakwood is looking to build its medical campus in stages, beginning with a 130,000-square-foot office. A 130-foot wide berm is designed to shield the building from neighboring properties and landscaping is planned for the outer edges. Access to the Oakwood property could only be granted from Beck and Geddes roads and a decorative pond would sit at the edge of the intersection.

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Plymouth attorney Rick Convertino of Canton, with his wife Valerie said the Justice Department turned on him, and is now doing the same to the eight U S attorneys recently fired

Justice Dept. saga familiar to fired lawyer

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

U S Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has come under fire from congressional leaders who want to know if the firing of federal prosecutors was the result of political meddling by the White House in Justice Department affairs. Democrats want President George W Bush and his chief political adviser, Karl Rove, to explain their roles in the dismissals. Plymouth attorney Rick Convertino, who is the subject of a federal criminal investigation after filing a whistleblower lawsuit against the U S government, said the latest accusations only lend credence to his case.

Convertino was the lead prosecutor in the first terrorist trial in the U S relating to the 9/11 attacks, and won a June 2003 conviction against two defendants on terrorist charges. The convictions were thrown out in 2004 after the U S Justice Department claimed prosecutors suppressed evidence.

Convertino came under internal investigation by the Department of Justice after telling a Senate committee his concerns about the federal government's war on terrorism, and filed a 2004 whistleblower lawsuit against then-

Attorney General John Ashcroft, claiming gross incompetence and mismanagement of the war on terror. Convertino claims the Justice Department turned on him, and he believes it's doing the same to the fired federal prosecutors. You don't fire U S attorneys because they're discovering political corruption in your own party,' said Convertino, who lives in Canton Township. 'The intent of the Justice Department is not to use the executive branch powers to stifle dissent within the citizenry. It's clear to me the Justice Department, and the administration in general - individuals who are in the position of authority - deem it more important for their own personal agendas,' he said. This administration has acted with complete impunity, unchecked and with an in-your-face attitude. This is what we're doing, and if you're not on board, you're the enemy'. Convertino said in his case, high school and college records were subpoenaed by the Justice Department, as well as telephone records, computers and e-mails. The federal government's case also includes interviews of more than 100 witnesses, including scores of friends and colleagues.

"If the government isn't in check, it has the ability to reach into your personal and professional life by illegally using things like the Patriot Act, that was passed in a moment of national crisis and emergency," Convertino said. "If they're allowed to do that with impunity, that's not America, that's totalitarianism." Convertino said unless Congress intervenes, he's concerned about continued political pressures on the Justice Department. "I'm concerned that Karl Rove has the ability to control a criminal investigation through the Justice Department," Convertino said. "Until there's complete oversight, or a crackdown by Congress, it will continue until there's a new administration." "When I was a federal prosecutor, I never thought the government would do such things," he said. "But, I've come 180 degrees. I've seen government over-reaching and abuse, and it abhors and disgusts me. We don't have enough public officials who are standing firm against it because they're worried about the political ramifications against them."

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Milton P. Lilley
Lilley 80 of Farmington died March 16
- B**
Bill Lloyd Jr.
Lloyd 53 of White Lake Township died March 24
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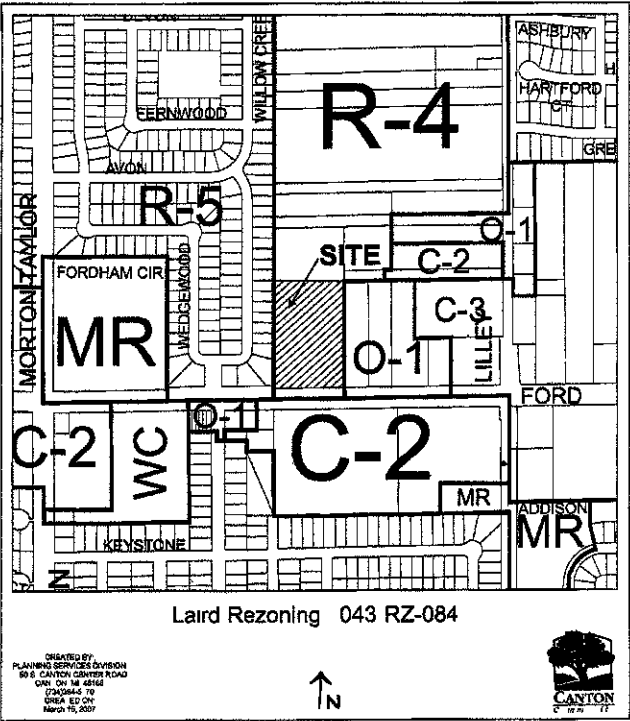
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the 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 16 2007 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance



LAIRD REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PART OF PARCEL NO 043 99 0005 001 (42752 FORD) FROM R 4 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C 2 COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL. Property is located north of Ford Road and west of Lilley Road. Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday April 12 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson Chairman

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit **Bids for Moving Eriksson, Field, Hoben, and Hulsing Elementary Schools as well as Pioneer Middle School**

Bidding documents may be picked up at the office of the Construction Manager McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 on April 5 2007. Bids will be received until **10:00 a.m.** local time on **Wednesday, April 18, 2007** at which time they will be opened and read publicly at the Plymouth Canton Community School E J McClendon Educational Center 454 S Harvey Plymouth Michigan 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by McCarthy & Smith Inc. There will be a **Pre Bid Meeting and Site Walk-Through on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 @ 10:00 a.m.** at Pioneer Middle School located at 46081 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth MI 48170. Questions regarding the scope of the project may be addressed to Mr. Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith Inc. at (248) 427-8400. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding documents. This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

The bidder shall disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan on the proposal pricing form. This form must also be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JUDY MARDIGIAN Secretary

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FRANKEL/CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 21A 02B TO ADD MEDICAL AND DENTAL CLINICS/LABORATORIES IN THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH DISTRICT AS A SPECIAL LAND USE. AMENDING SECTION 6 10B6 RELATIVE TO ARCHITECTURAL LIGHTING FOR THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT OVERLAY AND AMEND SECTION 7 02 TO ADD LANGUAGE REGULATING DELIVERY LOADING TRASH COLLECTION AND SIMILAR OPERATIONS.

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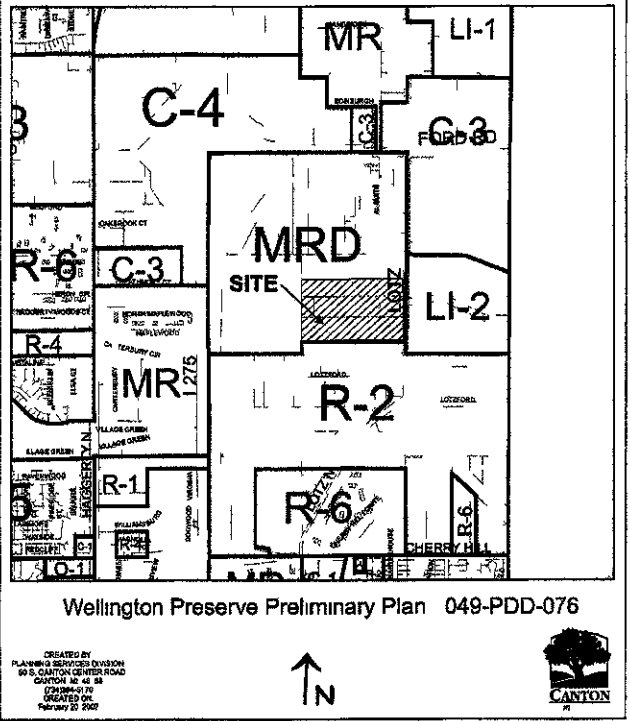
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WELLINGTON PRESERVE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - PRELIMINARY PLAN CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27 04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS(S) 049 99 0004 000 (1225 LOTZ N) 049 99 0007 000 (1345 LOTZ N) 049 99 0008 000 AND 049 99 0009 000 (1365 LOTZ N). Property is located west of Lotz and south of Ford Road (First Public Hearing.)

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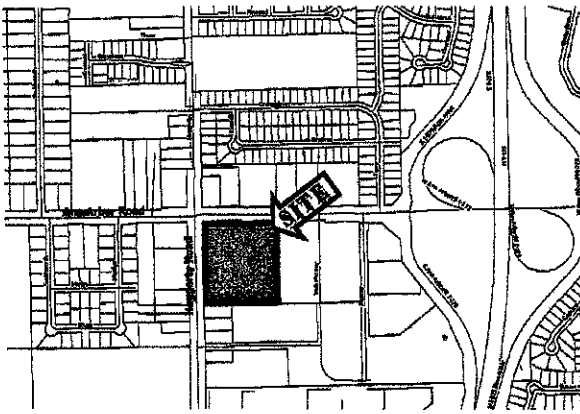
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION Request Approval of a Special Land Use
DATE OF HEARING Wednesday April 18 2007
TIME OF HEARING 7:00 PM
PLACE OF HEARING Plymouth Township Hall 9955 N Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting **Special Land Use Approval** for outdoor display and/or storage outside Kmart Store #4481 in the Ann Arbor Road Corridor District (ARC) on Tax ID R 78 065 99 0012 000 (property address is 40855 Ann Arbor Road) pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No 99 Section 14 2 3(t).

Application 1966 Applicant, Fred Keywell



LEGAL DESCRIPTION For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No R-78-065-99-0012-000. Property address is 40855 Ann Arbor Road

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Community Development Department during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N Haggerty Rd Plymouth MI 48170 or call 734 354 3270 ext. 6. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth Township MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 Phone 734 354 3201 TDD users 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

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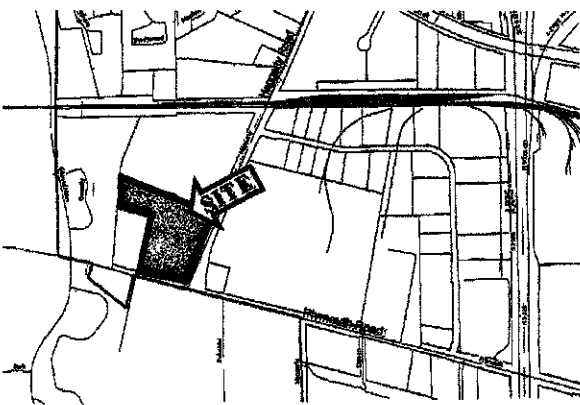
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PROPOSED ACTION Request Approval of a Special Land Use
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday April 18 2007
TIME OF HEARING 7:00 PM
PLACE OF HEARING Plymouth Township Hall 9955 N Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application from Integrity Truck Driving School Inc requesting Special Land Use Approval for a truck Driving School in a General Commercial District (C 2) on Tax ID R 78 026 99 0003 702 (property address is 13101 Haggerty Road) pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No 99 Section 13 2 24.

Application 1964 Applicant, Integrity Truck Driving School, Inc



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No R-78-026-99-0003-702. Property address is 13101 Haggerty Road

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Retired Westland police chief is county's new undersheriff

Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans officially announced Monday that he has named newly retired Westland Police Chief Daniel Pfannes as his new undersheriff, making Pfannes the second-highest ranking officer in Michigan's second-largest police department.

Pfannes, 47, replaces Harold Cureton, who retired early this year after serving as undersheriff for two years.

"In the four years that I have been sheriff, my office has had no better partner in the law enforcement community than Dan Pfannes," Evans said. "He is bright, experienced and, above all, an excellent administrator. We are very fortunate to have him join our team."

Pfannes officially began his duties this week. As undersheriff, he will oversee all day-to-day police operations of the sheriff's office. That includes court and jail operations and the department's field services section, which includes all land and marine patrol activities, fugitive apprehension, and specialty units such as Internet Crime, Missing & Exploited Childrens Task Force, Mounted Unit, Detective Bureau, Deed Fraud Auto Theft, Special Response Team and more.

Pfannes, who has spent his entire law enforcement career in Westland, worked his way steadily through the ranks, eventually being named chief in 2003. He joined the department in 1982.

Pfannes has served the Westland community as a police officer, evidence technician, detective, special investigations unit commander, SWAT commander and executive level administrator.



Former Westland Police Chief Daniel Pfannes with Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans is sworn in as undersheriff.

He has also served on a number of multi-agency task forces that have operated in the region. While working as a police officer, Pfannes obtained a master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Detroit.

He is also a graduate of Eastern Michigan and Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command.

Mr. Pfannes' prior experience as a suburban police chief will bring an important perspective to my administration as we look toward more regional and collaborative approaches to making Wayne County safer, Evans said.

During his 25 years in Westland, Pfannes received numerous citations and commendations for his role in major crime investigations including homicide, rape and robbery.

Pfannes said he looks forward to playing an important role on Evans' team.

I always have had a great deal of respect for Sheriff Evans and his staff, Pfannes said. "As a local police chief, I appreciated his commitment to supporting local agencies and developing data-driven crime reduction strategies. I look forward to being a part of what I believe to be one of the best and brightest law enforcement teams in the nation."

The sheriff's office has an annual operating budget of

approximately \$120 million and employs more than 1,300 officers and civilian employees.

In addition to operating three jails and providing court security, the office operates a broad range of street units, including Secondary Road Patrol, Highland Park Patrol, Fugitive Apprehension Service Team, Missing & Exploited Childrens Task Force, Narcotics & Morality Enforcement, Detective Bureau, Park Patrol, Marine Patrol, Special Response Team (SRT), Mounted Unit and more.

District buys new math books to accommodate high school curriculum

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The cha-ching has started in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, which is spending more than \$500,000 to implement the mathematics portion of the state's mandated high school curriculum.

The school board approved the purchase of the McDougall-Littell Math Series for the high school and the Glencoe Math Series for the middle school as it adjusts to offering Algebra Geometry and Algebra II at the high school level.

"We looked for a seamless transition and we believe this will be it," said Donna Lochrie, director of secondary school development. Our students will move from *Everyday Math* in the elementary to Glencoe in the middle school to McDougall-Littell in high school.

High school students must have 16 credits to graduate as mandated by the state's Michigan Merit Curriculum, including four credits mathematics and English, three in science and three in social studies.

According to Lochrie, a district committee reviewed proposals from seven high school

math book companies, narrowing the selection down to three. Those companies received 10 questions about such things as the levels for differentiation of instruction and the supplemental or additional materials that will be provided at no cost.

The questions allowed the committee to narrow the field to two, and a review of topics which teachers found difficult for students led to the selection of McDougall-Littell.

It's the best for readability, we feel this text will help our students, said Lochrie.

Because the books have some weight to them, there will be computer discs for students can use in lieu of taking the book home as well as online help.

The company also is providing five years' worth of note-taking books for students, and items that are especially good for ninth-graders to establish good study techniques, Lochrie told the school board.

The state, as part of its Michigan Merit Curriculum, now requires four years of mathematics to graduate. Students can get one credit by taking Algebra in eighth-grade. According to Lochrie, the same Algebra book used at the high school level will be used for the eighth grade class.

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Usually, Raynaud's is a nuisance. If spasm of the blood vessel lasts long enough or occurs frequently, it is possible that the affected finger will develop a skin ulcer or even gangrene. As a result of these possibilities, Raynaud's needs treatment. That therapy may be as simple as wearing gloves even in mild exposure to cold. If Raynaud's worsens, then use of medication to keep blood vessels open is in order.

Certain rheumatologic conditions can cause Raynaud's. These conditions are scleroderma, systemic lupus erythematosus, and rheumatoid arthritis. Your doctor will screen for them. If present, then treatment for the Raynaud's would include therapy for the underlying rheumatic disease.

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Dear Rick My adviser told me that if you hold a mutual fund long term, generally over five years, that there is very little difference between a load and no-load fund Do you agree? Jessica

Dear Jessica First, let me explain what a load is The load refers to the commission that you pay to purchase a mutual fund For example, in a mutual fund that has an 8 percent load, if you invest \$10,000, \$850 right off the top goes to the salesperson while the remaining \$9,150 goes into the investment If you go into a true no-load fund, like the funds I recommend, and invest \$10,000, the entire \$10,000 goes to work for you Therefore, when your salesperson tells you that over the long run there is no difference between load and no-load fund, he/she is not telling you the truth All things being equal, in a no-



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

load fund you have more money invested will mean more money ends up in your pocket When you look at the independent studies they all reach the same conclusion – the average commission-free fund (no load) out performs the average commission fund (load) even if you do not take the commissions into effect When I've spoken to commission based financial advisers, who sell commission based mutual funds, they generally state that the commission is how they are compensated and that they are entitled to a fair compensation for the services performed I

have no problem with a professionals being compensated for professional services My problem is when it comes to mutual funds, commissions and sales incentives are generally undisclosed A professional should have no problem discussing their fees I'm always suspicious when fees are undisclosed On the whole, I do not favor commissions in the financial world They create a conflict of interest The best commissioned salespeople I know never worry about commissions, they worry about taking care of their clients However, there are too many commissioned salespeople that are only concerned with the commissions and the sales incentives, such as free trips That is why in the great majority of cases, I recommend that investors invest commission free

Dear Rick I have just turned 60 and it has been recommended I purchase a long-term care policy Do you recommend these types of policies? Barry Dear Barry In the past, I had been very much opposed to long-term care policies and the reason had nothing to do with the need for these types of policies but rather that it was very difficult to collect on these types of policies The insurance companies made it difficult to file a claim and that is why I generally did not recommend these types of policies In today's world, because of government intervention, these policies have gotten better, however, the adage of 'let the buyer beware' still applies In all too many cases it is still very difficult to collect on these policies If someone purchases a long-term care policy, the most important thing to examine in

a company is how it pays claims All too often, people will receive competitive bids on long-term care and purchase the cheapest policy The least expensive policy isn't necessarily the best policy because many companies make it very difficult to collect Just like with any other type of insurance, I believe long-term care insurance should be needs-based Unfortunately, long-term care insurance is not purchased, it is sold Too many seniors purchase a policy when they don't need it Before purchasing this type of policy, do independent research on long-term care policies in general One source is AARP which has some very good information regarding long-term care policies on their Web site, www.aarp.org The first issue is to determine if need Don't believe what the salespeople tell you that everyone is going to end up in a nursing home and everyone

will lose all their money This is not the case If it were, the insurance industry would never offer this type of policy The great majority of people don't end up in nursing homes and do not lose all their money The question you should ask yourself before purchasing long-term care is if you are unable to care for yourself, do you have the resources to protect yourself? If not, long-term care is an alternative However, as I mentioned earlier, take your time, do your homework Shop around, receive a number of independent bids and then decide what policy fits your situation

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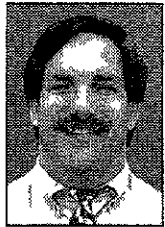
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Help choose your medicine, or plan to swallow board cuts

When I was young, I absolutely hated taking castor oil, but my grandmother thought it was the answer to everything that ailed us. She'd ask us if we had a better idea and, since we didn't, down went the castor oil.

The Plymouth Canton Board of Education finds itself in a similar situation as it tries to figure out how to deal with a projected \$7.5 million deficit. People don't want things cut, then complain when the board cuts them.



Brad Kadrach

Eliminate one of the three athletic directors? How could you?

Consider cutting the radio station? You're not really gonna do that, are you?

Increase class sizes, even if it's only by one student per classroom? You can't do that.

Voters in the district turned down two bond proposals in 10 months, telling the district, in effect, to tighten its belts like the rest of us. The Michigan economy is in the toilet, and it doesn't look like the Tidi-Bowl Man is coming around anytime soon.

The school board and the administration, without getting additional money from the citizenry, are going to have to find a way to deal with the structural problems in its budget. That's fine, they pay Dr. James Ryan, the district superintendent, a lot of money to make recommendations like that. And they understand they were elected to make choices based on those recommendations.

Predictably, residents let the board know when they think they're making the wrong choices. Even more predictably, residents haven't necessarily been all that helpful in making the decisions.

At last week's candidate forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, Trustee Mark Slavens pointed out critics of the board's choices were both in the audience and on the dais, yet we haven't heard a peep from any of them about budget cuts.

Former board president Mike Maloney was in the audience, and several candidates made mention of how the board has to hunker down and make the proverbial 'tough choices.' Maloney has penned a number of letters and columns for this newspaper pointing out the board's foibles, but board members wonder where his participation lies in the actual budget process.

It's a fair question, and it actually applies to citizens all over the district who want to complain about the choices, but not participate in any of the choosing. It's like presidential elections, if you don't vote, you forfeit the right to complain about the guy who wins.

There are critics, Maloney and fellow former board president Mark Horvath chief among them, who say board members have shied away from the tough choices. True or not, perhaps that shouldn't be the debate anymore.

Perhaps it's time for citizens, supporters and critics alike, to bond with the board to help make the hard decisions. You get a chance Tuesday, when the board conducts a workshop to continue looking at ways to trim the budget.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and there's one thing to remember for those who don't want to help:

There's always the castor oil.

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Show up at meeting

Although the homeowners at Charing Cross are most directly affected by the proposed Oakwood Hospital's site in a residential zone, many more subdivisions along Geddes west of Canton Center Road would also be adversely affected. Those include Meadow Villages, Woodlands at Chatterton Village, Chatterton Village, Chatterton Square, Woodridge Estates, Hunters Grove, Kimberly Meadows, Hidden River Estates, River Meadows and Holiday Estates. Residents of these subdivisions would also be subjected to the sounds of sirens and helicopters. In addition, the inevitable traffic noise that would result from those traveling to and from Oakwood Hospital should be considered. I encourage residents of the above-mentioned subdivisions to add their voices in support of retaining residential zoning, and attend the upcoming meeting on April 2.

At some point, accommodating this traffic would likely require widening Geddes Road, encroaching the properties on that route at taxpayers' expense. When we purchased our properties west of Canton Center Road, we did so with the understanding that this area would be exclusively residential. Certainly when Singh Development acquired the property at Geddes and Beck it must have been with the same understanding.

Finally, as G.K. Peters noted in letters to the editor March 25, Mr. Kahn of Singh Development said: 'Things change and it's a part of life.' I would say to Mr. Kahn, 'Yes, we agree with you, we have seen our property values decrease while the township continues to raise our taxes. Who plans to bail us out of this situation? Will Oakwood or the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees care to do the same for the rest of us?'

Connie Phillips
Canton

Find another site

Just about a year ago, we moved to Canton off Geddes Road and before moving here we did our homework and investigated the surrounding area. We called the Canton Planning Department a couple of times to ask about the properties at the corner of Beck and Geddes to find out it was and would stay a residential site and Singh would be building \$400,000-plus homes on that site. We took that into account in our decision to move here.

Now Oakwood Hospital wants to purchase the land for a hospital. It is not the fault of all these homeowners that the housing market is failing in Michigan and Singh cannot find buyers to build his homes. It is not our fault that about

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89,000 families have left Michigan and Wayne County is one of the counties severely affected. With so many people leaving this county what is the need for another hospital?

We say 'NO' to the proposal and do not want Oakwood in our front yard. We do not want to hear sirens all day and night. We do not want to hear medivac helicopters hovering over our homes and condos. We do not want the traffic and do not want our roads widened to five lanes. We do not want the wildlife destroyed that live in our area. We plan to be at the April 2 Planning Commission meeting to voice our opinion. Oakwood, you are a great institution and help many people. However, find another piece of property for your hospital.

C. Boulter
Canton

Comparing apples and grapefruit

The Tiffany L. Parks article in Sunday's *Observer* highlights a young woman living near Annapolis Hospital that is satisfied with her close proximity to the medical facility. There are even a couple of photos of the neighborhood showing the large building in the background. It is an attempt to belittle all of the negative sentiment that has developed against the proposed Oakwood Hospital being situated in a residential district. Nice try, but it's like comparing apples and grapefruit.

First of all, Ms. Kraft made a choice to live near Oakwood Annapolis, knowing the hospital was looming in the background, unlike the people at Charing Cross Site Condominiums who made their home purchases with the knowledge that the area is all residential. They too could have found a neighborhood that enabled them to live near a hospital if they had wanted, but they chose to live in a residential district and were given assurance that it would stay that way. The developer, Singh Corporation, told them it would. The Canton Township comprehensive plan confirmed it. Historically, Canton planning commissioners had declared it so. Yet, here we are, on the verge of what could be the township's biggest lie.

Debi Greene
Canton

Serve the residents

I too am a homeowner near Beck and Geddes. I am sorry that the housing market has dropped as of late, but I think it is deplorable that Singh is trying to get out of their commitments and trying to recoup a loss. Where is the buyer beware clause for Singh? Canton cannot assure that this will be

a successful venture for Oakwood. I know I will boycott the facility and I expect the surrounding community will as well. What happens if this facility is not successful and is forced to close its doors in a few years?

We have a medical facility not two miles away on Canton Center that serves the neighboring communities. Oakwood is clearly not necessary in this location. Furthermore, there is property available on Michigan Avenue from Haggerty to Denton that would be better suited to a facility such as this. There are school bus routes on the streets where this facility is proposed. What plans does Canton have for these children? Canton must think long and hard about succumbing to Singh, and serve their residents who have, unlike Singh, a vested interest in the community.

Bottom line - this is residential property.

Christine Verdona
Canton

Vote for Gebhardt

On the May 2007 ballot, we will be voting for local nonpartisan issues like school boards and Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees. I support and will vote to retain Joan Gebhardt for Schoolcraft College trustee because of her educational experience, knowledge of educational issues, problem-solving skills and ability to relate to people and their problems. I share with her the importance of the issues that she cares about most: quality education while being fiscally responsible, strong curriculum geared at our changing economy and workforce, and equal representation for all stakeholders.

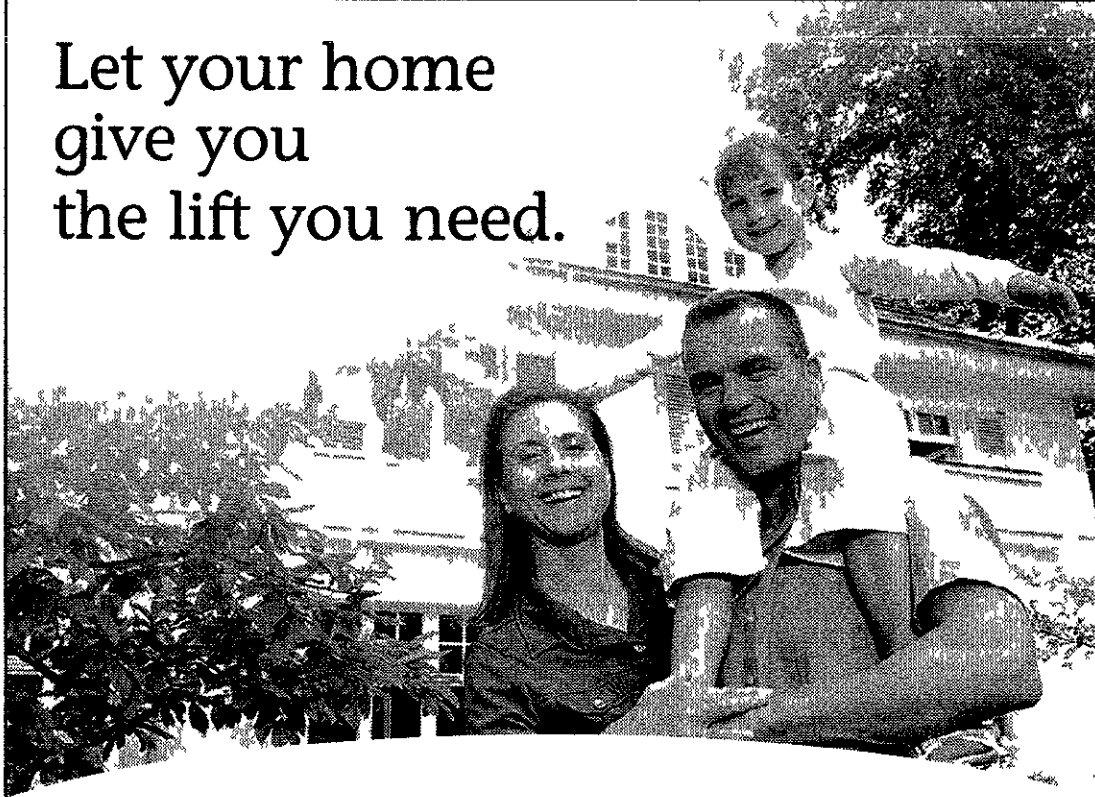
Joan has made the personal and professional commitment to invest in our Schoolcraft College community. It is crucial that we have qualified, dedicated and passionate people like Joan representing us and working to create policy at exemplary higher education institutions like Schoolcraft College.

Our mission is clear. Joan Gebhardt is the best choice for Schoolcraft Board of Trustees. We need to retain Joan Gebhardt as the trustee who can offer fresh ideas and steadfast direction to continue the important work at Schoolcraft. During this time of economic transition, we need programs critical to Michigan's economic future. Joan understands that we must train and retrain our workforce for jobs of today and tomorrow. I have great confidence in her abilities.

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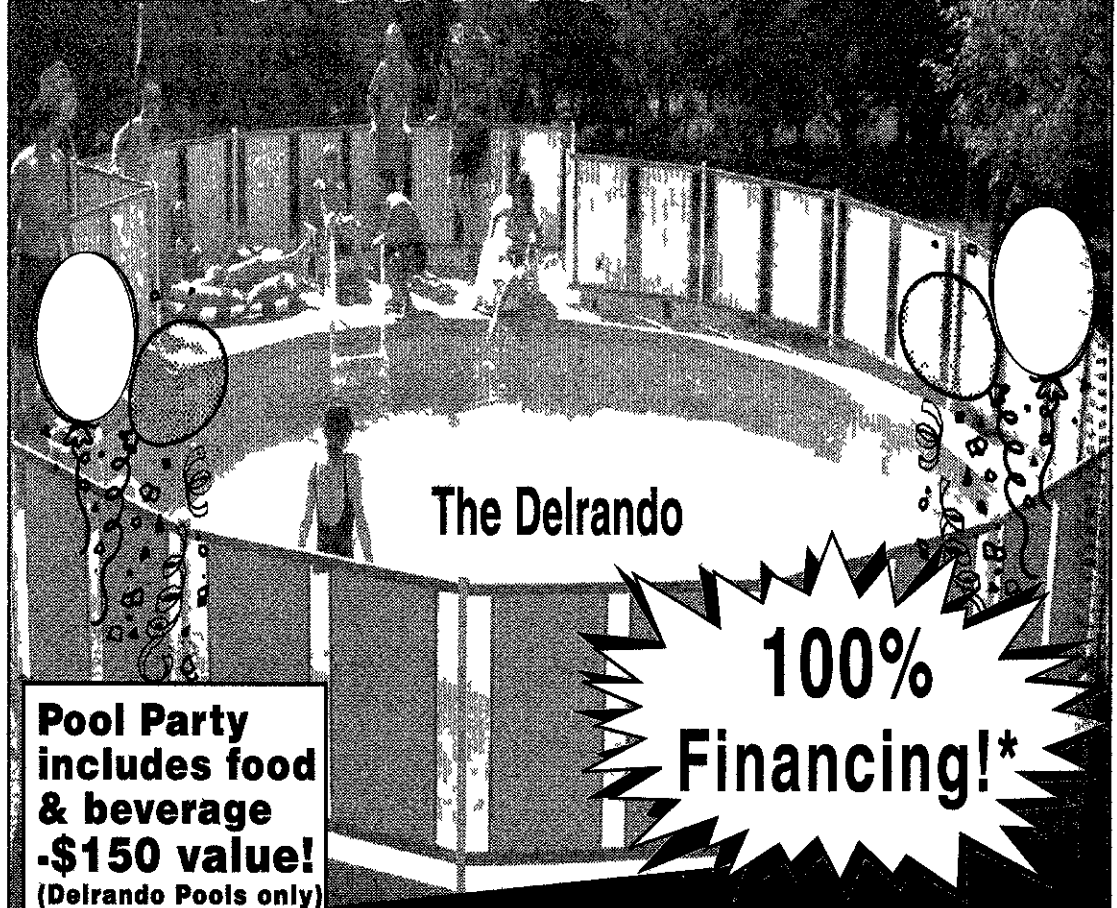
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Clerk, sheriff create one-stop office for permits

Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett and Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans are collaborating to offer county residents a one-stop office to obtain a permit to carry concealed weapon.

Instead of going to downtown Detroit to apply, they will be able to visit the Clerk's "one-stop-shop" at the Wayne County Sheriff's Road Patrol office in Westland, 3100 Henry Ruff Road, to apply for a concealed weapons permit.

The new service is part of the Garrett's new satellite office at the Sheriff's western Wayne County headquarters.

In addition, a step has been eliminated for all citizens who visit the Clerk's downtown office to apply for a CCW license. In the past, they had to apply in the downtown office and travel to the Wayne County Sheriff's Road Patrol office in Westland to be fingerprinted. Those citizens now will be able to process their application in a one-stop visit by having their fingerprinting conducted at the downtown location when they initially



Richard and Margi Rothwell of Redford were the first customers at Wayne County's new one-stop satellite office. On the left is County Clerk Cathy Garrett and on the right is Sheriff Warren Evans.

apply for the permit.

The Clerk's Office has purchased a state-of-the-art fingerprinting machine and the staff will receive specialized training from the Sheriff's Office.

"I'm always assessing ways to more conveniently serve the citizens of Wayne County," stated Clerk Garrett. "I'm pleased that two Wayne County gov-

ernment offices are working together to improve services for our citizens."

Applicants applying for CCW permits at the Clerk's downtown location will only have to make one trip because their CCW permit, if approved, will be mailed to them. In the past, they had to make a second trip to personally pick up the CCW permit.

Improvements in technology have reduced the previous on-average fingerprinting processing time from five weeks to one week. In the very near future, applicants will be able to go online to WayneCountyClerk.com to track the status of their application in real time.

Wayne County issues approximately 4,500 CCW permits each year.

"We have done a great deal in the past two years to reduce the wait for law-abiding citizens to receive a CCW permit and this one-stop shop is the final piece of the puzzle," Sheriff Evans said. "Now citizens will be able to apply for and receive their permits in as convenient and expedient a manner as possible."

The Clerk's Western Wayne Satellite Office also will be staffed to provide a number of the most requested Clerk services, including Assumed Names, Birth/Death Certificates, Marriage Licenses, Passports and Notary Public.

Rep. McCotter will hold teleconference Town Hall

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) is inviting constituents to take part in a live teleconference Town Hall 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 3.

The Town Hall, which will also be webcast live (audio only) on the internet, will cover several topics, including the war in Iraq, Health Care, and the budget.

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Webcast system requirements: Internet Explorer version 5 or later, Windows Media Player 8 or greater, and an Internet connection of 28.8 Kbps or greater (dial-up speed), plus speakers or soundcard with built-in speaker.

Marshmallow drop Friday

Wayne County will stage its annual Marshmallow Drop 11 a.m. Friday, April 6, at Nankin Mills Park in Westland.

Thousands of marshmallows will be dropped from a helicopter to be turned in for prizes. Only one marshmallow is needed to receive a treat,

so each child will receive one! This event is sponsored by Wayne County Parks and is open to ages 4 and up. Nankin Mills Park is located on Hines Drive, just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

For more information, please call (734) 261-1990.

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Saluting outstanding youth sports coaches

Above and beyond

Coaches go extra mile to make sure young athletes' experiences are rewarding

Please see outstanding coaches profiles on B5

"We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee"

— Marian Wright Edelman

I'm pretty certain that Marian Wright Edelman wasn't referring to Phil LaVallee when she first said the before-mentioned quote, but she could have been.

During his 17 years of coaching the Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior football team, LaVallee has made a huge difference in the lives of a number of his players, but not because of one incredible speech or one amazing game plan.

He's inspired his players with the daily, at times monotonous, things successful coaches do that make their players better athletes and — more importantly — better people.

"Coach LaVallee is a true coach in all definitions of the word — whether it's showing kids football techniques, the way a play is supposed to be run or something as simple as looking someone in the eye when you shake their hand," said Brendan Murphy, one of LaVallee's former players.

Murphy was one of several people who responded to a three-paragraph sports brief I ran in last week's *Observer* that asked for names of youth sports coaches who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to positively impact their players' lives.

To be honest, I wasn't sure if I would receive three e-mails or 30 in response to the request. It's not that I didn't think there was an abundance of great coaches out there, I know there are hundreds.

It's just that life is hectic these days and sitting down to type an e-mail to the local sports editor can easily get



The local coaches above were among those praised by parents and players for the way they've enriched the youth sports experience for those whom they've mentored the past few years. Pictured (front row from left) are Barb Lehmann, Eileen Spicher, Jeff Marcero, (middle row from left) Jim Hejka, Rob Sudz, Phil LaVallee, (back row from left) Jim Radwan, Bruce Price and Kevin Lipp.

pushed to the back burner — even if your son or daughter's coach is the second coming of John Wooden.

When all was said and done, I was blown away by the response. It wasn't necessarily the quantity (closer to 30 than three) that blew me away, rather it was the heartfelt quality of the responses, which only confirmed what I already knew. While they may not

have as big of an impact on a youngster's life as a parent or a teacher, the role coaches play is very significant.

There was one common thread that ran through each of the glowing replies I received. The coaches who are pictured above care as much about making sure their athletes' sports experience is an enriching one as much — or in some cases more — than they do

about winning.

Phil LaVallee, and every other coach who is profiled on page B5, probably didn't foresee the differences they've made in their players' lives. But there's no doubt they have made a sizable difference.

And I have the e-mails to prove it.

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Sidelines

Ladies golf league

The "Par-Tee" Girls, Ladies Golf League, which plays at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Canton, is looking for new members. The course is located at the intersection of Ford and Napier roads.

The nine-hole league plays on Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. beginning May 3. For more information, contact Susan Morman at (734) 414-9941.

Sports career conference

Anyone interested in a career in sports is invited to attend Wayne State University's 7th Annual "Careers in Sports" conference, which will be held April 14 at the Wayne State University Student Center.

The conference will have guest speakers from the areas of interscholastic, intercollegiate, professional and commercial sports programs.

"This is a unique opportunity for students and professionals to explore careers in the sports industry," said Katie Bione, the conference organizer. "We have had tremendous success with this conference in the past and we hope to make the 2007 conference the best one yet."

For more information on the conference, visit: <http://www.wayne.edu> or call (616) 581-9523.

Summer girls hoop camps

The annual Canton/Salem girls basketball camps will be held in June in the Canton and Salem high school gymnasiums.

A camp for girls who will be starting seventh, eighth and ninth grades in the fall of 2007 will be held June 18-22 from 1-3 p.m. The seventh graders will be at Salem while the eighth and ninth graders will utilize the Canton gym. The cost of the camp is \$70.

A camp for girls who will be starting fourth, fifth and sixth grades in the fall of 2007 will be held June 25-29 from 1-3 p.m. The fourth graders will be at Salem while the fifth and sixth graders will utilize the Canton gym.

Campers will receive instruction from members of the coaching staffs of Canton and Salem high schools as well as from high school players.

Players can register through Plymouth-Canton Community Education, which is located at 40260 Five Mile Rd. in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-2940.

Coaches: Please call in results

Local high school spring sports coaches are encouraged to report all of their team's results to the *Observer* so that their players' achievements can be deservedly publicized.

To report results, call *Observer Sports Editor* Ed Wright at (734) 953-2108. You can also e-mail the results to ewright@hometownlife.com.

Is high school football going the flag route?

A piece of news I stumbled across on an obscure football-based Web site the other day hit me harder than a blitzing, blind-side linebacker. High school football may be making the earth-shaking jump from tackle to flag in Michigan this coming fall.

You read it right. While everyone's attention has been focused on the status of the almost-decade-old lawsuit that could switch the seasons for several sports in the state as soon as September, another lawsuit that could take the *CRUNCHH!!!* out of prep football has been moving through the legal system faster than a grizzly bear on rollerskates.

THE SAD FACTS

To make a long story short, a group of Michigan parents (I believe they're from the Thumb area), whose high school-aged sons are apparently too squeamish to play tackle football, discovered that there is a school district in Delaware that replaced tackle football with flag football, a non-contact

form of the sport that requires defensive players to simply pull a velcro, foot-long strip of plastic off the ball-carrier's belt instead of flattening him like a week-old pancake.

Presto! The Michigan parents had an air-tight precedent.

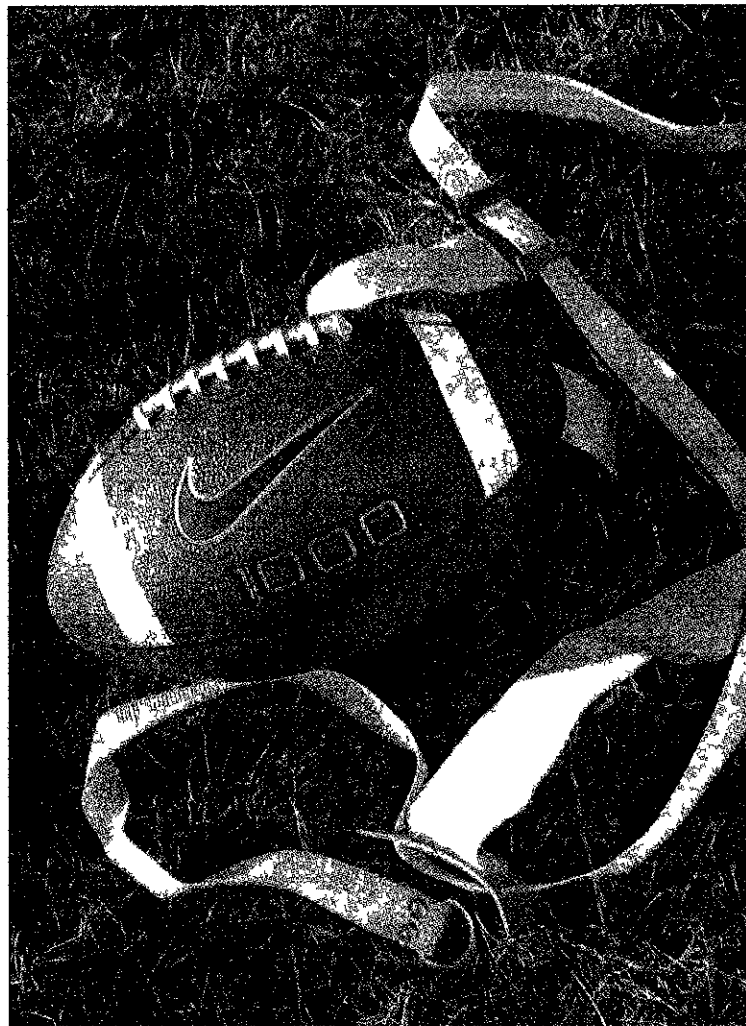
They then filed the necessary paperwork, hired a team of top-notch lawyers and — believe it or not — we're only a few official court hearings away from seeing our last full-fledged, bone-crunching high school football tackle.

CHANGE FOR THE BETTER?

At first, I was very, very upset about the change," admitted one local high school athletic administrator, who asked to remain anonymous. I mean, tackle football is as American as SUV's and Wendy's triple hamburgers.

"But there are some good things that will come out of the change. For instance, now that football will be less violent, our athletic trainers can focus on more rugged sports like cross country and golf."

"Plus, we won't need the pads any more, so we can sell them to schools in Ohio and use the additional revenue to purchase those new Gatorade ice-water containers we've



Flags could replace tackles in high school football in the near future if a little-publicized lawsuit continues to breeze through the legal system.

needed the past several years."

Surprisingly, a number of high school football coaches I talked to offered little resistance to the pending change.

"Don't get me wrong. It will definitely take some getting used to," one head coach told me. "But flag football is a lot tougher than a lot of people make it out to be. When those little things start whipping around in the wind, it's awfully

tough to get a grip on them."

BAD IDEA

There's one word that describes how I feel about the change: outraged.

What are they going to do next? Make high school baseball players hit off a tee? Turn high school basketball into a game of H-O-R-S-E?

Oh, and one more thing: *Happy April Fool's Day!*

Ryder on the Storm

Forward's goal caps Whalers' sweep, 3-2

Bigger, faster, stronger. Although the Guelph Storm led in three of the four games, the Plymouth Whalers found a way to sweep the Storm out of the Western Conference Quarterfinals.

Daniel Ryder's goal with 27 seconds left in regulation snapped a 2-2 tie and the Whalers defeated Guelph, 3-2, to sweep the Storm in four games on Thursday before 3,178 at the Guelph Sports and Entertainment Centre.

James Neal figured in on all three Plymouth goals as the game's first star with two goals and an assist. Plymouth defensemen Ryan McGinnis and Steve Ward added two assists each.

Whalers goaltender Jeremy Smith stopped 20-of-22 Guelph shots to backstop the victory.

Drew Doughty and Luke Pither scored in the first period for Guelph.

If there was a play that typified the series, it was Neal's goal in the third period of Game 4 that tied the game at 2-2.

Guelph was killing a penalty and tried three different times to get the puck out of

PLEASE SEE **WHALERS, B3**

Rocks prevail, 4-3

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's girls soccer team was battered and bruised, but not beaten Thursday night.

Playing without three key players who will miss significant time this season due to injury, the Rocks prevailed, 4-3, over visiting South Lyon in the season-opener for both teams. The game was played on the P-CEP turf soccer field.

"I was very happy with the win," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "The girls worked very hard. We were a little unorganized at times, but we worked things out in the end."

Senior captain Kelly Adsit sparked for the Rocks, netting a pair of goals. Junior midfielder Katie Shull also enjoyed a stellar opener as she tallied three assists.

Nora praised the defensive work of sweeper Sara Stanislawski and freshman stopper Lauren Booth.

Speaking of freshmen, ninth-

grader Lindsay Newton ignited the scoring for the Rocks when she deposited a pass from Shull into the back of the net 15 minutes into the first half. Sophomore forward Jourdin Jaaska extended the hosts' lead to 2-0 with seven minutes left in the half off an assist from Shull.

South Lyon cut its deficit in half early in the second half following a defensive breakdown by the Rocks. However, Salem reclaimed its two-goal lead a short time later when Adsit scored off an assist from Jaaska.

The Lions scored off a corner kick mid-way through the second half to make it 3-2, but Adsit answered again with 15 minutes to go off a pass from Shull to pad the advantage to 4-2.

South Lyon tallied the games' final goal with seven minutes to play.

Salem net-minder Jill Slabey recorded three saves for the winners, who will take on Plymouth Monday night at 7 p.m. at the P-CEP turf field.

Houdek returns to lead Chief kickers

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's 2007 girls soccer team doesn't have a lot of experience, nor does it have a lot of depth, but it does have Becci Houdek, a returning All-Conference player whose dynamite offensive skills should give the Chiefs at least a chance to win on most nights. After losing last year's leading scorer, Lisa Ealy, to graduation, Chief coach George Tomasso will be relying on Houdek's skills and leadership more than ever this season.

"Becci has very good speed, good tenacity and she's a great finisher," he said. "She led us in assists last year, so she's a good passer, too."

"Overall, we have a very young team this year. Our strength is probably that we're a very good technical team."

The Chiefs' roster is made up of four seniors, eight juniors, seven sophomores and one freshman.

"We have a strong senior class, even though it's not real big," Tomasso asserted. "Their leadership abilities are fantastic."

Joining Houdek as team leaders this season will be four-year varsity player Maggie Maloney, a defender; forward Kane Oliver, senior captain Emily Baracy, a midfielder/forward; defender Hannah Mills, a three-year varsity player; sophomore defender Leshe Weisz, and sophomore forward Lisa Pierce.

Junior Bryanne Bellovary has earned the starting goalie duties. She will be backed up by junior Kartlyn Silver.

"Bryanne is solid and very consistent," Tomasso said. "She's a great shot-stopper."

"Northville should be very good again, but after that the league should be wide open," Tomasso said, forecasting the Western Lakes Activities Association title chase. "It should be a crapshoot. Whatever team comes to play night in and night out will win."

PREP BASEBALL PREVIEWS

Several returning starters give 'Cats reasons to be optimistic

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

With a strong nucleus of returning starters, Plymouth's baseball team could be on the verge of its most-successful season in the five-year history of the school.

Led by a quartet of three-year varsity starters — Ben Kosmalski, Tyler Locklear, Matt Barrera and Ryan Valle — the Wildcats will be looking to improve on last year's 11-18 mark.

If our young pitching can effectively make teams earn their runs, we should be able to have a very competitive team this year," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "Every

game we play is another opportunity to prove ourselves and see what we are capable of doing. We look forward to all of our games, but our conference games are always our focal point."

Junior Garret Reban returns for his second year behind the plate for the Cats.

Garret has a strong arm, he's a leader and he has a good bat," said Adams. "He might also see some time on the mound if we need it."

Three of the four starting infield spots were set as of earlier this week: senior Matt Barrera will play first base after patrolling center field last season; Kosmalski will man second while sophomore

Brad Laneberry will open the year as the starting shortstop.

Ben is a gutsy, gritty player who plays the game with passion," said Adams. "Brad is an outstanding young player who will have a major impact on our team this year and beyond."

Competition for the starting slot at third base was ongoing earlier this week, Adams said.

The Wildcats' top four outfielders are sophomore Ronnie Goble, seniors Locklear and Valle, and junior David Harvey.

"Ronnie is a hard-working, strong, talented young man," said Adams. "He's a five-tool player who will provide a heavy stick in the middle of

the lineup.

"Tyler has good speed, a good bat and a good arm. He has the potential to have a very successful senior season."

Filling out the Wildcats' deep pitching staff will be Laneberry, Goble, Locklear, Harvey, junior Dan Nadratowski, senior Tim Kweicien, senior Steve Lozier, junior Kyle Sanders, junior Kyle Traver, junior Steve Betts and junior Steve Ostrowski.

Plymouth is set to open its 2007 campaign with a double-header on Wednesday at cross-campus rival Salem.

The opening pitch is set for 4 p.m.

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Strong-armed Canton hopes to chase down Mustangs in 2007

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Heading into the 2007 baseball season, Canton will be looking to build on last year's 19-12 record and second-place showing in the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division.

With an 8-2 mark, Canton finished behind only Northville last year in the division.

Hopefully we can build off of last year's momentum," said Canton coach Scott Dickey, whose team split with the Mustangs during the regular season before dropping an

extra-inning thriller in the Division I District tournament.

"Our goals are the same as they were last year: win the division, conference and district."

"Our strength is probably our pitching. This is one of the deepest pitching staffs we've had here in quite a while."

Taking the mound for Canton this season will be seniors Kyle Gring (2-2, 2.34 E.R.A. in 2006), transfer student Dan Milus, Brad Barath and Brian Brubaker, juniors Erik Wright (4-1, 1.80 E.R.A. in '06), Will Tidwell and Ben Vaughn, sophomore Dan Stoney and freshman Kevin

Delapaz. Senior Blaine Paden (2.70 in '06) will shift from first base to behind the plate. The rest of the infield will consist of Tidwell, Delapaz and junior Cole Motley at first base, Barath, junior Mike Madias and junior Mike Flis at second, junior Ryan Neu at shortstop, and Milus and Stoney at third.

Manning the outfield will be Gring, Vaughn, junior Matt Barylski, junior Alex Jerden, Stoney, Delapaz and Wright.

"We're young again — we only had four seniors last year and we only have five this year, but I'm optimistic," Dickey

said. "Northville should be up there again in the division and Plymouth returns six starters, so they should be tough. Walled Lake Western and Wayne both return five starters, too, so you never know."

Weather permitting, the Chiefs were scheduled to open the season Saturday at home against Novi Catholic Central. As usual, their early-season schedule will be challenging with teams like state-ranked Birmingham Brother Rice and Saline on the slate.

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Young Rocks are hungry for wins

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's baseball team is in the midst of a youth movement, with nearly two-thirds of its roster filled with sophomores (nine) and freshmen (one).

We're very young," said veteran coach Dale Rumberger. "They're all great kids and they work hard. We're having a lot of fun."

Leading the five-player senior class are Brad Way, Mike Myers, Dan Cassidy, Steve Pydyn and Manpreet Singh. Way will pitch and play first base, Myers will start at catcher, Cassidy will pitch and play third base, Singh will serve as a reserve outfielder, and Pydyn will also patrol the outfield.

Justin Horger and Dana Lorber are the only two juniors on the squad. Horger will pitch and play the outfield while Lorber is slotted as the

Rockers' starting second base man.

The sophomore class is made up of Kyle Bricker (second base), Jeff Sroka (shortstop), Kyle Powell (shortstop), Andrew Grabowski (catcher), Heath Parling (outfield), Dave Hales (outfield), Matt Wooster (outfield), Sam Ott (outfield) and Joe Posler (third base). Posler and Ott, both of whom earned varsity letters as freshmen, will also play key roles in the Rocks'

starting pitching rotation, as will Horger.

The lone freshman on the squad is Chris Kordick, who will pitch and play first base.

The Rocks open the season Wednesday when they host cross-campus rival Plymouth in a double-header slated to start at 4 p.m.

On April 9, Salem will travel to Cincinnati for its annual Spring Break trip.

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its own end. Chris Terry and Steve Ward — not the biggest players in the league — along with Evan Brophy battled and were able to keep the puck in the Guelph zone. Neal eventually scored.

Guelph worked hard on the play, but the Whalers worked just a little bit harder and were rewarded.

We worked so hard and we tried everything, but we just didn't get lucky enough. I guess, Guelph veteran Rafael Rotter told the Guelph Mercury.

"They're a very good hockey team and it was going to be a very good challenge to win the series," said Guelph GM-Head Coach Dave Barr.

'We come through in the clutch when it counts. We just keep piling it on and getting shots on net and good things are happening to us.'

James Neal
Plymouth Whaler

They play a very aggressive style and have two or three players that can hit very hard. You have to keep your head up when these guys are on the ice. You get tired of getting hit hard after awhile.

One of the guys that Barr was referring to was Neal, who came back from

injury at the start of the series and contributed four goals.

We come through in the clutch when it counts," Neal said. "We just keep piling it on and getting shots on net and good things are happening to us."

Perhaps overlooked in the sweep is the good play of Plymouth goaltenders Michal Neuvirth and Jeremy Smith, who won two games apiece in their respective Ontario Hockey League playoff debuts.

The Whalers will open their OHL Western Conference semifinal series against Kitchener on Friday at 7:05 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena. Game 2 is set for Sunday, April 8, in Kitchener, while the series will return to Plymouth on April 10 for Game 3.

Kitchener swept Sarnia in its opening-round series.



Chris Terry (middle), pictured above during a game last week, and his Plymouth Whaler teammates swept the Guelph Storm 4-0 in the first round of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs.

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Saluting outstanding youth sports coaches

Meet 11 youth coaches who have the right stuff

ROB SUDZ

Years coached: 6**Sport:** Baseball**Profession:** Pipe-fitter

The best part about coaching is.... Working with kids and seeing them put a lot of effort into learning how to do something then seeing the looks on their faces when they put everything together and make that big play or get that big hit

Advice he'd give to a first-year coach: Be patient and talk to the kids at their level

It's been a good season when.... all the players want to come back the following year

It's also nice when a parent comes up to you when the season is over and tells you that their son or daughter learned a lot from you

A parent's comment on Sudz: My boys have played a lot of baseball over the years and Rob is probably one of the best coaches we've had the pleasure to be associated with. He's always encouraging the boys to be the best players and the best people they can be and he's always coaching – no matter if we're winning 10-0 or losing 10-0

EILEEN SPICHER

Years coached: 20**Sport:** Gymnastics**Profession:** Owner, Splitz Gymnastics in Canton

The best part about coaching is.... Without a doubt it's the girls that have come through the doors and touched my life. Since club gymnastics is a year-round sport, I spend an incredible amount of time with these girls. I get to know them on different levels and watch them grow up.

Advice she'd give to a first-year coach: Be a



Eileen Spicher

sponge. Be positive. Be patient. There is always something you can learn from another experienced professional in your sport.

It's been a good season when... Goals are achieved and smiles are

on the girls' faces.

A parent's comment on Spicher: Eileen gives hours and hours of her time and the girls she coaches truly love her. The girls she coaches are at an impressionable age (7-10) and she is a great role model. Her method of coaching is very positive, which helps keep up the girls' self-esteem and helps motivate them to keep working and get better.

PHIL LAVALLEE

Years coached: 17**Sport:** Football**Profession:** Electrical contractor

The best part about coaching is.... The look on a young athlete's face when they succeed and the relationships you build with the athletes and their families. Having athletes



Phil LaVallee

return to help in the program makes you understand that they got the values you were teaching when you were their coach.

Advice he'd give to a first-year coach: Have patience and remember that coaching is teaching.

Maintain a positive attitude and never prejudge or exclude a young athlete.

It's been a good season when... the last day of practice is as enthusiastic as the first, regardless of the record.

A player's comment on LaVallee: He is a true coach in all definitions of the word. Whether it's showing kids football techniques, the way a play is supposed to be run or something as

simple as looking someone in the eye when you shake their hand.

Coach Lavallee instilled in me at a young age that football is the greatest blueprint for life for the simple reason that sometimes you must rely on others in order to get the job done correctly, but first you must do your job.

JEFF MARCERO

Years coached: 6**Sports coached:** Soccer, softball and baseball**Profession:** Director of Regional Sales for News/Talk 760 WJR

Jeff Marcero

The best part about coaching youth sports is.... Seeing the look on a kid's face when they realize they did something good from something that I've coached – making a great stop on defense, making a perfect pass or running a play

that leads to a score.

Advice he'd give a first-year coach: Be very clear up front with the parents about your goals as a coach, be sure to make the sport fun at practice and at the games, have a ton of patience and find an assistant coach to help with practice and at the games you can't make.

How important is winning to you? Winning certainly makes any sport fun, but winning and losing are both important as they both teach the kids something.

I know it's been a good sports season when... all of the kids want to play again as a team the next season.

A parent's comment on Marcero: Jeff's first priority is for the kids to have fun and learn. He's a great example to the kids because he's always showing patience and good sportsmanship. As the kids have gotten older, we've seen far too many examples of parents and coaches missing the point of youth sports and turning it into a game of tempers and titles. Jeff isn't one of those coaches.

JIM RADWAN

Years coached: 6**Sports coached:** Baseball**Profession:** Associate District Manager, GMAC Mortgage LLC**The best part about coaching youth sports**

Jim Radwan

is... Seeing that smile on an athlete's face when they succeed at something that they've really been working hard to accomplish and watching them have fun with their teammates.

Advice he'd give a first-year coach: 'Openly

communicate with your players, parents and coaches. Be open to suggestions, then analyze your choices and then do what you know is best for your team.'

It's been a good sports season when.... the season is complete and the boys still want to keep playing. Then I know we've done a good job.

A parent's comment on Radwan: He does an excellent job of motivating the boys while also planning fun and instructional practice sessions. He attends coaching clinics on his own time in order to come up with better drills each season. He also encourages the boys to play other sports and he keeps all players and families up to date on Cardinals accomplishments away from the baseball field.

STEVE SPREITZER

Years coached: 9**Sports coached:** Track and field, basketball

and cross country.

Full-time profession: Director of Interfaith Programs & Walk2gether Michigan for the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity & Inclusion.

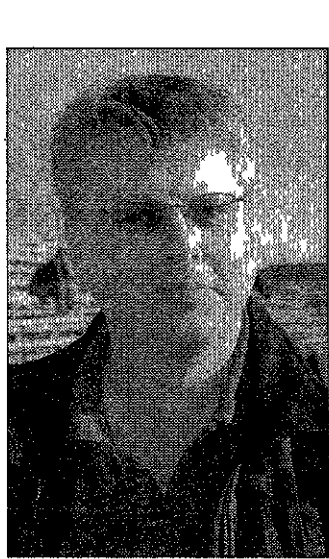
The best part about coaching youth sports

is: The privilege of being a part of the authentic and innocent joy kids bring to the sport. This, of course, means I get splashed when the kids can't resist running through puddles.

Advice he'd give a first-year coach: The parents are their first and most-influential coaches. If a parent understands what you are trying to accomplish and is allowed to offer input and welcomed to be a part of practices and meets, they will help you accomplish your objectives with their kids.

I know it's been a good sports season when... both the kids and the parents recognize they have been a part of something special.

KEVIN LIPP

Years coach: 13**Sports coached:** Basketball and soccer (Lipp is the Director for the Plymouth-Canton Community Education Basketball League)**Profession:** IT analyst**The best part about coaching youth sports is:**

Kevin Lipp

Running into a player several years after you coached them and hearing what great memories they have about playing on your team.

Advice he'd give a first-year coach:

Let the kids play when they are on the court or field.

Your chance to teach them is at practice and when they are on the bench watching the game.

I know it's been a good season when....

when significant numbers of players and their parents are asking me when the next season's registration will be held while they are still playing this season's games.

A parent's comment on Lipp: Kevin spent every Saturday this past winter – his cooler packed for the day – hanging out during the youth basketball games to provide support and direction to coaches and referees. His energy, encouragement to the kids, commitment, fairness, responsibility and willingness to go the extra mile make him an exemplary coach and mentor.

BARB LEHMANN

Years coached: 17**Sports coached:** Boys and girls high school tennis**Full-time profession:** Counselor at Canton High School

Barb Lehmann

The best part of coaching youth sports is:

'Having the opportunity to work with outstanding students that excel academically and athletically. Above all is the encouragement from their positive and great attitudes. They believe in their future.'

Advice she'd give a first-year coach: Stay three steps ahead. Make sure to have an outlook for the week and season, and team and individual goals. When you show interest in the player, they will work harder for you in reaching their goals.

I know it's been a good season when.... we have come together as a team, worked hard to reach team and individual goals and can celebrate as a respected and powerful team in our league and around the area.

Player's comment on Lehmann: She knows a

great deal about the sport of tennis and she genuinely cares about teaching high school students how to play the sport competitively. Not only is she an excellent coach, she's a great mentor.

BRUCE PRICE

Years coached: 14**Sports coached:** Soccer, baseball and basketball**Full-time profession:** CPA and co-owner of Progressive Printing**Advice he'd give a first-year coach:**

Remember that this time belongs to the kids. As a coach, you are there to facilitate their most-remembered moments as a youth. The games are played by the kids and not the coach.

It's been a good sports season when...

'no one got seriously injured, no one quit, we were competitive and we won some games.'

A parent's comment on Price:

Bruce is great at teaching the kids, encouraging them and providing opportunities for everyone to get playing time. He gives direction in a positive and helpful manner and he has excellent insight into sports. His teams work well together and maximize each individual's strengths.

JIM HEJKA

Years coached: 7**Sports coached:** Baseball and basketball**Full-time profession:** Management consultant

The best part about coaching youth sports

is: Seeing the kids' hard work at practice pay off during games. It's awesome to see something we worked on in practice happen in a game and the kids know how to handle the situation.

Advice he's give a first-year coach: 'Spend a few minutes before practice planning what you want to do. It is important to break the kids into several small groups to work on skills. It keeps the kids' attention and minimizes time standing around doing nothing.'

A parent's comment on Hejka: Jim does a great job of balancing fun with competition and he is always positive with the kids. We couldn't be happier with the effort he puts forth.

CHUCK CLOS

Years coached: 25**Sports coached:** Hockey and baseball**Full-time profession:** Attorney**The best part about coaching youth sports is:**

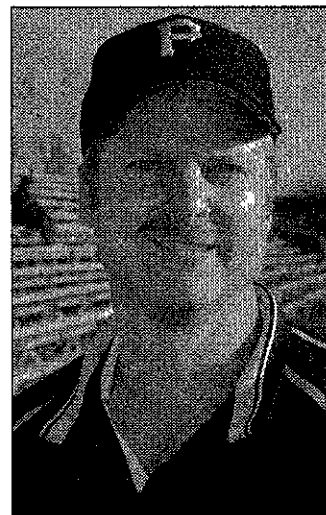
'The chance to be a small part of the athletes' lives and to perhaps have some influence on their development and maturation. To teach them through sports.'

Advice he'd give a first-year coach:

'Coaching is not about you; it's about the kids. A victory is hollow and meaningless if everyone on the team doesn't participate. Children of all ages look up to the coach, so you must set a good example.'

I know it's been a good sports season when... everyone on the team – whether or not we were a good team or a bad team – tells me that they can't wait to play again next year.

Comment on Clos: 'From his first game to his last, Chuck has never intentionally played one kid over another. He says even in tournaments when the score is close, "We got here as a team and we'll win as a team." Kids he doesn't even know call him and ask to be on his team.'



Bruce Price



Jim Hejka

SPORTS BRIEFS

WILDCAT BASEBALL CLINIC

A one-day Plymouth Wildcat Youth Baseball Clinic will be held Saturday, April 21, at the Plymouth High School baseball complex.

Kids in third through eighth grades are invited to the clinic, which is limited to the first 100 registrants.

For the \$40 registration fee, kids will receive a camp T-shirt, lunch and instruction on the following topics: hitting (stance, balance, swing plane), mental preparation and plate discipline, base running, infield play (corner and middle), fielding/throwing technique, outfield play, and catcher skills.

There will also be controlled scrimmages and each participant will be entitled to a video analysis of their swing.

If it is raining, the camp will be

held in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. Campers will need to bring a baseball glove and wear a baseball hat. Bats are optional. Offering instruction will be offered by 2007 Plymouth players and coaches.

Contact John Nadratowski at (734) 844-3212.

WRESTLING FUND-RAISER

The Canton High School wrestling program will be hosting its 4th Annual Canton Chiefs Wrestling Money Auction on Saturday, April 21, at the Woodlands of Van Buren. The event will run from 6 p.m. to midnight.

The \$100 tickets include dinner, an open bar and a chance to win \$1,000, \$2,000 or \$3,000. There will be a live auction, money boards, a 50/50 drawing, raffles and giveaways.

For more information, call

(734) 582-6885.

YMCA SOCCER

The Plymouth Family YMCAs spring soccer leagues are forming for children between the age of 4 and 11. Practices begin the week of April 9 and games start Saturday, April 21.

There will be eight practices and seven games. The cost is \$68 for program members or \$85 for community members. All participants will be required to purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15.

The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 28. If you are interested in participating or coaching your child's team, please call (734) 453-2904 for more details. For more information, visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

The Plymouth Family YMCA is also accepting registrations for its fall soccer programs.



Smooth Jazz

The Jazz captured the title in the Canton Educational Basketball League's 5th 6th Grade B League earlier this year. The Jazz finished the season with an 11-1 record after defeating the Hornets, 41-37, in the championship contest. Pictured (front row from left) are Rashad Talukder, Tyler Fosdick, Brian Desjarria, Nick Haddad, (back row from left) Coach Dave Fosdick, Ben Clark, Drew Klenk, Tyler Gross, Danny Stropes, Patrick Kretschmer, Jacob Doyle and Coach Jeff Klenk.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, April 2
Lutheran Westland at PCA 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 3
Lake Orion Baptist at PCA 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 4
Plymouth at Salem (DH) 3:30 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn 4 p.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Wednesday, April 4
Salem at Plymouth 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton 4 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, April 2
Salem at Plymouth 7 p.m.
Oakland Christian at PCA 4:30 p.m.
PCA at Lutheran South 4:30 p.m.

W.L. Northern at Canton 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 3
Calvary Christian at PCA 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 4
Northville at Salem 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Churchill 7 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Stevenson 7 p.m.
BOYS TRACK & FIELD
Tuesday, April 3
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial 3:45 p.m.
Northville at Canton 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 5
Salem at Livonia Stevenson
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Tuesday, April 3
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial 3:45 p.m.
Northville at Canton 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 5
Salem at Livonia Stevenson 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 7
Canton at A.A. Pioneer 10 a.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
Tuesday, April 3
Ypsilanti at PCS Warriors 8 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Tuesday, April 3
Canton at A.A. Gabriel Richard 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 4
Livonia Stevenson at Canton 4 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
Sunday, April 1
Madonna at Siena Hts. (2) 1 p.m.
Wednesday, April 4
Madonna at Aquinas (2) 1 p.m.
Thursday, April 5
Madonna at Indiana Northwest 2 p.m.
Friday, April 6
Madonna at St. Xavier (III) 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 7
Madonna at St. Xavier (2) noon
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Sunday, April 1
Madonna at Siena Hts. (2) 1 p.m.
Thursday, April 5
Madonna at Aquinas College (2) 3 p.m.
Friday, April 6
(St. Francis, Ill. Tournament)
Madonna vs St. Francis 4:30 p.m.
Madonna vs Ind. Wesleyan 6:15 p.m.
Saturday, April 7
(St. Francis, Ill. Tournament)
Madonna vs Lindenwood (Mo.) 10 a.m.
Madonna vs St. Xavier (III) 1:30 p.m.
Madonna vs Harris Stowe (Mo.) 3:15 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFFS
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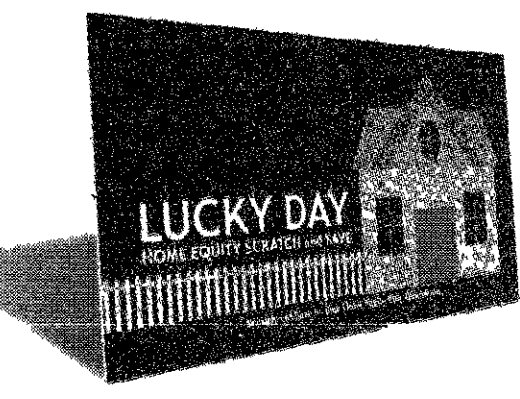
Wildcat netters win, 6-2

Plymouth's boys tennis team opened its season with a convincing 6-2 victory over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard on Thursday afternoon in a match played on the Wildcats' courts.

After the two teams split the four singles matches, the Wildcats notched the 'W' by sweeping the four doubles contests.


No. 2 singles player Dan Jeong defeated Alex Edwards, 6-3, 6-1, and the Cats' No. 4 player, freshman Patrick Onoro, ousted Jeff Tulloch, 7-5, 6-1.

In doubles action, Plymouth received wins from the No. 1 tandem of Steve Schaeffer and Max Korpalski, who beat Steve Myler and John Lee, 6-3, 6-4, the No. 2 team of Anoop Gopal and Ryan Kolesar, who swept their foes, 6-3, 6-4, the No. 3 duo of Robert Matar and Tom Eggleston, who were victorious, 7-6, 6-2, and the No. 4 pairing of Patrick Bailey and Andy Mitchell, who triumphed, 6-3, 6-1.



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It's your car, don't get taken for a ride

It's that time of year again. The birds are starting to sing, frigid cold temperatures have reluctantly lent their way to much warmer ones and men and women everywhere will, if they don't already, have a greater pep in their step because they know this is the season for lovers.

And if you are anything like me, you try to put off as many outside chores as possible until the weather outside turns warmer. Now the

warmer weather doesn't just bring out the "get it done crew," it also brings out the unscrupulous and the deceitful con artist. From home repair men to appliance fix-it shops, the con is on and it's all done in the great attempt to get our hard-earned dollars.

There is one specific repair and maintenance bill we must all face sooner or later and, for most of us women, the pressure is on when it's time to get our cars looked at. That's right, auto repair and the stress it brings can send many of us to the cardiac specialist, but it doesn't have to be that way.

I have a few years under my belt when it comes to dealing with auto mechanics since I have been a car owner for some 20 years now. I want to share some tips I've picked up along the way with my women readers everywhere that can provide just a little peace of mind.

■ First, I normally get my car's oil changed in the spring and then again in the fall, but I only recommend you do that if you are a light driver like I am. Otherwise, make sure oil is changed as noted in your owner's manual. Regular oil changes can save you from unnecessary headaches later on.

■ Second, before you take your car into any shop for its spring spruce-up, do some checking and eye-balling of your own. Do a walk around your car. Check the tires to make sure the pressure is good. Get down on the ground, look under the car and make sure there are no leaks and, if you spot anything, make sure you note it so you can let your mechanic know. Open the hood, check the hoses for visible cracks and separations and anything that looks out of place.

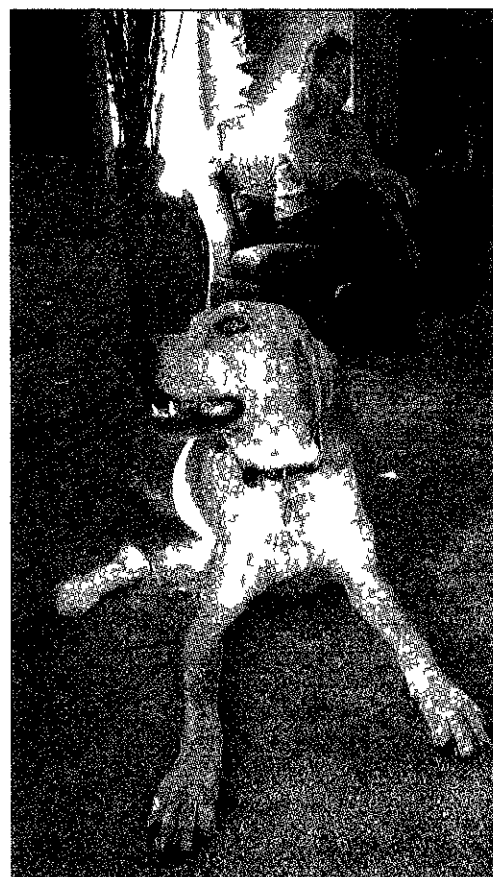
■ This tip may save you a fortune when it comes to your car. Schedule time to get a free five-point inspection at your dealership and make sure they give you a list of everything they find wrong with your car. If all is good, keep the inspection info in a safe place. For when you go to get an oil change somewhere else, they won't be able to tell you your transmission fluid is leaking or you need a flush or some other high-priced repair they will try to spring on you.

■ And this point I can't stress enough. When you do take your car into the shop for anything, I strongly suggest you stay with it, whether it's a 30-minute job or a two-hour repair. Don't just drop off the keys and leave it. If you have to just take a car-care day from work, do it. Your presence can deter possible car sabotage. If there is a window that looks into the work area, peek in on your car to see what they are doing.

■ Don't be afraid to ask questions and if the mechanic happens to come to you with some suggested high-price repair, don't just take his word for it. Get a second opinion.

Remember, it's spring and you want to enjoy the warm weather and you want to be out riding in it, not stuck at home stressing about your precious automobile. So do what it takes to take care of your valued possession so you can have many more years to enjoy spring-time driving and peace of mind all year long.

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Cody stretches out while Mary Anne Heinrich talks about caring for the dog who's undergone three hip surgeries.

Real love

Livonia couple rescues coonhound and vice versa

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Bob and Mary Anne Heinrich thought after returning two years ago they'd be free to take trips on the spur of the moment. The Livonia couple still plans to travel only now they're thinking of purchasing an RV to take Cody along with them.

The Heinrichs never dreamed of owning a dog let alone him becoming a member of the family. Then Cody was found wandering the back roads of Spring Arbor outside of Jackson.

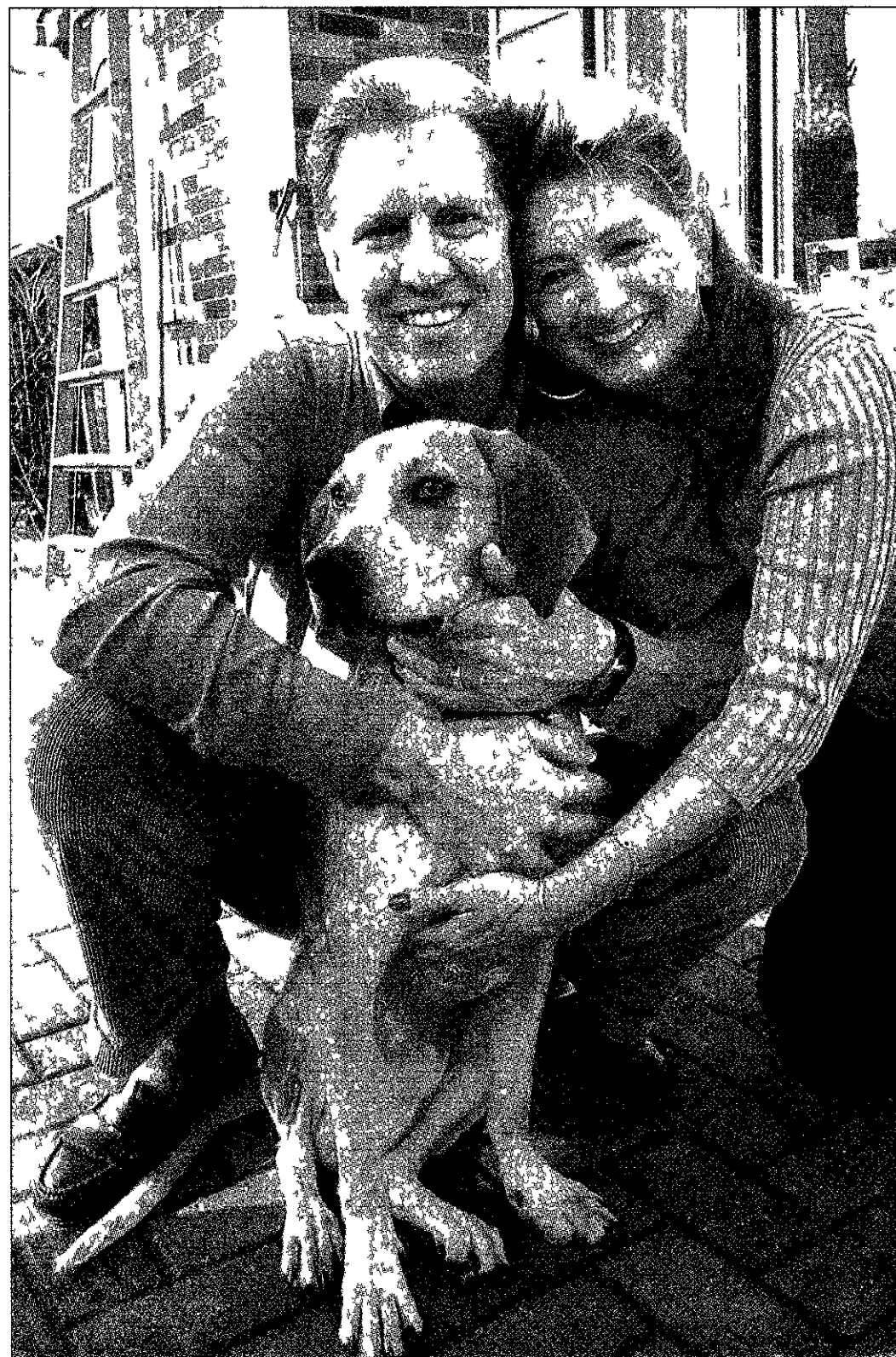
Bob is allergic to dogs and now takes medication daily to relieve the symptoms he's suffered since the couple adopted Cody. The abandoned Red Tick coonhound definitely changed their lives. The Heinrichs say Cody rescued them as much as they did him. They can't imagine life without him.

Our daughter, Amy, is a social worker and into animal rescue and was on the Internet one day and checks Petfinder.com regularly. She saw a message from a woman who had found this hound dog, all skin and bones and walking on three legs," said Bob Heinrich. My daughter picked him up and took him to Last Chance Rescue (a no-kill shelter) in Howell where they realized he had a problem with his leg.

'SWEETEST DOG'

Cody has hip dysplasia and required surgery in January 2006 so Amy asked her parents if they could care for him during the recuperation period. Mary Anne had fractured a hip the year before so she sympathized with Cody.

"He was just the sweetest dog," said Heinrich. "We returned him to the shelter, but they weren't successful in finding him a home so my wife took him every weekend to



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Bob and Mary Anne Heinrich take a moment to show their love for Cody, the Red Tick Coonhound they adopted.

fairs to try to adopt him."

When Cody needed a second surgery on his hip in August 2006, once again he returned to live with the Heinrichs. Then in October Mary Anne convinced Bob that the dog needed training to make him more adoptable. Bob agreed the three of them should go to obedience school, but first he set some ground rules to follow during the three months Cody would live with them.

"We had an agreement that he wouldn't sleep in our bedroom," said Heinrich. "He'd already wormed his way into my wife's heart and was getting close to mine."

Before long, Cody was sleeping alongside them in his own bed. By Christmas, Bob knew there was no separating Cody and Mary Anne. He called Last Chance Rescue and had the adoption papers drawn up. On Christmas, Bob tied the papers and a ribbon around Cody's neck.

THIRD HIP SURGERY

But the story doesn't end there. In January, the couple with the big hearts noticed Cody's other leg was giving him problems. On Feb. 7, Dr. Kyle Kerstetter performed surgery on the coonhound at Michigan Veterinary Specialists in Southfield. Kerstetter said he was planning a hip replacement, but there was "very little bone left" for support so instead did a different procedure, a femoral head and neck osteotomy, to relieve the pain. He expects recovery to take up to six months for the dog who's thought to be around 2 years old.

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Cody, a rescued Red Tick Coonhound, looks for squirrels in the front yard of his owners, Bob and Mary Anne Heinrich.

Local fans go all out to attend the Super Bowl of wrestling

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Ordinarily, Rachael Leck wouldn't go out of her way to watch wrestling, but her first trip to the Super Bowl of the sport has turned into an event.

The Westland mother is not only taking sons Benjamin, 11, Zachary, 9, and their cousin, Larry Allen, 12, to WrestleMania 23, but the four of them will join more than a dozen other friends for the festivities. This is the first time in 20 years that WrestleMania has come to Detroit. Today, April 1, more than 70,000 fans will gather at Ford Field. Leck recently called to confirm her reservations at the Holiday Inn downtown and learned there are no vacancies at hotels all over town.

"We made reservations at Christmas," said Rachel Leck, a single mom. "We're making kind

of a big deal out of it. We're excited. Santa brought the tickets as presents." "The kids are excited. It's all they've been talking about. They've posted it on their MySpace page and have an official countdown going."

Benjamin and Zachary know every wrestler by name and each has his favorite. Benjamin set his clock so he could wake up to hear an interview with John Cena on the radio Monday morning.

Zachary's favorite is the Undertaker even though the younger boy finds him frightening. Zachary has asked his mother if he could sit next to her in case the Undertaker decides to stand next to him when the lights go out and come back on again as they usually do. The Undertaker likes to make grand entrances.

Even though I'm not that crazy about wrestling I'm looking forward to seeing my kids

so excited," said Leck. "It's over the top, hitting people with chairs, breaking tables with people. My sons' goal is to be on TV. They've told their friends and family to look for them."

Last weekend, Leck and her sons spent hours creating posters to carry in with them Sunday evening.

"We arrive at the hotel Saturday morning and stay Saturday and Sunday. We'll let the kids swim and hang out," said Leck. "WrestleMania starts at 7 p.m. on Sunday so we'll go early to see if they can get autographs."

They're especially looking forward to the Battle of the Billionaires. They're having a showdown between Donald Trump and Vince McMahon, WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment) chairman. One will have their head shaved if their wrestler loses."

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Larry Allen (left), and Benjamin and Zachary Leck work on posters to take to WrestleMania.

PHOTO BY RACHAEL LECK

AROUND TOWN

Sciencepalooza

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

Art center workshops

The Ann Arbor Art Center will be offering special workshops as part of the ArtVentures program to coincide with Ann Arbor Public Schools spring break period. Workshops will be offered April 10-12 at the Art Center, Liberty Street location. The workshop Tuesday April 10 will be creating hand-painted paper lanterns. A rainy day umbrella workshop will be offered Wednesday April 11. On Thursday April 12, we will offer a paper bead making workshop. All three workshops run 130-3 p.m. ArtVentures workshops cost \$16 per creator. Further details can be found either in the Spring/Summer course brochure or on the center's Web site at www.annarborartcenter.org. Registration for all Ann Arbor Art Center programs is necessary and can be completed on-line or by calling (734) 994-8004, Ext. 101.

Raggedy Ann & Andy

The Marquis Theatre presents Raggedy Ann and Andy through April 29. Performance dates and times are 2:30 p.m. Saturdays (April 14, 21, 28) and Sundays (April 15, 22, 29) and Monday Friday April 9-13. Tickets are \$8 for all performances. For more information, visit the theater's Web site at www.northvilliemarquistheatre.com or call (248) 349-8110.

Great Lakes Doll Club

The Great Lakes Doll Club's 18th annual Grant A Wish Mini Convention, a benefit for the 32 Degrees Detroit Masonic Learning Center for Dyslexic Children, takes place April 13-15 at the Livonia Marriott. The weekend event includes an exclusive Barbie doll Friday night cock-

tail party and charity auction. Saturday luncheon with guest speaker Bill Greening from Mattel Collectibles and a Sunday brunch. Tickets are \$180. The salesroom featuring fashion dolls is open to the public 7:30-10 p.m. Saturday April 14 and noon-2 p.m. Sunday April 15. For more information, e-mail gawfund@aol.com.

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets Thursday May 3 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 W. Grand River in Howell. Speaker: Cindy Gorstick, corresponding secretary of the Michigan Genealogical Council, will discuss WWI and WWII Draft Registration Information. The meeting, which starts with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the business portion at 7:30 p.m., will also serve as the group's annual meeting. The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret Bowland (810) 227-7745.

Art of healing

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a Master Reiki III class 2-4 p.m. April 28 and 2-5 p.m. April 29. The classes will help students develop and become skilled at administering this ancient art of healing that creates a powerful experience. Reiki I and II are pre-requisites. To register, call (734) 655-1162. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile (at Levan) in Livonia.

Democrats meet

Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers, a documentary on the waste and fraud in military spending on the war in Iraq, will be sponsored by the 11th Congressional District Democrats at 7 p.m. Thursday April 5 at the Quality Inn, 30375 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Melanie Goldberg, immigration attorney and member of the Coordinating Council of Detroit Area Peace With Justice Network, will discuss the topic and lead a question and answer session following the film. For more information, call (248) 624-4753.

Women remembering Women

A Women Remembering Women evening tea is set for 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday May 10 at the Best Western Hotel Laurel Park Suites, 16999 S. Laurel Park Drive in Livonia. The evening is designed for women who have lost mothers, daughters, grandmothers, granddaughters, aunts, friends or other special women in their lives. The evening includes tea and desserts, a special speaker, educational materials and a special gift. Cost is free. RSVP requested by May 7 but not required. To RSVP or for more information, call (800) 770-9859 and ask for Diana or Sherri.

Golf league

The Livonia Women's Golf League is hoping to expand with 18-hole women golfers. The league plays at Whispering Willows Golf Course on Newburgh, just

south of 8 Mile. Thursday mornings tee off at 8 a.m., beginning May 3. Cost is \$25 per week, which includes golf and a cart. Non-residents are encouraged to join. For more information, call Kathy (248) 476-3991.

Tables and Tea

The Ann Arbor Women's Club hosts its 17th annual Tables and Tea event displaying elegant, sometimes whimsical table settings designed by club members and local retailers. The event is set for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday April 29 at the City Club, 1830 Washtenaw Ave. in Ann Arbor. Tickets are available at the City Club, John Leidy Shops, Georgetown Gifts, Kitchenport and Quinn's Essentials. For more information, call Winifred Schweiger (734) 434-8521.

Hospice care help sought

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided; the next training session is April 14, 21 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org.

Register for St. Genevieve School

St. Genevieve Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2007-08 school year. The school, preschool through eighth grade, is accredited by the Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools. It is at 28933 Jamison in Livonia, east of Middlebelt, south of Five Mile and offers full academic curriculum, full and half-day preschool and kindergarten, extended day program before and after school, CYO program and more. (734) 425-4420.

Crafters/vendors needed

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

Mom-to-Mom Sale

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

Lenten fish fry

St. Sebastian Catholic Church, 20700 Colgate in Dearborn Heights, hosts its annual all-you-can-eat Lenten Fish Fry 4-7 p.m. Fridays through April 6. The event features baked and fried fish, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, cole slaw and dessert. Cost is \$8.50 for adults, \$4.75

for children under 12. For more information, call (313) 562-5356.

Bocce for bucks

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's signature fund-raising event, Bocce for Bucks III, sponsored by Complete Infusion Services, offers patrons an opportunity to receive professional instruction on the sport from World Cup Bocce players. The event takes place 2-6 p.m. Sunday April 22 at the Palazzo di Bocce in Orion Township. Bocce for Bucks III features an afternoon of indoor bocce ball tournament play ideal for families and people of all ages, an Italian buffet, silent auction and much more. No prior experience or equipment needed. Dress is casual and prizes will be awarded to the top teams. New this year is a private benefactor reception to be held 6 p.m. Sunday March 25 at Park West Gallery in Southfield. Funds raised will help provide an innovative life-saving system, VNA's TeleHomecare program, used by VNA to educate and empower patients by checking their health between home visits. Tickets are available with the following benefits: \$100 Guest ticket. Receives bocce play, Italian buffet, dinner, beer/wine, desserts, silent auction and exit gift. \$150 Patron ticket. Receives all of the above plus expert bocce instruction from World Cup Bocce Players one hour prior to event start and \$200 Benefactor ticket. Receives all of the above plus invitation to Private Benefactor Reception. For sponsorship, advertising or ticket information for Bocce for Bucks III, call (248) 967-8324 or visit vna.org.

Waste to Watts

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

Card party/luncheon

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

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services

including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones (888) 973-1145.

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Toastmasters meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement, outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age-appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan, including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

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

Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September-May) for an adult evening of socializing, a speaker or an activity. Additionally, the group hosts more than 20 events during the month, including Book Club, Bunko Playgroups, Creative Kids, Ladies Day

and Night Out, Scrapbooking, Walking and many more. Request a complimentary newsletter at cantonnewcomers.org or call Jennifer at (734) 981-1715. You don't have to be new to be a Newcomer!

Kiwanis Club

The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer Street. The Club invites you to their morning meetings to discuss community projects and activities. Be part of the solution and not just a spectator. For more information, call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site (www.pckiwani.org).

Plymouth Newcomers

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors play groups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplusjanet@aol.com.

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman, south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information, call Lucy Rowley, 734-462-1768.

MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May for moms and their children, newborn kindergarten at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com.

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia S/Plymouth Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

DAR

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

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Novi News

Network's new Web site hopes to match pet owners with in-home caretakers

With more and more caring pet owners looking to in-home care when they leave a pet behind to go on vacation or just have to work long hours, the business of pet sitting is growing rapidly in the southeast Michigan area.

Seventeen charter businesses recently joined together in the southeast Michigan area to form the Michigan Pet Sitters and Dog Walkers Association, a network aimed at encompassing the entire state of Michigan.

The network is designed to connect pet owners with local professional pet sitters and dog walkers, with a Web site — www.michiganpetsitters.com — set up to help pet owners to find a local pet sitter. The Web site also offers guidelines and suggestions for choosing the right pet sitter.

The organization is dedicated to the promotion of professional pet sitting by insured and bonded professionals, said owner Roberta Cubbin of Wayne, who also is co-owner of Comfy Creatures, a pet-sitting and dog-walking company serving primarily the Plymouth-Canton area. It provides business-related support to all members, builds an awareness of the pet sitting industry to our community and supports local pet-related charities.

According to Cubbin, in-home pet sitting provides a unique alternative to boarding facilities — or relying on family or neighbors to check on pets. Pet sitters come to the home daily and animals are able to keep their regular routines of feeding, walks, medication and one-on-one care and attention.

Our owners report their pets experience less stress and adjust better to their owner's absence when they can remain in their normal environment, Cubbin said.

Most pet sitters also offer the bonus of home security measures by bringing in mail and news papers, rotating lighted areas, opening and closing draperies and other touches that make the house appear occupied while the owner is away. Many pet sitters also offer daily dog walking service for



John Chapman and Roberta Cubbin and their dog walking/pet sitting business Comfy Creatures are among 17 charter businesses recently joined together in the southeast Michigan area to form the Michigan Pet Sitters and Dog Walkers Association, a network aimed at encompassing the entire state of Michigan.

busy professionals who have to long work days. Many dogs need and enjoy the mid day visit to socialize and exercise, Cubbin said. The dog-

walking service is especially helpful for puppies and elderly pets that may not be able to wait the whole work day to get outside to relieve themselves.

The demand for these professionals is due to the fact that today's pet owners consider their fur children part of the family and are taking better care of them than ever. Cubbin pointed out a 1999 survey of pet owners in which the American

Animal Hospital Association determined 87 percent of pet owners include their pet in holiday celebrations, 94 percent have photos of their pets on display and 84 percent refer to themselves as their pet's Mom or Dad. America's first professional pet sitters, she said, began their businesses more than 20 years ago. Today's pet sitters are knowledgeable professionals who visit approximately 10 million homes annually.

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Mundy Thursday, April 5
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Good Friday, April 6
8:00 pm Tenebrae Service

EASTER SUNDAY, April 8
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Services

Good Friday Dinner

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April 6, 2007: 7:00PM Good Friday Service

April 8, 2007: Easter Morning Worship
8:30 AM Easter Breakfast
9:30 AM Adult Worship
9:30 AM Kids Worship

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HOLY WEEK

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Nursery and Sunday School provided.

Easter Concert • April 7, 7:00 p.m.
Featuring the Chapel Choir, Orchestra, Handbells, Teen Choir, Christian Community, and Contemporary Bands

Mundy Thursday Service • April 5, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service • April 6, Noon • 3:00 p.m.
Come when you can, leave when you must!

Easter Sunday Worship Services • April 8
Traditional Worship • 7:45, 9:00, 10:20 a.m.
Contemporary Worship • 11:40 a.m.
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GERALD L. "Jerry" THOMPSON

Age 57 of Farmington March 29 2007 Jerry was a Vietnam Veteran and was employed at Special Projects, Plymouth MI Jerry is survived by his beloved son, Michael, sister Sandy Wegzyn, nieces Holly Gullekson, Ashley Tyler, Lindsay Tyler Great uncle of Jaylynn, Zachary Alex and Alyssa He is also survived by his cousin, Greg McIntosh uncle Larry McIntosh and many other loving family members and friends Funeral service Tuesday April 3 11 30 AM at the Heene Sundquist Funeral Home 23720 Farmington Road (just N of Grand River, btwn 9 & 10 Mile Rds) downtown Farmington (248-474-5200) Visitation Sunday 4-8 PM and Monday 2-8 PM Memorial tributes suggested to Foundation for American Veterans, Inc., 7473 Wilshire West Bloomfield Michigan 48322

JEFFREY JAMES BROWN

Died Thursday, March 22 2007 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center He was 63 Born and raised in Rochester, MI he had resided in VT for the past 25 years, most recently in Fairlee He was a graduate of Northern Michigan University, teaching in the Michigan Public Schools for 15 years most recently he was a carpenter for Trumbull Nelson Construction in Hanover NH until his retirement He was an avid wood worker, was a history buff and also enjoyed working with his friends restoring antique automobiles He is survived by his four children sons David C Brown of Monmouth Junction, NJ Alan J Brown of Altoona, WI Andrew J Brown of Clarkston, MI daughter Melissa A Graham of Grand Blanc, MI, their mother Susan eight grand children, his mother Iva and his sister Ann The family will be holding a private service Arrangements are being handled by the Cremation Society of New Hampshire in Manchester NH

ALLAN F. SNYDER

Formerly of Bloomfield Hills MI and formerly of Hilton Head South Carolina, age 77 passed away Tuesday March 27, 2007 A private memorial service will be held later Cremation has taken place If desired memorial contributions may be made to Volunteers in Medicine 15 Northridge Drive, Hilton Head Island SC 29926 Allan was born in Newark OH January 1 1930 the son of Edwin Allan and Frieda (Butler) Snyder He married Susie Morgan in Cranford NJ in 1954 She preceded him in death on June 26 2001 He was a Marketing Executive from Union Carbide Corporation retiring in 1987 He was a graduate of Rutgers University Allan was a U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II He was a long time volunteer with Volunteers in Medicine and Hilton Head Hospital Surviving are daughter Sandra L. and husband Jack Crandall of Grayling 2 grand daughters Morgan and Taylor Snyder sister, Frances E. Malcom of Phoenix AZ He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and son Scott Morgan Snyder Russell Funeral Home Inc Flushing, MI

MILLARD L. MITCHELL

Age 88, of Plymouth passed away March 28 2007 Born April 4 1918 in Milbank, South Dakota then moved to the Detroit area as a teenager eventually settling in Plymouth Millard retired from the Twin Pines Dairy in Detroit and then worked and retired for the Plymouth Canton School Systems Mr Mitchell enjoyed reading, being in the outdoors especially fishing and golfing He married the love of his life Phyllis La Vergne and together they spent the next 53 years as a loving couple until her death in 2003 Together they had two beautiful daughters Michele (Regan) LaMothe and Annette (Rahn) Frederick He was the proud grandfather of Kyle & Cody Frederick and Lindsay Ryan, and Patrick LaMothe Dear brother of Sister Eucharista Marie, SBS (Harriet Mitchell) Mary (William) Richardson and Joseph Mitchell Services were held on Saturday March 31 2007 from Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church 47650 North Territorial Rd Plymouth Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader Howell Funeral Home Plymouth Memorials may be made to the Educational Excellence Foundation, 454 S Harvey Plymouth MI 48170 Share memories at www.schraderhowell.com

STEPHEN THOMAS MOORE

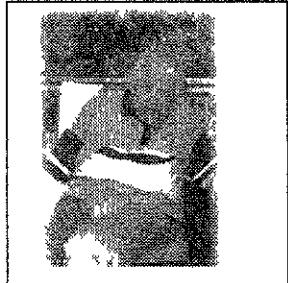
Age 45 passed away on March 27 2007 Beloved son of John and Georgina (Ferns) Moore Supportive husband of Lesley and loving father of Kelly Sean and Heather Dearest brother of Brendan (Emily) Paul (Dawn), Kevin and Anne Marie O'Neill (Jim) Cherished uncle to Matthew Jessica John Paul Liam Nicole Darrin Robbie and Jamie Dear son in law of Jim and Dorothy Horn and brother in law of Kenny and Jean Horn He will be remembered lovingly by many relatives who reside in Ireland and Scotland A good friend to many individuals who enjoyed his wit, sense of humor and enthusiasm in pursuit of the good life Visitation Saturday 2 00 p.m. until time of funeral service 4 00 p.m., O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Novi (248) 348 1800 Memorial contributions may be made to Stephen's Children in his memory

DELMYRNA (DEL) K. (SIMPSON) MOORE

Born February 2 1937, in Greybull Wyoming she had a two year older brother, Russell Her father William A Simpson was the first Big Horn County Welfare Director, and her mother, the former Margaret Draper was a homemaker Just prior to Del going into school her mother got an infection and in a relatively short time was paralyzed from neck down except for limited use of one arm and hand but not fingers Del began to do the cooking and cleaning and washing for the family from kindergarten through high school and on college vacations Her mother became a reporter for the Greybull Standard and other regional newspapers for decades Everybody in the area called Margaret with the news and she reported it to the world Her body wasn't working, but she had a good mind and an intelligent one Del sang and entertained the town folks then in college she was on traveling show teams singing and dancing all over Wyoming In 1958 she was invited to accompany a Fred Warring Show Group that toured Europe entertaining the troops and she sang at the 1958 World's Fair in Brussels She graduated as a grade school teacher and began to teach in Cheyenne the capital city She met her husband George W. Moore III from Ohio when they were in a play together became engaged and married in August 1961 He became a CPA they decided to go to law school He became a Tax Lawyer/CPA and practiced in Ashland Ohio and Kalamazoo MI and then Bloomfield Hills MI They had three children George W. Moore IV Brian P. Moore and Heather M. Moore all college graduates George IV lives in Hilton Head is a Comedian and also manages upscale restaurants in southeastern USA Brian lives in Boston area is a Computer Scientist for major world wide computer company and Heather lives in Chicago area was a star sales person for Meade before marriage Del was a homemaker and sewed most of the children's clothes and some of her own until all the children were in school Then she and another lady started an automotive industry visitors helper company sold it out and then Del was part of a group that moved GM International offices from NYC to Detroit She got a real estate license and went into sales became a broker and assistant office manager of the Birmingham office of Schweitzer Real Estate a large local firm She and George got into Rotary PTO Scouts their church's Christmas Hand in Hand pageant, and they hosted several Rotary youth exchange students from Europe and Heather was also a youth exchange student who studied in Europe Del and George got into First Theatre Guild at their church then Village Players an independent group with their own facility in Birmingham Del was in many musical comedies and she was President in 1990 91 For several years she was a member of a four person stage show with a banjo band called the Gartersnappers that entertained in the Detroit area She was state Treasurer of Alpha Delta Kappa, a teaching honorary Del and George started traveling in the middle 80s to Europe to see Heather and the other former exchange students and their families George became a Rotary District Governor in the middle 90s and they began a stint of going to 14 Rotary International Conventions everywhere in the world George got involved in providing almost 2,000 Rotary water wells for India and they went there for several weeks They have met a lot of wonderful people, both in and out of Rotary As a past officer of Rotary, George and Del went to Zone training sessions all over Canada, and the Midwestern USA and even drove to Alaska one year Del also stayed as an active alumnae of her college sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and she recently became President of the Birmingham/Bloomfield Panhellenic Council Del also belonged to the Birmingham Republican Woman's Club, and has done singing programs for them Del and George have been in a duplicate bridge group for decades In recent years Del has taken up quilting and recently did all the quilts for the VP play called Quilters Del recently entered the Michigan State Fair Quilting show and her quilts and quilted jackets both won first prizes and other prizes too Del recently said she wanted to slow down a little and enjoy their six grand children more She loved to visit and play with them cook for them sew for them, and she was a very welcome grandmother Del died accidentally and unexpectedly on March 20 2007 Del was many things to many people and only they will truly know the extent to which she touched their lives and helped them on their way We all will miss her smiling face and bubbly personality

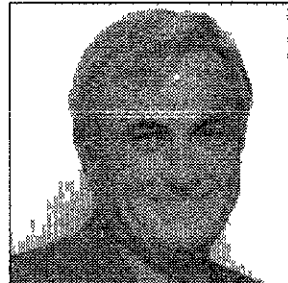
KATHERINE ANN (JACKSON) HALL

Age 60 of Canton MI (formerly of Alma, MI) passed away March 28 2007 in Canton MI suddenly of natural causes She was born July 29 1946 in Los Angeles CA to William and Barbara Jackson of Lakehills TX She was a retired clerical worker for the State of Michigan She is survived by daughters Carol (Alex) Lundberg of Detroit MI, and Jennifer (James) Gross of Ithaca, MI, brother Larry (Donnie) Jackson of Woodlands TX sister Carol (Rickie) Booher of Lawrenceville GA, and grandchildren Jonathan Sinko Tyler Rolph and Ashleigh Rolph She was preceded in death by grandmother Annie Fossett Visitation will be held 12-2 p.m. April 1 2007 at the Harry J Will Funeral Home 25450 Plymouth Rd Redford MI followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m. at the funeral home presided over by Jonathan Manor Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church clergyman Memorials may be given to Harry J Will Funeral Home for the family of Katherine Hall



ROBERT A. HERMANN

March 27 2007 of Birmingham Husband of Clara M. Hermann Robert married Clara McNair on Valentine's Day 1948 Father of Carol Hermann Jim (Laura) Hermann, Lynn (Lowell) Rodd and Bonnie (Al) Fisk Grandfather of Ryan Randall Michael and Joseph Brother of William Hermann and the late Betty Williams Retired GM Engineer (1981) after 30 years + Longtime member of First United Methodist Church of Birmingham Church involvement included finance mission and social committees Boy Scouts Explorers and numerous work camp projects Active in Senior Mens Club of Birmingham BASCC and Prairie Club of Chicago Funeral Service at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham 1589 W Maple Saturday 11 00 AM Visitation at The Wm R. Hamilton Co 820 E Maple Birmingham Friday 3 to 8 PM Family requests tributes to Alzheimer's Association or habitat for Humanity



CHARLES R. "Chuck" O'BRIEN

March 29 2007 age 66 of Orchard Lake Longtime Automotive Industrialist and Chairman of the Board Detroit Medical Center Beloved husband of Linda L. (nee O'Scallan) for 10 years Dear father of Kara Laramie (Michael) Anne Perlin (Andrew) Cassie Sobelton and Colby Zemmin (Ryan) Grandfather of Katie Sarah Erin Patrick and Abigail Brother of Barbara Reason (Roger) Denise Egan (Henry) Maureen Morrow (Greg) and Monica Guercio (Tom) Family will receive friends at A J Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward Ave (btwn 13 14 Mile) Sunday 2 7pm and Monday 2 8pm Scripture service Monday evening Funeral Mass Tuesday 11am at St Hugo of the Hills 2215 Opdyke Rd Bloomfield Hills Visitation begins at church 10 30am Memorial tributes to the Charles R. O'Brien Memorial Fund Detroit Medical Center 3663 Woodward Ave 5th Floor Detroit, MI 48201 2445 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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ANNIVERSARY



Browns celebrate 50th anniversary

Wilford (Bill) and Dollye (Davis) Brown of Westland celebrated their 50th anniversary Jan. 26

The Browns were married Jan. 26, 1957 in Bill Browns parents home in Nankin Township

Children are daughter, Cathy (Tom) Rney of Westland and son Bill (Mariou) of Goshen, Ohio They have four grandchildren and three great grandchildren

The couple enjoy gardening, fishing and camping and belong to the Moose

They celebrated their anniversary at the Wayne Recreation Center Wayne Players dinner theater on Jan. 26

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Chili Cook Off

7 30 p.m. Friday April 13 at St. Patrick's Parish 140 Superior Wyandotte Bring a spoon and \$5 Enter your chili and you could win \$100 prize If interested in being a chili chef call Marion at (734) 324 8983 for details

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■ Men's Bible Study 6 30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult Ministries office

SINGLETON

Senior groups meet weekly for dinner at local restaurants to discuss current events and future activities For a monthly newsletter call (313) 563 9362 or write to P.O. Box 5356 TelFord Station Dearborn MI 48128

ENGAGEMENTS

Murray-Brown

Ken and Colleen Murray of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Murray of Westminster Colorado to Andrew Brown of Westminster, Colo.

Julie Murray is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of Western Michigan University She is employed by Coal Creek Physical Therapy

Andrew Brown is the son of Steve and Margaret Brown of Conklin, Mich. He is a 1998 graduate of Coopersville High School in Coopersville, Mich. and 2002 graduate of Grand Valley State University He received a master's degree from Colorado State University He is employed by Garney Construction as a project engineer



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An Aug. 25 2007, wedding is planned at the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake A reception will follow at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills

Steffen-Ray

Tony and Christine Steffen of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Marie Steffen, to John Randolph Ray of Albuquerque, N.M.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of Michigan She is senior bird keeper at the San Diego Zoo

The groom-to-be is a 2004 graduate of the University of Oregon and is currently a marketing manager for the San Diego YMCA

The couple are planning an April 28, 2007, wedding at the All Hallows Catholic Church in



La Jolla, Calif.

They will honeymoon in Hawaii and make their home in San Diego

Paff-Whitehurst

Elwood and Candice Paff of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Nicole Paff, to Ashley John Whitehurst of Irmo, S.C.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Mercy High School and the University of North Carolina, Wilmington

The prospective groom is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, and a graduate of Time Warner

An April 14 2007 wedding is planned for the Magnolia Plantation in Charleston S.C.



Harris-Holland

Dave and Patty Harris of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Harris, to Shawn Holland of Westland

Danielle Harris is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School She received a bachelor's degree in 2001 and a master's degree in 2004 from the University of Michigan She is employed as a senior marketing analyst with Market Strategies Inc. of Livonia

Shawn Holland is a graduate of Sandusky High School and a 2001 graduate of Michigan State University He is employed as an engineer at Ford Motor Co.

A May 2007 wedding is planned for St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Redford Township with the Rev. Richard A. Osebold officiating



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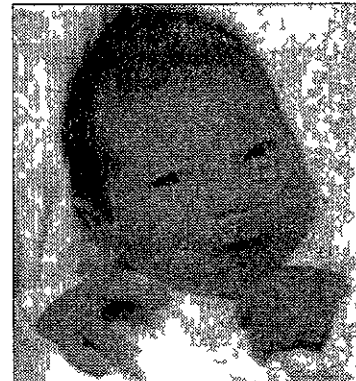
BIRTHS

Carter Francesco Caccamo

Kay and Todd Caccamo of Canton announce the birth of their son, Carter Francesco Caccamo on Feb. 2 2007 at Beaumont Hospital/

He weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth

Grandparents are Dan and Ethie Neuzil of Fort Atkinson, Iowa, and Frank and Rosemary Caccamo of Auburn Hills

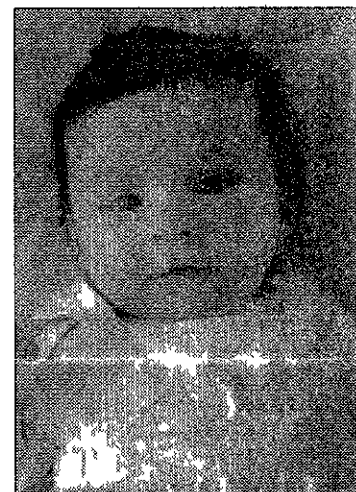


Heidi Rose Kasden

Kristen Foley and Tim Kasten of Redford announce the birth of their daughter, Heidi Rose Kasden, on Jan. 4, 2007, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital

Grandparents are Debbie Foley, Peter and Nancy Foley and Fred and Cathy Kasten, all of Plymouth Township

Great-grandparents are Bob and Beth Doll of Milford, Tom and Pat Foley of Applegate and Robert and Virginia Kasten of Brighton



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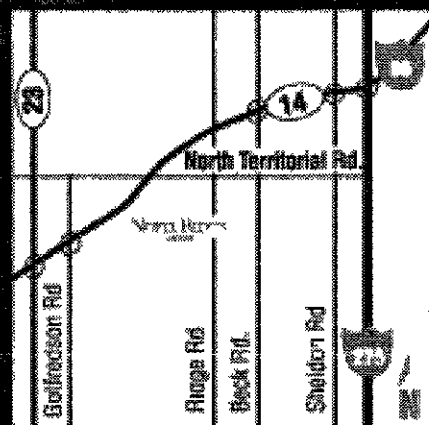
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Maundy Thursday – April 5
7:30pm • A Special Service of Holy Communion

Good Friday – April 6
Noon • Community Service
7:30pm • Tenebrae Worship

Easter Sunday – April 8
8:30am • Easter Breakfast
9:15am • Children's Easter Egg Hunt
10:00am • Festival Worship

St. Andrew is located at 6255 Telegraph Road – Just North of Maple On East Side
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Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 1, 2007
at 11:00 AM
A Special Presentation
by Our Choir,
"The Rose of Calvary"
By Joseph M. Martin

Maundy Thursday
April 5, 2007
Service at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday
April 8, 2007
Two Services,
8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Join Us For Easter Breakfast
Immediately Following
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Palm Sunday April 1 8:00, 9:30 Traditional
& 11:00 am Praise

Maundy Thursday April 5 7:30 pm

Good Friday April 6 12:15 pm & 7:30 pm
(pre service music begins at 12:00 & 7:15)

Easter Vigil April 7 5:30 pm

Easter Sunday April 8 8:00, 9:30 Traditional
11:00 am Praise

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Experience Holy Week And
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Maundy Thursday, April 5 • 6 pm • Potluck Dinner
7 pm • Living Last Supper Drama

Good Friday, April 6 • 7 pm • Standing in the Shadows
(Service of music darkness candles and dramatic dialogue)

Easter Sunday, April 8 • 8 am & 10:30 am • Easter Worship
• 8:30 am • Easter Breakfast
• 9:00 am • Easter Bash
(crafts cookies confetti eggs egg hunt)

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Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 PM
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Good Friday Liturgies:
Stations of the Cross Noon
The drama, *Peter Wept*, performed at 12:30 PM by actor, Michael Mieke
Liturgy of Good Friday 1:30 PM

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Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday – April 5 at 1:00 and 7:30 p.m.

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Easter Sunday, April 8
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SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 1 at 11:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. - Communion Service
Good Friday, April 6 at 12:00 noon - Remembrance of Jesus' hours on the cross
Easter Sunday, April 8
9:00 a.m. Easter Brunch in Fellowship Hall
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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 6:00 P.M.
Holy Week Services of Worship with Guest Preachers

Maundy Thursday 6:00 & 8:00 P.M.
Dr John E. Harnish preaching

Good Friday Evening Vespers 7:00 P.M.
Scenes and Reflections from the Cross

Easter Sunrise 7:00 A.M.
Rev Jeff Nelson and Our Youth

Easter Morning 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Dr John E. Harnish preaching

Easter Mid-Day Worship 12:30 P.M.
Rev Lynn Hasley preaching

Easter at Sunday Night Alive 5:00 P.M.
Deacon Carl Gladstone preaching

HOLY WEEK

Worship with us this Easter Season

Palm Sunday, April 1
Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 5 at 7 p.m.
Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 6
12 Noon - Traditional Service with choir and message
7 p.m. - Passion of the Cross (a dramatic presentation)

Holy Saturday, April 7 at 8 p.m.
Easter Vigil Eucharist and Baptisms

Easter Sunday, April 8
Holy Eucharist at 7 a.m.
Holy Eucharist with Full Choir at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
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MAUNDY THURSDAY – Thursday, April 5
7:30 p.m. Sacrament of the Last Supper – Fellowship Hall

GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, April 6
7:30 p.m. Service of Shadows (Tenebrae) – Chapel

EASTER SUNDAY – Sunday, April 8
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Praise Team
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service including the Hallelujah Chorus with Chancel Choir, Handbell Choirs, and Brass Quartet

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Holy Eucharist
Church School & Childcare (8:45)

**MONDAY & TUESDAY,
APRIL 2 & 3**
7 p.m. Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
7 a.m. Holy Eucharist
7 p.m. Tenebrae

THURSDAY, APRIL 5
7 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Stripping of the Altar

FRIDAY, APRIL 6
Noon - 3 p.m.
Good Friday Liturgy
& Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7
7 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

**EASTER DAY, APRIL 8
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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

7:30 p.m. HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5
Holy Communion & Anointing – 'Jesus' Example' -- Dr. Weemhoff

12:30 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6
A Community Good Friday Experience
"Focusing on the Cross" Rev. Veska

7:30 p.m. SERVICE OF TENEBRAE, APRIL 6
FEATURING CHANCEL & EPWORTH CHOIRS AND ORGAN

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8

7:00 a.m. SUNRISE SERVICE
7:45-11:00 a.m. EASTER BREAKFAST
10:15 a.m. CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP
"What Do You See?" -- REV. REGAN

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April 5 ~ Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 p.m.

April 6 ~ Good Friday: prayers, readings, music, video presentations and silence in the sanctuary from 12-5 p.m.

April 8 ~ Easter Sunday service at 10 a.m.

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Maundy Thursday • 7pm
with Communion

Good Friday • 7pm

Easter Sunday
8 15 am & 10 45 am

Easter Breakfast
9 15-10 30 am

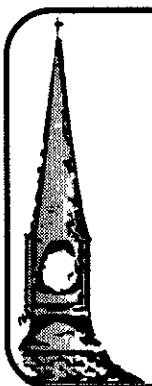
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EASTER SCHEDULE

Sunrise Service	8 00 a.m.
Breakfast	9 00 a.m.
Sunday School	10 00 a.m.
EASTER WORSHIP	11 00 a.m.

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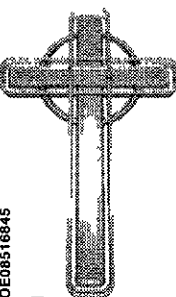
EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday • April 5th
The Lord's Last Supper • 7:00 PM

Good Friday • April 16th
Tre Ore Services • 12:00 PM • 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday • April 7th
Easter Vigil • 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday • April 8th
Masses at 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM



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MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK Mass at 8.30 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY April 5 7 30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper-Adoration following the Liturgy until Friday 8 00 a.m.

GOOD FRIDAY April 6 Noon Meditative Service 12 30-1 00 p.m. Stations of the Cross & 1 15 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY-April 7 1 00 p.m. Blessing of Food 7 30 p.m. Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY-April 8-8 30 & 10 30 a.m. Mass in the Church & 10 30 p.m. Mass All Saints School Gym Blessing of Food after all Masses

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday April 1 8 am and 10 am
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Maundy Thursday April 5 7 pm
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Palm Sunday	April 1 st	8 30 & 11 00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	April 5 th	7 00 p.m.
Good Friday Afternoon	April 6 th	1 15 p.m.
Good Friday Tenebrae	April 6 th	7 00 p.m.
Easter Sunday	April 8 th	7 00 & 10 00 a.m.

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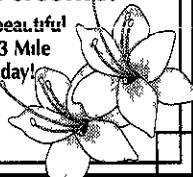
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Maundy Thursday, April 5

12 10 p.m. - The Holy Communion in commemoration
of the first Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 6

12 00 Noon 3 00 p.m.

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Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday April 1-7pm
Easter Cantata "Written in Red"

Maundy Thursday April 5-7pm
(with Communion)

Good Friday April 6
12 noon and 7pm

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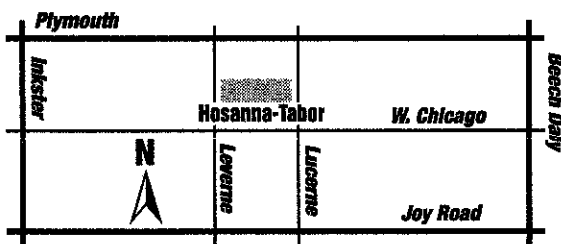
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Good Friday - April 6 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

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4/5 HOLY THURSDAY

Confessions 5 00 6 45 pm
Mass of The Last Supper 7 00 p.m.
Followed by the procession to Altar
of Repose-The Stripping of the Main
Altar & Adoration at the Altar of
Repose until midnight

4/6 GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of The Cross 2 00 p.m.
Solemn Liturgy of The Passion of Our Lord at 3 00 p.m.
No Confessions today

4/7 HOLY SATURDAY

Confessions 9 00 p.m. 10 45 p.m.
Easter Vigil 11 00 p.m.
High Mass of The Resurrection at Midnight

4/8 EASTER SUNDAY

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Rescue shelter recommends adopting, not buying bunnies

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dominique Moroz is hoping parents don't go out on a whim and buy a live bunny for their child this Easter when 90 abandoned rabbits are waiting to be adopted from Midwest Rabbit Rescue and Rehoming in Old Village in Plymouth.

She says the sad part is most commercially sold rabbits will not survive long enough for parents to turn them into the shelter once the family tires of the long ears. Moroz estimates 80 percent die within the first two weeks leaving behind plenty of broken hearted kuds.

"They're taken from their mothers at about 3 weeks and their digestive system requires mother's milk 8 weeks, 6 weeks minimum," said Dominique Moroz, adoption coordinator.

"They're not born with the bacteria to digest their food."

"I'd like to encourage people to look to rescue and to be informed about the pet that they're going to bring into the home. Rabbits do make a wonderful pet, a family pet, but it's important to have them evaluated for temperament and health. They have as varied a nature as cats and dogs. One of the differences though is that rabbits are a prey animal so they tend to be a bit more quiet and don't come to commands until they know and trust you."

The no-kill shelter specializes in matching the right rabbit to a family or individual. Currently there are about 15 bunnies under the age of four months, many under one year, and adults. The males are neutered at three months, females spayed at six months to make them easier to litter train. Since rabbits sleep during the



Keely was abandoned in an apartment building and needs a good home. She is the perfect size for a family bunny about 5 pounds, not too small and delicate. Unfortunately she is not a designer bunny. Her white fur and red eyes are less popular than the more exotic varieties.

day and are active morning and evening, they fit well into family life and are not uncomfortable being confined.

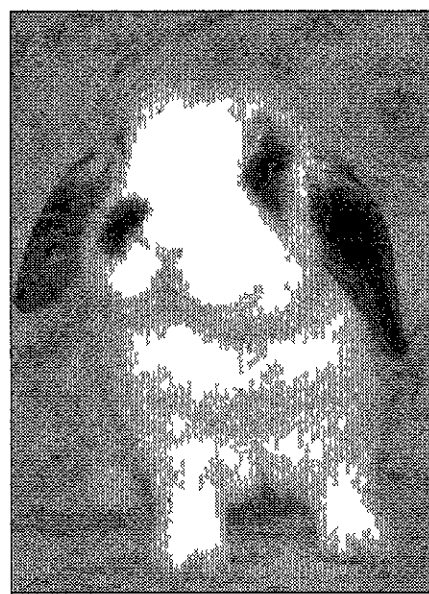
"If they come to the shelter they'll be seeing many types and breeds," said Moroz. "A family might want to adopt an older rabbit because they have a life span of about 10 years. A 12-year-old might want to adopt a 5-year-old rabbit, because they'll be going off to college. Another good reason to come and visit the rescue is

so many people may be allergic to the rabbits or the hay."

Midwest Rabbit Rescue offers a foster program for those uncertain about adopting.

"For a month we lend you a cage, give you the hay and as much support as we can," said Moroz. "Rabbits' main food is hay. They should not eat seeds because they can gum up their insides."

Moroz and the shelter's volunteers provide prospective owners with a



An experienced rabbit person is needed to adopt Dasher, a Holland bunny who was given up after biting his family and still occasionally "nips." He is extremely affectionate and gives many bunny kisses.

wealth of information on caring for domestic rabbits. Founded about two years ago, the nonprofit specializes in indoor pet rabbit rescue.

"We don't encourage people to take rabbits outside," said Moroz. "They are prey animals, not indigenous to this area. They can get parasites of wild rabbits and don't have the immune system to fight them off."

In order for the nonprofit to continue finding homes for the rabbits and educating the public, volunteers and donations are needed.

Hops for Hope, an April 7 beer and chocolate tasting benefit for Midwest Rabbit Rescue, takes place 2-4 p.m. at

The Corner Brewery, Ypsilanti. The event pairs six to eight micro-brews and a wide variety of fair- and ethically-traded chocolates from Equal Exchange, Dagoba, Divine, Alter Eco, Green & Blacks, 3400 Phinney Chocolate Factory, and Endangered Species Chocolate Company. There will also be a vegetarian appetizer buffet, fair-trade coffee, and Easter baskets full of fair-trade goodies for auction.

Tickets are \$20 or half-price for non-drinkers, children under age 12 free. Call (734) 717-8545 or visit www.rabbittr.org. You must be 21 or older to consume alcoholic beverages.

It's not possible to have too many volunteers," said Moroz. "We would like to make books with photos and stories of the rabbits to hand out and to do a float for the Plymouth parade. We need manpower for this, volunteers to go into schools to speak and to take the rabbits to Petco Novi for adoptions."

For those unable to adopt, volunteer or attend the benefit, there's still a way to help the rescue, especially if you're a gardener. The shelter has lots of good compost to offer. Unlike horse and cow manure, rabbit manure does not need to be matured long and can be directly applied to flower beds. Moroz says the shelter has a huge amount of the manure that they would rather not put in a landfill.

Midwest Rabbit Rescue and Rehoming is located at 886 North Holbrook in Old Village in Plymouth. Hours are 12:30-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. For more information, call (248) 348-8519, (734) 717-8545, or (734) 459-3207.

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 1st • 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. • Sacraments of Holy Communion & Distribution of Palms

April 5th • 7:30 p.m. • Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion & Choral Tenebrae

April 6th • Noon • Good Friday Ecumenical Service

April 8th • 7:00 a.m. • Easter Sunrise Service
8:45 a.m. • Worship Service
11:00 a.m. • Worship Service

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MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 5th
7:30 pm - Communion on Service

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RealAge makeover

Physician tells how to add years to your life

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Until 1994, Dr. Michael Roizen thought he was living a healthy lifestyle. Then a friend who was a lifelong smoker developed severe arterial disease. The news sent the doctor on a search for the latest findings on reversing the aging process. Along the way he wrote several books, including two *New York Times* best sellers, and came up with a test to determine a person's RealAge as opposed to their biological or calendar age.

Today, RealAge Inc., an education-oriented health company, and RealAge.com, the Web site, attract millions of people looking to add years to their lives. The phenomenon has boosted Roizen to celebrity status. Dressed in scrubs, Roizen regularly lectures to PBS Channel 56 television viewers who hope to look younger and avoid the diseases of aging by following his makeover program. In fact, his message has become so popular an upcoming appearance presented by Crittenton Hospital Medical Center sold out more than one month in advance.

FEELING GOOD

Much of the information Roizen shares during the April 25 lecture can be found online at www.RealAge.com and in his books including *The RealAge Makeover*, an updated version of his first book *RealAge: Are You as Young as You Can Be?* published in 1999 by HarperCollins. Once a person knows the RealAge, he or she can make the necessary changes to look and feel younger.

"I'll be telling people how their body gets a do-over, that the body is really unusual because you get to do a makeover," said Roizen, professor of anesthesiology and internal medicine, and chair of the division of anesthesiology, critical care medicine, and comprehensive pain management at Cleveland Clinic.

In his practice, Roizen frequently sees patients who are "overweight, hypertensive and don't take time for themselves." His goal is to help people realize they can take control of their health. In the 1960s when Roizen was in medical school the thinking of the

medical establishment was that genetics defined how a person aged. Prevention did not figure into the equation for good health. Out of the 2,800 hours of lectures Roizen sat through in medical school, only two hours were devoted to nutrition and lifestyle.

"I didn't know most of the data so I decided to write the book," said Roizen, who with the RealAge Scientific Advisory Board analyzed more than 35,000 medical and scientific

studies to discover the factors instrumental in aging. "What we want to do is let people understand their bodies so they can be the world expert and take control. I realized fish was much more important than meat. Weight lifting is more important than cardiovascular."

Roizen grew up in Buffalo, N.Y., eating the typical American diet. Today, he's instituted healthier habits that include eating a good breakfast every morning and walking 10,000 steps a day. He does 48

minutes of cardiovascular exercise three times a week, and 20 minutes of weight lifting three times a week. Plus he takes the vitamins and supplements he recommends in *The RealAge Makeover*.

His biological age is 61, but his real age is around 42 according to the results of the RealAge test on the Web site. The calculations factor in lifestyle, genetics and medical history to come up with an individual's RealAge and a 90-day plan to turn back time. Genetics account for only 25 to 30 percent of the aging process; the rest is the result of choices. A person's RealAge can be years younger than their calendar age depending on the changes they're willing to make. Roizen recommends eating 25 grams of fiber and an ounce of nuts a day, and four or five servings each of vegetables and fruits as part of a balanced diet. About 25 percent of daily calories should come from healthy fats like olive oil, avocado, flaxseed, and cocoa butter.



The RealAge Makeover is the updated version of Dr. Michael Roizen's first book *RealAge: Are You as Young as You Can Be?*



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Dr. Michael Roizen tells how to take years off of your calendar age. Roizen's RealAge program appears regularly on PBS Channel 56.

based chocolate which provides age-reducing flavonoids for the body. According to Roizen's makeover book, flavonoids decrease the rate at which our arteries and immune system age.

ON THE GO

Roizen admits he doesn't get enough sleep and has too much stress in his life. It's difficult for him to do much about his schedule as a physician and author. In addition to his own five books, Roizen's co-written three with Dr. Mehmet Oz, including his latest, *You on a Diet: The Owner's Manual for Waist Management* (2006) in which they talk about waist size not weight being the key number. For optimum health, a woman's ideal waist size should be 32 1/2 inches; a man's 35 inches.

"I'm an avid Cavaliers basketball fan, me and my wife," said Roizen. "She lets me go crazy rooting for the Cavs and I play squash and do deep breathing exercises once a day to relieve my stress."

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Top 12 ways to make your RealAge younger

Below are the top 12 Grow Younger® strategies designed to make your RealAge younger. To receive personalized recommendations, take the RealAge test at www.RealAge.com along with 40 other health assessments.

■ **Take your vitamins regularly.** Vitamin C (1200 mg/day), vitamin E (400 IU/day), calcium (1000-1200 mg/day), vitamin D (400-600 IU/day), folate (400 mcg/day) and vitamin B6 (6 mg/day) can make your RealAge 6 years younger.

■ **Quit smoking and avoid passive smoke.** Smoking makes your RealAge 8 years older.

■ **Know your blood pressure.** A person with low blood pressure (115/75 mm Hg) is as much as 25 years younger than a person with high blood pressure (greater than 160/90 mm Hg).

■ **Reduce stress.** In highly stressful times, your RealAge can be as much as 32 years older than your calendar age. By building strong social networks and adopting stress reduction strategies, you can erase 30 of those 32 years of aging caused by stress.

■ **Floss your teeth.** Flossing and brushing daily can make your RealAge 6 1/2 years younger.

■ **Be active.** Even a small amount of exercise – two 20-minute walks per day – can make your RealAge nearly five years younger.

■ **Wear your seatbelt.** Regularly wearing a seat belt and driving within 5 miles per hour of the speed limit can make your RealAge as much as 3 1/4 years younger.

■ **Fill up on fiber.** Getting 25 grams of fiber per day in your diet can make your RealAge 2 1/2 years younger than if you only included 12 grams of fiber per day in your diet. Men may need even more than 25 grams of fiber per day (personalized results can be garnered upon taking the RealAge Test).

■ **Monitor your health.** People who are proactive about seeking high quality medical care and managing chronic conditions can have a RealAge as much as 12 years younger than their peers who do not.

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■ **Laugh a lot.** Laughter reduces stress, strengthens the immune system and can make your RealAge as much as 8 years younger.

■ **Become a lifelong learner.** People who remain intellectually involved throughout their lives have a RealAge as much as 2 1/2 years younger.

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How would you rate your physical health compared to others of your chronological age?

- a Excellent -2
- b Very good -1
- c Good 0
- d Fair +1
- e Poor +2

Have you ever used tobacco (cigarettes, cigars, chew tobacco) on a regular basis for 3 or

more months?

- a Yes, I currently smoke +2
- b Yes, but I have quit 0
- c No -2

How often do you floss?

- a Never -2
- b 1 time per week +1
- c 2-3 times per week 0
- d 4-6 times per week -1
- e 7 or more times per week -2

How often do you use a mobile phone while driving?

- a I don't own a mobile phone 0
- b I never use a phone while driving -2
- c Very infrequently 0
- d 1-2 times each day I drive +1
- e 3-5 times each day I drive +1
- f More than 5 times each day I drive +2
- g I don't drive 0

Which best describes your current marital status? If you consider yourself in a long-term, cohabitating relationship even though you are not legally married, please choose married.

- a Never married 0
- b Happily married -1
- c Unhappily married 0
- d Separated +1
- e Divorced +2
- f Widow/Widower +2

In the last 12 months, have you experienced some events that caused you a great deal of stress, such as death of a family member, illness, divorce, unemployment, etc?

- a Yes
- b No -2

b No -1

How many servings of whole grains do you eat per day?

- a None +2
- b 1-2 servings +1
- c 3-5 servings -1
- d 6 or more servings -2

Do you eat multiple servings of tomato or spaghetti sauce in a typical week?

- a Yes, always -2
- b Yes, on most days -1
- c No, hardly ever +1

Do you eat multiple servings from each food group on most days? A balanced diet contains 5 fruits and 5 vegetables (eating a variety of each), healthy fats, low-fat dairy, whole grains instead of refined, and a little protein with every meal.

- a Yes, always -2
- b Yes, on most days -1
- c No, hardly ever +1

On average, how many days per week do you do light to moderate aerobic, strength-building or flexibility exercises?

- a Never +2
- b 1-2 days 0
- c 3-4 days -1
- d 5-6 days -2
- e 7 days -2

Do you have diabetes?

- a Yes, type 1 diabetes +3
- b Yes, type 2 diabetes +3
- c No 0

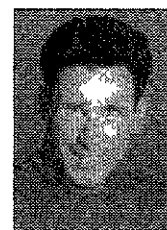
Score Your RealAge

Add up your positive and negative points separately. More positive points than negative means your RealAge is likely older than your calendar age. An equal amount of positive and negative points means your RealAge is approximately the same as your calendar age. More negative points than positive points means your RealAge is likely younger than your calendar age.

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Watch for subtle asthma symptoms



Cheryl from Chesterfield Township e-mails that asthma runs in her family. She wants to know more about some of the subtle warning signs for the dangerous condition.

Cheryl, when we think of asthma we usually picture wheezing and inhalers. That can be an accurate image in some cases but not all. Symptoms can be much less severe and often go unrecognized. It can be a danger sign if you have wheezing or shortness of breath during any of the following activities: exercise, sleeping, laughing, crying, being in cold air.

being around airborne toxins like cigarette smoke, and exposure to allergens. Some symptoms can be tougher to spot. In some kids it can be as simple as a cough. A detailed exam by a doctor is the best way to be sure if a problem exists. Sometimes the condition can be diagnosed by something as simple as an airflow test.

The main thing is to find out if the condition is present so the right steps can be taken to avoid a potentially life-threatening situation.

Jill from Ann Arbor is looking to cut her chances of getting breast cancer and e-mails for tips.

Jill, keeping your weight in check should be one of your top priorities! We know that excess weight can boost the chances for breast cancer. Now we are learning that how much weight is gained and when it happens can be a prime predictor for getting the disease.

Researchers tracked 63,000 postmenopausal women. They found those gaining 21 to 30 pounds between the ages of 18 and 40 had a greater risk than those with a gain of five pounds or less. Women who gained 70 pounds or more had nearly double the risk. So far there is no conclusive evidence that shows losing weight once it is on will help counter the problem. But since the increased risk is tied to high estrogen levels triggered by weight gain, it is a good bet that weight loss can only help.

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

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FICTION

1 Nineteen Minutes, Jodi Picoult

2 Shopaholic & Baby, Sophie Kinsetta

3 Daddy's Girl, Lisa Scottoline

4 Whitehorn Woods, Maeve Binchy

5 Step on a Crack, James Patterson/Michael Ledwidge

NON-FICTION

1 "In an Instant" Lee and Bob Woodruff

2 "A Long Way Gone" Ishmael Beah

3 I Feel Bad About My Neck, Nora Ephron

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3 The Bunnies Picnic, Leslie Evans

4 Dragon Dancing, Carol Schaefer

5 One White Fishing Stone, Doris Gayzaglen

Dueling pianists to raise money for free jazz festival

Pianists Matt Michaels and Cliff Monear duel each other on Steinway Grand pianos 3 p.m. Sunday, April 15, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. They will follow the format used on Public Radio's Marian McPartland Piano Jazz program.

The concert will be totally improvisational and unrehearsed. In between dueling, the pianists will discuss the tunes they play, the composers, and different ways jazz allows the freedom to never play a piece the same way twice. They will each solo and may play duets on the same or separate pianos.

Tickets are \$15 and available at the door or by calling (248) 474-2720.

Proceeds go toward producing the 13th annual Michigan Jazz Festival scheduled for Sunday, July 15, at Schoolcraft College.



Cliff Monear (above) along with Matt Michaels improvise on two Steinway grand pianos Sunday, April 15, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.



Matt Michaels of Southfield is one of the dueling pianists performing in a benefit concert for the Michigan Jazz Festival.

RESCUE

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Kerstetter praises the Heinrichs for the commitment to their faithful friend.

In addition to spending \$3,500 for the surgery, the couple initially paid \$500 for X-rays to diagnose the problem.

On Friday, Cody begins hydrotherapy at a veterinary hospital in Union Lake. The three will make the long trip three times a week for the next month.

The Heinrichs are not concerned about the \$500 cost for therapy, but for Cody who gets car sick. But then they knew before adopting Cody that he had problems such as chronic ear infections.

THE RESCUERS

The Heinrichs have followed in daughter Amy's footsteps when it comes to rescuing animals. Neither Amy or her sister Jill, 32, were able to have a dog as kids due to allergies inherited from their father. After Amy adopted her first dog while a student at Michigan State University, she began going to shelters to rescue dogs.

Today, Amy continues to rescue dogs from her home in Grass Lake. The 29-year-old woman helps her boyfriend find homes for pit bulls.

"She was playing musical shelters," said Heinrich. "There's a 30-day rule if dogs don't find a home they are euthanized. Amy would pick them up from one shelter and take them to another, and then she found Last Chance Rescue with its no-kill policy."

"Sometimes she would ask us to take a dog for a weekend if she had too many," added Mary.

Anne Heinrich

These days, Cody is the only dog romping around the Heinrichs' back yard and barking at a squirrel up on the wires overhead. During the day, Bob says Cody charges through the pain. Come evening the dog will start to limp. That's when tender loving care becomes somewhat heavy. Cody weighs 55 pounds.

By nighttime we have to end up carrying him upstairs," said Mary Anne.

As long as the three of them are together nothing else seems to matter. Bob, a 62-year-old retired banker, and Mary Anne, a retired Oakwood Hospital oncology nurse, spend all of their days together with Cody.

There's something about knowing some entity needs you," said Heinrich. "It's so rewarding for us."

Mary Anne says Cody is a calming influence. When her 87-year-old mother moved in with them after Mary Anne's father died, Cody wove his way into the elderly woman's heart as well.

Mary Anne smiles as she looks out onto their back yard and talks about caring for her mother and Cody.

God bless my husband," said Mary Anne. "His back yard was his pride and joy."

Now little patches of brown grass remind the Heinrichs of their love for Cody.

"We've gotten more out of it than what we've given," said Heinrich. "When we adopted Cody, it was her dog. Now he's our dog."

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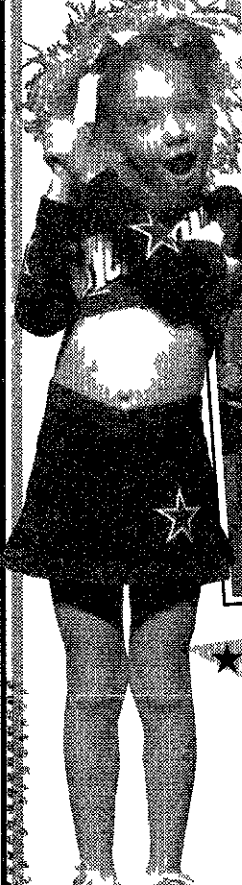
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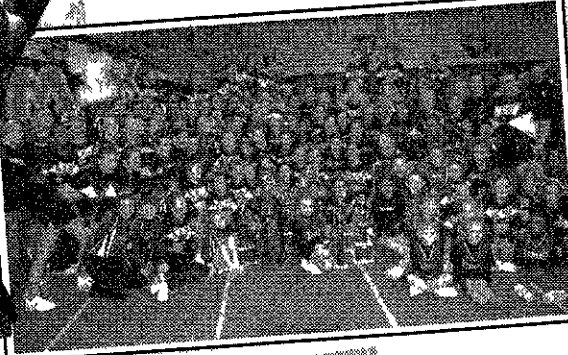
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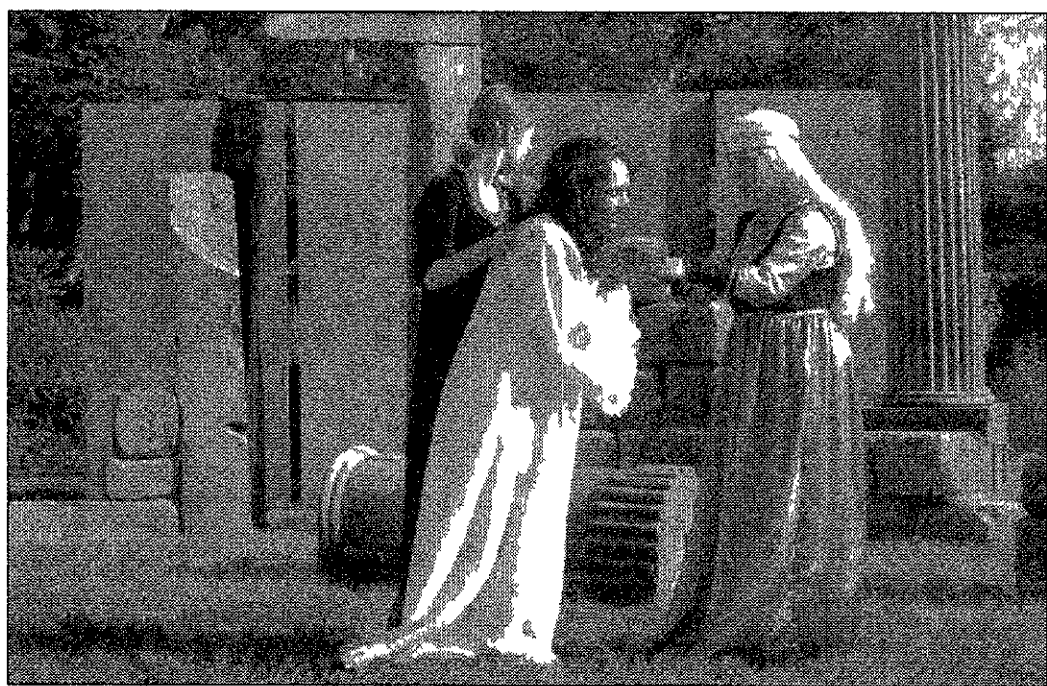
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Melissa Zinn (center) as Ophelia, Marie Wyatt (left) and Carolyn Szatan (right) performed in the Motor City Youth Theatre production of *Hamlet* about two years ago.

Playwright turns Shakespeare's *Hamlet* tragedy into a comedy

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Nancy Florkowski can't wait for Melissa Zinn to return to Livonia with her version of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. The tragedy makes an about turn to tell the story from the character's point of view.

Zinn originally came up with the concept while playing Ophelia in the Motor City Youth Theatre's production of *Hamlet* in 2005. Florkowski founded MCYT to give budding young local actors and actresses a chance to perform. She brings Zinn's *Nineteen Variations on Hamlet* to the Grantland Street Playhouse in Livonia 8 p.m. Friday, April 6.

Tickets are \$10. Call (313) 535-8962 or visit www.mcyt.org.

It takes Shakespeare's language and combines it with Melissa's wit, said Nancy Florkowski, a retired

Redford teacher. "It helps to know *Hamlet* but plays like this are enjoyable even if you don't know *Hamlet* inside out. What's hilarious is all the characters tell their side of the story. The king who was the evil character decides not to kill *Hamlet* and everybody lives happily ever after."

Not all of Zinn's ideas for *Nineteen Variations* occurred to her while playing in MCYT's *Shakespeare in the Park* in 2004 and 2005 in Redford and Livonia.

I was watching *Twin Peaks* and saw similarities of agent Dale Cooper and *Hamlet*, said Melissa Zinn, the 31-year-old Kalamazoo resident who wrote and directed the play being performed by Abstraction Theatre.

It's a comedy. People think *Hamlet* tragic, dark, serious, fast-paced. This is kind of Monty Python-esque and there is some audience participation.

Zinn wrote *Hamlet* over a period of about two years. Writing is something she's loved to do since revising the story of *Alice in Wonderland* at age 6. Her *Perils of Prince Charming* was performed on the Sterling Heights Public Library channel, her *Garbo and Gable Show* at Meadow Brook Hall. Zinn attended Oakland University in Rochester. She moved to Kalamazoo to be with her husband.

I do miss the Detroit area and come back as often as I can, said Zinn. "We performed this the first two weekends in March in Kalamazoo. I thought I would like to take the show to other places and larger audiences and so I thought of bringing it to Livonia."

Grantland Street Playhouse is located at 27555 Grantland, Livonia.

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Art club to host figurative painter

Figurative artist Lin Baum is the guest speaker at the Three Cities Art Club meeting 7 p.m. Monday, April 2, in a lower level room at Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road S., south of Cherry Hill. Enter via the southeast entrance and an attendant will direct you to the room. Everyone will have the opportunity to ask questions of the guest speaker plus vote on their favorite artwork submitted by members to the monthly competition.

Baum expands on the tradition of the psychological portrait in her alla prima oils which have been extensively exhibited. A graduate of the University of Michigan, School of Architecture and Design, Baum is a painting and portrait instructor at Schoolcraft College (continuing education). She also conducts workshops and teaches gifted children. Baum is a former appointee of the Wayne County Council for the Arts, History

and Humanities.

Each art club member is invited to bring one or two pieces in progress for Baum to critique and help with any problems they are encountering. There is no charge for the event. If you are an artist or a want to be an artist, this is an informative event.

For more information, contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800, ext. 123, or send e-mail to threecitiesartclub@hotmail.com.

Genealogist reveals strategies for reading foreign-language records

The Northville Genealogical Society presents Jan Zaleski, an accredited genealogist, speaking on *The Parish Records Are Not in English, and I Am Not Bi-lingual! Strategies For Analyzing Foreign-Language Records* during the society's meeting 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady. Zaleski is president of the Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan. She will teach you how to analyze records written in a language you cannot read. Learn how to recognize the differences between birth, marriage, and death

records. Discover how you can make extraction templates tailored to the records you are researching. A computer genealogy class, *Family Tree Maker 2006 Odds & Ends*, will be held at 1:15 p.m. (prior to the regular meeting). The public is invited to attend both, free of charge. Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members in the Local History Room at the Northville District Library 1-3 p.m. Mondays and by appointment. Call Tillie Van Sickle at (734) 595-7806 or visit the Web site at www.rootsweb.com/~mings.

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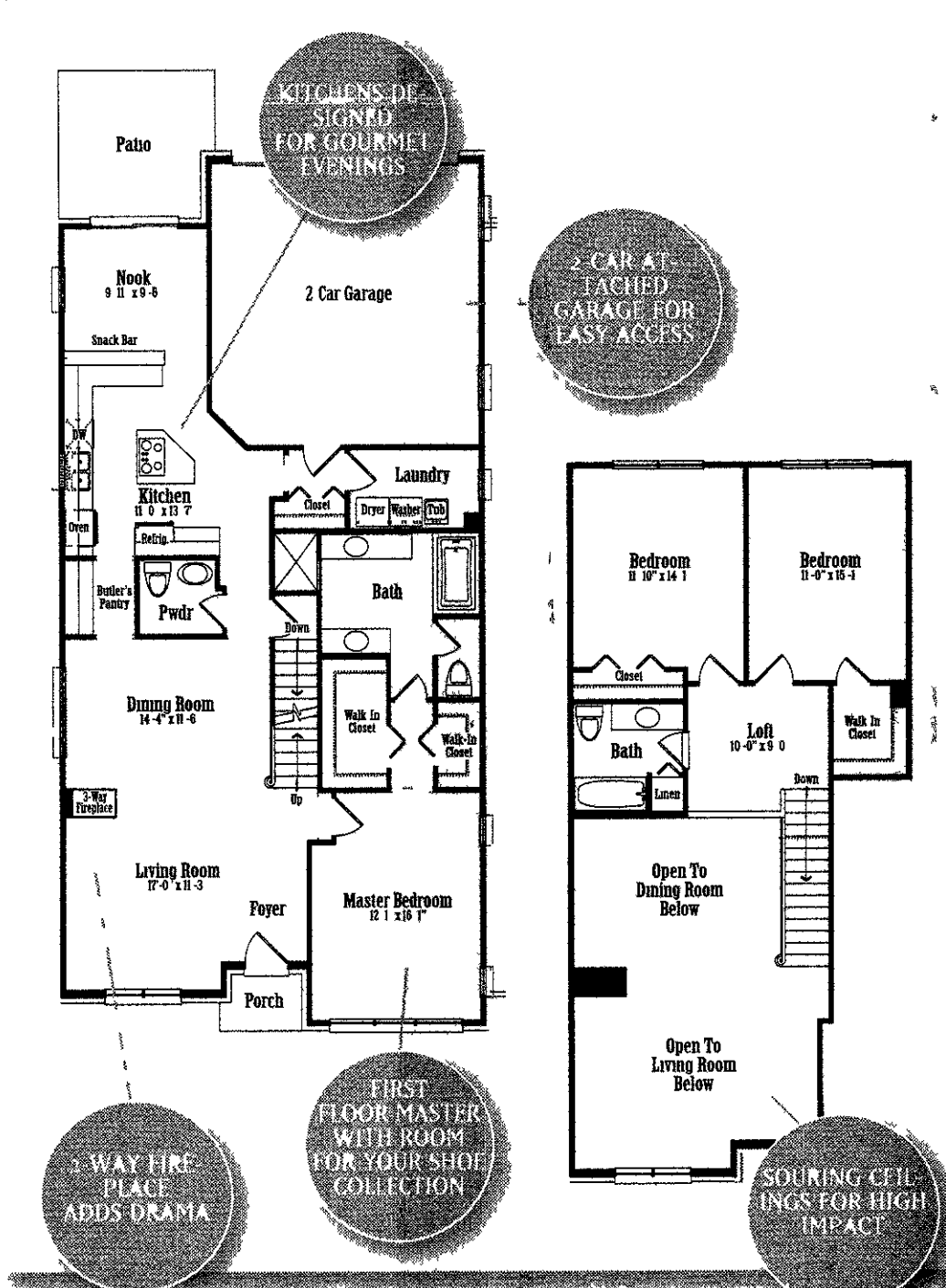
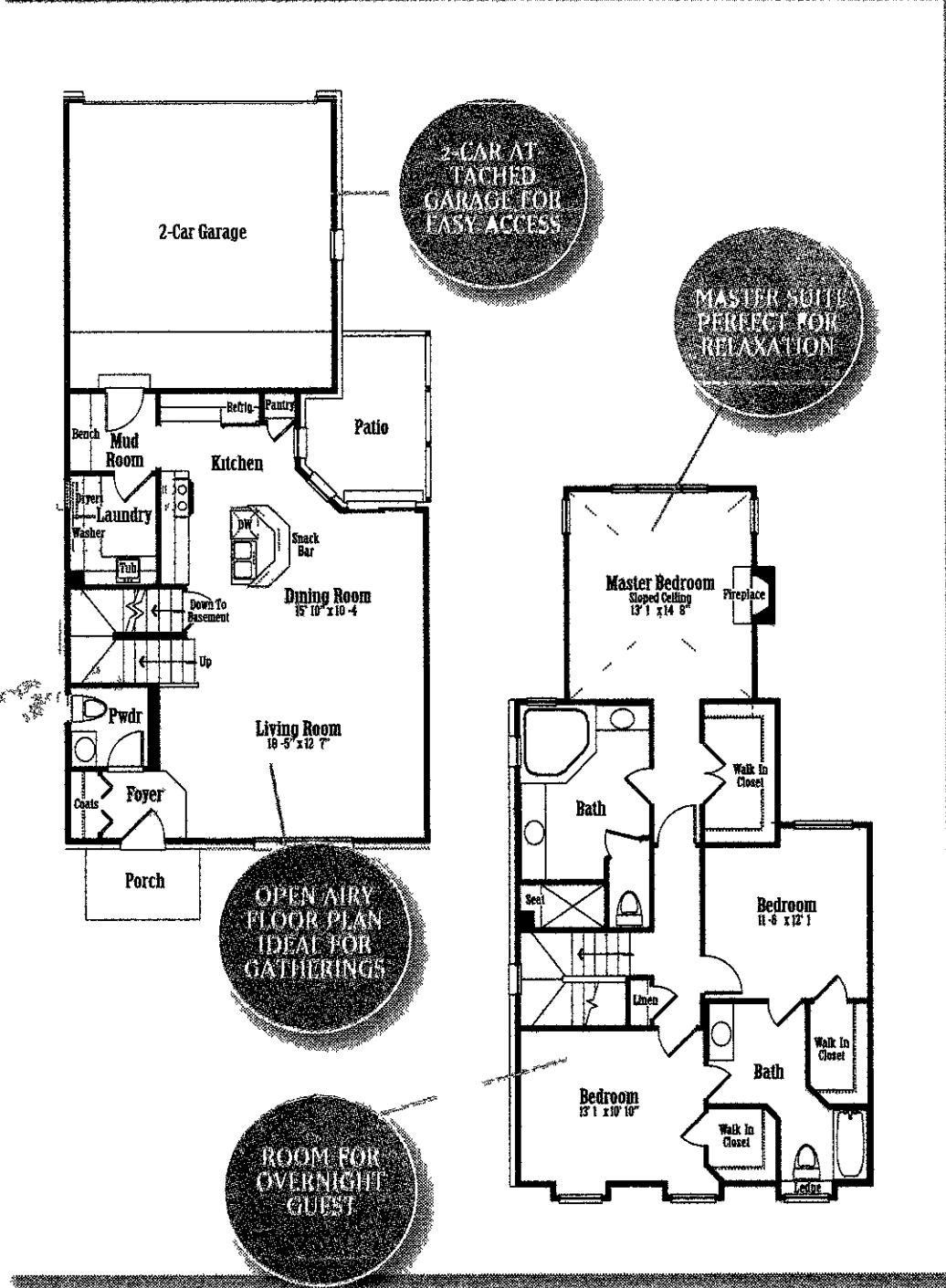
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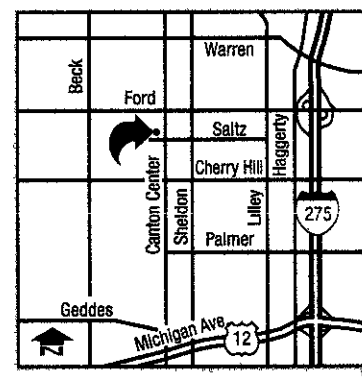
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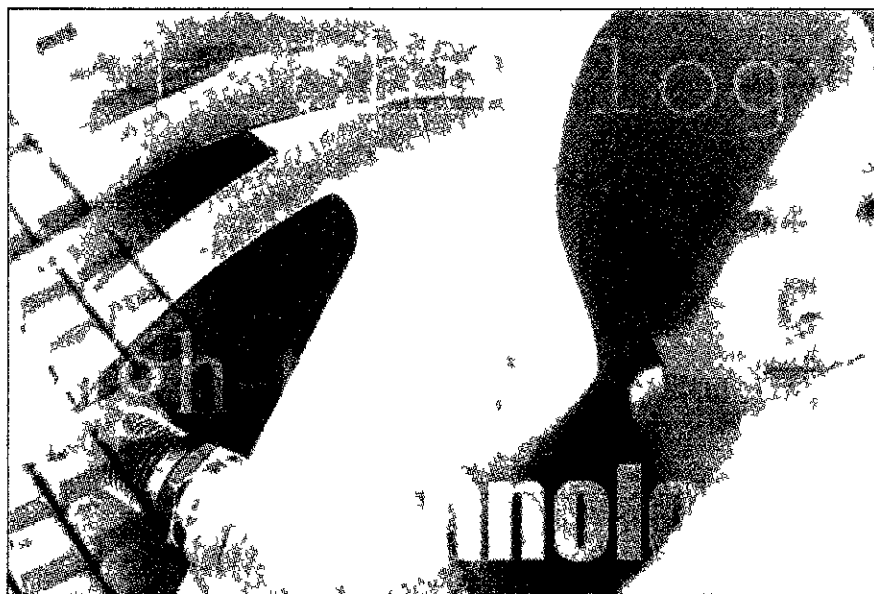
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Focus:HOPE gets high-tech boost from Comcast Foundation

A \$150,000 grant presented to Focus HOPE by The Comcast Foundation recently will assist Focus HOPE's Information Technologies Center (ITC) in the ongoing process of updating its computer networking curriculum. The curriculum prepares students for industry certifications that are highly valued by employers. The certification exams verify that students have specific knowledge and skills.

As technology changes, we have the formidable task of keeping our course work up to date," said Tim Duperron, interim chief executive officer at Focus HOPE. "We appreciate Comcast partnering with us in our information technology program. Their support helps us ensure our courses prepare students for careers in technology."

"Ensuring Michigan has a highly trained workforce is vital to the success of our comprehensive economic plan to grow jobs and diversify our economy," said Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm. "This generous grant will allow hundreds of workers to gain the new skills they need to attain good paying jobs in the 21st century."



Comcast has been a longtime supporter of Focus HOPE. It has hired graduates of the ITC and had opened a call center on Focus HOPE's campus where IT students could work part time while taking classes.

As an active part of the communities we serve across Michigan, Comcast is proud to support Focus HOPE," said Dave Buhl, Comcast regional senior vice president for Michigan. "This grant from The Comcast Foundation will serve

as a catalyst for solid preparatory education for students at the Information Technologies Center.

Both Comcast and Focus HOPE have played such an important part in bringing technology and a better education to kids who need it, House Minority Leader Craig DeRoche, R-Novi, said. Last year, they worked with me on a program to install Internet ready computers in the homes of Detroit area families, and today's announcement simply builds on the good work they do

for students and their families."

This grant will fund changes to courses that prepare students for the CompTIA (Computer Technology Industry Association) A+ certification exams. The exams verify that students have the ability to perform tasks such as installing, configuring and troubleshooting PCs connected to a network.

Michigan needs to do everything we can to strengthen our students' technological skills so they can compete in a global economy," said Speaker of the House Andy Dillon, D-Redford. "We applaud the Comcast Foundation for its generous contribution and for partnering with such a worthy organization as Focus HOPE that is working every day to expand opportunities for our young people."

Charnique Simmons of Detroit used the certification training to leave an unskilled job and start a computer career at EDS. "I figured computers could take me more places," she said. "I made the right choice. It's really paying off for me."

Keenan Williams of Southfield also left a job that didn't offer any opportunities to enroll at Focus HOPE. He's now starting a

career at Tech Team Global where he works as a support technician and is starting to pursue a college degree in information management systems engineering.

Both graduates had achieved CompTIA A+ and Network+ certifications before being hired into new careers.

Focus HOPE has transformed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in the Detroit area since its founding in 1968. In a quest to address the deep social problems of poverty and racism, Focus HOPE established education and training programs to help underrepresented minorities gain access to jobs and financial independence. Its education programs broke the race and gender barriers in the machinist trades and have graduated thousands of students into careers in manufacturing, information technology and engineering. Its food program assists 42,000 women, children and senior citizens each month.

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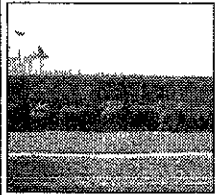
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- 7 Nonrust coating
- 11 Green shade
- 12 Carry wearily
- 13 Adams or McClurg
- 14 Big ticket —
- 15 Apply a jimmy
- 16 Night attire
- 17 Sir in Seville
- 19 Thread purchase
- 21 Circulars
- 22 Early life
- 24 Ice skater
- 27 Midori —
- 27 Cassette
- 28 Russian ruler
- 29 New
- 32 Peaceful
- 34 Jacket style
- 35 Little Caesar role
- 36 Pat on
- 37 From Kilkenny

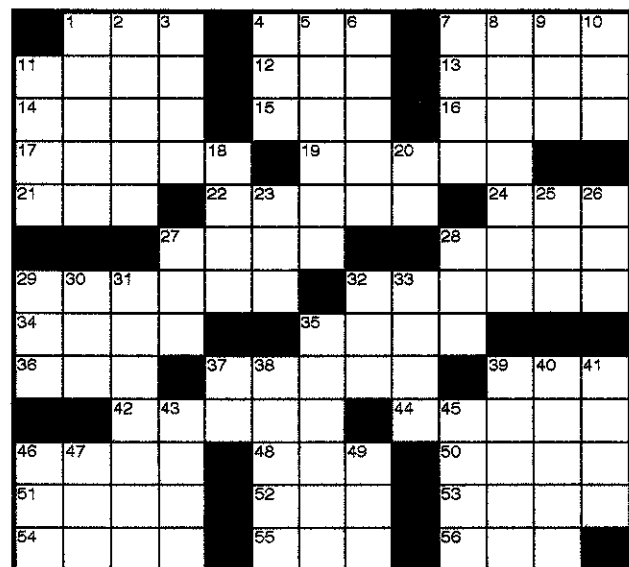
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- 39 Coop
- 42 Like a basket
- 44 Midwest airport
- 46 Sleeping
- 48 Kind of trip
- 50 Actress — Paquin
- 51 Mongolian desert
- 52 Cotillion honoree
- 53 Whodunit suspect
- 54 Altar area
- 55 Delhi honorific
- 56 Pub pint
- 1 Summoned to court
- 2 Portents
- 3 Display model
- 4 Matterhorn
- 5 Run after
- 6 Cairo locale
- 7 Aught or naught
- 8 More than esteem

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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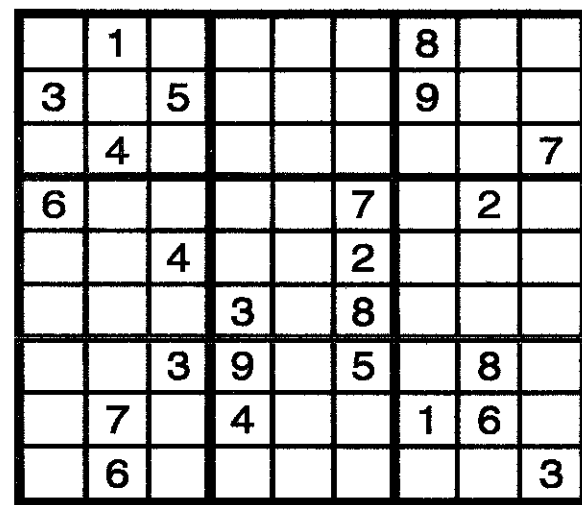


- 9 Ballpoint point
- 10 So so mark
- 11 Louvre's "Mona —"
- 18 Tatum's dad
- 20 Startled cry
- 23 Make a choice
- 25 Caramel colored
- 26 Natural resource
- 27 Kayo count
- 28 — Magnon man
- 29 Lipstick color
- 30 Depot info
- 31 Fly traps
- 32 Family mem
- 33 Mountain refrain
- 35 Horseshoes throw
- 37 Big Ben number
- 38 Cattails
- 39 Sheet of plywood
- 40 Kermit's colleague
- 41 Close by
- 43 Garfield pooch
- 45 Joke response (hyph)
- 46 Turkish title
- 47 Move jauntily
- 49 Kimono accessory

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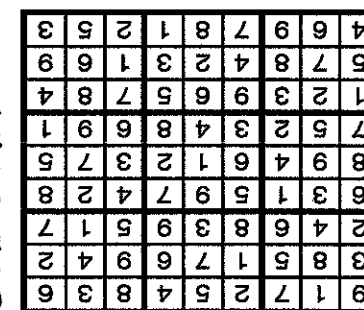
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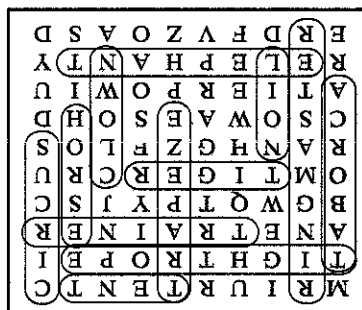
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Do-it-yourself moving tips

(NAPSI) — As many as 17 million household moves take place each year in the U.S. If you are among the do it yourselfers here are a few tips to get you started

■ **Truck selection** Most movers find the 12 or 16 foot truck perfect for moving a few large items or the contents of a small condo or apartment. For guidance with larger moves or your truck selection visit www.GoPenske.com

■ **Reserve your truck** at least two weeks in advance

■ **Pack smart** loading the heaviest items on the truck first

■ **Mark your boxes** as you pack so it's easier to put them in the right room when you unload

■ **To ensure a smooth moving day**, pick up your truck a day early and practice driving it

■ **Take extra precautions** especially when the truck is loaded. Use caution near low hanging tree branches and building overhangs and when cornering. Park in well-lit areas and padlock the rear door

■ **Make safety and security** a priority. Trucks are taller, wider, heavier and require more stopping distance than the vehicle you are used to driving. Drive slower and take extra precautions especially when the truck is loaded. When traveling, park in well lit areas and padlock the rear door. Penske offers 24/7 emergency roadside assistance and optional protection plans

Create a travel bag for moving day to keep important paper work, credit cards, identification on change of clothes, drinks and snacks close at hand. For more moving tips visit www.GoPenske.com



Using boxes, packing tape, bubble wrap, moving blankets and hand trucks can help make your move easier

Area builder spearheads 120-unit development in Oak Park

The initial phase of a new condo community, The Oaks on Lincoln, is now open for sale. Kaftan Communities, an innovative developer with current condominium projects in Royal Oak, Southfield and Shelby, made 40 homes available for purchase at The Oaks and plan to finish renovations on at least 80 more units this spring.

Despite a slumping local economy, Kaftan is optimistic that a recovery is imminent therefore, the developer is continuing to open new condo projects. At a time when many businesses are laying off employees, Kaftan has hired additional personnel and engaged numerous local outside contractors for this new development.

"We have faith that the economy will turn around in the near future," said Jeffrey Kaftan, president of Kaftan Communities. "Rather than waiting for things to improve, Kaftan wants to be an active part of the recovery. We are very excited to offer these stylish and affordable homes in the north Oak Park community."

The Oaks on Lincoln is conveniently located near downtown Royal Oak, Huntington Woods and Ferndale, and is within easy walking distance of grocery stores, restaurants and the Jewish Center.

Situated on eight acres, the development is on Lincoln Drive, just east of Greenfield and minutes from I-696, I-75 and M-10 expressways. Exterior features include a swimming pool, professionally landscaped grounds and immediate access to the paved pathway of Rothstein Park.

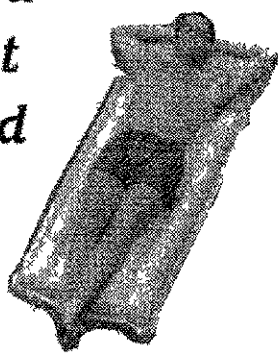
Both townhouse and garden-style floor plans are available ranging from 1,010 to 1,440 square feet. The units include basement, new appliances, cabinets, countertops and flooring and are projected to start at under \$100,000. Available upgrades include granite countertops, maple cabinets, stainless steel appliances and hardwood floors.

Buying your first home is part of the American Dream," Kaftan said. "First-time home owners are too often overlooked by builders. Kaftan's mission is to create communities designed with first-time buyers in mind."

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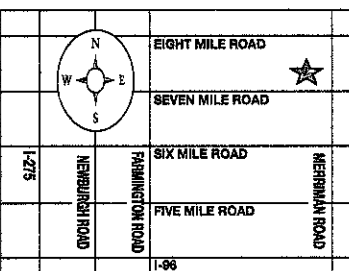
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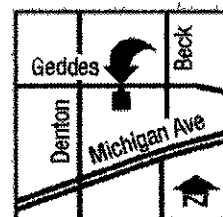
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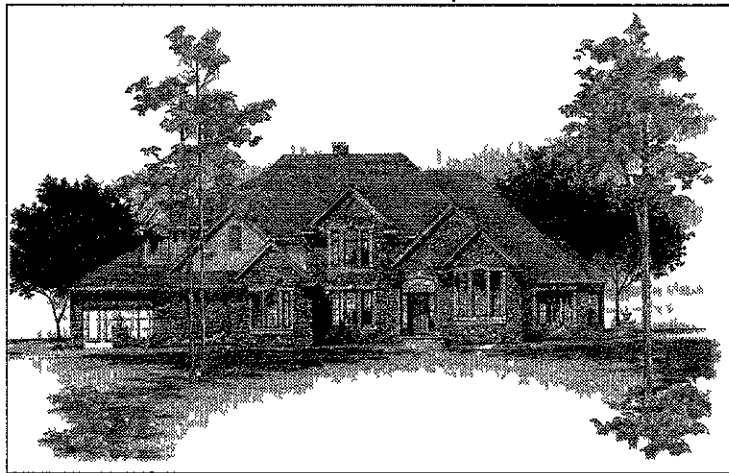
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Unique and distinct look hallmark of Fairchild

Many roof lines and gables provide the Fairchild (D2733) with a distinct look. There are numerous windows that accent the gables and give the brick façade open warmth of welcome. The two-car garage is on the left and sets in a U-shape providing a unique look. The home is 3,904 square feet, with an unfinished basement of 2,813 square feet.

The entry faces a sweeping staircase on the right, and a coffer vaulted dining area on the left. A built-in hutch on the inside wall of the dining room provides a lovely setting for china and treasured dishes. Adjacent to the dining room is the utility room with a sink and storage closet, separated from the hall with a pocket door.

The family room and kitchen area are separated from the formal areas of the home by the stairway to a basement and the second floor. The family room has large windows on three sides and is open to the angular kitchen. An eating bar, C-shaped counter, desk, pantry and cabinets make up the kitchen. The nook with a coffered ceiling has numerous



windows to catch the morning light.

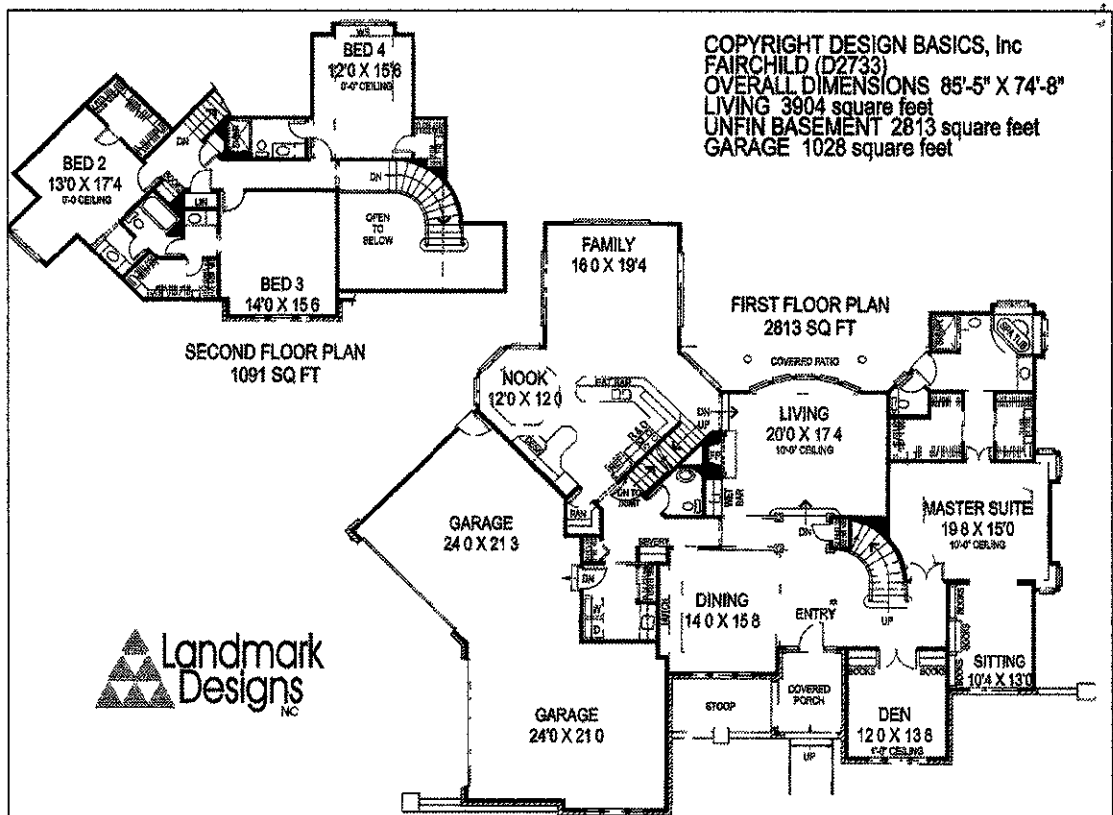
The formal sunken living room is accented by a curvature of windows, a large fireplace, and a wet bar. A half bath is centrally located in the hall. The right side of the Fairchild has the master suite, sitting room, and den.

The master suite has a coffered ceiling with accent windows. French doors open into the master bath highlighted by two large walk-in closets, a corner spa tub, large corner shower, and private stool area. A door opens onto the rear

patio. The sitting room and den have built-in bookshelves, giving Mom and Dad a private room of their own.

Up the sweeping staircase are three bedrooms with two baths. Bedrooms 2 and 3 share a bath, each having their own walk-in closets. The secondary staircase is adjacent to bedroom 2. Bedroom 4 has a great window seat, its own private bath and walk-in closet. This would be ideal as a guest room.

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Learn how interior decorators make decisions about furniture choices and placement as well as those important touches that create beautiful homes. The course will cover basic design principles and how to apply them to your home. Hands-on exercises include measuring and sketching a room on graph paper as well as finding companion wall furniture and flooring colors with samples of patterned fabrics. Also covered are the principles of color and color matching. Many hand-outs and helpful tips. Bring a small pair of scissors to class.

The instructor is a graduate of New York's Sheffield School of Interior Design and the University of Michigan.

The cost of the class is \$110 plus \$5 for materials to the instructor. Class size is limited. Register by Monday, April 16. Call Farmington Community

Education at (248) 489-3333 to register Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Design Spirit presents the interior decorating classes for Oakland Builders Institute. For a free brochure and current schedule, call 1-800-940-2014 or 248-651-2771.

Builder's class is offered

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, April 17, 19, 24, 26, 2007 from 6:10 p.m. at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$189 for residents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions, or \$208 for non-residents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, April 13, to Henry Ford Community College. Please call 313-317-1500 to

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This seminar is comprehensive, teaching math as well as blueprint reading. Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in 16 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule, call toll-free 1-800-940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.

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Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Clarkston Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, April 17, 19, 24, 26, 2007 from 6-10 p.m. at the Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road, Clarkston.

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Builder helps customers build their own home

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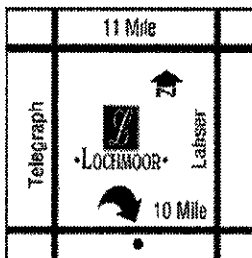
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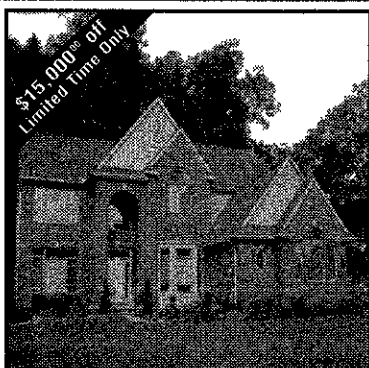
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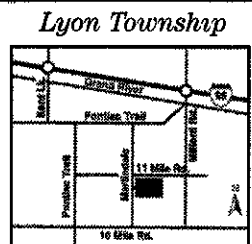
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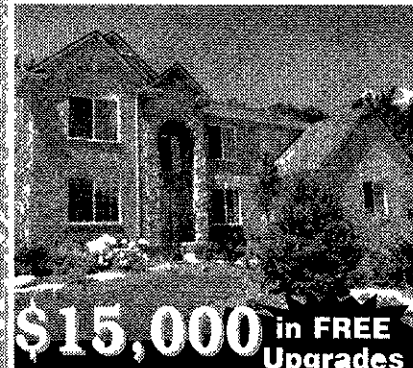
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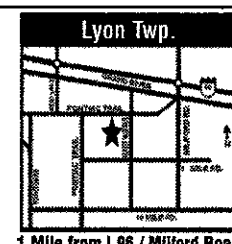


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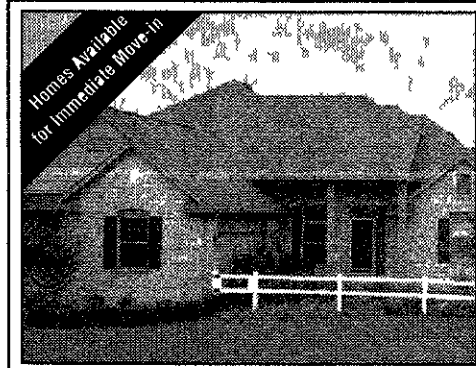
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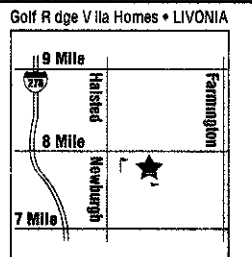


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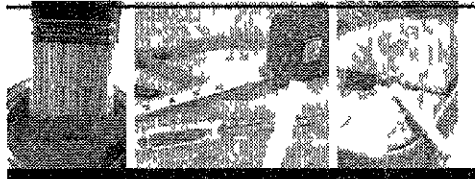
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Volkswagen listened to its fans and gave them what they wanted, a larger and higher performance Jetta midway through the 2005 model year. And VW continued the improvements with the 2007 Jetta this time in a whole other way – a price tag reduction.

For 2007, in addition to minor updates via technology advancements such as a tire pressure monitoring system and an auxiliary audio input jack for iPods, Volkswagen has dropped the price of its most popular car by \$1,400. The new Jetta starts out at \$16,490, yet still has a host of standard equipment you'd find on more expensive vehicles.

Volkswagen felt the need to drop its price to compete with the better selling Asian automakers' sedans, namely the Honda Civic and Toyota Corolla.

Designed and engineered in Germany, the Jetta has some of the same quality calling cards that expensive European luxury cars have and cost twice its price.

The 2007 Jetta is available in four models separated by engine size and standard features with a slew of packages. As a matter of fact, the Jetta is offered in so many different variations its price tag nearly doubles from the base model to the top-of-the-line GLI trim.

Due to not being able to pass new 2007 government emissions tests, the popular diesel-fueled Jetta TDI has been discontinued, but should be back next year.

The base Jetta and the Jetta 2.5, which costs \$17,990, are powered by a 2.5 liter inline 5 cylinder engine good for 150 horsepower and mated to a 5-speed manual transmission. Both models are available with a 6 speed automatic transmission, which includes a manual shift feature.

Standard equipment on both includes cloth upholstery, air conditioning, power windows, cruise control, a CD player, eight way manually adjustable front seats, a manual tilt-and-telescope steering wheel and power locks with remote. The Jetta 2.5 adds 16 inch steel wheels, wider tires and VW's standard Electronic Stability Program.

Option Package No. 1 for the low priced models includes a higher power audio system with an in-dash six CD changer, vinyl upholstery, a fold-flat rear seat and alloy wheels. Package No. 2 adds leather upholstery, front seat position memory and dual-zone automatic



The 2007 Volkswagen Jetta's price drop should appeal to car buyers. However, its average fuel economy will turn them off.

climate control. Stand-alone options include heated seats, alloy wheels, a power sunroof and a DVD based satellite navigation system.

Racing enthusiasts will want to opt for the turbocharged models, which have a 0-60 mph time of about 8 seconds flat.

The \$21,990 priced Jetta 2.0T and the high end Jetta GLI, priced at \$23,990, are powered by a 2.0 liter turbocharged 4-cylinder engine with a 6-speed manual transmission. This high tech engine produces 200 horsepower. These models offer VW's Direct Shift Gearbox as an option. This 6-speed works like a manual transmission with an automatic clutch pedal, and can be shifted manually or left in full automatic mode.

The 2.0T model adds a folding rear seat, a leather wrapped steering-wheel with audio controls, remote trunk release and 17 inch alloy wheels. The GLI adds sport seats, high intensity bi-xenon headlights, sporty alloy pedals and a leather shift knob.

Option Package No. 1 for the turbocharged models includes a sunroof, heated seats and a premium audio system. Package No. 2 adds leather upholstery and dual zone automatic climate control.

All Jetta's interiors have an upscale taste and comfortable seating. Its tall roof gives the front seats a spacious feel and enough headroom for tall adults.

An attractive feature that you won't be able to live without once you get used to it is the Jetta's optional three spoke steering wheel, which controls all major radio functions. It can be used to operate a phone, mute the radio, or toggle between the various modes of the sound system.

With increased size comes an increased payout at the pump. The 2007 Jetta falls nearly 10 miles per gallon below the Honda Civic and Toyota Corolla in city driving fuel economy ratings.

The automatic-equipped 2.5 comes in at 22 miles per

gallon city and 30 mpg on the highway, while the 2.0T with an automatic gets 25 mpg city and 31 mpg highway.

What the Jetta lacks in fuel economy, it makes for up in safety. Safety features that come standard on all models include front airbags, front passenger side airbags for torso protection and front and rear curtain style side airbags for head protection. Rear passenger side-impact airbags are optional.

As far as safety control goes, all Jettas have anti-lock brakes with electronic brake-force distribution and traction control. Electronic stability control is standard on all but the base model, which offers this skid-management system as an option.

Volkswagen's dedication to safety has paid off and earned the Jetta the best overall crash test ratings of any car in its class. The Jetta received the best score ever in a side-impact crash test performed by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. It was also given high marks in the frontal offset crash test. And after you add in the Jetta's positive rating for seat/head restraint design in the rear-impact test, you'll find that the Jetta is the top-rated car among its competitors.

For 2007, Volkswagen has its sights on giving Asian automakers a run for their money with the new Jetta. With enough options and variations at a low price, the Jetta is an easy sell. The only thing holding it back is its relatively bad fuel economy.

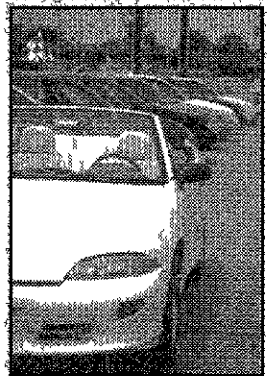
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