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Jury convicts Adams in murder, police say justice done

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Andre Marcel Adams has been convicted of first-degree murder in the April 15, 2006, death of Robert Lee Armstrong

A Wayne County Circuit Court jury found the 34-year-old Ypsilanti man guilty Thursday of killing Armstrong, 46, at his College Park mobile home with a flashlight after having sex with him

When the verdict was read, Adams sat emotionless while Armstrong's family held hands and cried



Adams

deliberated for less than an hour on Wednesday and for several hours on Thursday. They could've found Adams guilty of a lesser charge of second-degree murder. He is scheduled to be sentenced May 10.

The trial, which began Monday, was before Circuit

"I think justice was served," said Canton police Detective Kenneth Robinson.

The jury of six men and six women

Court Judge Thomas E. Jackson

Armstrong, the youngest of five siblings, was described by his family as a jokester who loved NASCAR, Dale Earnhardt, barbecues and photography.

"He would've done anything for anybody," said his sister, Suzy Melfi, adding that he was fiercely protective of his two young children, Ashley and Kyle. He was never serious unless it came to those kids. "You were on his hit list if you hurt his kids."

Armstrong's bloody corpse was discovered by his kids. The prosecution said

Adams saw Armstrong walking the night of the murder and offered him a ride in his rented vehicle. The two men ended up at Armstrong's trailer. After having sex, Adams struck Armstrong, who was wearing pantyhose and a skirt, twice in the back of his head with Armstrong's Dale Earnhardt-themed flashlight.

Defense attorney Charlotte Steffen-Ramirez said her client was intimate with the victim but says he left the mobile home when Armstrong passed out from drinking.

She suggested that

Armstrong's brother-in-law, Dennis Edward Duff of Ypsilanti, killed him because he disapproved of his cross-dressing and homosexual lifestyle.

Armstrong had been estranged from Duff's sister several years before his death. Their two children now live with her in Mississippi.

During the trial, the prosecution called a 21-year-old Canton man who testified that Adams raped and beat him in a Livonia hotel in February 2006. The prosecution also brought forth a for-



This photo taken in 2005, shows Robert Lee Armstrong and his daughter, Ashley.

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Revved-up Chamber auction

Larry Tabor is interested in a Budweiser racing jacket. His wife, Jean Tabor, is probably less interested, but he bid on it anyway. Friday night's Canton Chamber of Commerce annual auction at Burton Manor in Livonia had a "Canton 500" theme, drawing lots of good ol' boys and girls to enjoy a revved-up good time. Racefans nibbled, sipped and bid on many items during the silent auction, raffles and live auction.

Pink slips expected for 70 teachers

TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan is expected to recommend the layoffs of 70 teachers and two school nurses at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting.

Teachers have to be notified by the end of April if they will be laid off, and Ryan said the huge number will give the district flexibility in determining the final number of educators who will ultimately lose their jobs.

Ryan has recommended nearly 40 full-time teaching positions, with salaries and benefits totaling nearly \$24 million, be eliminated as part of his plan to trim \$55 million from the 2007-08 budget.

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GONE AND BACK AGAIN

Here's a look at the teacher hiring practices in the Plymouth-Canton School District over the last few years.

Year	Laid Off	Brought Back	New Hires
2002-03	18	18	45
2003-04	23	23	53
2004-05	8	8	66
2005-06	9	9	121*
2006-07	100	?	50

* Some 80 teachers took early retirement buy outs and additional teachers were hired to cover increased enrollment.

Challengers have own ideas for school board challenges

Candidate cites district experience

Concessions, privatization are options

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

With her background as co-chair of the last three Plymouth-Canton Schools bond issues and president of the Plymouth-Canton Community School Council, Nancy Eggenberger believes she has what it takes to make an impact as a member of the Board of Education.

The Canton Township parent of three students is one of six candidates vying for the two, four-year seats on the board in the May 8 election.

I have a background in education, and I think a lot of the issues that will be happening need someone who understands what happens in the classroom," said Eggenberger, a former middle school teacher. "There are two issues that will be happening in the school district in the next few years that I'd like to be part of: budget cuts and selection of a new superintendent."

There are a lot of cuts that need to be made, but unfortunately, I'm not sure some of

PLEASE SEE EGGENBERGER, A5



Nancy Eggenberger

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Kurt Heise may be new to the Plymouth-Canton school district, but he sees that as an advantage as a candidate vying for one of two, four-year seats on the Board of Education in the May 8 election.

"My greatest asset is my educational background, my 15 years of government experience and my expertise as a labor attorney who has negotiated 25-30 contracts," said Heise of Plymouth Township,

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who is director of Wayne County's Department of Environment. "My budget at the Department of Environment is \$153 million, which is about a million more than the school district's budget. When you're dealing with that kind of budget, the similarities are there."

Heise moved into the district last fall, with his two children attending Isbister as of January.

"I don't come with an ax to grind, a pet project I'm trying



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Correction

In Thursday's Canton Observer there was a story about the Joyful Dancer Celebration in the parking lot of Canton Cinema (43555 Ford Road) featuring dancers from several local studios. The story listed Saturday as the day of the event. The event is actually today from 1-3 p.m.

"Singsation" musical

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Choirs will present their annual spring concert, "Singsation", at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16 in the Salem High School Auditorium located at 46181 Joy Road in Canton. Tickets are currently on sale for \$4 each from the PCEP Choir Office (Room 1603 at Salem) or may be purchased at the door for \$5 each. For more information please call (734) 416-7765 during regular school hours or visit the PCEP Choirs Web site at www.pcepchoirs.org.

"Singsation" will feature the PCEP Choirs, under the direction of Jennifer L. Kopp. The PCEP Choirs include six choirs comprised of more than 200 students in grades 9-12 from Plymouth, Canton, and Salem High Schools.

The concert will feature a

wide variety of choral selections including classic works by Robert DeCormier, John Rutter, Randall Thompson, Eric Whitacre, and Moses Hogan. Lighter selections include music from the musicals "Wicked" and "Beauty and the Beast." The concert will also feature a salute to the more than 30 graduating senior members of the PCEP Choirs.

Caregiver's conference

Several public service programs and local agencies have joined together to provide a caregiver's conference from 5:30-9 p.m., April 30 in the grand ballroom at Summit on the Park in Canton. Information will be provided on respite and home health-care, housing, medical needs, support groups and public benefits. Conference work shops will cover end of life issues, health and legal aid, prescription drugs and living arrangements. The conference is free, but reservations are encouraged by calling the Canton Senior Program at (734) 394-5485.

National Public Works Week

In honor of National Public Works Week (NPWW), Canton's Public Works Division will host an open house on Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Division of Public Works building, located at 4847 Sheldon Road. The open house is a great opportunity for community and school groups to learn how Public Works provides and maintains the infrastructure and services that keep our community beautiful year-round.

During the tour, Public Works employees will demonstrate how heavy construction equipment such as street sweepers, back hoes, and sewer cameras are used on a daily basis. Tour groups will also learn how Public Works employs a variety of professionals, technicians and administrators and school age children will have an opportunity to get their picture taken on a large tractor.

Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association in 1960, NPWW is observed each year during the third full week of May to call attention to the importance of public works in community life and enhance the prestige of the often-unsung heroes of our society, the professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication.

To set up a tour please call Public Works at (734) 394-5150.

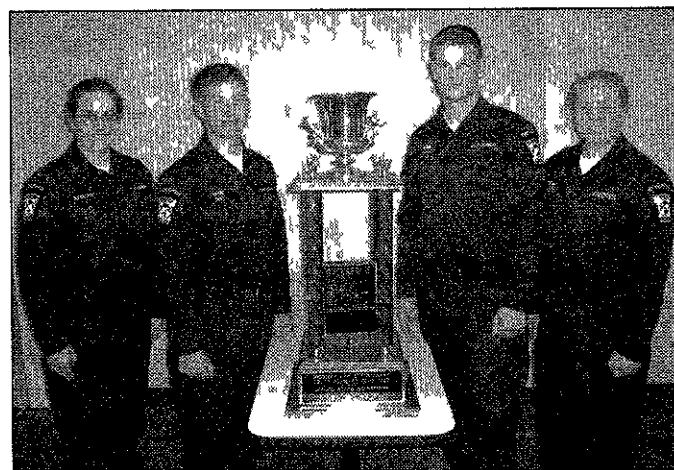
Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its May networking luncheon on May 2 at 11:30 a.m. at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

The cost for lunch is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

The luncheon will feature guest speaker Michael Jefferys, founder of the YES! Network. Since 1988, he has been the guest speaker for more than 1,000 companies, and his speaking style is consistently described as energetic, funny, thought-provoking and content-filled.

May's luncheon is being sponsored by Wayne County Community College District. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday, April 27.



Explorers find success

Explorers Laura Kettlehut (from left), Michael Fry, Joshua Cudney and Taylor Abbey, who are members of the Canton Police Department Explorer Unit, earned first place in the 27th Annual Governor's Cup Competition held earlier this month in Alpena. Some 30 Explorer teams from around the state competed in four categories including crime scene investigation, domestic violence scenario, felony traffic stop and building search. Canton's team took first place in building search and second place in domestic violence scenario. The Canton Police Explorer Unit, which is made up of students ages 14-20 who are seriously interested in exploring a career in law enforcement, are taught procedures used by officers. The program is funded through private donations and community fund-raisers. The next fund-raiser is the All Night Lock-In on May 19 at the Superbowl on Ford Road in Canton. The event, which is for kids ages 9-15, costs \$20 and includes bowling, pizza and breakfast. For registration information contact the Superbowl at (734) 459-6070. For more information on the Explorer program or to make a donation, contact Sgt. Robert Sidor at (734) 394-5400.

Spotlight Players scholarships

Spotlight Players, the resident theater group at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, has awarded three \$250 scholarships to local students.

Daniel Evans of Livonia received a scholarship to apply toward a lighting design clinic. He is a sophomore at Churchill High School and has been active in many CAPA productions both on stage and backstage. Evans also appeared in three Spotlight Players shows including "Anything Goes" and "The Man Who Came to Dinner," and served as assistant stage manager for "Arsenic and Old Lace."

Tony Lannen of Walled Lake received a scholarship to use for tuition at Interlochen Center for the Arts. He is a freshman at Walled Lake Central High School. A double bass player, Lannen is in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Civic Ensembles and performed in the locally written and produced show, "Father Bingo."

Hannah Treppa of Plymouth received a scholarship for a summer intensive musical theater workshop through Broadway Advance. She is a

junior at Salem High School. Treppa has been a part of 10 theater productions since 2004. She is affiliated with Whistle Stop Players and Park Players through Salem High School.

All three students will be recognized by the Spotlight Players President at intermission during performances of the groups' final production of the year, "Children of Eden," in late April/early May.

Students must be attending middle school or high school to be considered for the scholarship. Recipients were selected by the eleven-member Board of Governors at their March meeting.

Selection criteria includes a scholarship application which requests applicants to list on- and off-stage theater experience, theater-related training and how they plan to use the scholarship.

Formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild, Spotlight Players is a non-profit community theater group and has been around for more than 60 years. For more information, visit www.spotlightplayers.net or e-mail president@spotlightplayers.net.

Newcomers meeting

The popular adventure/

event-based Detroit Public Television (DPTV) show "Get Up Get Out" co-host Fred Nahhat will be the featured speaker at the Wednesday, May 2 general meeting of the Canton Newcomers.

"Must See" places of interest in Southeastern Michigan, a fun interactive review of the Canton Reading Rainbow essay contest winners, summer programming by the group's major sponsor High Velocity, pan-Asian refreshments by Ginger Restaurant, and desserts by Back Home Bakery, along with sign-ups for monthly activities for the entire family and socializing are also on the evening's agenda.

A collection of gently used/new children's books will be held for DPT to distribute. You don't have to be "new" to attend this meeting at 7:15 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse (45800 Hanford, west of Canton Center). Visit cantonnewcomers.org or call (734) 981-1715 with questions or to request a complimentary newsletter.

Gubernatorial appointment

Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently appointed Lawrence G. Almeda of Canton to the Advisory Council for Asian and Pacific American Affairs.

Almeda, an intellectual property attorney for Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, will serve through April 30, 2011.

He succeeds Natravidia L. Jenks, who is deceased.

Quilt-A-Fun Day event

The Western Wayne County Quilt Guild will hold a Quilt-A-Fun Day from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., May 12 at South Middle School, 45201 Owen Street in Belleville.

The guild's goal is seven quilts in one day to benefit Habitat for Humanity. The group needs all types of help, so if you're a quilter, have sewn garments or have never attempted to sew, they have a spot for you. The guild will have coaches that will walk participants through the process. Bring a team or just yourself.

Reservations are required by May 5 for this free event by calling Terry at (734) 697-6162 or Roxann at (734) 485-4271. Prizes, surprises, fun and learning will be throughout the day with lunch being provided.

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Cancer-stricken young skater finds hope in the small things

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
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Since being diagnosed with a form of cancer that normally strikes infants, Natalie Salazar has gained an appreciation for the small things others may take for granted, like eyelashes and being accepted into high school.

She's also grateful for the not so small things, such as \$20,000.

The Arctic Figure Skating Club recently collected more than \$20,000 in donations for the 13-year-old after hosting a fund-raiser to help offset her medical expenses. Salazar, an award-winning performer who's been skating since age 3, is a member of the club, but has only been able to hit the ice a handful of times since her diagnosis with neuroblastoma in September 2006.

The youngest child of Canton residents Maria and Sumorfin Salazar, Natalie was unable to attend the March 30 fund-raiser because she was in surgery to remove a five-pound tumor from her abdomen. Her parents watched a half-hour of the exhibition, which included

Olympic silver medalists Ben Agosto and Tanith Belbin. Maria, whose eyes well up when she talks about Natalie's cancer, holds her hands over her heart when discussing the skating club.

When they told me my daughter had cancer, I wanted to open up and die, but it's amazing how God works, she said. Our family is not (in Michigan), so I thought we would be lost and alone, but we've been put with the right people. I'm so grateful to all the people that have done something beautiful for my daughter.

Sumorfin echoed those sentiments.

We didn't know what to expect, so we are really thankful for the arena and the club, said Sumorfin, a longtime Ford Motor Co. engineer who recently took a buyout from the automaker.

Batting long, auburn eyelashes that didn't frame her eyes last month, Natalie grins when discussing her future plans to become a veterinarian, lawyer and part-time fashion designer.

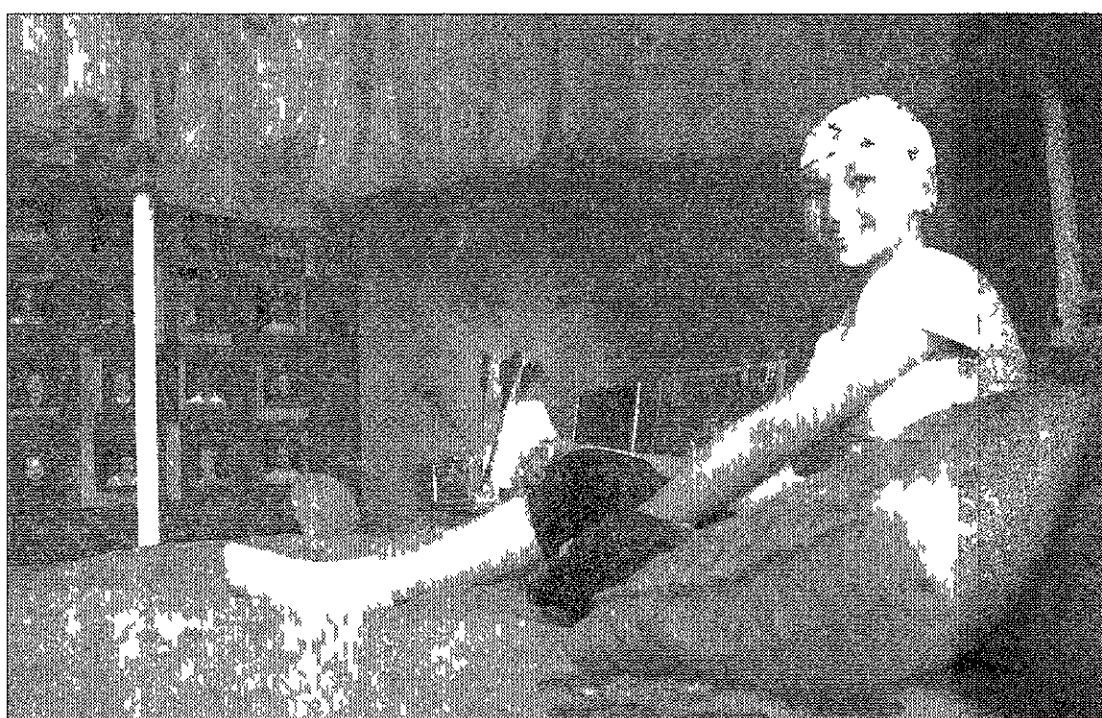
I'm feeling really good,

which is rare after having chemotherapy, said Natalie, who completed her seventh round of cancer treatment last week. "Besides sores in my throat and mouth, I'm doing good. It's kind of amazing."

Natalie, who used to skate five to six times a week, has been unable to head to Arctic Edge Ice Arena on Michigan Avenue since her surgery. Instead, she's been at home playing with miniature schnauzer Hope, her fish Valentino, and her round chinchilla, Mr. Chubbykins.

She divides her time between two bedrooms — the one she and her parents decorated with greens and her skating medals and the pink and orange room The Rainbow Connection put together for her.

The Rainbow Connection is a non-profit Michigan-based organization that grants the wishes of children with life-threatening or terminal illnesses. Natalie's wish was to have a room in her home where she hadn't been sick. The space, which includes pink and orange walls, a massage chair, a canopy bed outfitted with a



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Cancer patient Natalie Salazar enjoys her special room, which was put together by The Rainbow Connection. The room includes pink and orange walls, a massage chair, a canopy bed outfitted with a pink and orange comforter, and a closet full of jeweled hangers. On the wall is a quilt with photos of her classmates.

pink and orange comforter and a closet full of jeweled hangers was furnished by The Rainbow Connection.

This is basically like my normal bedroom now, said Natalie, as she rubbed her feet along her pink shag carpet.

But if I'm feeling really bad, then my mom makes me leave and go back to my other room.

Natalie is scheduled to undergo her eighth round of chemotherapy in a couple

weeks. She's also expected to have a stem cell transplant in the future. After weeks of waiting, her parents were informed that their insurance would cover the treatment.

A student at St. Anselm Parish in Dearborn Heights, Natalie was accepted into an honors English class but turned down the offer because of her sporadic treatment and schedule. Although she may not attend class every day,

Natalie hasn't allowed cancer to drag down her academic performance.

She's still doing very well on tests and quizzes, Sumorfin said, while Natalie chimed in, I am really excited about high school.

For more information on The Rainbow Connection, log onto www.rainbowwishconnection.org.

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TEACHERS

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It will be the biggest number from my five years, Ryan said. The difference is before we've always called them all back.

Previously, the highest number of layoffs recommended by Ryan has been 93 teachers in the 2003-04 school year.

However, all of those teachers were recalled, with an additional 53 teachers hired to deal with increased enrollment.

There are some brand new teachers who won't get laid off because they have spent extra

fications, like those who teach the autistic, impaired, or are speech pathologists, Ryan said. That will start the bumping process.

We'll also have to take into account people who will take or are coming back from leaves of absences, part-time teachers who have the right to become full time and how many will retire, he added.

The district has until June 15 to call back teachers, or they will be eligible for unemployment.

The union will be meeting with all the teachers concerned sometime next week, said Chuck Portelli, president of the 1,100-member

Plymouth Canton Education Association.

We'll walk them through the process, and if they are still there after June 15, we will assist them in applying for unemployment.

Portelli said the P-CEA has suggested to the district it offer a buyout as an incentive for teachers with the most seniority and at the high end of the pay scale to retire.

If you were to get 20 teachers at the high end of the pay scale to retire, that would pay for the 40 positions at the bottom, Portelli said.

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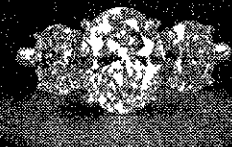
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Groups favor faster renewables plan

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Michigan environmental groups are rallying behind a state Senate bill that would require that 20 percent of electrical power generation come from renewable sources by 2020. They are also pushing for greater funding to support more efficient energy use.

Senate Bill 385 introduced by Sen. Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) and co-sponsored by the 16 Senate Democrats would establish a more accelerated renewable energy portfolio standard than proposed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

The RPS would require that electricity providers generate or acquire electricity from renewable energy sources at increasing rates beginning at 7 percent by the end of 2009, 13 percent by 2015 and 20 percent by 2020. Renewable energy sources include wind, solar, hydroelectric and biomass. The bill requires at least 5 percent of the renewable energy come from solar.

Hugh McDiarmid Jr., spokesman for the Michigan Environmental Council, said that the proposal makes sense for the environment and the economy. The Michigan Environmental Council is a coalition of 75 environmental organizations statewide and provides lobbying services in Lansing.

McDiarmid said that currently Michigan obtains 63 percent of its electrical energy from coal, 23 percent from nuclear, 10 percent from natural gas, about 2 percent each from biofuels and hydroelectric and 2 percent from renewables such as wind and solar.

Last year, the governor said she wanted to put Michigan on a course to a new energy system with more renewables and efficiencies and less reliance on coal and nuclear and she ordered the Public Service Commission to lay out a plan and they did that in February, he said. They came up with a plan that is a starting point for the debate that is moving through the Legislature.



Patterson

The PSC's 21st Century Energy Plan calls for 10 percent renewable by 2015 and 20 percent by 2025. State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) chairman of the Senate Energy Policy and Public Utilities Committee, said a hearing is scheduled for Thursday on renewable portfolio standards. He said expert witnesses will testify on the range of renewables in Michigan. He said he will follow this with hearings on the different energy bills before the Senate. He said he is awaiting a reply from PSC Chairman Peter Lark on questions concerning the 21st Century Energy Plan.

Patterson said his committee is considering three different proposals on RPS including Barcia's bill.

There is no way we can attain that kind of renewable capacity without going outside of Michigan," he said Friday.

He said he wanted to be sure that everyone means the same thing when they discuss renewable energy.

I would ask them to break out the component parts to get to 20 percent on this time line," he said.

He said that wind has promise for Michigan but that some of the best wind sites are in tourist areas where residents would object on aesthetic and economic grounds. On solar, he said Michigan has among the fewest solar hours of any state.

McDiarmid said the MEC is also requesting that more money be made available to support an energy-efficiency rebate program. The governor has requested \$68 million a year, MEC is asking for at least \$150 million.

Money would go back to businesses and homeowners in the form of rebates, McDiarmid said.

Kim Pargoff of Environment Michigan said the state had an efficiency program Michigan used to have great

efficiency programs in place and they were removed in the 1990s, she said. When those efficiencies were in place, we were creating electricity at 2.57 cents per kilowatt hour. They had rebates, incentives and help when people went into business to evaluate their energy needs and be more energy-efficient.

Pargoff said a third party company would administer the rebate program and set up accountability measurements.

Patterson said he supports energy efficiency programs as long as they include energy conservation. He said his committee is considering several bills dealing with energy efficiency.

In a report released in February by Environment Michigan, Energizing Michigan's Economy, the organization recommends that Michigan reject proposals to build new coal-fired or nuclear power plants.

A report by Environment Michigan says the state is second only to Minnesota in the Great Lakes region for onshore wind energy potential, but is far behind other states in installation of wind generating facilities.

Pargoff said using wind and other renewables eliminates the need for multiple coal plants and will reduce energy bills for consumers.

Even in the absence of economic arguments, we're reducing greenhouse emissions, we're reducing mercury emissions which (damage) fisheries, we're reducing particulate emissions that cause cancer in kids, McDiarmid said.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland), one of the bill's co-sponsors, said anything that helps reduce Michigan's dependence on fossil fuels is a step in the right direction.

It's a goal we should be working toward, he said. It's a proposal to get the conversation started. Just like setting fuel economy standards, a good place to start.

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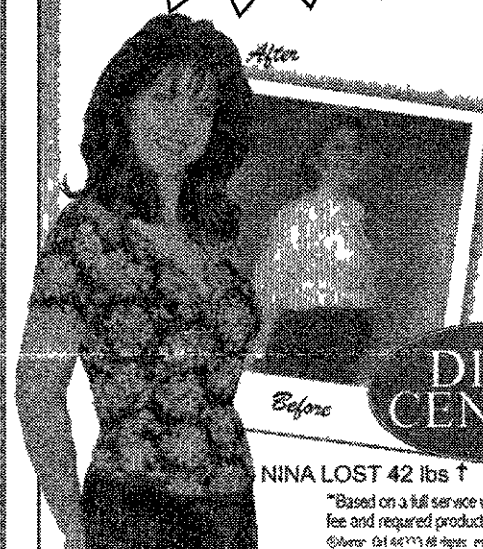
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HEISE

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to preserve, or a certain constituency that I'm trying to appeal to," Heise said. "The next four years for this school district are going to be brutal. These are the kinds of things I've done in my professional life. I've sat with unions and said we can't do business as usual, we all have to sacrifice or we're all going down."

Heise said it's clear from the last two bond proposal defeats that voters don't want new taxes.

"In Plymouth-Canton we can no longer claim immunity from the economic collapse around us," Heise said. "I didn't vote for the Feb. 27 bond issue because I was not convinced the school district

made a compelling argument the bond was absolutely necessary in the middle of an economic crisis."

"But, I won't say no new taxes," added Heise. "I have no problem going to the voters and asking for tax increases when the economy can support it and you can make an argument that it's absolutely necessary."

Heise noted when Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano took office, he imposed a 14-percent pay cut for appointees. While Heise isn't suggesting a 14-percent give-back from the district's unions, he did note state employees recently made health care concessions.

"Maybe we need to look at that from some of our employees, too, especially if the goal is to save jobs so we don't have

higher class sizes," Heise said. "Are the unions willing to make concessions?"

Heise said privatization of some services would not be out of the realm of possibility. "But in non-educational services like food service workers, support personnel, possibly custodians," Heise said. "Privatization of transportation has had mixed results in other districts, and I would like to examine that more closely."

Heise also said "more pay to play (for sports) has to be done", sharing of services such as technical support and payroll should be explored, and the school district "needs to work better with (legislators in) Lansing."

While Plymouth-Canton's school population has grown, and the projections continue

to be upward, Heise said he's not so sure the trend will continue.

"I'm concerned about declining enrollment," Heise said. "With the economy, the cuts at Ford and Pfizer, there's a lot of uncertainty about the future. I think there will be more families transferring out. Those kinds of economic impacts will weigh heavily on the district."

"We're going to have a tough short-term, but I think things will get much better," he said.

The other candidates on the ballot for the school board include incumbents Mark Slavens and Richard Ham-Kucharski and challengers Nancy Eggenberger, Bruce Koldys and Larry Martin.

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Canton to give away free trees for Arbor Day

In honor of Arbor Day, Canton's Leisure Services Department will be giving away 250 free tree saplings on Friday, April 27 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Bartlett-Travis House, located at 500 N. Ridge Road in Cherry Hill Village.

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EGGENBERGER

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those should be made," she added. "But then again, I don't know if the school district has a lot of choice."

Eggenberger said she doesn't have all the answers on how to cut the budget, but would like to save programs like the writing and reading labs by finding community groups to sponsor them.

"Lawyers and journalists know how important writing is, so maybe we could get donations to get the \$35,000 needed to keep it going," she said. "The same could be done with the math lab."

As for the new superintendent, Eggenberger said it's important to find someone who will be able to deal with

the same kinds of budget issues facing the district today.

"That's something that will continue to be an issue for the next superintendent," Eggenberger said. "We should look for somebody that's been through it, and has some new ideas or different ways to look at it."

Eggenberger said the state Legislature will have a big say in what will happen in Plymouth-Canton, and the Board of Education should continue its dialogue with local legislators.

Right now, they're not doing anything," Eggenberger said in regard to the budget and per-pupil funding for schools.

"We get a 1-percent increase, and we have 3-percent increase in costs we can't control."

"The Legislature needs to

realize there are services the state needs to pay for, and if that means taxing residents of Michigan, then that's what they need to do," she added. "But we also need to look into retirement and other benefits and find ways of making it work."

Eggenberger said she's aware of the rift between residents in Plymouth Township and Canton Township, which was evident in the last two failed bond issues.

"We've got to figure out a way to get them to work together and understand that just because Canton gets a new school that Plymouth isn't getting a good education," Eggenberger said.

And she believes the district needs to get its senior citizens more involved and on board in supporting the district's needs.

"Many seniors don't understand Proposal A, and when they read about the bonds and higher taxes, they think we have enough money and we should be taking care of our schools in other ways," Eggenberger said. "We need to get our senior citizens in the schools to understand what's going on and see what's happening in our buildings, to understand how hard our teachers work and the great education that's going on. I think then they'll want to support it."

The other candidates running for the school board include incumbents Mark Slavens and Richard Ham-Kucharski and challengers Kurt Heise, Bruce Koldys and Larry Martin.

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VERDICT

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mer girlfriend of Adams who testified he told her of the homicide.

Investigators said they found Adams' fingerprints on the bloody flashlight.

Adams, who did not take the stand, offered a statement to police when he was arrested in October 2006 in Las Vegas. Admitting he was high on ecstasy and marijuana the night of the murder, Adams told officers certain details were "foggy."

In his defense, Steffen-Ramirez called a fingerprint expert that testified that two other fingerprints and a palm print were on the flashlight. She also called Duff, 33, as a witness.

Duff of Ypsilanti was the initial suspect in the murder and denied telling anyone he had killed Armstrong, but admitted they weren't friends and had physical altercations.

"I didn't love the guy," he said, and added that he last saw Armstrong in late 2005. "But in all fairness, Bob was a pretty good man."

When Duff was arrested by police the day after the murder he was jailed with Ypsilanti resident Sean Almond, 23, who testified that Duff appeared to be "bragging" about Armstrong's death.

Coincidentally, Almond is the son of Armstrong's friend, Michael Almond.

During his testimony, Michael Almond, 45, said that Armstrong hated both his estranged wife and Duff, and didn't want them at his home.

In her closing argument, Steffen-Ramirez theorized that Duff saw Adams leaving the mobile home, became enraged, went inside to confront him and ended up killing him.

The prosecution said there was no evidence that Duff killed Armstrong and that Adams had a pattern of victimizing men.

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Self-interest, altruism could help end racism and sexism

Looking at the Imus furor, one wonders whether racism and sexism are increasing or declining. I am a “glass half full” kind of person. It’s clear to me that forcing him off the air, defining the double standards of language that the broadcast industry perpetuates and achieving real clarity about how necessary self-interest is in eliminating racism and sexism — all are signs of progress.



Rev. Daniel Krichbaum

Imus’ filthy, sexist language is present among men (and increasingly women) of all cultural backgrounds in fitness centers, country clubs and construction sites, likewise, overt racism rears its ugly head among many whites toward all people of color, and members of various racial groups also use racist comments in negative epithets toward groups of different racial background.

Why did Imus’ comments receive a much different reaction than he would have received 25 years ago? Today, anti-racist and anti-sexist attitudes and behavior are working in business, leisure and educational settings. Many executives, teachers, politicians and day laborers know offensive language as well as prejudiced behavior mimicking ignorant and disrespectful stereotypes is contrary to basic American values and institutional success. Where that language or behavior is tolerated, the “isms” flourish, and where raw bigotry undermines the self-interest of the organizational setting, the “isms” diminish.

So the large companies that threatened to stop advertising played the trump card, their self-interest. That happened because more executives and managers are women, people of color and whites trained to understand the stupidity of racism and sexism. It happened also because buying and selling anything is less effective when anger and conflict are prominent. Ultimately, the weapons available to diminish racism and sexism along with self-interest are dialogue and persuasion. These are powerful tools leading to understanding and respect for those who are different and unfamiliar to us.

This journey is a long, but exciting one. Racial and gender equality do not happen by way of lightning bolts, an hour’s classroom discussion, or a single news article. To heal from the illness of racism and sexism takes time and a willingness to understand their roots and present manifestations. We are fortunate, though, to have many people on that journey and others willing to get started, would it not be ironic but powerful if Imus’ insults convinced all media outlets to provide some serious inclusion training around racism, sexism and the other “isms”?

For this type of work, we see four essential conditions to make the journey meaningful and successful. First, diversity work leads to inclusion within organizations and communities when it emphasizes a wide spectrum of groups and cultural characteristics — certainly race, but also religion, ethnicity, gender, age and other cultural

attributes. This creates allies rather than groups wondering why “my diversity” wasn’t included or setting up needless competition about which group has suffered most.

Second, learning occurs through interactive, real life experiences that teach how inclusion works. This reflects reality and results in pragmatic changes in organizational and community behavior. Too many diversity programs come off as hypothetical discussions or altruistic appeals instead of real life situations.

Third, dialogue is the primary process through which progress occurs. Too many discussions around race, gender, sexual orientation and other characteristics are confrontational and cause even greater defensiveness. Those conversations leave some people momentarily feeling better, with others vowing never to publicly discuss the issue again. Dialogue is both an honest sharing and empathetic listening that leads to participants more able to trade places. Dialogue results in trust, an essential ingredient to move on to the next step of the journey, challenging those of us responsible for perpetuating the “ism” and rallying those dehumanized by the “ism.”

Fourth, change occurs through the intersection of self-interest and altruism. The hardest work in intergroup relations is recruiting people to engage in the change process. That’s the major reason that so many organizations promise an easy fix — a “one-day experience,” a television special, a “let’s just talk and be friends.” Usually, the easy fix is clothed in altruisms around religious values or the American Dream. For some people, those can be real incentives, but for most of us engaging our self-interest is a more likely incentive. With our work in hospitals, for-profit businesses, educational settings, enlightened self-interest is the key to organizational change.

What we can learn from the Imus incident is that race and gender remain as two major fault lines in American society. The Michigan ballot vote last fall to ban affirmative action for government and schools emphasized that same result. We must change the negative ways that groups relate to each other, or we will never overcome the region’s economic and social malaise. Appreciating and using the talents and celebrating the heritages of all cultural groups are the only way for the region to come out of its precarious situation.

Last year, more than 4,000 people went through one or more of our inclusion initiatives. The positive results in schools, workplaces, congregations and community settings demonstrate how people can overcome racial, gender and other “fault lines.”

But like my coaches from long ago said, “You have to pay the price.” That includes a commitment of time spent on inclusion issues, a willingness to trust those who are different and creating a plan to advance our mutual self-interest. Thanks to Imus for reminding us where we don’t want to go.

The Rev. Daniel Krichbaum is president and CEO of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion.

Random tragedy plagues a strange new America

You from Chicago? I love the Cubs,” said the barefoot, tuxedo-clad young man, stealing a Saturday night smoke outside the hotel where my wife and I had stopped on our way back from Florida.



Wayne Peal

“Nah, Michigan,” said I, casting a glance at both my rental car’s license plates and the gaggle of pretty, well-coiffed young women and gangly, well-groomed young men which parted for us as we made our way toward the lobby.

Cameras clicked as the girls, arm-in-arm, grinned, giggled and blew kisses at their anxious young dates oblivious to the drizzle which fogged lenses and dampened curls.

“Wedding?” I asked. “No,” another young man said. “It’s our fraternity formal. We’ve been whitewater rafting all day and now’s our big dance.”

“Where are you from?” I asked almost as an afterthought. “Virginia Tech,” he said.

By now, everyone knows of the tragic events which transpired just two days later on that western Virginia campus. How a gunman strolled the campus leaving more than 30 people dead and some 15 others wounded in his bloody wake.

That any one of those happy, care-free young people could have been among the victims shocks and sickens me.

It was the worst mass shooting in our nation’s history.

Bigger than Columbine, screamed Monday’s headlines as reporters scrambled for answers.

“I’ll stay,” one student told a radio reporter. “I hope this is just an isolated incident.”

The early morning slayings of a man and woman in a dorm room weren’t initially seen as a link to

what followed.

“We thought it was an isolated incident,” the campus chief of police said.

A few days before, a man opened fire inside a Troy office building, killing one and wounding two more. That shooting took place less than 12 miles from our Michigan home, but we heard about it on a beach 1,200 miles away.

Just an isolated incident. There’s something seriously wrong with our country, seriously wrong with our society, when we can categorize the horrific by scale. Columbine has now been eclipsed. The Troy shooting will soon fade from our collective memory because, after all, it was only one person who died, not 33.

Wasn’t there anything which could have stopped either shooter from committing their horrible acts? Wasn’t there any sense of decency, compassion, or community that could have stayed their hand?

America feels like a strange and different place to me today and it probably feels that way to a lot of people, from Chicago to Miami to Blacksburg, Va. It’s a strange land in which we all can be so connected as to learn within seconds of tragedies transpiring half a world away, yet some of us can be so disconnected, so isolated, both from reality and from others as to bring those tragedies into being.

It’s a strange land where “isolated incidents” of unspeakable horror can now occur with every day regularity — with most forgotten, for all but the victims, as yesterday’s rainstorm.

It’s a strange land in which murder can be as casual as a day at the office or as casual as a brief exchange between a middle-aged couple and a group of college students on a damp spring night a long way from home.

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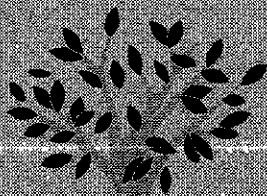
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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

taxes can reach an agreement with the IRS. However, over the last year this type of settlement has gotten more difficult because the IRS now requires you to pay 20 percent of your proposed settlement when you submit your offer. My recommendation is if you owe money to the IRS, hire a

professional to do the offer and compromise settlement. You can use either an enrolled agent with the IRS, a CPA or a tax attorney. You have a better chance for success by dealing with a professional. The IRS also has other means of settling with taxpayers who cannot pay, and one of those is an installment plan. The IRS has been much more lenient in establishing installment agreements, particularly for those taxpayers who owe less than \$25,000. Whenever you run into tax issues, the most important thing is to not ignore the situation. My experience has been the IRS and the State of Michigan are much easier to deal with if you approach them voluntarily as opposed to them having to track you down.

Dear Rick We recently had a new grandchild and we would like to invest in his college education. We are conservative and are thinking about U.S. Savings Bonds. We have \$250 to invest. Any suggestions? Kay

Congratulations on your new grandchild. I also congratulate you on beginning to think about a college education. I have mentioned many times in my column and on my radio show the importance of beginning to save for a college education as soon as one can. I would not consider U.S. Savings Bonds, although a patriotic investment, a conservative investment. U.S. Savings Bonds currently pay a fixed rate of return of 3.6 percent. Any bond purchased before April 30, 2007 will pay 3.6 percent for the next 20 years. The way savings bonds work today is different than in the past in that the rate that you receive when you purchase the bond is the fixed rate for the first 20 years. After 20 years the rate can adjust. Although I anticipate that after April 30 the rate will go up, I only anticipate a slight increase. That being said, the reason I do not believe it is a

conservative investment is the fact that college costs are going up faster than 3.6 percent. Therefore by purchasing U.S. Savings Bonds, your purchasing power of your dollar is actually decreasing when it relates to college as opposed to increasing. Although, U.S. Savings Bonds have many benefits (including the fact that they grow tax deferred and in some cases tax free, exempt from state income taxes and interest rate is guaranteed) they don't offset the disadvantage that college costs continue to rise at a higher rate than anything in our economy other than health care. I believe an alternative is necessary. In your situation I would recommend the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP) which allows you to invest money that will grow tax-free for your grandchild's college education. In addition, the money, when withdrawn, can be used for basically any

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Don't Sit On The Fence: Buy A New Home Now

By Richard Ives, President, Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan



Sometimes a bargain actually is a bargain! That's surely true in the new home market where various factors make now an ideal time to buy. Builders have reduced prices, interest rates are low and buyers have negotiating power.

Still, news about the real estate market keeps some prospective buyers on the sidelines. That could be a costly misstep that brings regret when prices and mortgage costs rise. Trying to time the housing market is as slippery as trying to predict Wall Street peaks and valleys, a risky exercise that experts strongly discourage.

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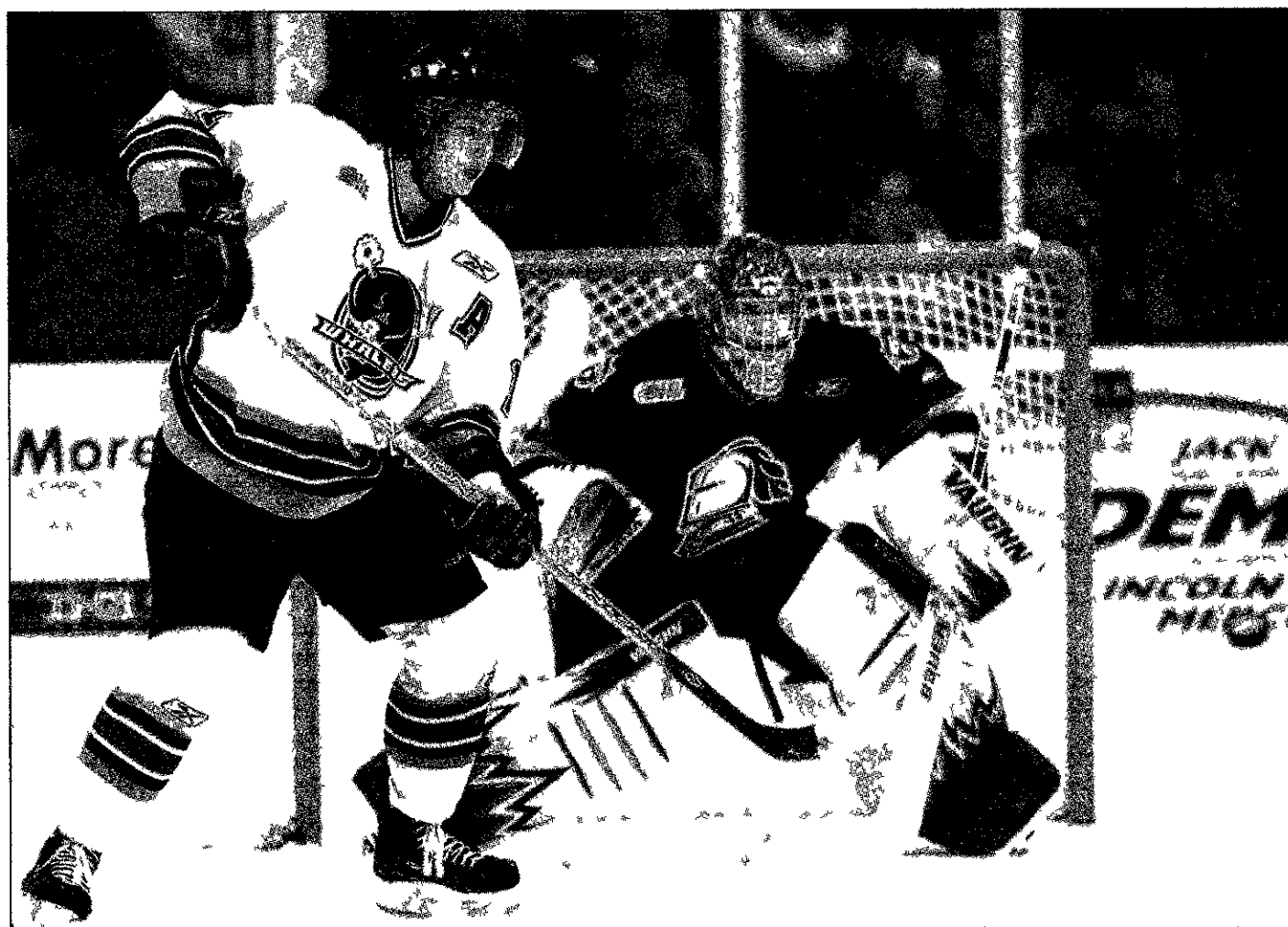


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Plymouth Whalers forward Evan Brophrey pictured above in a game earlier this season against London, notched an assist in the Whalers' 5-1 victory over the Knights. The victory gave the Whalers a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven OHL Western Conference final.

KNIGHT STALKERS

Whalers are half-way to OHL Finals after 5-1 victory over London

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The London Knights' stable of high-scoring forwards will probably be seeing replays of Plymouth goalie Michal Neuvirth's acrobatic saves in their dreams this weekend. And in their Knightmares, Neuvirth continued his Ontario Hockey League playoffs-long brilliance Friday night when he repeatedly stoned

London in the Whalers' impressive 5-1 victory in Game 2 of the Western Conference finals. If the 19-year-old native of the Czech Republic has a five hole, it apparently isn't big enough to fit a puck through. The triumphant effort before 3,110 at the Compuware Sports Arena improved Plymouth's lead in the best-of-seven series to 2-0 heading into Monday's Game 3 in London. Neuvirth stopped 36 of 37 shots in a

performance that could be immediately spliced onto a 'How to Play Goaltender' instructional video. The Knights' only goal came on a 5-on-3 advantage in the third period when it appeared as if Neuvirth lost sight of the puck due to a screen. I thought Michal was outstanding tonight, said Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci. He made some incredible

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Nerves no issue for Dunleavy

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Was Canton freshman pitcher Amy Dunleavy nervous during her first-ever varsity start Thursday afternoon? Judging by the final results, no. Dunleavy hurled a no-hitter and came within an error of tossing a perfect game in the Chiefs' 5-0 victory over Westland John Glenn. It was the first time in his long tenure at Canton that coach Jim Arnold can remember one of his pitchers throwing a no-hitter in their first varsity start. 'Amy had very good command and she showed a lot of poise for a fresh-

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man, said Arnold. "When we lined up after the game, I told her 'congratulations,' and she said, 'For what?' I don't even think she realized she had thrown a no-hitter. Dunleavy's own defensive gem helped preserve the '0' in the Rockets' hit column, Arnold said. "With one out in the seventh, one of their batters hit a line drive right back to the circle and it hit her in the shin," he said. "She hustled over, picked up the ball and threw the runner out, otherwise they would have had a hit. When I went out to check on her, she said, 'Please don't take me out. I want to get one more out. And she did.' The Chiefs, who improved to 3-0 with the win, scored one run in the first and fourth innings, two in the third and one in the sixth. Senior shortstop Lauren Delapaz contributed two doubles and two RBI while senior first baseman Mary Kate McWhirter blasted a long solo home run. Dunleavy struck out 12 without walking a batter.

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Sidelines

Warriors fall

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team dropped a 9-4 decision to Northville on Thursday on the Mustangs' turf. The loss dropped the Warriors' record to 4-2. The contest was knotted at 2-all before the Mustangs struck for five unanswered goals in the third quarter to seize a 7-2 advantage. Both teams scored twice in the final 15 minutes. Jared Ruark notched a hat trick for PCS. Nick Cote scored the final goal and Connor Martin added an assist. Northville outshot PCS, 31-24, and won the ground-ball battle, 27-23.

Hulett honored

Canton native Erin Hulett, a 2004 graduate of Livonia Ladywood High School and current softball player at Lake Superior State University, received the prestigious Bud Cooper Coaches Award at the LSSU all-sports banquet held at the Crisler Center in Sault Ste. Marie on Thursday. Hulett led Ladywood's softball team to the state quarterfinals in 2004. The Bud Cooper Award is presented to LSSU athletes that best display the qualities of citizenship, leadership, campus participation and commitment to the program. Hulett was one of three LSSU student-athletes to receive the award this year.

Golf outing

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers Golf Outing will be held Saturday, June 2, at 1 p.m. on the Fox Hills Classic Course in Plymouth Township. The cost per player is \$125, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, a snack at the turn and a post-round steak dinner. Contact Mark Gregor at (734) 416-1462 or ngregor6599@wowway.com.

Golf tour

The Michigan Amateur Golf Tour is preparing to begin its fourth season of providing everyday golfers a chance to tee it up like the pros.

The 2007 Michigan AGT features a 14-tournament schedule began April 14 and concludes Oct. 7. Among the tour stops are Shepherd's Hollow in Clarkston, Twin Lakes in Oakland, the Majestic in Hartland and Sugarbush Golf Club in Davison.

The tour is open to golfers of all ages and abilities with members placed in one of five flights based on handicaps. Flights are: championship (0-5 handicap), A (6-10), B (11-15), C (16-20) and D (21-and-over). Tournaments are played on Saturdays, with the top three in each flight taking home gift certificates from local golf retailers. Golfers may join the tour at any time for an \$80 membership fee, which includes a tour card, gift bag and information kit.

Tournament entry fees range from \$65-\$95. Contact Curtis LaFore at (586) 615-6403 or visit www.miaqt.com.

MISL's Ignition enjoy storybook inaugural season

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It was no surprise that trucks from TV stations 2, 4 and 7 were lined up outside Compuware Sports Arena Thursday afternoon during a pre-Major Indoor Soccer League Championship Game press conference. The shocker was that inside Compuware — the site of Saturday's MISL title match — the camera operators' lights were shining on members of the Detroit Ignition. Just 14 months after it was officially welcomed into the league, Detroit became the first first-year expansion team in the history of the MISL to play in the Super Bowl of indoor soccer. (For results of Saturday's title game, visit www.hometownlife.com.) "I think the Ignition has exceeded our

expectations — on the field, off the field and in terms of the work they've done in the community," said MISL Commissioner Steve Ryan. "They're very proactive in the community and, as a result, their brand is becoming well known not only in Detroit, but throughout Michigan. I'm very proud of the players that we have here. It's amazing what they've been able to accomplish considering they all came from different teams through the expansion draft last year. What they've done is a tribute to their head coach, Mark Pulsic, and their president, Greg Bibb." The Ignition's championship-game feat is unprecedented not only in the MISL, but in all professional sports. Most teams take anywhere from three to five years to even snuff the playoffs, let alone come within one win of a title.

Our success all started with our parent company, the Hantz Group, and our core of people of people who've been with us since the first day, said Bibb. "We've been fortunate to match the off-the-field success a strong on-the-field effort thanks to Mark Pulsic and all the players. The end result is that we're in the championship game." Bibb said the most widespread response he's received from people throughout southeastern Michigan the past six months has been surprise at the quality of his product. "People have told me that they've been pleasantly surprised — even shocked — by the level of play they see at our games," said Bibb. "These are world-class athletes playing a fast, exciting game. And the nice thing about playing at Compuware is that it's such an intimate setting. The fans are so

close to the action that it makes a fast game seem even faster. Whether they won or lost on Saturday, the future appears to be bright for the Ignition based on the fact that they have a multi-year lease agreement with the Compuware Sports Arena and they sold out nine of their last 12 games. The MISL's future is equally glowing. "We're adding three new teams next year," said Ryan. "And our ultimate goal is to be up to 21 teams in four or five years. The important thing, though, is not the number of teams, but the caliber of ownership and their marketing skills. Each team that comes on board will become an important extension of the footprint of the MISL. "The Ignition have been an important success story for our league," Ryan concluded.

'Unbelievable' loss

Up 6-0 after six innings, Wildcats fall to late Northville rally, 7-6

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Stunning. Shocking. Gut-wrenching. They're all fitting descriptions of Plymouth's 7-6 setback to Northville Friday afternoon in a pivotal early-season WLAA Western Division contest played on the Mustangs' field. "Unbelievable," was the word Wildcat coach Val Canfield used moments after her team surrendered a 6-0 seventh-inning lead when Northville sent 10 batters to the plate in the final frame. "We dominated for six innings, but we couldn't cross the finish line," she said. The loss dropped the Wildcats

to 4-2 overall and 0-2 in the division. Northville improved to 5-0 and 2-0, respectively. Plymouth broke open a scoreless game with three runs in the fifth off Northville starting pitcher Jenna Dumbleton, who yielded just two harmless hits over the first four frames. Erin Rodes knocked in the first run with a double. Three batters later, senior captain Kim Klonowski delivered a two-out, two-run, bases-loaded double to give the Wildcats a 3-0 advantage. Plymouth doubled its lead to 6-0 in the seventh thanks to RBI singles from Melissa Butzow and Klonowski, and a sacrifice fly off

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Amy Bondy eyes a pitch during Plymouth's game with Canton Monday. The Wildcats dropped a 7-6 decision to Northville on Friday.

Daniels' goal lifts Chiefs over Salem

Laura Daniels' goal in the final minute of play gave Canton a thrilling 2-1 victory over Salem Friday night in a game played on the P-CEP varsity soccer field. Following a scoreless first half, the Chiefs dented the scoreboard early in the second stanza when Becci Houdek scored off an assist from Megan Staub. Salem knotted the game at 1-all with approximately five minutes to play when Kelly Adsit corralled a ball in the box and fired it into the back of the net. Lisa Pierce set up the game-winning goal with a perfectly placed corner kick. Daniels shot deflected off two Salem players before it crossed the goal-line, according to Canton coach George Tomasso. On Wednesday, the Chiefs dominated Wayne Memorial, 7-0. Senior forward Becci Houdek paced the winners' offense with three goals.

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W.L. CENTRAL 4, SALEM 1: On Wednesday, the Rocks saw their 1-0 halftime lead disappear under a barrage of Viking second-half goals. Taylor Carlson scored for the Rocks off an assist from Kelly Adsit.

Salem goalkeeper Jill Slabey recorded five saves. "We played a real strong first half," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We were very organized and well-balanced up top and in the back."

The second half was a different story. We sat back again and each of their four goals came as a direct result of us losing possession in the offensive third and getting countered.

CHURCHILL 3, PLYMOUTH 1: Livonia Churchill (5-0-1) overcame a 1-0 halftime deficit Friday to beat the Wildcats in a WLAACrossover match.

Clare Baptist scored with seven minutes left in the first half to give Plymouth a 1-0 lead.

Churchill stormed back, scoring three times within a 10-minute span to start the second half.

Lindsay McMullen scored the equalizer in the 43rd

minute from Bailey Brandon followed by Alisha Lussiez's goal from McMullen in the 47th minute. McMullen scored again from Lussiez just three minutes later to give the Chargers a two-goal cushion.

We came out flat the first half, we played poorly, but we had a good second half," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said.

Stefanie Turner played the first 72 minutes in goal for Churchill before giving way to Megan Bauman.

PCA 4, B'HAM ROEPER 1: On Friday, the Eagles improved to 4-0 (2-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a one-sided victory over host Roeper).

We played much better today than we did against Oakland Christian earlier in the week," said PCA coach Bob Lorion. "We played with a lot more intensity and we did a better job of crashing the net."

The Eagles received first-half goals from Ashley James (from Jenna Misch), Megan Polera (from Abby Lorion) and Lorion (from Jalese Debiassi). Peggy Abraham netted the winners' final goal.

Sarah Ross was strong in goal for the Eagles, stopping four shots. PCA fired 22 shots at the Roeper goalie.

Whalers open with 5-1 win over London

After a sluggish first period, the Plymouth Whalers scored two unanswered goals in the second period and three more in the third to defeat the London Knights, 5-1, in the opening game of the Ontario Hockey League's Western Conference Finals played Thursday night before 9,090 at the John Labatt Centre in London.

Plymouth's veteran line of Evan Brophay, James Neal and Jared Boll paced the Whalers' attack. Brophay scored twice (including the game-winner), Neal added a goal and two assists and Boll scored a goal in the third period. Rookie Vern Cooper scored the other

Whaler goal.

David Meckler tallied the lone London goal on a power play at 11:28 of the first period with his league-leading 14th of the playoffs.

Plymouth goaltender Michal Neuvirth and the Whaler penalty killers went to work the rest of the way. Neuvirth stopped 29-of-30 shots to run his playoff record to 7-1 and the Plymouth penalty killers went 7-for-8.

After being outshot, 13-8, in the first period, Plymouth rebounded to outshoot London, 45-17, over the final 40 minutes and 53-30 in the game.

Neal tied the game in the

second period at 7:27 when he skated with the puck from the right circle and cut across to the left, beating London goaltender Steve Mason at the left wing lip of the crease for his eighth goal of the playoffs.

Brophay gave Plymouth its first lead at 18:23 of the period with an excellent individual play. Brophay kept the play alive at the right point and skated into the London slot past Knights' defender Justin Taylor. Brophay beat Mason with a shot from the left hash-mark for his fifth goal of the playoffs.

I thought we gained our composure after scoring our first goal and really took the

game over from there,"

Brophay said after the game. In the first period, we got out-shot because we on the penalty kill for most of the period. We got a few calls our way (in the second period) so we gained some momentum.

Boll increased the Plymouth lead to 3-1 at 20:02 of the third period when he tapped home a rebound in front of Mason after Neal's hard shot from the right corner. Brophay scored his second goal of the game at 10:02 of the period on a two-man power play when he snapped a shot from the right circle past Mason. Cooper completed the scoring at 18:05.

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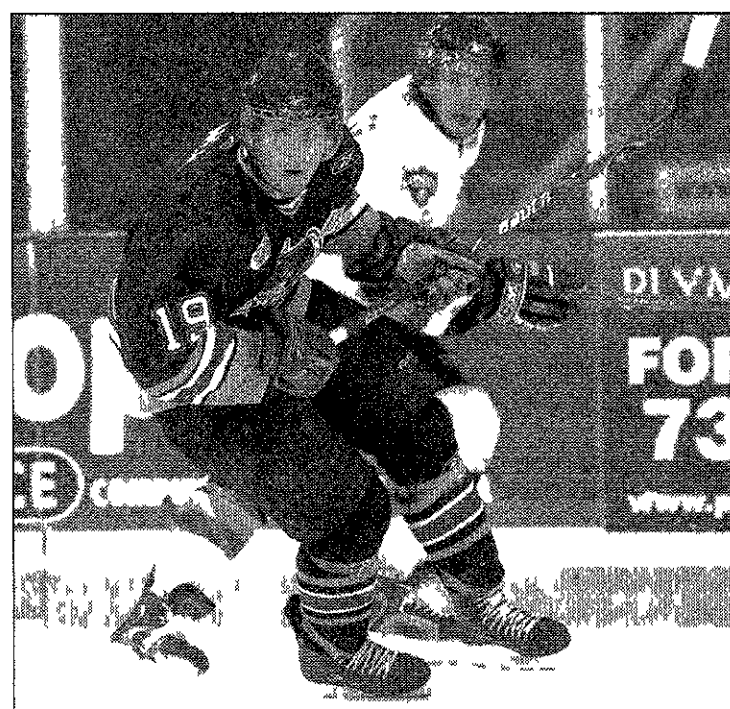
For the most part, our defensemen kept the puck to the outside, but when we did break down, he made some big saves.

One of Neuvirth's biggest stops came with 3:01 remaining in the second period and the Whalers clinging to a precarious 2-0 lead. Mid-way through a London power-play, Knight forward Patrick Kane steered the puck toward the net before snapping off a sizzling shot just six feet from the crease.

However, Neuvirth snatched the speeding slab of rubber in his glove like a first baseman grabbing a line drive not far from home plate.

Plymouth's defensive unit was stellar all night as well — just like it's been since the team's 10-1 post-season run began back in March. Led by captain Steve Ward, Brett Bellemore and Zach Shepley, the Whalers' blue-liners gave Neuvirth a heavy dose of support and helped kill off a pair of London two-man-advantage situations.

"We stress team defense," said Vellucci. "We don't have a No. 1 guy — all six guys in the unit can play against any line any time." Shepley and



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James Neal, pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored a goal in the Whalers' 5-1 victory over London Friday night.

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The Whalers brought the charged-up crowd to its feet just 1:24 into the contest when Dan Collins slap shot from the right boards skipped off London goalie Steve Mason's glove and into the net to make it 1-0.

Plymouth upped its advantage to 2-0 seven minutes into

the second period when Jared Boll handled a slick pass from Aaron Brophay six feet in front of Mason. Boll then deked Mason right before sliding the puck to his left and lifting a soft back-hander just under the cross-bar.

Even though we controlled the pressure the first two periods, it was still only 2-0, so the game was still in question," said Vellucci. "We let

them hang around, hang around, and that's a dangerous thing to do against a team that has the kind of offense and scorers that London has."

"I don't know about the players, but I wasn't real comfortable when it was 2-0, but Michal made some big saves for us."

Vellucci could rest at ease just a little with 15:36 left in the game when Tom Sestito knocked a backhand past Mason to make it 3-0. He was assisted by Joe McCann and Steve Whitely.

Sergei Kostitsyn kept the Knights' hopes alive with a power-play goal with 8:53 to play. However, the Whalers answered with goals from Sestito (from Sean O'Connor and Collins) and James Neal (from Sestito and Brophay) to put the game on ice.

The fact that we're up 2-0 in this series means nothing," Vellucci emphasized. "You need four wins to win a series. We're playing an explosive team and we have to go play in a tough building on Monday. If you need some history, just look at London's last series when the Soo fought back after it was down early. Every game is going to be a battle."

Plymouth outshot London, 40-37.

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Powell's tater leads Northville over 'Cats

Steve Powell's home run in the top of the eighth inning proved to be the difference in Northville's 6-5 victory over Plymouth Friday afternoon on the Wildcats' diamond. The loss dropped the Wildcats record to 2-7 overall and 0-2 in the WLAA's Western Division.

"Even though we lost, we played well — a lot better than we have been playing," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams.

PREP BASEBALL

They had their No. 2 pitcher going — Brett Spencer — and we hit pretty well. We finally got some good starting pitching out of Garrett Rebain. Rebain worked the first six innings before giving way to senior Tyler Locklear, who shut down the Mustangs in the seventh before giving up Powell's blast. Plymouth overcame an early 4-0 deficit with four runs in the second. The Mustangs grabbed a 5-4 lead in the third before Plymouth tied it with a single run in the fifth.

David Harvey and Rebain both had two-hit games for the Wildcats. Northville out-hit Plymouth, 9-8. Both teams committed three errors. **SALEM 5, FRANKLIN 4** Sam Ott pitched 5 2/3 innings to earn the victory Wednesday as the visiting Rocks (2-3) downed Livonia Franklin (1-4) in a WLAA crossover. Losing pitcher Jesse Carpenter gave up five earned runs on seven walks and three hits over 3 1/3 innings. Reliever Sean Sciba pitched 3 2/3 scoreless innings. He struck out seven and allowed just one hit. Brad Way went 2-for-4 to lead Salem. Garrett Gumm had two hits for the Patriots. **CANTON 7, JOHN GLENN 1** On Thursday senior right hander Brad Barath silenced the Rockets with a complete game three-hitter. Senior catcher Blaine Paden paced the Chiefs' offense with two hits and two RBI. **SALEM 13, PLYMOUTH 8** On Thursday, the Rocks were paced by senior pitcher Brad Way, who threw five solid innings to earn the win. The hitting stars for the winners were Chris Kordick (4-for-4, two RBI), Steve Pyden (3-for-4, two doubles) and David Hales (2 for 3, three RBI). **AGAPE 7, BAPTIST PARK 6** On Thursday, the Wolverines improved to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference thanks to the hitting of Brandon Pierson (2-for-3, three RBI) and Jack Anleitner (2-4, three RBI), and the pitching of Jared Miller, who struck out 14 batters in a complete-game performance. Baptist Park slipped to 1-2 and 1-1, respectively. Agape built a 6-0 lead in the top of the fifth before Baptist Park plated two runs a piece in the fifth and sixth to pull to within 6-4. The Wolverines added a single run in the top of the seventh before the Wildcats added two more in the bottom of the frame. Hudson Hodges led the Wildcats with four hits and two RBI. Agapes Kevin Reith turned in the defensive play of the day when he made a diving catch of a foul ball in the fifth with two Wildcats on base. **STEVENSON 8, CANTON 4** On Wednesday, the Spartans earned a WLAA cross-over road victory led by the potent bat of Sam Vornastek, who went 3-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored. Also contributing to the winners' 11-hit attack were Nick Coram (1-for-3, two RBI, two runs), Luke Knochel (1-for-3, two RBI) and Jake Wilson (1-for-3, RBI, run). Stevenson improved to 2-2 overall and 1-0 in the WLAA. Canton slipped to 5-4-1 and 1-1, respectively. Grant Campbell earned the victory for Stevenson with five innings of one-hit relief. The junior did not give up a run. Daniel Stoney, Kyle Gring and William Tidwell had one hit each for the Chiefs, who led 4-0 after one inning. Dan Milus suffered the mound setback for Canton after yielding six runs and seven hits in 4 2/3 innings.

WILDCATS

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the bat of Amanda Burnard. Junior pitcher Megan Patterson threw a masterpiece over the first six innings as only two Mustangs managed to reach third base. After she enticed Dumbleton to pop out to open the seventh and it looked like the Wildcats were well on the way to a key win. However, Emma Wises single opened the floodgates as the next seven Mustangs reached base safely — three via hits, one on an error and three more on walks. Junior Amy Ciotti relieved Patterson with the bases loaded and the score 6-3. Plymouth. Leading 6-4, the Wildcats caught a break when Kelsey Lewiss soft pop up that dropped in front of Plymouth second baseman Beth Heldmeyer was ruled an infield fly rule. A run scored, however, Lewis, who had reached first on the play, was ruled out. Dumbleton then ripped a double up the right-center field gap, scoring the tying and winning runs. "We told the girls before we batted in the seventh to never give up and that we knew they could do it," said Northville coach Teryn Chrzanowski. "We told them to be patient at the plate because Plymouth's pitcher was starting to get a little wild. We had them take some pitches and to wait for that perfect pitch. As soon as we got a couple baserunners and we started scoring, I think everybody started believing. Chrzanowski couldn't stress enough how vital the comeback victory was for her team. "It's a huge win, especially because it's a division game," she said. Last year we bat-



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Plymouth pitcher Ally Ciotti is pictured above during Monday's game against Canton. The Wildcats dropped a heart-wrenching 7-6 setback to Northville on Friday. tled with Plymouth every game we played them. They came to hit today and they were hitting our pitching. This win will set the tone for the rest of our season. Klonowski contributed three hits, three RBI and several outstanding defensive plays at short for the Wildcats. Rodes also had a big offensive afternoon with two hits, two runs and an RBI. ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108

Payne hurts Warriors

On Friday, Canton junior left-handed pitcher Hilary Payne tossed the Chiefs second straight no-hitter when she blanked Walled Lake Western, 6-0. On Thursday, freshman Amy Dunleavy no-hit Westland John Glenn (see related story). All six Canton runs came in the top of the seventh inning. Payne struck out 12 Warriors and did not walk a batter. Cantons hitting attack was paced by Lauren Delapaz, Kimmy Keppen and Alyssa Johnson, all of whom ripped two hits a piece. **PLYMOUTH 9, SALEM 2** On Thursday at Plymouth, the Wildcats received a strong mound performance from junior Ally Ciotti, who threw a complete-game two-hitter at the cross-campus Rocks. Ciotti struck out two, walked two and gave up just three hits, one of which was Kait McKinley's two-run, seventh-inning home run. "We got a great effort from everybody today," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. It was a solid all-around performance. Ally pitched great and we had zero errors. Plymouth pushed two runs across in the second before tacking on four in the third and three in the fourth. Shining at the plate for the Wildcats were Kim Klonowski (2-for-3, two runs), Beth Heldmeyer (2-for-3, three runs), Jill Brennan (1-for-4, two RBI, sacrifice bunt) and Erin Rodes, who contributed a double. Salem was hampered by five errors. **PLYMOUTH 9, W.L. NORTHERN 0** On Wednesday, Plymouth junior pitcher Megan Patterson was outstanding on the mound as she crafted a one-hitter against the Knights. Patterson struck out five,

walked two and gave up just one hit — a seventh-inning bunt single. Megan was definitely at the top of her game," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "I could tell the past couple of days that her confidence level had really increased. She had it all working today. Megan was dominant." The Wildcats scored in every inning except the second and the fifth. Their biggest frame was the fourth when they lit the scoreboard up four times. Catcher Erin Rodes provided the offensive fireworks for the Wildcats when she jolted a home run off the scoreboard in center field in the seventh inning. She just ripped the cover off the ball," said Canfield. Also enjoying productive games at the plate for the winners were Kim Klonowski (3-for-4), Amanda Burnard (2-for-3, two doubles), Beth Heldmeyer (2-for-4, RBI, double) and Amy Bondy (2-for-2, RBI). Amy had a good day all the way around," said Canfield. She was very impressive on defense and at the plate. **PLYMOUTH 13-14, A.A. HURON 0-4** On March 30, the Wildcats swept a pair from the River Rats as Megan Patterson and Ally Ciotti pitched four and three innings, respectively, in each game. Kim Klonowski launched a home run and went 4-for-4 in the opener. Amanda Burnard chipped in with a pair of hits and an RBI. In the nightcap, Erin Rodes went 3-for-3 with two RBI and a double, and Melissa Butzow had a perfect day, going 3-for-3 with two RBI and two doubles. Beth Heldmeyer contributed three hits and three RBI.

Wildcats to contend for 2nd-consecutive WLAA Western Division crown

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

SOFTBALL PREVIEW

Any discussion about the 2007 Plymouth softball team should start with All-State senior shortstop Kim Klonowski, but it definitely shouldn't end there. Led by Klonowski and a strong and deep supporting cast, the Wildcats will contend for their second-consecutive WLAA Western Division crown this spring. Coach Val Canfield's squad gave Livonia Churchill all it could handle in last year's WLAA title game before falling, 2-1, in 15 tension-packed innings. I'm definitely optimistic this season," said Canfield, whose team sculpted an 8-2 Western Division record last year. It's going to be hard to put a line up together before the games because we have so much depth and so many girls who can play multiple positions.

The Wildcats' first graduating class last year included Danielle Bondy, Rachel Jucco, Erin Ondusky and Lauren Stemberger, all of whom helped Canfield build her formidable program from Day 1 back in 2003. The top returner is Klonowski, a hard-hitting, slick-fielding four-year starter who has already earned an athletic scholarship to Youngstown State University, a Division 1 college located in Ohio. Kim really unites this team with her talent and her leadership," said Canfield. Shes an amazing player. I wish I had her for another four years. Joining Klonowski as the teams captains will be fellow seniors Melissa Butzow, a sure-handed first baseman, and Madison Dresser, a solid hitter who will move from catcher to outfield this season.

"Melissa has a magnet for a glove," Canfield said. She's a phenomenal player and shes really taken her role as one of the teams captains to heart. "Madison is a very gifted player," said Canfield. She can play several positions and she can hit. Shes very aggressive at the plate. The team core is its large junior class which includes its two top pitchers, Megan Patterson and Amy Ciotti, among the seven players. They're both talented and have the competitive drive it takes to succeed," said Canfield. Junior Amy Bondy is a three-year starter in center field. Shes fast and can cover a lot of territory out there," said Canfield. Amy also has one of the most accurate arms on the team. Junior outfielders Lauren Russell, Kelly O'Connor and Gina Giordano will provide

depth as will utility player Jessica Cicirelli, who is also an 11th-grader. The teams three sophomores are all major contributors: Erin Rodes (catcher and outfielder), Jill Brennan (left field) and Beth Heldmeyer (second base). Heldmeyer was All-WLAA as a freshman. Speaking of freshman, Canfield has a pair that have earned starting roles this year: catcher/infielder Amanda Burnard and third baseman Stacey Klonowski, the younger sister of Kim. "Stacey has a cannon for an arm and shes very quick," said Canfield. Amanda is just a strong overall softball player. I can't put it any other way." As usual, Northville and Canton will be the top contenders along with the Wildcats for the Western Division crown, Canfield said. "Our goal is to play each game to the fullest," she said. "If we do that, positive things will happen for us."

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Manuel, Moores lead Chiefs over Wildcats

Andrew Manuel and Nick Moores notched two individual first each on Thursday to lead Canton to a 76-61 victory over Plymouth in a meet held at the Wildcats' stadium. Moores won the shot put (49-4 25) and discus (146-8) while Manuel took the top spot in the 400- and 200-yard dashes.

"We had a lot of great efforts from a number of athletes today," said Canton coach Bob Richardson, whose team improved to 1-1 in the WLAA Western Division. "We had a lot of personal best times and distances. It was a total team victory."

**CANTON 76
PLYMOUTH 61**
Thursday at Plymouth
Shot put: 1 Nick Moores (C) 49 feet 4 25 inches 2 Steve Paye (C) 42 11 3 Gomoll (P) 38 2 50

Discus: 1 Nick Moores (C) 146 8 2 Steve Paye (C) 142 10 3 Gerald Lou (P) 135 10
High jump: 1 Eric Thornton (C) 6 3 2 Whitaker (P) 5 8 3 Ryan Seely (C) 5 8
Long jump: 1 Okemdi Oparaeke (C) 19 1 2 McKinney (P) 19 0 5 3 Eric Thornton (C) 19 0
Pole vault: 1 Chris McGinnis (C) 12 6 2 Ryan Langdon (C) 12 6 3 Ben Ambrose (P) 12 6
3,200-meter relay: 1 Plymouth 8 39 2 2 Canton (Keith Zech Josh Godwin Marcus Sylvester Josh Hurst) 8 47 2
110 hurdles: 1 Nate Gholston (P) 16 0 2 Tim Belcher (C) 16 2 3 Jon Rykalsky (C) 16 8
100 dash: 1 Caldwell (P) 11 3 2 Malik (P) 11 4 3 Molgas (P) 11 6
800 relay: 1 Canton (Tim Belcher Ryan Randall Adam Somers Andrew Manuel) 1 36 4 2 Plymouth 1 38 5
1,600 run: 1 Anthony Scaparo (P) 4 44 2 2 Eric Zech (C) 4 45 4 3 Lewandowski (P) 4 57 1
400 relay: 1 Plymouth 46 0 2 Canton (Nick Moores Ocie Lewis Ryan Randall Adam Somers) 47 6
400 dash: 1 Andrew Manuel (C) 52 1 2 Josh Etim (C) 53 8 3 Mike Hanchett (P)

54 8
300 hurdles: 1 Tim Belcher (C) 41 3 2 Sherif Hassainein (C) 42 5 3 Nate Gholston (P) 43 7
800 run: 1 Kyle Wallath (P) 2 04 9 2 Lewandowski (P) 2 08 7 3 Justin Huey (P) 2 08 9
200 dash: 1 Andrew Manuel (C) 22 7 2 Caldwell (P) 23 5 3 Josh Etim (C) 24 2
3,200 run: 1 Pat Slavens (P) 10 24 3 2 Derek Lax (P) 10 27 2 3 Anthony Scaparo (P) 10 32 8
1,600 relay: 1 Canton (Tim Belcher Ryan Langdon Sherif Hassainein Andrew Manuel) 3 42 5 2 Plymouth 3 54 6
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton 11 Plymouth 11

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 90
SALEM 47**
Thursday at Salem
Shot put: 1 Robinson (LC) 45 4 2 Najarian (LC) 42 11 5 3 Mo Saadi (S) 41 6
Discus: 1 Najarian (LC) 123 7 5 2 Roinson (LC) 118 7 5 3 Meyers (LC) 112 9
Long jump: 1 Jace Bearden (S) 18 5 2 Alex Tramel (S) 17 10 3 M Zehner (LC) 17 9 5
High jump: 1 Jace Bearden (S) 6 2 2 McDonald (LC) 6 0 3 Ross Davis (S) 6 0
Pole vault: 1 Peterman (LC) 13 6 2

Tessner (LC), 12 0 3 J P Truesdell (S) 11 6
1,600 relay: 1 Churchill 3 32 25 2 Salem 3 50 31
3,200 run: 1 Craig Cowing (S) 10 43 86 2 Eric Voistromer (S) 10 46 53 3 Folk (LC) 10 46 54
200 dash: 1 St Amant (LC) 22 91 2 Kevin Cope (S) 23 66 3 Widmayer (LC) 24 09
800 run: 1 J Waterbury (LC) 2 08 2 Rob Curtis (S) 2 11 3 Brandon Goble (S) 2 12
300 hurdles: 1 McDonald (LC) 41 14 2 Zehner (LC) 43 05 3 Flaharty (LC) 43 60
400 dash: 1 Kevin Cope (S) 53 51 2 Andrezesewsu (LC) 54 09 3 Moran (LC) 55 42
400 relay: 1 Churchill 45 06 2 Salem 45 86
1,600 run: 1 Robinson (LC) 4 45 13 2 Rob Curtis (S) 4 47 44 3 Varilone (LC) 4 47 45
800 relay: 1 Churchill 1 33 02 2 Salem 1 34 19
100 dash: 1 Carey (LC) 11 22 2 Adam Kashoro (S) 11 22 3 Dixon (LC) 11 61
110 hurdles: 1 Baze Efremov (S) 14 9 2 Zehner (LC) 15 99 3 McDonald (LC) 16 01
3,200 relay: 1 Churchill 8 49 90 2 Salem 9 11 36
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Churchill 2 0 Salem 0 2

TRACK RESULTS

**PLYMOUTH 93
CANTON 44**
Thursday at Plymouth
Shot put: 1 Plymouth 2 McClellan (C) 27 0 3 Douglas (C) 25 9
Discus: 1 McClellan (C) 94 9 2 Kolton (C) 80 5 3 Ambrose (P) 72 9
High jump: 1 Shaakira Haywood (P) 4 10 2 Matheny (C) 4 6 3 Memerus (P) 4 6
Long jump: 1 Jill Morton (P) 15 7 5 2 Chrystien Guyton (P) 15 0 3 Maggie Carlson (C) 10 4
Pole vault: 1 Hersex (P) 8 2 2 Knisely (P) 7 8 3 Ambrose (P) 6 8
3,200 relay: 1 Plymouth 10 51 2 Canton 11 15
100 high hurdles: 1 Chrystien Guyton (P) 17 86 2 Hoener (C) 18 02 3 McManus (P) 18 6
100 dash: 1 Jill Morton (P) 13 36 2 Davis

(P) 13 44 3 Flaishans (C) 13 66
800 relay: 1 Plymouth 1 57 2 Canton 2 04 04
1,600 run: 1 Hahn (P) 5 39 81 2 Nahern (P) 5 59 3 Schubatis (C) 6 06
400 relay: 1 Plymouth 53 01 2 Canton 59 22
400 dash: 1 Swanberg (C) 1 03 96 2 Zuzo (P) 1 06 3 Bacha (P) 1 08
300 hurdles: 1 Howard (C) 52 44 2 McManus (P) 53 42 3 Howard (C) 53 51
800 run: 1 Swanberg (C) 2 39 91 2 Balgooyen (P) 2 48 61 3 Carlson (C) 2 48 93
200 dash: 1 Yates (P) 28 93 2 Askew (P) 29 81 3 Flaishans (C) 30 71
3,200 run: 1 Slavens (P) 12 30 2 Nahern (P) 13 06 3 Brown (P) 13 35
1,600 relay: 1 Canton 4 36 11 2 Plymouth 4 38 27

DUAL-MEET RECORDS. Plymouth 2 0 Canton 0 2
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 129
SALEM 8**
April 19 at Salem
Shot put: Lauren Krupsky (LC) 33 7 discus Krupsky (LC) 11 7 high jump Kristin Zgorecki (LC) 4 10 long jump Liz Buttery (LC) 14 8 5 pole vault Zgorecki (LC) 9 6 100-meter hurdles Tauri Rothermel (LC) 16 9 300 hurdles Rothermel (LC) 49 37 100 dash Mandi Coppola (LC) 12 98 200 Coppola (LC) 27 44 400 Kim Heaney (S) 1 04 96 800 Rachel McFarlane (LC) 2 32 96 1,600 Erica Hope (LC) 5 38 99 3,200 McFarlane (LC) 11 25 88 400 relay Churchill (Rothermel Nicole Thornsberry Sarah LaBerge Coppola) 52 57 800 relay Churchill (LaBerge Thornsberry Krysten Barczuk Coppola) 1 52 67 1,600 relay Churchill (Samar Aoude McFarlane Sara

Kroll Rothermel) 4 24 13 3 200 relay Churchill (Michelle Verellen Megan Murray Sarah Niezgoda McFarlane) 10 51 66 Churchill 2nds Margarita Lazarevska 110 hurdles (16 99) LaBerge 100 (13 19) 200 (27 49) M Verellen 1,600 (5 55 6) Kroll 400 (1 05 4) Maltory Lukas 300 hurdles (52 62) Lindsey Graciak 800 (2 35 29) Kailee Hobbins shot put (30 10) discus (104 8) Jackie Griebek high jump (4 9) long jump (14 6) Eren Ural pole vault (9 0) 3rds Lukas 100 hurdles (17 43) Courtney Simpson 100 (13 71) Kim Verellen 1,600 (6 02 63) Buttery 400 (1 05 91) Lazarevska 300 hurdles (54 37) Hope 800 (2 43 39) Thornsberry 200 (28 23) Kroll 3,200 (11 45 87) Stephanie Bradshaw shot put (28 11 75) discus (90 3) Zgorecki long jump (13 10 75) Jennifer Olmstead pole vault (8 0) Dual meet records Churchill 2 0 overall 2 0 WLAA Salem 0 2 overall 0 2 WLAA

Salem drops tennis opener to WL Central

The Salem boys tennis team dropped its opener to Walled Lake Central on Wednesday, 5-3. The contest included four three-set matches.

Junior Lawrence Washington got the Rocks rolling by dominating the Vikings' best player, 6-1, 6-0, at No. 1 singles. The Vikings prevailed in the other three solo matches as No. Eric Hamann defeated Neil Bakshi, 4-6, 6-3 and 7-5, No. 3 Brad Yanalunas swept Jake Burnstein, 6-1 and 6-3, and No. 4 Ryan Rivamote edged David Benson, 4-6, 6-3.

and 6-4. The Rocks' No. 1 doubles team of Tyler Jeleniewski and Matt Benson prevailed, 4-6, 6-4 and 7-5, over Central's Casey Johnson and Mike Rivamote. Salem's other point came when the No. 3 duo of Yuvu Rajeev and Ryan Aubert defeated Brian Indianer and Jovan Acutt, 6-2 and 6-0.

**PLYMOUTH 7
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1**
April 20 at John Glenn
No. 1 singles: Tim Smolen (WJG) defeated Don Zhang, 6-0, 4-6, 6-3. No. 2 Dan Jeong (P) def. Alex Colosimo, 6-1, 6-2. No. 3 Clint Kirkpatrick (P) def. Brad Noyes, 6-2, 6-1. No. 4 Brett Kavulich (P) def. Gordy German, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Steve Schaeffer-Anoop Gopal (P)

def. Lenny Manfre Cliff Palac, 6-3, 7-6, (8-6). No. 2 Pat Onoro Max Korpalski (P) def. Frank Toarmina Shawn Murphy, 6-1, 6-2. No. 3 Robert Matar Tom Eggleston (P) def. Justin Samland Billy Lyons, 6-3, 6-0. No. 4 Pat Bailey Andy Mitchell (P) def. Rob Jones Nikhil Kalothia, 6-4, 6-4.
Glenn's dual meet record: 12-1 overall, 0-2-1 WLAA

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 7
PLYMOUTH 1**
April 18 at Plymouth
No. 1 singles: Nick Payne (LC) defeated Don Zhang, 6-4, 7-6, (7-5). No. 2 Aniket Patil (LC) def. Dan Jeong, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1. No. 3 Clint Korpalski (P) def. Alex Clos, 2-6, 7-6, (7-5), 6-4. No. 4 Kyle Anderson (LC) def. Brett Kavulich, 6-3, 6-3.
No. 1 doubles: Jay Cunningham Taylor Frangie (LC) def. Steve Schaeffer Max Korpalski, 6-1, 6-1. No. 2 Dan Martin Kyle Peczynski (LC) def. Patrick Onoro Anoop Gopal, 7-5, 6-3. No. 3 Robert Fortney Steve Mazur (LC) def. Robert

Matar Tom Eggleston, 6-3, 6-3. No. 4 Andy Clairmont-Paul Yandric (LC) def. Patrick Bailey Andy Mitchell, 6-1, 6-4.
Churchill's dual meet record: 11 overall, 1-1 WLAA

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6
SALEM 2**
Friday at Salem
No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) def. Nick Payne, 7-5, 6-0. No. 2 Aniket Patil (LC) def. Neil Bakshi, 6-4, 6-1. No. 3 Jake Burnstein (S) def. Alex Clos, 7-6(4), No. 4 Kyle Anderson (LC) def. Dave Benson, 6-1, 7-5.
No. 1 doubles: Jay Cunningham Taylor Frangie (LC) def. Matt Benson Andy Fosdick, 6-3, 6-1. No. 2 Kyle Peczynski Dan Martin (LC) def. John Bills John Kang, 6-0, 6-1. No. 3 Robert Fortney Steve Mazur (LC) def. Ryan Aubert Yuvu Rajeev, 6-3, 6-3. No. 4 Andy Clairmont Paul Yandric (LC) def. Andrew Steinman Andy Clairmont, 7-5, 6-4.
DUAL MEET RECORDS: Churchill 2-1 Salem 0-2

THE WEEK AHEAD

BASEBALL
Monday, April 23
Canton at Wayne 4 p.m.
W.L. Central at Salem 4 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Western 4 p.m.
PCA at Greenhills 4 30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 24
PCA at Southfield Christian 4 30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25
Canton at Salem 4 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Central 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 26
PCA at Oakland Christian 4 30 p.m.
Friday, April 27
Franklin at Canton 4 p.m.
Salem at John Glenn 4 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 28
Salem at Milan (DH) 10 a.m.
Milford at Plymouth (DH) noon
SOFTBALL
Monday, April 23
Wayne Memorial at Canton 4 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Central 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Lutheran Westland at PCA 4 30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 24
Dearborn at Salem 4 p.m.
PCA at Southfield Christian 4 30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25
A.A. Pioneer at Salem 4 p.m.
W.L. Central at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 26
Belleville at Plymouth 4 p.m.
PCA at Agape 4 30 p.m.
Friday, April 27
Canton at Franklin 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Salem 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 28
Canton at Chelsea Invite TBA
Salem at Saline Invite TBA
GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, April 23
W.L. Western at Canton 7 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Northern 7 p.m.
Northville at Plymouth 7 p.m.
PCA at Southfield Christian 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 24
Greenhills at PCA 4 30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25
Franklin at Canton 7 p.m.
Salem at John Glenn 4 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 26
Plymouth at A.A. Greenhills 4 30 p.m.
PCA at Parkway 4 30 p.m.
Friday, April 27
Canton at A.A. Pioneer 7 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Monday, April 23
Canton at Franklin 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Salem 4 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25
Churchill at Canton 4 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Northern 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Stevenson 4 p.m.
Friday, April 27

Canton at Wayne Memorial 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 28
Canton at Novi 8 a.m.
Salem and Plymouth at Monroe Invite TBA
BOYS LACROSSE
Tuesday, April 24
Northville at PCS 8 p.m.
Thursday, April 26
PCS at Lincoln 6 p.m.
Friday, April 27
Okemos at PCS 8 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Tuesday, April 24
Plymouth Canton and Salem at City Meet 3 30 p.m.
at P CEP varsity stadium
Thursday, April 26
W.L. Western at Canton 3 30 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Central 3 30 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth 3 30 p.m.
Saturday, April 28
Plymouth at Crestwood Invite TBA
GIRLS GOLF
Monday, April 23
W.L. Western at Canton at Hilltop G.C. 3 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Central 3 p.m.
Salem at Oakpointe Invitational 9 30 a.m.
Plymouth at Churchill at Whispering Willows G.C. 3 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25
Canton at W.L. Central at Edgewood G.C., 3 p.m.
Churchill at Salem at St. John's G.C. 3 p.m.
John Glenn at Plymouth at Hickory Creek G.C. 3 p.m.
Friday, April 27
Franklin at Canton at Hilltop G.C.
Salem at John Glenn at Woodlands G.C. 3 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Northern at Brentwood G.C. 3 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
Sunday, April 22
Madonna at Aquinas College (2) 1 p.m.
Tuesday, April 24
Madonna vs. Northwood at Iltch Ballpark (2) 1 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25
Madonna at EMU (2) 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 28
Madonna at Concordia (2) 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 29
Madonna vs. Concordia at Iltch Ballpark (2) 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL (all doubleheaders)
Sunday, April 22
Aquinas College at Madonna 1 p.m.
Friday, April 27
Madonna at Concordia 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 28
Madonna at Huntington (Ind.) noon
Sunday, April 29
Madonna at Indiana Tech 1 p.m.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA MAY 10, 2007

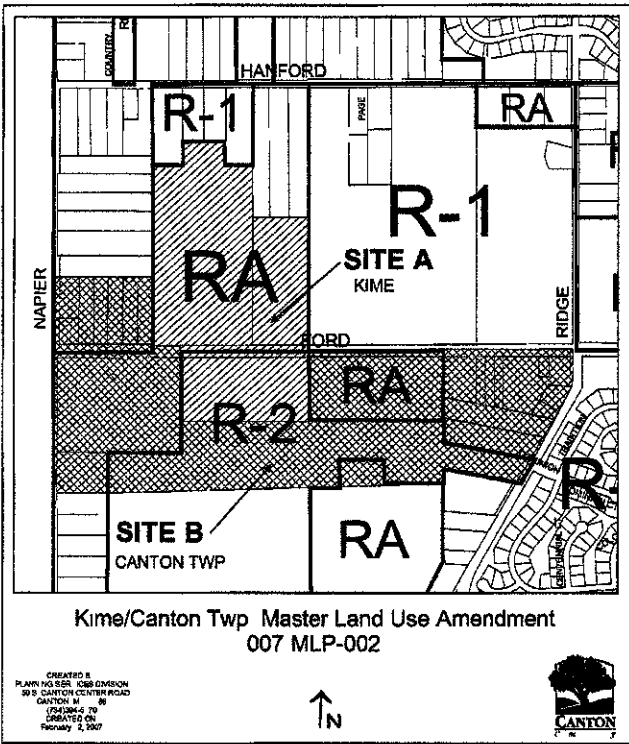
- Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY MAY 10 2007 AT 7 00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S CANTON CENTER ROAD CANTON MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:
- Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
Roll Call
Randy Blaylock Jim Cisek Cathy Johnson Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson
Acceptance of Agenda
- Curtis G Griffis II of Lighthouse Construction 6623 Lafontaine Drive Plainwell MI 49080 representing Paul Switzer of Texas Corral Grill and Saloon 1001 White Hawk Drive Crown Point IN 46307 for commercial property located at 43750 Ford Road north side of Ford Road between Sheldon and Morton Taylor Roads appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 6 00 Section 6 10 E 6 e relative to use of LED lighting on the building
Zone C 2
Parcel 040 99 0004 702
(Planning) **TABLED FROM THE MARCH 8, 2007 MEETING**
- 2 Frank and Laura Laura 325 North Beck Road Canton MI 48187 for residential property located at same address west side of Beck Road between Saltz and Cherry Hill Roads appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26 00 Section 26 02 rear yard setback
Zone R-2
Parcel 068 99 0011 705
(Building)
- 3 Mary Hawk of Mary's Farm Market & Farm 831 S Ridge Road, Canton MI 48188 for commercial property located at 47453 Ford Road southwest side of Beck Road and Ford Roads appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 6 00 Section 6 02 Sub Section V roadside stands structure size variance of 1334 square feet over the maximum 250 square feet to allow a roadside stand structure of 1584 square feet
Zone RR
Parcel 065 99 0007 702
(Planning)
- 4 Tim Hader of Schonsheck Inc 51331 W Pontiac Trail Wixom MI 48393 representing Matt Percy of AD Transport Express Inc 5601 Belleville Road Canton MI 48188 for industrial property located at 5601 Belleville Road east side of Belleville Road between Michigan Ave and Van Born Roads appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26 00 Section 26 04, side yard setback 24 foot setback variance from the required 30 foot side setback in the GI district for construction of a new building
Zone GI
Parcel 132 99 0010 711
(Planning)
- 5 Melanie Gray of Valley City Sign 5009 West River Drive Comstock Park MI 49321 representing Jeff Wagner of Fifth Third Bank 1000 Town Center Suite 1600 Southfield, MI 48075 for commercial property located at 43710 Ford Road north side of Ford Road between N Lilley Road and N Sheldon Roads appealing Sign Ordinance 6A 15 6A 25 02b signs permitted in all commercial and industrial districts ground signs
Zone C 2
Parcel 040 99 0006 705
(Building)
- Approval of the March 8 2007 Minutes
- Written comments need to be submitted prior to 5 00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton Clerks Office 1150 S Canton Center Rd Canton MI 48188
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Public Act 263 of 2001 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday May 7 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 Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan



KIME/CANTON TOWNSHIP FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM VERY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL AND LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO MEDIUM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NOS 027 02 0001 000 (51150 FORD) 027 02 0002 000 (51170 FORD) 027 02 0003 000 (51185 FORD) 027 02 0004 000 (51190 FORD) 027 02 0005 000 (51320 FORD) 027 02 0006 001 (51350 FORD), 027 02 0006 002 (3540 NAPIER) 027 99 0005 005 (50750 FORD RD) 027 99 0009 000 069 99 0002 000 (48901 FORD), 069 99 0003 000 069 99 0004 000 (49707 FORD), 069 99 0005 001 069 99 0005 002 069 99 0005 003 (2105 RIDGE N) 069 99 0006 000 (49729 FORD) 069 99 0007 000 (2075 RIDGE N) 069 99 0008 000 (19279 RIDGE N) 069 99 0009 000 (1875 RIDGE N) 069 99 0010 700 069 99 0015 702 PART OF (1299 RIDGE N) 069 99 0017 000 (50145 FORD) 070 99 0001 000 070 99 0002 702 AND 070 99 0003 000 Property is located north and south of Ford Road between Ridge and Napier Roads

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday May 3, 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

Vic Gustafson Chairman

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH CITY COMMISSION PETITIONS

The City of Plymouth will be conducting upcoming elections to replace four (4) positions on the City Commission that will be vacated in November 2007.

Petitions are available at the City Clerk's office at 201 S Main Street Plymouth MI 48170 Monday Friday from 8 00am - 4 30pm. A nonpartisan City Primary Election will be held on Tuesday August 7 2007 if petitions have been filed for more than twice the number of persons to be elected to such office. A General Election will be conducted on Tuesday November 6 2007 for qualified candidates. Persons desiring to qualify as candidates shall file an official petition with the Clerk signed by not less than twenty five nor more than fifty registered electors of the City of Plymouth. These petitions are required to be filed on or before Tuesday May 15th 2007 at 4 00pm with the Clerk's office. Candidate packets will be issued at the time of filing. An Affidavit of Identity must be submitted with the petition at the time of filing with the City Clerk.

Any further questions can be directed to the City Clerk at 734-453 1234 X234.

Linda Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

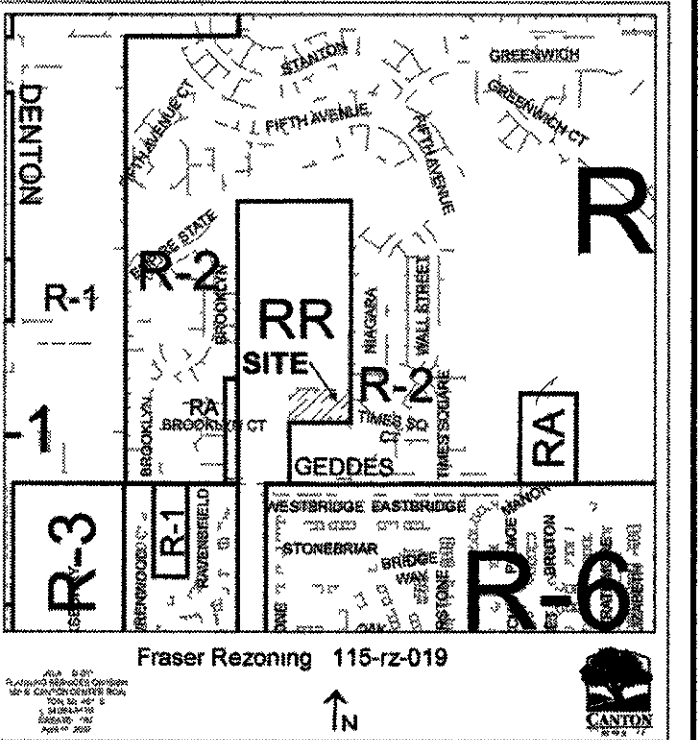
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to 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 May 7 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: **FRASER REZONING** CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PART OF PARCEL NO 115 99 0003 707 (48700 GEDDES) FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located north of Geddes between Denton and Beck Roads.



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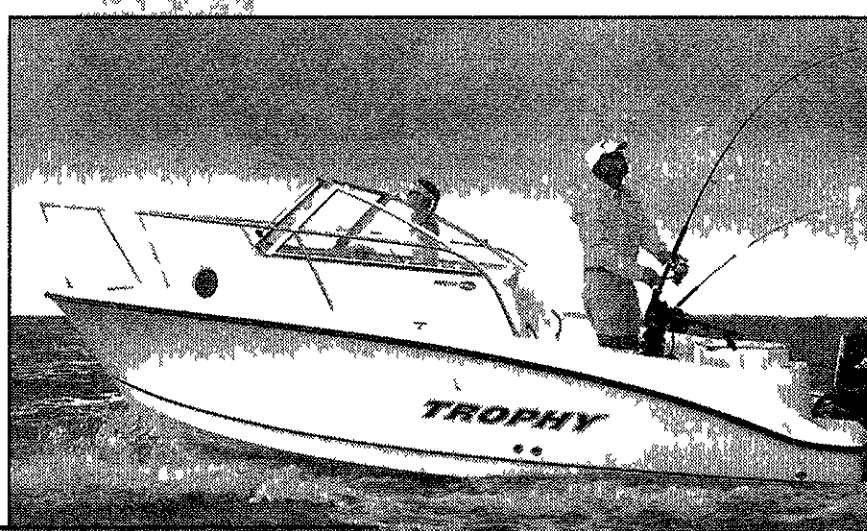
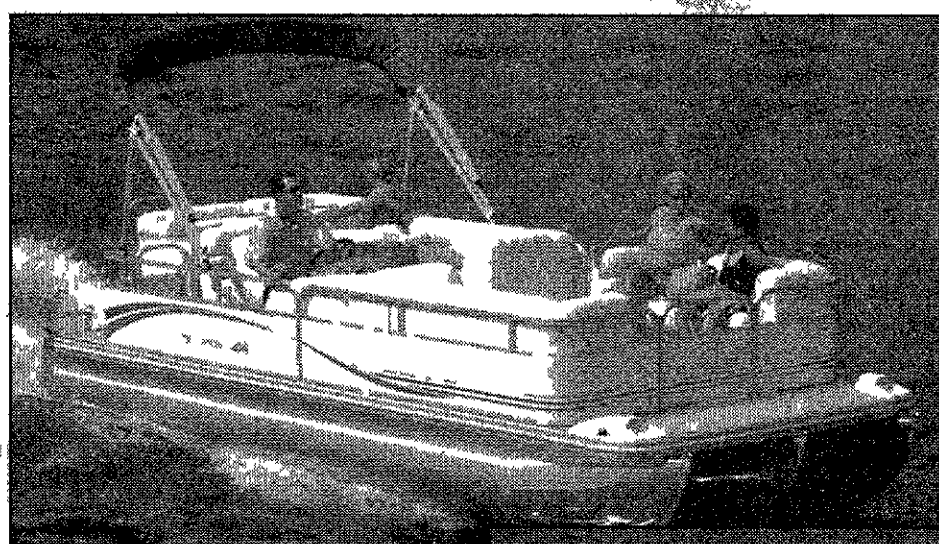
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Sarah Webb and Jeanne Trumpy

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And it's a good thing, because today's senior is not the senior of 20 years ago. Today's 70-year-old is living a lifestyle closer to that of the last few decades: 50-year-old. And this segment of the population is growing fast!

In the next 20 years, the number of American adults over 65 is expected to double from 34 million currently, to 70 million (U.S. Census Bureau). This healthy, more-active aging adult population is not only looking for better options, they will need and demand them.

The good news is that in-home care for seniors has become a welcomed alternative choice. In fact, 95 percent of seniors 75 and older who are able to do so prefer the option of remaining in their homes as opposed to senior communities, assisted living or nursing homes (EPM Communications).

The bad news is that the home care service industry, until recently, has been largely unregulated. With many independent companies springing up across the country, it is not always possible for consumers to understand the key qualities that determine a safe and reliable provider.

So if in-home care is what you're researching, Comfort Keepers, an in-home care provider for the elderly, suggests using the following guidelines as the qualifying standard when seeking and hiring a caregiver for your loved one:

- Does the caregiver's agency withhold taxes on their wages?

- Is the caregiver fully bonded by their agency?

- Is the caregiver covered by workers' compensation through their agency?

- Does their agency provide them with liability insurance?

- Does their agency withhold taxes on them?

You may be leaving yourself, your loved one, your finances, and home vulnerable if you've answered "no" to any of the above. If anything goes wrong, such as injury, theft or neglect, you have no protections in place to call upon for help.

A reliable in-home care provider will only staff with caregivers qualified enough to be hired as employees. The agency will fully bond, insure with liability coverage, pay workman's comp, and withhold taxes on each caregiver, before he/she is sent out.

Michigan law requires that a paid employee be covered under Workers' Compensation. Homeowners' insurance does not cover under these circumstances. Your rule-of-thumb for hiring a caregiver privately should be: You can do so, but in the eyes of the law, you are responsible to withhold taxes and carry workers' comp on them.

- Did the agency conduct an industry-targeted background check on the caregiver, pertinent to the type of work they will be providing?

An industry-targeted background check will screen out candidates with hidden criminal records of all sorts, and financial risks, just to name a few. Criminal records are an obvious reason to disqualify, but financial problems are considered risky because the caregiver will have such easy access to the client's money, checks and other types of proprietary financial information. The assumption is that risk may be higher in these cases. A thorough background check will disqualify as many as 1-out-of-4 candidates for reasons not detected during a face-to-face interview.

So, as your parents or loved ones transition to new stages, be comforted in the fact you have many new options to offer them, insuring that their retirement years are safe, comfortable and happy as possible. You now have reliable, measurable tools for choosing the best support systems and personnel available for their care.

Jeanne Trumpy and Sarah Webb are co-owners of Comfort Keepers, whose Plymouth office is located at 995 N. Mill Street. They provide services to both Plymouth and Canton. Visit their Web site at www.comfortkeepers.com.



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Alex Ham-Kucharski pushed a large ball all the way through the cloth tunnel then smiled at his mom, Dawn Ham-Kucharski. At the far end of the tunnel is occupational therapist Sandi Scott.

Making progress

Therapy center helps special needs children

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

An exercise ball offers resistance to Alex as he pushes the brightly colored sphere through a cloth tube at Futures HealthCore Therapy Center in Garden City. Although it looks like the 8-year-old Canton boy is playing, he's actually strengthening muscles and motor skills.

Once a week, Alex and his mother, Dawn Ham-Kucharski, attend sessions at the center, which opened in June 2006. The 1,000-square-foot space is the first on-site Futures location in the nation to offer individualized therapy for children with autism, cerebral palsy, developmental delays, brain injury, ADD/ADHD, and Down syndrome. Licensed occupational and speech therapists incorporate play,

sensory integration and yoga into treatment plans that may include group therapy to build social skills, which don't come easy to autistic children. About 80 percent of the children seen at Futures have been diagnosed with autism, a neurological disorder which impairs development.

MAKING PROGRESS

When Alex was diagnosed with moderate to severe autism at 26 months, his parents were told he would never speak and live in a world of isolation. Today, Alex is in a third-grade autistic-impaired classroom at Gallimore Elementary in the Plymouth Canton school district.

"The therapy helps to rebuild neurons that didn't branch out for children with autism. His communication really explodes after the sessions," said Dawn.

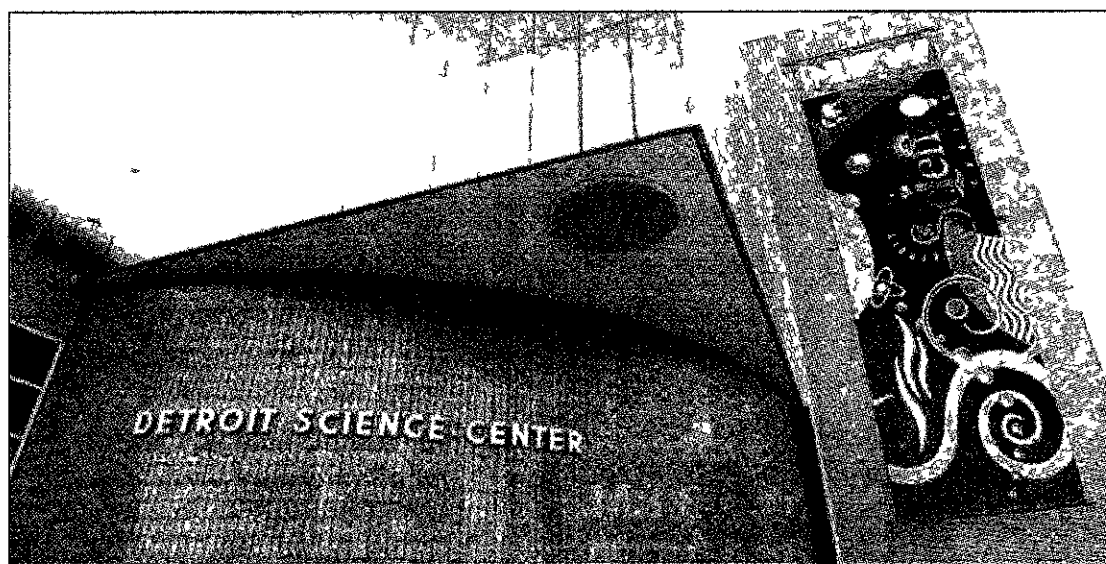


Alex Ham-Kucharski fishes for big ones as mom Dawn Ham-Kucharski and therapist Sandi Scott watch.

Ham-Kucharski, who wrote *The Autism Book* with S. Johanna Robledo to provide parents with information.

Ham-Kucharski has become somewhat of an expert on autism since Alex's diagnosis. She recently began serving as a consultant for the center because she believes in its methods. She's seen the progress her young son's made since the first home visit by Futures therapists two years ago. Futures is a national home therapy organization.

PLEASE SEE THERAPY, C2



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The Detroit Science Center offers two new exhibits for visitors, including *Our Body: The Universe Within*.

Don't miss Detroit's Cultural Center

BY EMBERLEY NEIDHARDT

A common misconception exists about the city of Detroit's Cultural Center — that it only functions to host kids during school trips.

The truth is that the Detroit Public Library, Detroit Institute of Arts, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and the Detroit Science Center are open all year, and one doesn't have to be in a group to visit.

DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Detroit Public Library is one of the most accessible in metro Detroit, encompassing roughly 23 libraries and a bookmobile service. The main library, located adjacent to the Wayne State University campus, includes 10 subject

departments and the world's largest automotive history collection. The library's Web site contains many collections and services, such as "Ask a librarian" which directs patrons to the site's free reference section.



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The library also recognizes its youthful audience and holds "Java and Jazz" every third Tuesday of the month (through August) completely free to the public. The program seeks to fuse the soul of jazz and power of compelling words, whether poetry or prose in a coffeehouse setting.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

The Detroit Institute of Arts is one of the most significant art museums in the country, ranking fourth in size, covering more than 600,000 square feet. The DIA also holds over 100 galleries, a 1,150-seat auditorium, 380-seat lecture hall, art reference library, and conversation services library. Its current renovation plan will add 77,000 square feet to the total size.

The museum houses over 60,000 works including specialized pieces from African, Oceanian, Indigenous American, Asian, Islamic, and European artists. There are also collections of Graphic Art, Contemporary Arts, and Performing Arts. Exhibitions vary. In the past, the DIA has shown Yoko Ono's freight train, delved into the Art of Screen-print, and celebrated *Annie Leibovitz: American Music*. The current exhibition contains

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More information: Visit www.detroitlibrary.org

THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Where: 5200 Woodward Ave.
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Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Sunday

Exhibitions:

- Ansel Adams through May 27

- 70th Annual Detroit Public Schools Student Exhibition, featuring various works by area students through May 5 at the Detroit Public Library

More information: Visit www.dia.org

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DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

Where: 5020 John R St.

Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday Friday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday

Exhibitions:

- *Our Body: The Universe Within* intended for those over 13 years of age now through May 28

- US Steel Factory Fun Factory opened April 3. More information: Visit www.detroitssciencecenter.org

Compiled by Emberley Neidhardt

Scholarship applicants sought by Italian American Club

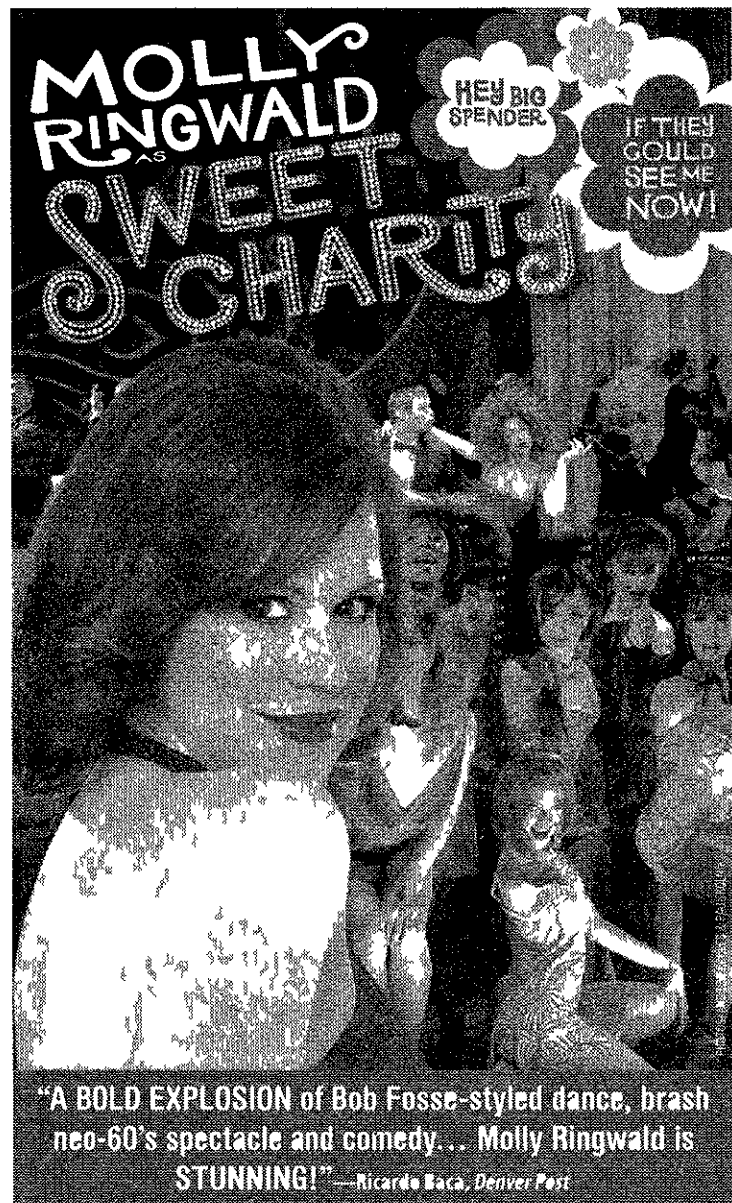
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THERAPY

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Alex had a stroke at birth. It's difficult for his brain to tell his muscles what to do, said Ham-Kucharski. "The therapists are very imaginative."

"Today when Alex visits his regular health professionals they're amazed by the improvements he's made in communication, muscle coordination, imagination, and social skills in the last two years."

The center uses a play-based method which follows the Floortime model developed by child psychiatrist Stanley Greenspan. On this day, occupational therapist Sandi Scott tries to interest Alex in a fishing expedition, the first step to initiating interaction with him. While Alex sits in an inflatable boat, they both use poles to land the fish made from cardboard.

"By stepping into their world, we get to pull them into ours," said Ham-Kucharski, who with her husband, Richard, works with Alex at home. "The structure of our world can really frighten children."

NEEDS VARY

Futures therapists deal with a multitude of impairments. One room is outfitted with pans of soapy water and rice to help introduce children with sensory issues to different textures and materials. For children who don't like bright lights there is a special room to relax. In Alex's case, it's where he winds down before leaving the center.



Chris sits on his mother Kathleen Larabee's lap at Futures HealthCore Therapy Center in Garden City. Chris receives treatment there twice a week.

According to Scott, the need for therapy centers is increasing as the number of autistic children rises. Ten to 15 years ago only 20 percent of the children I saw were autistic. The rise in autism is evident with 1 in 150 kids, 1 in 64 boys, being diagnosed.

Although Chris still has medical problems, he is making progress. His attention span is getting longer. He likes looking at board books and will sit and listen to a short story.

"As part of being autistic, he has sensory integration disorder and is particular about his schedule, tolerates eye contact and touch if he knows you, but public places can be very overwhelming."

At McDonald's he used to scream and cry, but is getting better, said Larabee.

He looks forward to going to the center. It's become part of his routine, Tuesday and Thursday, for the last year. He recognizes everybody and gives them hugs. He has speech and occupational therapy at Futures. They teach him sign language. He can talk but is limited, but capable of talking.

Larabee and Chris leave the center with techniques to practice. She's looking for donors to help her pay for equipment, specifically a Snoezelin Room and indoor swing, so Chris can continue his therapy work at home. In the past they've received assistance from the Elks Club.

"He calms himself by rolling a ball up and down his arm, imitating what he's learned at the center," said Larabee.

A Snoezelin Room involves sensory integration to modify a play space or room with light, vibration, textures, sounds. Insurance won't pay for it. Even after a seizure it's a place to be calm, but it runs over \$10,000 and I'm not able to pay for it as a single mom.

An indoor swing is very calming. It's his favorite thing at school during gym time. After he swings he walks straighter.

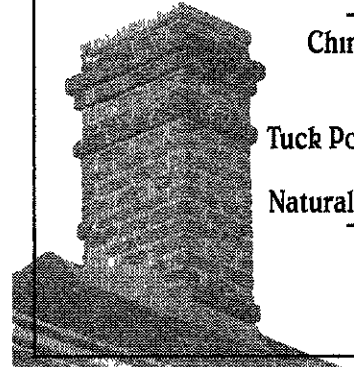
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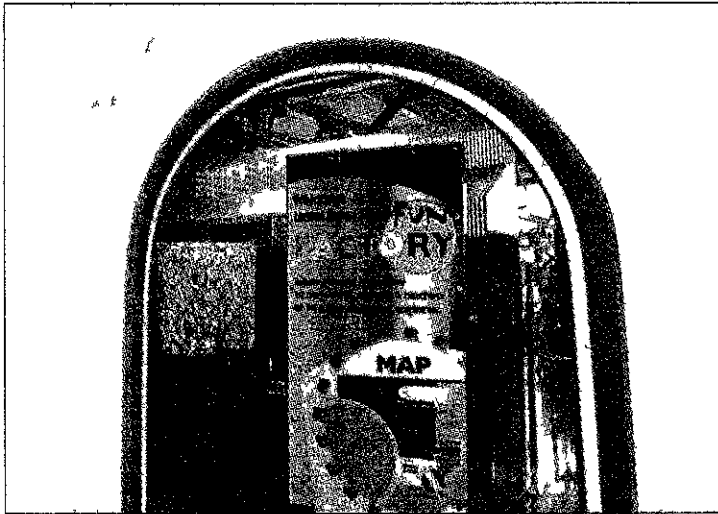
MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History contains many exhibits to entertain and educate patrons. The Target Corp. generously donated to the museum to allow for free admission on Sundays, along with an accompanying film series to enhance the visit. The museum holds annual events to honor the contributions of African Americans and celebrate life in Detroit.

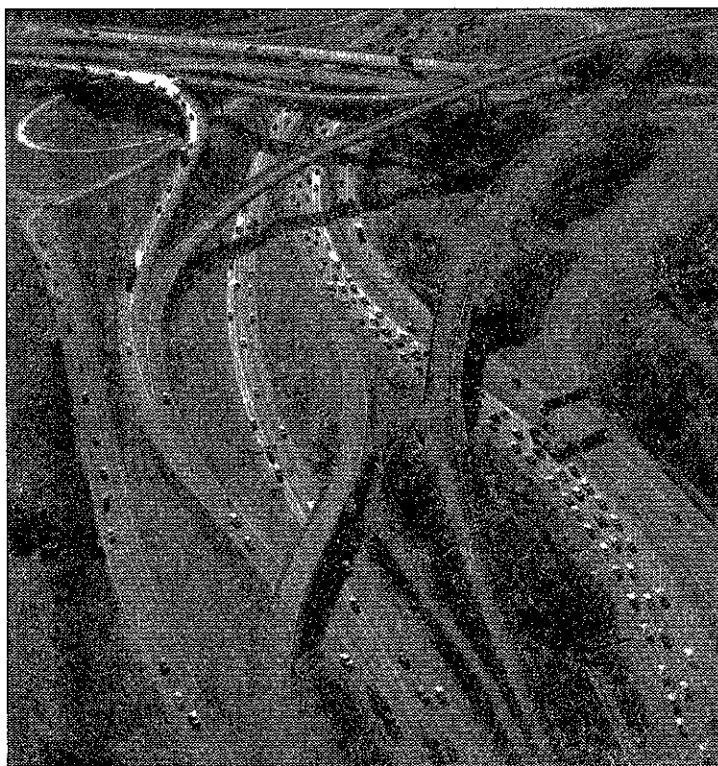
The permanent exhibits such as *And Still We Rise* allows museumgoers to see many different angles, time periods and geographic standpoints of the black experience from pre-historic Africa to present day. The *Stories in Stained Glass* show the public the triumphs of African musicians, dancers and freedom advocates using their gifts to the best of their abilities.

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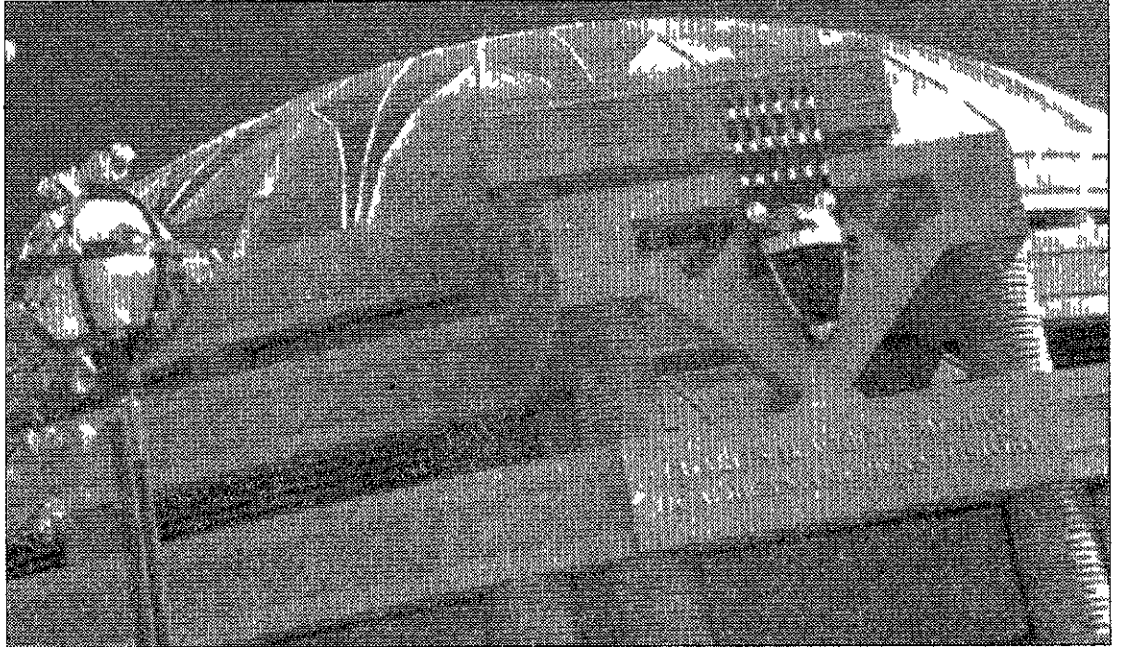
See *Freeway Interchange, Los Angeles*, part of the Ansel Adams photography exhibit going on through May 27 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The most talked about exhibit in recent months has been *Our Body: The Universe Within*, showcasing the anatomy of 20 real human bodies.

The scientists behind it used a technique called plastination to replace all body liquids and preserve the specimens in various positions for viewing. It allows

medical students, art students and inquisitive everyday people the chance to comprehend the inner workings of the complex machine that is the human body.

Emberley Neelhardt is a member of the Teen Journalist program and a Garden City High School senior.



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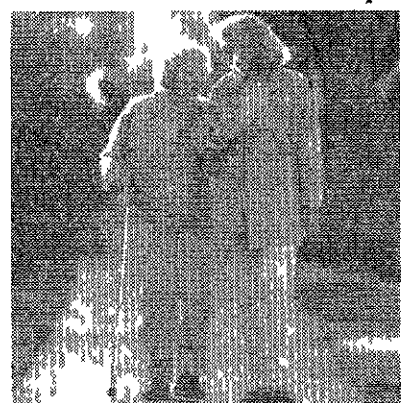
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ON CAMPUS

Northern Michigan

Three students from Plymouth were among the students named when Northern Michigan University announced its graduates. The following students satisfied their degree requirements in August 2006:

Kathleen Nicastrì completed her associates degree in industrial media, **Russell Markwood** earned a bachelor's degree in computer science, and **Andrew McCully** earned his bachelor's degree in public relations.

Kenyon College

Sophomore **Allison M. Goldsmith**, daughter of Jeffrey Goldsmith and Kathleen Payne of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School, has been named to the Merit List at Kenyon College for the first semester of the 2006-07 academic year.

To be eligible for Merit List recognition, a student must earn a grade-point average of at least 3.45.

Eastern Michigan

James Reddy of Plymouth has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2006 semester at Eastern Michigan University.

Reddy has earned his bachelor's degree in physical education teaching, with a minor in school health. He is a 2000 graduate of Canton High School,

where he played point guard and still coaches boys' freshman and girls' junior varsity basketball.

University of Northwestern Ohio

Patrick Joseph Albaugh of Plymouth has been named to the Dean's List for the February 2007 session in the College of Technologies at the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima.

To make the list, students needed a grade-point average of 3.5 or better.

Howe Military School

Cadet **Melvin Sillmon**, an 11th-grader and the son of Anna and Melvin Sillmon of Plymouth, made the Superintendent's List for the fourth six-week grading period of the 2006-07 school year.

Sillmon, who has attended Howe Military School since January 2006, attained the honor by attaining at least a 3.5 B+ average in his studies in a college prep curriculum.

Lawrence Tech

Seven students from Plymouth and 11 from Canton made the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall 2006 semester at Lawrence Technological University.

The Plymouth students were **Christopher Jagalla**, **Steven Lent**,

Steven Musselman, **Travis Sharp**, **Scott Fisher**, **Matthew McLeod** and **Richard Beers**.

The Canton students included **Lauren Cilia**, **Alena Weiss**, **Nathan Boos**, **Carl Wixon**, **Stephen Panoff**, **Benjamin Pew**, **Robert Vander Hoeven**, **Nathan Bugosh**, **Pawel Bagadzinski**, **Nathan Guideau** and **William Casey**.

University of Nebraska

Sabrina Tockook of Plymouth, a junior majoring in pre-architecture, was named to the Dean's List/Honor Roll for the fall semester at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Students in the top 10 percent in the university's College of Architecture are recognized with this honor.

Saint Francis

Anne Roosevelt of Plymouth has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2006 semester at Saint Francis University.

Northwood University

Matthew J. Czajkowski of Plymouth has been named to the Dean's List for fall term at Northwood University.

Czajkowski is the son of Joseph and Christie Czajkowski of Plymouth. He achieved Dean's List recognition by earning a 3.25 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

Children's shows feature local actors

Students from Plymouth, Canton and Livonia are performing in The Divine Child High School Prime-Time Players productions of *Noah and the Ark* and *Snow White* 7 p.m. Saturday, April 28, in the high school's auditorium, 1001 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn.

The two children's shows offer an hour of interactive entertainment for children from age 3 to 93. Divine Child theater students have directed, acted, built the sets, and designed all of the costumes. Prior to the April 28 public performance, they present the two shows at seven different elementary schools in the area April 25-26.

Tickets are \$5 for the entire family or \$2 for single tickets. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for the April 28 performance. For more information, call the school during business hours at (313) 562-1990.

During the shows, children will be asked to play various roles, provide sound effects or to call out answers to help the actors along. It promises to be a delightful experience, especially for the wiggle set.

Proceeds will go to cover the costs of this traveling troupe's community outreach program.

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Gift of life

Organ donation focus of fund-raiser, film

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Matt Medwid wouldn't be alive today to even think about starting a family if not for the stranger who donated a heart to him in March 2004. That one generous gesture made it possible for the Redford man to not only have a future but one day bring a new life into the world with his wife.

Nationwide, there's an effort to increase awareness about registering to become an organ donor. From 6-10 p.m. Thursday, May 3, Medwid is volunteering his time to help guests of ALIVE '07, the Donate Life Coalition of Michigan fund-raiser, sign up to give the greatest gift of all. The benefit features a strolling buffet and silent and live auctions at Park West Gallery in Southfield. Tickets are available in advance through April 28 or at the door. For information, visit www.donatelifemichigan.org or call (248) 770-5172.

A STRANGER'S HEART

Two days later on May 5, the Hallmark Channel presents *A Stranger's Heart* (9/8c). Arlene Krausz has seen the lives saved by donors during her 23 years as a critical care nurse in the Los Angeles area. Krausz served as medical consultant on the film about a workaholic magazine writer who receives a donor heart and suddenly begins examining her priorities. Callie (played by Samantha Mathis) is strangely drawn to the donor's young daughter and eventually finds love with a heart transplant patient. Krausz made sure as the film's characters became sicker and sicker while waiting for organs, the actors' movements, speech and breathing mirrored real life.

It's important for people to understand while they're alive and healthy that, when they have to make the conscious choice to be an organ donor and take the necessary steps. The family at that time of grief and despair may not carry out their wishes, said Krausz. I thought I could sign the back of my license and found out I had



Matt Medwin received a heart transplant in 2004. On May 3, the Redford man is volunteering to help guests sign up for the organ donation registry during a fundraiser at Park West Gallery in Southfield.

to register. Here I was working in the world of medicine and didn't know.

Producer Lincoln Lageson registered eight years ago after learning a friend of the family received a donor organ. While it's his job to see that the film entertains viewers, it does have a message.

It's not a documentary. No. 1 is for people to be entertained, but to educate people about organ donation, said Lageson. It was interesting to learn the length of time people are forced to stay on the waiting list. I saw pictures of a couple of patients prior and immediately after. It was amazing to see what a difference the transplant made, how it can change someone's life. The cast dealing with the medical aspects was very emotional. We have a character that did not survive. We dealt with the very emotion-



ERIC McCANDLESS

Samantha Mathis plays the role of a transplant recipient who is drawn to the donor's daughter (played by Mary Matilyn Mouser) in the Hallmark movie *A Stranger's Heart*.

al aspect of the family members of the donor. That's very powerful and emotional.

DONATING LIFE

Carol Gallup says it was horrible when her son, Charles Girard Gallup, died from a heart attack in his Rochester Hills driveway in December 2005, but it helped knowing his organs, bones and heart valves helped others. Charles was 41 and an avid NASCAR fan.

This is one thing that you can do to make it not so hopeless or terrible, plus he would have loved it. He was the most generous kid you could ever run across. He always stopped to help people with car trouble, said Gallup. We

had never talked about it (organ donation), but I'd always wanted to do it since I was very young. Even before organ donation, I signed up to donate my body to the medical school at Michigan State when my children were young.

Matt Medwid is convinced he wouldn't be alive today if not for donors like Charles Gallup. Medwid was diagnosed with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, an excessive thickening of the heart muscle at age 14, had a stroke at 30, then another stroke in 2003. In between, he had a pacemaker implanted. Six months before receiv-

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ing his heart transplant, he was admitted to Cleveland Clinic to wait for an organ donation. Today, Medwid is a recently married insurance agent working in Milford. He volunteers regularly at Salem Bible Church where he directs the Kids Club. He also speaks to groups about organ donation. "Before I was tired all the time, to walk up a flight of steps was brutal," said Medwid, 41. "I was in the hospital afterwards for six weeks and weighed 130 pounds. It took me six to eight months to feel better but now I work out three times a week at the Y, can jog a mile, lift weights, and plan on having kids, and weigh 180. It's amazing. I still can't do everything, it's not perfect but I absolutely would not be here without the transplant. 'It seems such a waste that someone has to pass away while waiting for a transplant. My mom died at U of M waiting to get a heart transplant in 1997 at age 54.'"

ALIVE '07

Organizers of the Donate Life May 3 fund-raiser hope the ALIVE event raises awareness about organ donation and the Gift of Life registry (www.giftoflifemichigan.org), the state's federally authorized organ recovery organization. Donate Life's mission as a group of non-profits and volunteers is to urge people to register to donate their organs, tissue and eyes after death. "It's so important that Donate Life continue its mission," said Peggy Burkhard, planning committee member. "We'll have three award recipients and Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land welcoming everyone because she's been incredibly supportive. "This year we're encouraging guests to sign up online at the event, and Michigan musician Hunter Brucks is going to perform. Second Chance, a song he wrote and

sings. The CD will raise money for Camp Michitanki, a University of Michigan Transplant Center initiative to enable children whose lives were saved by transplant to attend summer camp."

Mary Lowe thought it was a good idea when the hospital asked her to donate husband Richard's organs after the 69-year-old Troy man died suddenly of a brain hemorrhage in February 2005. "Our family was not all here but I said yes," said Lowe, who was married to Richard for 44 years. "I thought it would be good to help someone out when we were losing him, if someone else could have a life through him. One man has his liver, two young people corneas so they have sight. Bone went to children born with a deformity of the spine so they could walk. I feel like he is living on through them."

LIVING ON

Arlene Krausz believes the donor may not only give life to the recipient, but be responsible for certain changes in behavior. When the nurse consultant was doing research for *A Stranger's Heart* she went online to read accounts of recipients taking on characteristics of the donors after transplant.

"There are the stories of people who didn't like peanut butter now craving it, that they have these personality changes," said Krausz. "Is there proof? There has been research about the T-cells, but the bottom line is I've actually met people. One lady I took care of in cardiac rehab hated peanut butter and afterward couldn't get enough. In the nursing world we hear about it."

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APRIL

Organ donor memorial

A snowboard/skateboard bench will be dedicated in memory of former student Tony Sisco Jr. 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (adult ceremony at 11:30 a.m.) Monday, April 23 at White Lake Middle School, 1450 Bogie Lake Road. Tony died after a snowboarding accident on Dec. 22, 2005. He had watched an evening news segment on organ donation and told his parents if anything should ever happen to him he would like to become an organ donor. Tony Sr. and Karen Sisco made the decision to help others by donating his organs and corneas. The bench was made possible in part by Chris Klug, 2002 Olympic Snowboarding Bronze Medalist and a liver transplant recipient who sent two autographed racing boards for the bench. The dedication is scheduled for what would have been the 14th birthday of Tony Jr. For information about becoming a registered organ donor visit www.giftoflifemichigan.org or call (800) 482-4881.

Afternoons optimal for workouts

Ashley from Eastpointe emails asking if there is a particular time of day that's best for getting in an effective workout?

Ashley, in this case timing can influence the kind of exercise you do and the gains you make! In the morning joints are at their stiffest. That makes warming up before working out especially important. But it is also



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

important to note that your body's ability to build new muscle is greatest in the morning, so that might be the best time for you. By mid-afternoon most of us experience a sort of mid-day slump but a quick workout can still be effective. By the late afternoon and early evening your bodily functions are reaching an optimal level for an effective workout. The body seems to recover more quickly

when you exercise between 3 and 7 p.m. It will also help you fall asleep faster!

Joan from Taylor has been noticing subtle changes in her voice. She emails asking if she should see a doctor about the problem.

Joan, the answer is yes! A change in vocal pitch can be something as minor as a cold or sore throat. But according to researchers at the University of Michigan it can also indicate more serious problems like acid reflux. Watch for warning signs like a voice that is unusually raspy, even though you aren't sick. If you sing and have trouble hitting certain notes that can be another danger sign. If the changes persist for more than a few weeks check with your doctor. To keep your voice healthy be sure to drink plenty of water! Be sure to avoid smoking and second hand smoke! Try to avoid shouting and be careful not to excessively clear your throat!

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

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Autism-friendly family event

Reservations accepted until Monday, April 23 for the second annual pajama party featuring the hilarious Doug Scheer performing his Diversity Circus magic show 2 p.m. Sunday, April 29 at the Judson Center, 4410 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak. Tickets \$25 per family. Space is limited. Call (248) 837-2112 for reservations.

Blood drive

6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 23. Huron Valley Sinai Hospital's Conference Center, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Walk-ins welcome. Appointment encouraged. To register visit www.givelife.org. Sponsor code DMC and choose HVSH blood drive.

CPR training

6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 23 (must arrive 15 to 20 minutes prior to class) at the Redford Twp. District Library, 25320 W. Six Mile, between Beech Daly and Telegraph. Redford residents interested in participating can call Debra Yake at (248) 304-6080 or (248) 304-6055. All residents must be registered.

Bocce for Bucks III

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's signature fund-raising event offers patrons an opportunity to receive professional instruction from World Cup Bocce players 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 22 at Palazzo di Bocce, Orion Township. Event includes indoor bocce ball tournament, Italian buffet, silent auction, dress casual. Tickets \$100 for bocce play, Italian buffet, dinner, beer, wine, desserts, silent auction and exit gift. \$150 for all of above plus expert bocce instruction from World Cup players. Call (248) 967-8324 or visit vna.org.

RN refresher course

Madonna University, 12-day registered nurse (RN) refresher course meets 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 23 to May 11 on the main Livonia campus. Course designed for nurses who've maintained their RN license but have been out of clinical practice for more than two years. Registration \$800. For information call Marilyn Harton at (734) 432-5449 or send e-mail to mharton@madonna.edu.

Smoking study to examine habits of pet owners

Henry Ford Hospital is launching a first-of-its-kind, multi-phase study to examine the smoking behaviors of people who own or live with a pet.

"Existing research does not indicate what percentage of pet owners smoke or allow smoking in their homes. We hope to fill in that research gap," said Dr. Ronald M. Davis, director of Henry Ford's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention and the study's principal investigator.

Henry Ford researchers are seeking 2,100 participants for the three-year, \$300,000 study, which is funded by the Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute in Miami, Fla. Eligible participants are either smokers or non-smokers who live with a dog, cat or bird and are at least 18 years old.

In the study's first phase, researchers will look at the smoking practices of people who live with their pet dog,

cat or bird. In the second phase, they'll examine people's perceptions about secondhand smoke and its effects on pet health. The final phase will involve a public education program about smoking and pet health.

To recruit study participants in southeast Michigan, Henry Ford is partnering with the Michigan Humane Society and Pet Supplies Plus pet stores. Participants will be asked to complete an online survey about animals living in the home, smoking behaviors and those of the people with whom they live, interest in quitting smoking, and smoking rules in the home.

The first 1,200 participants, who complete the survey at www.healthypetsurvey.com, will receive a \$5 Pet Supplies Plus gift card. All participants will automatically be entered in a grand prize drawing to win \$500, \$100, \$50 and \$20 gift cards. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete.

FOOT PAIN CAN RUIN YOUR GOLF SWING



As millions of avid golfers get ready for another season of pars and bogeys, they should be aware of potentially serious foot problems that can result from years of playing the game.

Dr. Randy H. Bernstein, DPM, FACFAS, a foot and ankle surgeon in Dearborn Heights and staff member of Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, shares this information from the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

The three most common painful foot conditions that can ruin your golf swing are heel pain, arthritis of the big toe joint, and pinched-swollen nerves called neuromas.

Although golf is not considered a rigorous sport, the physical act of repeatedly swinging the clubs can lead to a condition known as hallux limitus, a jamming and deterioration of the big toe joint. This can eventually wear out the cartilage and jam the big toe, causing severe pain. The movement and weight transfer that occurs during the swing's follow-through can cause this problem, as well as the other foot ailments.

This weight transfer and body twisting during the swing can also make the foot roll from side to side, putting pressure on the nerves between the metatarsal bones in the feet. This pressure can cause the nerves to be pinched and irritated, causing them to swell and produce numbness, tingling, and severe pain around the balls of the feet. This problem is called neuromas.

Heel pain typically results from inflammation of the thick band of tissue that extends from the heel to the balls of the feet from walking on uneven terrain around the golf course. Tears and inflammation in this band of tissue in the arch area is called plantar fasciitis. Tears and inflammation in the area of the heel can eventually result in becoming a heel spur.

For the majority of golfers and other patients with the same ailments, simple treatments such as custom orthotic devices (shoe inserts), stretching exercises, changes to your shoes, medications, braces, or steroid injections and physical therapy can alleviate painful feet. However, if conservative treatment fails to provide adequate relief, surgery may be required.

Foot pain is not normal. With the treatment options available to you by your foot and ankle surgeon, a pain-free golf swing is obtainable. When your feet hurt, your golf swing hurts, too.

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Antiquarian book fair

The 29th annual Ann Arbor Antiquarian Book Fair takes place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 6, in the ballroom of the Michigan Student Union, 530 S. State Street in Ann Arbor. There is a \$5 admission charge which benefits the William L. Clements Library of the University of Michigan. Nearly 40 book dealers from Michigan and throughout the Midwest will offer fine used, rare and out of print books, maps, postcards, photographs and prints for sale. The William L. Clements Library will hold an auction Saturday, May 5, as a lead-in to the book fair. Preview is 1-4:30 p.m.; the auction starts at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Jay Platt, c/o the West Side Book Shop, 113 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, MI 48104; e-mail: jplatt@provide.net or call (734) 995-1891.

Mother/Son magic show

Northville Parks and Recreation sponsors the Mother and Son Magic Show with Jason Magic 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at Geniti's (108 E. Main) in Northville. The magic show runs 10:30-11:20 a.m., followed by lunch until 12:30 p.m. The show is open to children ages 3 and up. No strollers and the family style lunch will include SOUP, pasta, salad, chicken, brownies and lemonade. Cost is \$14 per person. Pre-register by going to the Northville Parks and Recreation office, 700 W. Baseline, in Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-0208, Ext. 1411.

Soup & Salad

The St. Joseph Women's Guild hosts its annual Soup & Salad Luncheon 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 11, in the Parish Activity

Center on Third Street in Trenton. The \$7 fee includes soup, salads, desserts and a beverage. The event also features two 50/50 drawings (don't need to be present to win) and door prizes. For reserved tables of 10 or more or for advance tickets, call (734) 671-1020.

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 28) and Sundays (April 22-29). Tickets are \$8 for all performances. For more information, visit the theater's Web site at www.northvillemarquistheatre.com or call (248) 349-8110.

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 pot luck 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.

Women remembering Women

A Women Remembering Women evening tea is set for 7:30 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 or 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, beginning 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 tables 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



Scholarly effort

Mark Shobe, president and CEO of DFCU Financial, congratulates the 2007 winners of the Founders Scholarship. (From left) Kristen Kitt, a senior at Plymouth Christian High School; Rachel Mason, a senior at Divine Child High School in Dearborn; and Mohamed Alcodray, a Dearborn High School senior. Kitt is the recipient of the \$2,000 renewable scholarship for up to four years based on continued academic achievement (3.0 GPA) for a total amount of \$8,000. Since introducing the Founders Scholarship Program in 1998, DFCU Financial has committed more than \$125,000 in scholarship funds to high school seniors who are members of the financial institution. To be eligible, applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and demonstrate involvement in community service. A written essay also was required. The winner of the renewable scholarship is determined following an interview with members of the senior management team at DFCU Financial.

City Club. John Leidy Shops, Georgetown Gifts, Kitchenport and Quinn's Essentials. For more information, call Winifred Schweiger, (734) 434-8521.

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 wanted

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.

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. 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.

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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.

Post Polio Clinic

Easily fatigued? New, inexplicable physical complaints? History of paralytic or non-paralytic polio? Contact the Post Polio Clinic, 13850 E. 12 Mile, Warren, or call (586) 778-4505. The clinic sponsors support group meetings the fourth Saturday of every month (March through October) at 4328 Livernois in Troy. For more information, you can also call (734) 765-8384.

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 weekly meetings to discuss community projects and activities. Call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site (www.pckiwa.org).

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Michigan Career Portal good source of job information

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Ardis Cazen, director of Labor Exchange Services for the state of Michigan, is a firm believer in the Michigan Career Portal.

Cazen, who works within the Division of Bureau of Workforce Programs for the state, has seen the pluses of the Michigan Career Portal www.michigan.gov/careers.

Basically, it's a Web site that was designed at first primarily for job seekers," she said. It soon expanded to assist employers, students, teachers and parents.

It provides information for those who are searching for jobs. Cazen said. There are links to the state job bank, Michigan Talent Bank, our state public labor exchange system. Those visiting the site can place resumes or post jobs.

They basically find each other," she said of job seekers and employers.

These are not Michigan state government jobs. The Career Portal, which she describes as very successful, has been operating since April 2003 and averages 165,000 visitors a month.

The Michigan Talent Bank is just one link. For students, there are links to community colleges, and four-year col-

leges/universities as well. "We don't just link to their Web sites," she said. Admissions, financial aid, academic curriculum, "those things people most often want when they visit Web sites," are also highlighted.

Altogether, there are links to about 60,000 resources. There's links for all ages. We link to Junior Achievement for example," Cazen said.

Link to military careers are on the Career Portal. We have all of the armed forces represented.

There's content in the career exploration area, over 400 occupations represented with information on related secondary occupations. You can watch a surgeon doing surgery, for example.

The Web site also has people at work videos. There's information on duties, educational requirements, forecast salary information, you name it. Emerging occupations, primarily in health care and information technology, are well-represented.

Just many occupations that the average person is not even aware of," she said.

The Talent Bank averages 40,000 jobs in Michigan. We have about that same number of employers who use the Talent Bank on a regular basis.

State staffers haven't marketed the Talent Bank or Career Portal extensive-

ly, but are pleased with its success. The Talent Bank has about 600,000 resumes in it.

If you don't have Internet access, you can go to a Michigan Works office in your area. Call (800) 285-9675 to find the location of the nearest office.

Basically, they can access the Internet. Many public librarians are familiar with services, Cazen noted, and can help.

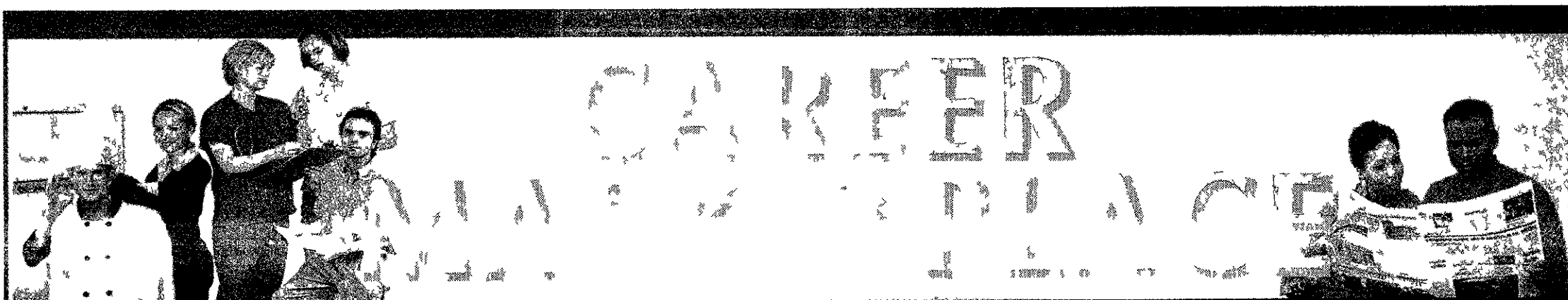
It's basically federal funds. Most services related to employment are federally funded, which is a good thing, right now.

The Career Portal lists job/career fairs, and an employer can enter information to be listed until the fair occurs.

We provide directions to the job fair, the kind of jobs that'll be offered there, etc. We do keep that up to date. The department has staff to keep information updated.

It is one of the highest accessed Web sites behind the secretary of state and other major state sites. It is very high up on the list.

You can link to veteran services, internships, job seeker sites, also to sites where people can look for grants. Many of the things out there are free. These resources out there for teachers. Teachers need to be able to find things that are free. Cazen said.



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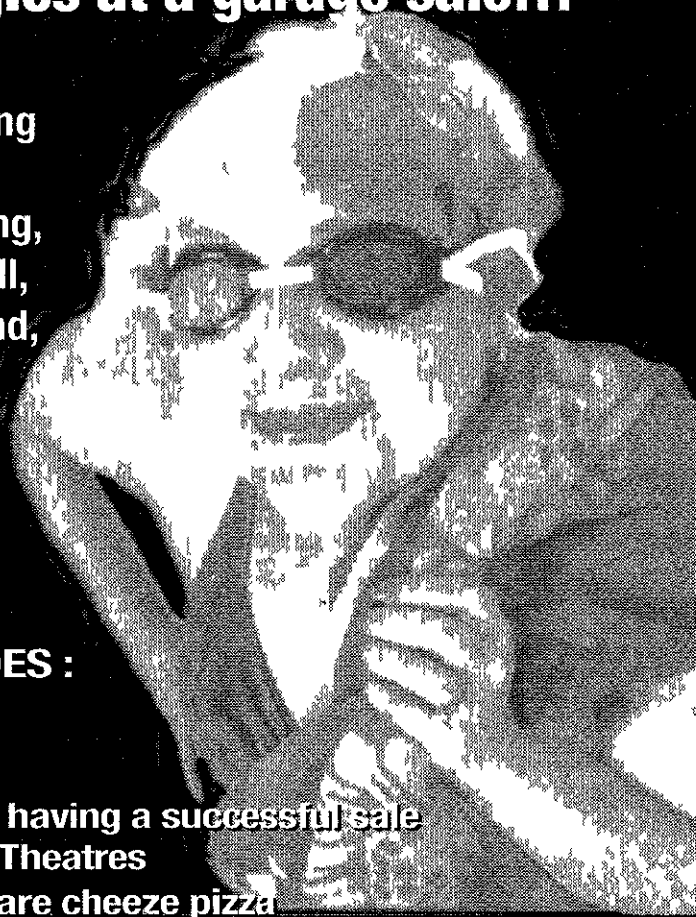
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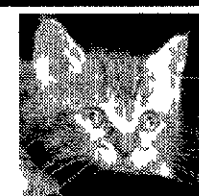
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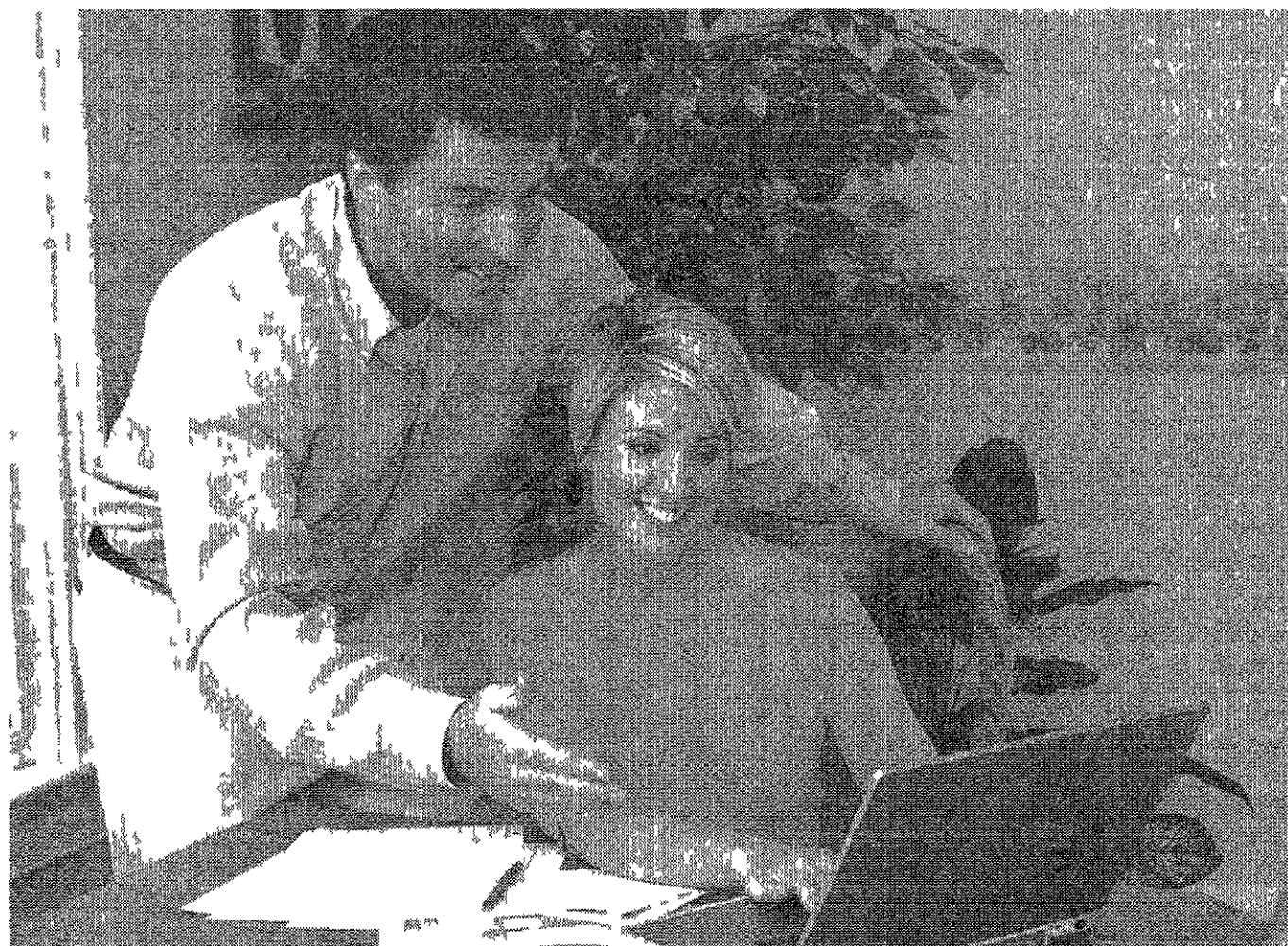
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Environmentally friendly construction moving rapidly into the mainstream

(NAPSI) — Kermit the Frog used to say it's not easy being green. But it's getting easier. Environmentally friendly or sustainable construction, a once far out trend, has moved rapidly into the mainstream.

According to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), the Green home building movement is defined as one which applies innovative and environmentally sensitive construction techniques and products to reduce energy and water consumption and improve residential comfort and safety.

One of NAHB's seven categories of Green building is indoor air quality. *Residential Systems* magazine agrees and identifies energy efficiency as a hallmark of the green building movement.

According to Joe Patrick, senior product manager for VELUX America, both indoor air quality and energy efficiency can be enhanced with venting skylights. He says that they admit natural light from above to reduce energy costs and exhaust stale air while transforming living areas into bright spaces.

In bathrooms, for instance, Patrick says you get privacy plus the use of wall space where a window isn't necessary. For decorating, storage or other forms of space utilization. And venting skylights in kitchens release hot air and cooking odors without the need for a fan while providing healthful natural light.

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Patrick says that skylights admit 30 percent more light than vertical windows in dormers while providing privacy and the drama of a sky view that can't be achieved with vertical windows. And skylights are available with electrochromic glass that can be darkened or lightened electronically to adjust light and heat gain while still providing the view to the sky.

And Patrick says skylight glazing technology is among the best in the industry. Quality units employ gas-filled double-pane construction that controls up to 83 percent of the sun's heat-causing rays while resisting condensation.

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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 \$190 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Thursday, April 26 to Farmington Community Education. Please call (248) 489-3333 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to register Monday - Friday.

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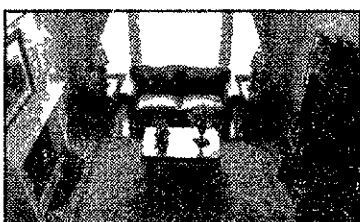
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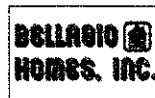
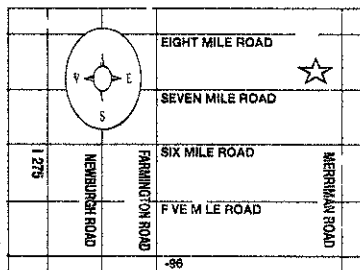
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Builder's pre-license class (Livonia)

Livonia Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute presents a pre license 16-hour comprehensive seminar from 6 – 10 p.m. for Tuesday/Thursday, May 1, 3 and May 8, 10, at Holmes School, 16200 Newburgh Rd., Livonia.

The cost of the seminar is \$199 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, April 27 to Livonia Community Education. Please call (734) 744-2602 to register Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Building Industry Association offers programs

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and the Construction Association of Michigan will present the following programs:

■ “Codes and Quality Control” – from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 20 at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group, Inc. will instruct attendees on defining quality within one's company by identifying five essential quality components. The course outlines a superintendent's responsibilities regarding codes and provides tips on code enforcement and compli-

ance on the job site.

Registration fees are \$155 for BIA members and \$185 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ A “Negotiating Skills” course from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate and Graduate Master Builder designation, as well.

Chuck Breidenstein will instruct attendees on strategies for specific negotiating situations through a combination of lectures, exercise and role-playing.

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ A “Business Management for Building Professionals” course will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, May 7, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Brindley R.W. Byrd, CAPS, CGR of Qx2 Inc. will provide participants with the essential tools for the ideal business management toolbox. The course will discuss the components of a business plan, defining and staffing your business performance tools for managing and monitoring administration, sales, and production, and strategies for managing common challenges experienced in startup businesses.

Registration fees are \$185 for Remodelers Council members, \$235 for BIA members and \$275 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

New home sales management

BIA's Sales and Marketing Council will present an IRM IV Challenge of New Home Sales Management seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, April 25-26, at MSU - Management Education Center, 811 West Square Lake Road in Troy.

Ed Wynn of Genesis New Home Sales Training and Russ Olmo of Olmo & Company will instruct attendees on methods to improve business operations, Realtor® relations, and customer follow-up by integrating your sales force into an overall marketing plan.

Registration fees are \$375 for Sales & Marketing Council members, \$425 for BIA members and \$475 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

MIOSHA seminar

BIA will present a MIOSHA Seminar from 8 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, May 2, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

The seminar will offer an explanation of the new agency directive for residential construction, builders responsibility to have fall protection, a review of fall protection criteria and practices, and specific instructions for builders on fall exposure liability.

Registration fees are \$20 for BIA members and \$40 for guests. For registration information, please call (248) 862-1033.

Green building for building professionals

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Building for Building Professionals course from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8-9, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) designation.

Chuck Breidenstein will instruct attendees on strategies for incorporating green building principles into homes without driving up the cost of construction. Participants will learn how green homes provide buyers with better value: lower energy costs, lower maintenance, better indoor air quality and better long-term value.

Registration fees are \$325 for Remodelers Council members, \$350 for BIA members and \$400 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Safety and security

BIA will present a Residential Construction Superintendent (RCS) course – Safety and Security – from 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, May 15 at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein will instruct attendees on how to protect a job site by learning the essential components of a safety program. Participants will examine the most common OSHA citations and how to prepare for an OSHA inspection, as well as review a superintendent's responsibilities to adequately protect a job site.

Registration fees are \$155 for BIA members and \$185 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Sales and marketing awards

BIA's Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will host the 8th Annual Sales & Marketing (SAM) Awards from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, at the Community House of Birmingham, 380 South Bates St. in Birmingham.

The SMC will recognize outstanding achievement in sales and marketing efforts throughout Southeastern Michigan. The Million Dollar Circle awards will also be presented. A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Registration fees are \$90 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, non-members and guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

On-site project management course

BIA will sponsor an On-Site Project Management course from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate, Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) designation, as well.

Chuck Breidenstein will lead a discussion on site conditions and layout, effective office and client communications, quality control standards, scheduling and documentation.

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Estimating and bid strategies

BIA will present another in its series of Effective Business Management Seminars – Estimating and Bid Strategies for Increased Profitability – from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein will lead the seminar, instructing attendees on the business and strategic side of estimating, including tips on how to calculate and assign the correct margins for your business, strategies for competitive bidding in a tight market and key ratio tracking that will allow you to increase profitability.

Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$60 for BIA members and \$85 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Quality construction for superintendents

BIA will present another of its Advanced Residential Construction Superintendent (ARCS) courses – Building it Right: Quality Construction for Superintendents (Technical Proficiency Track) – from 8 a.m. to noon on Thursday, May 31, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Brindley R.W. Byrd, CAPS, CGR of Qx2, Inc., will guide attendees to learn to identify the stakeholders of a construction project and the performance expectations that need to be set and measured for each group to ensure product quality, as well as offer technical tips and best practices to improve quality at each stage of a construction project.

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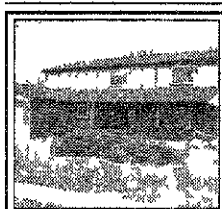
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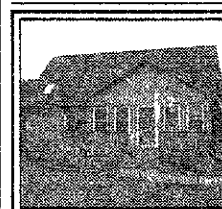
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- 17 Rice dishes
- 19 Out of the sack
- 21 Caesar's man
- 22 Put in the fridge
- 24 Toss
- 26 Lower California
- 29 Went off course
- 31 Opposite of ruddy
- 33 Tampa Bay pro
- 34 New England st
- 35 Funny
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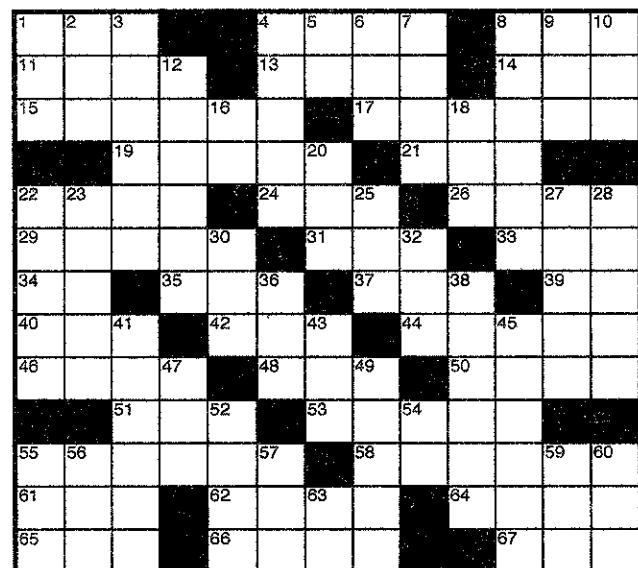
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- 64 Arm
- 65 Car Talk network
- 66 Pittsburgh river
- 67 Geisha's tie
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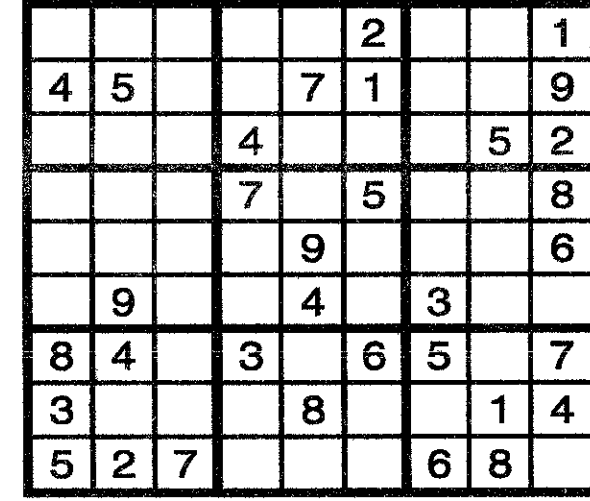
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- 18 Rights move ment word
- 20 Without delay
- 22 Phase
- 23 Cisco Kid flick
- 25 — relief
- 27 Minty quaff
- 28 Boric and nitric
- 30 Grumpy's pal
- 32 Name to Pierre
- 36 Comfy shoe
- 38 Making cat calls
- 41 Liz or Rod
- 43 — Kippur
- 45 Black magic
- 47 Folk song mule
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- 52 Brief note
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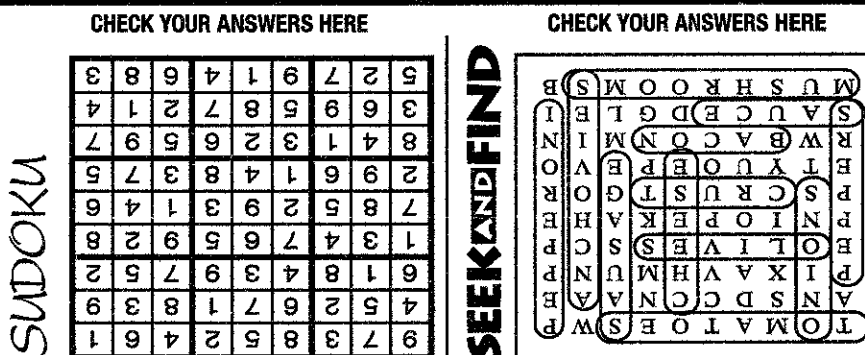
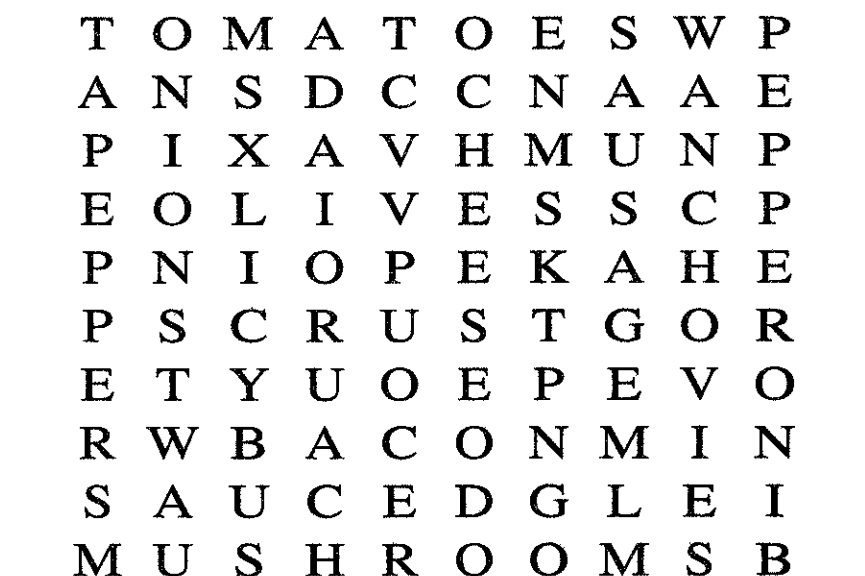
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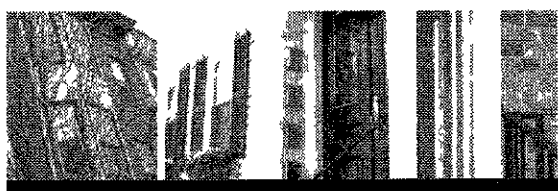
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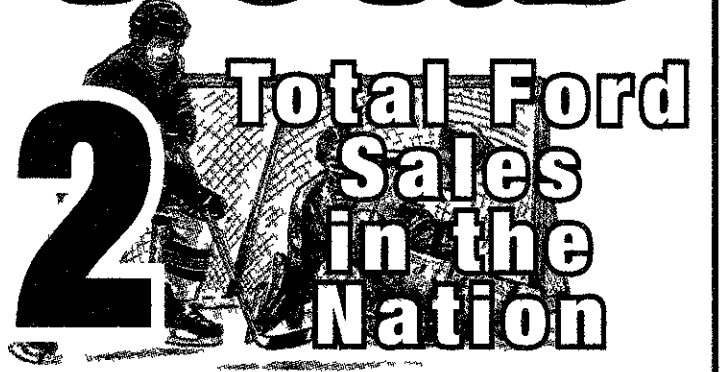
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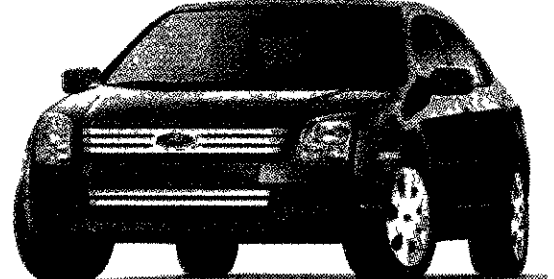
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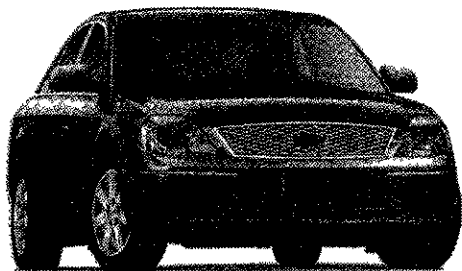
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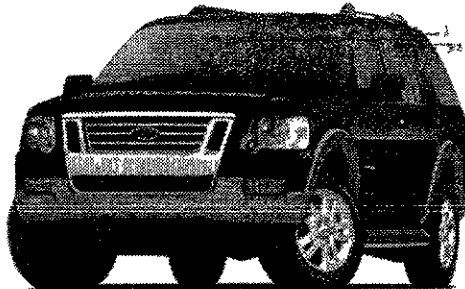
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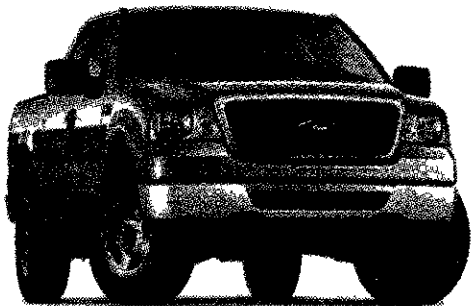
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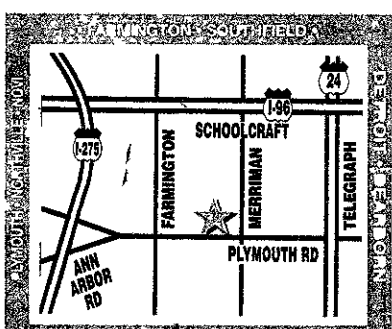
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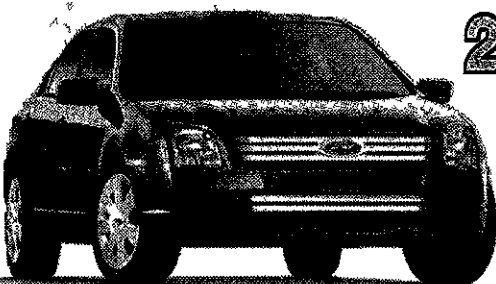
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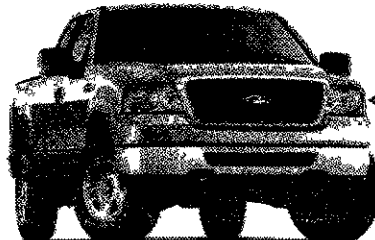
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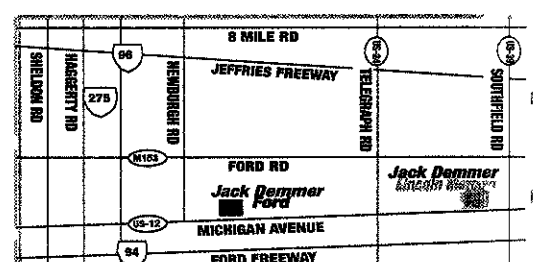
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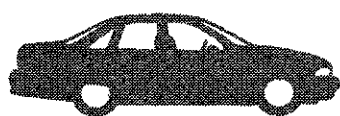
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Warren-made Dodge Dakota: It's go-and tow-in style

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It might be just a truck, but the Dodge Dakota, which DaimlerChrysler assembles in Warren, brings a few new features to the table for 2007.

Sometimes compared as a smaller version of the Dodge Ram truck since gradual redesigns began in 2005, the Dakota has seen improvements in not only exterior but also interior facets overall.

Now that all Dodge vehicles bear the signature grill, the Dakota is no exception. Its added interior virtues gradually move it closer yet to a luxury bracket for a truck.

From its best-in-class interior that this year seats six (if you include a front bench seat vs. bucket seats), to providing a perfectly serviceable — even uncharacteristically attractive — truck interior, the Dakota has a few noticeable perks.

Those include the Quad Cabs front seat spaciousness accommodating even taller passengers and handling one more person than usual. When the second row seats are folded down, Dakota exhibits an additional 37.1 cubic feet of space. The Club Cab provides 30 cubic feet by comparison, along with doors that hinge from a rear access point.

The 2007 Dodge Dakota likewise brings class-leading torque to the mix.

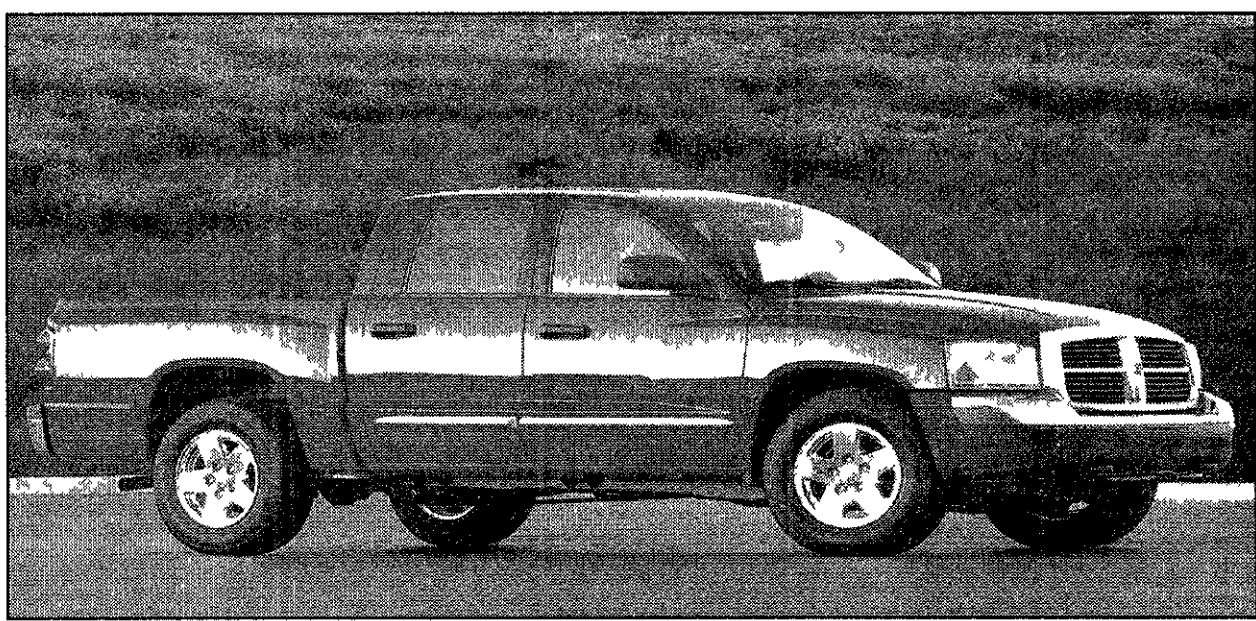
Its standard engine size, a 3.7-liter V6 engine yields 210 horsepower, and 260 horsepower is available with Dakota's 4.7-liter V8. The 260 is only available in automatic, although the others come in automatic or manual.

But it's the optional 4.7-liter V8 and the resulting 230 horsepower and 290 foot-pounds of torque that dangle some fuel options for drivers.

Dakota also offers three drive types: rear-wheel, 4-wheel and all-wheel.

Debuted in 2007, dual-fuel capability arrived with the Dakota. The V8 offers the option of using E85 (unleaded gasoline with ethanol) to aid in overall fuel savings.

Estimated mileage ranges from 15 miles to the gallon in the city, to 20 miles per gallon on the



Dodge's 2007 Dakota offers fuel savings with its dual fuel option, capitalizing on using a mixture of gas and ethanol as well as allowing normal gas use with this compact truck.

highway, with a potential extra three miles in each category.

The Dakota's 2007 highlights include ample headroom and notable legroom in front — although rear legroom is less generous. Transport of people, however, is as facile as moving cargo in the truck's bed which measures 6.5 feet for Club Cabs and 5 feet 4 inches for Quad Cabs.

A dual-position tailgate is another 2007 upgrade, and it looks at an angle for better cargo access.

The Dakota's six-position driver's seat bests even some SUVs and minivans with guaranteed driver comfort and adaptability. Especially shorter drivers can appreciate that despite the manufacturer's always-uncomfortable seatbelts. Why oh why are so many seatbelts intent, it seems, on choking shorter drivers?

The Dakota's sound system — available with extra Alpine speakers — is remarkable. When fed through a 276-watt amplifier sound is all around providing travelers with a pleasantly individualized world, despite any exterior terrain or noise. Clear and well-balanced sound transmissions stand out.

Fabric able to resist not only stains and odor, but also wear comes with the optional YES! Essential upholstery offered by The Chrysler Group. In the Dakota's case, it's a welcome addition in any type of trim.

Adding to that interior brawn are the standard power locks and optional remote starter for extra ease.

Equipped Dakotas have close to a 7,100-pound towing power, ample to move a lot of cargo even in its abbreviated area, and a 5-star front-crash rating pumps up the Dakota's other end.

For more safety, rear-wheel antilock brakes are standard, and options include four-wheel ABS as well as side curtain airbags for both rows of seats.

Maneuverability is considerable in Dakota for 2007. Easy to steer and corner, as well as park, it is sometimes tough to recall that it is a truck — until, that is, a bump in the road brings that memory flooding back.

There are so many little standards, that the truck atmosphere dissipates in perks like Sirius radio, tinted windows, and remote extras.

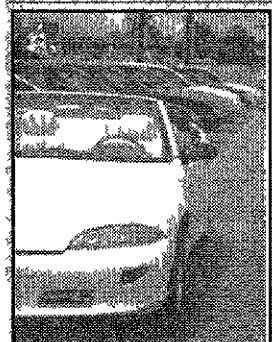
But the Dakota for 2007 is the way to go, stow and tow — if a truck with imaginative options is what you need.

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2007 Dodge Dakota Quad Cab 4x4 SLT
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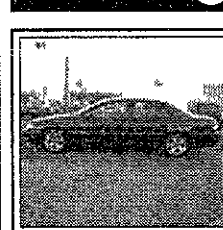
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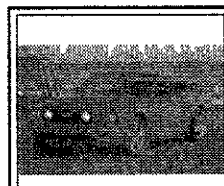
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\$1000 Cust. Cash **\$21818*** \$1638 21 DUE

0 Down **\$26029*** \$662.91 DUE
Sign & Drive **\$28616*** 0 DUE

2007 FIVE HUNDRED SEL

3.0 24V V6, 6 speed auto trans, air, AM/FM CD stereo, power seat, adj. pedals Stk. #7C1201

Was \$23,730 NOW \$15,944**

— LEASE 24 MONTHS —

\$1000 Cust. Cash **\$22836*** \$1499 06 DUE

0 Down **\$27053*** \$483.76 DUE
Sign & Drive **\$29062*** 0 DUE

2007 ESCAPE XLT 4X4

2.3 engine, 4 speed auto, O/D trans, power moonroof, audiophile 6 CD stereo, privacy glass. Stk. #7T6138

Was \$26,005 NOW \$18,812**

— LEASE 24 MONTHS —

\$1000 Cust. Cash **\$24064*** \$1542 08 DUE

0 Down **\$28250*** \$326.45 DUE
Sign & Drive **\$30421*** 0 DUE

2007 FREESTYLE SEL

3.0 24V V6, auto, ABS, air, p. mirrors, leather, 3rd row seat, AM/FM CD stereo, auto headlamp. Stk. #7T0111

Was \$27,255 NOW \$19,655**

— LEASE 24 MONTHS —

\$1000 Cust. Cash **\$26083*** \$1533 48 DUE

0 Down **\$30280*** \$317.37 DUE
Sign & Drive **\$32421*** 0 DUE

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V-6, power moon, windows & locks, 6 disc CD/MP3 & more Stk. #8T4020

Lease 39 mo **\$259***
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Leather, loaded Stk. #7C3089

Lease 39 mo **\$321***
*A or Z plan plus tax, title, license
1st payment plus \$1250 cash or trade down

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"MANAGERS SPECIAL"

2007 Mustang Convertible GRABBER ORANGE
4.0 V6, 5 speed auto, Shaker 500 audio Stk. #7C6000
Was \$30,075
NOW **\$24,158****

"MANAGERS SPECIAL"

2007 Mustang GT Convertible Roush Stage 2
4.6 V8, 5 speed manual, Roush interior, stripes, suspension, wheels Stk. #7C6035
Was \$46,670
NOW **\$39,729****

"MANAGERS SPECIAL"

2006 Ranger 4x4 Sport S-Cab
4.0 V6, auto, air, sliding r window, AM/FM CD/cassette Stk. #8T7018
Was \$26,375
NOW **\$19,375****

"MANAGERS SPECIAL"

2006 Mustang GT Convertible SCREAMING YELLOW
4.6 V8, auto ABS air Shaker 1000 stereo Stk. #6C6082
Was \$34,480
NOW **\$27,964****

"MANAGERS SPECIAL"

2006 F 350 XLT Snow Plow Special
5.4 V8, automatic, 10,000 GVWR, sliding r window Stk. #8T6002
Was \$34,285 | Save More with A-Plan
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A, X, Z plan excluded • Expires 4-30-07

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April 2007
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1999 CHEVY BLAZER 4 dr 4x4 \$6,440	2002 MUSTANG GT Convertible auto 18k perfect Stk. #7T6214A \$15,870	2003 AVALANCHE 4WD 38K Stk. #7T1351A \$21,000	2005 TAURUS SE Needs to go certified full power Stk. #P19980 \$10,240	2005 TAURUS SE Certified 6 yr 75k warranty APR as low as 5.9% Stk. #P20004 \$10,995	2006 FORD EXPLORER 4x4 3rd seat like new Stk. #7C8228A \$20,940	2002 CHEVY BLAZER Extended cab 47k auto a Stk. #P19983A \$3,390	2005 EXPEDITION Edd e Bauer Certified Loaded \$24,900
2006 CARAVAN Floor air, 7 plate vacation ready \$14,995	2002 GRAND AM GT Full power Stk. #P676577B \$6,080	2004 JAGUAR S TYPE What a car! Loaded. Stk. #P20088 \$26,950	2001 TAURUS SES Power moon 48k Stk. #7T13751 \$7,995	2001 FOCUS ZX3 Auto full power Stk. #P20137 \$3,400	2003 GMC ENVOY 4x4 loaded, 38k SUV Stk. #7T6035A \$15,960	2005 FORD ESCAPE XLT 4x4 Certified full power Stk. #P19892 \$14,995	2005 EXPLORER XLT 4x4 Certified \$15,995

*24 month lease A Plan eligibility 10 500 miles per year w/approved tier 0 or 1 credit with lease renewal cash subject to program changes Expires 4 30 07 **A Plan pricing plus tax title all rebates no n price Expires 4 30 07

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