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Canton recognizes bravery, merit of its top officers

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

In the midst of showing their tenderness as fathers, several Canton police officers were honored for their on-the-job bravery Thursday evening, during the Canton Police Department's 21st annual awards and citations ceremony at the Summit

Dozens of officers, detectives and heutenants in the department were honored for various acts including emergency rescues, apprehending criminals and performing child abuse investigations



Falk was honored as officer of the year With his young daughter, gırlfriend and parents in tow, Falk said he was surprised and grateful for the designation The way we all come together and

Officer Adam

help each other out,' he said "It's something great to be a part of ' Falk, who

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Joined the department Canton's Police Officer of the Year four vear ago Acam Falk said he never dreamed of



Money doesn't talk much

School winner spent the least cash on election

> BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Spending the most money in May 8's Plymouth-Canton school election didn't translate into winning a seat on the Board of Education

In fact, Nancy Eggenberger of Canton Township according to Wayne County campaign reports - spent the least among the top three finishers and received the highest number of votes in the school election

Eggenberger, who captured one of the two four-year terms on the Board of Education, said her final campaign finance report will show she spent approximately \$2,000 in the board race

By contrast, Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township said he spent about \$8,800 - more than four times what the winner spent - for his campaign, which resulted in a third-place finish and out of the running for a board seat

Mark Slavens, who spent the second-highest during the campaign, infished second to win his third term on the Board of Education Slavens resigned May 8 after being appointed a Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court

becoming an officer as a kid but says hes had a great career

It's something new every night," he said, while his daughter toddled around

David Falk of Port Huron said he was stunned when his son chose policing as a profession, but said he's found a good fit

We're all pretty proud of him, he said

During the award presentations, Officer Edward Johnson was given a certificate of merit for stopping a car vandalism spree, Falk was recognized for catch ing four burglars right after a theft and several people were honored for academic achievement

Officer Patrick Sullivan, a 16-year veteran of the department, was recognized for a routine traffic stop that turned into a drug bust and for tracking down a car thief through a cell phone

It's nice to be recognized for what we do,' Sullivan said, while his wife, Kris, added, "This (ceremony) just shows how supportive the department is Its wonderful that they do this

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Jillian Weisch gives a hug to Ilah Aldridge who is a resident at Heartland

Spreading some joy Little girl's regular visits to nursing home are cherished by senior residents

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

Jillian and Ilah are friends Every Monday they get to hug, sit together, tell stories and laugh

Ilah Aldridge isn t someone 4-yearold Jıllıan Welsch met ın preschool she's a 95-year-old resident at Heartland Manor Care in Canton

Jillian, accompanied by her father, began visiting residents at the Lilley Road facility earlier this year

"She can make anyone smile, said Jerry Welsh, as he watched his daughter stand mesmerized by a group of Heartland residents belting out a hymn "It's such a blessing to see how people just light up when she comes around'

With wispy blonde hair framing her small face, Jillian walks through Heartland's hallways as if she's been visiting for years, occasionally waving at familiar faces and offering big grins

PLEASE SEE JILLIAN, A9

judge "I think I had name recognition," Eggenberger said "I worked on several committees and people in the district knew me, and word of mouth is a strong recognition factor'

Final campaign reports aren t due until the end of the month, however, a preliminary report filed with the Wayne County Clerk's Office indicated Eggenberger raised \$690 and spent \$255 Eggenberger said her final report will include a \$990 contribution from the Michigan Education Association

'I received a number of checks ranging from \$10-\$20, and it was nice to have that support,' Eggenberger said "I also spent some of my own money'

Heise's preliminary report showed he raised \$7,225 for the campaign, which included \$5,225 in contributions and \$2,000 of his own money According to the report, Heise held a fund-raiser March 29 at the home of Plymouth Township resident Abe Munfakh, a former-Plymouth Township board member, which was attenday ed by 35 people

However, Heise said the final report will indicate he

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Board to interview 4 candidates to fill Slavens vacancy

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school board president Barry Simescu said whomever is chosen to fill the unexpired term of former board member Mark Slavens should be ready to get to work Tuesday night

We will interview the candidates before the board meeting, and plan on making the decision then,' Simescu said The person we select



Eggenberger Heise

will be sworn in right away, and ready to go to work at the meeting, which begins at 7 p m Four people have notified





the board of their interest in filling the remainder of Slavens current term, which will run through June 30 They are Nancy Eggenberger,

who received the top number of votes in the May 8 election, and whose four-year term begins July 1, Kurt Heise, who finished third in the school board election, Larry Martin, who ran in the last election, and John Nichols

'We will have each candidate give us a minute or two on themselves, and then each board member will ask a question of each, similar to the League of Women Voters

forum, Simescu said It would not be a surprise if

Eggenberger is selected to give her a five-week head start on her term

Since Slavens was re-elected by voters for a third fouryear term, the Board of Education will go through the process again in July to fill his position until the next school board election, which would normally be until next May

However, Simescu indicat-

ed the board will consider moving the election to November to reduce election costs, which would put the next school board election on the municipal ballots in November 2008

The Secretary of State's Office has indicated any change in school board elections must be made by Dec 31

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A letter to the editor that appeared in the May 17 Canton Observer entitled 'Muslim woman oppressed was credited to Karen DuMond of Belleville It should have been credited to Terry Gallian of Tulare, Ca

Board of Trustees meeting

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p m , May 22 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S Canton Center Road Agenda items include the 2006 audit presentation, consider Fairways West neighbors/McLennan Property split and combination, consider Laird rezoning, consider awarding engineering services to Northwest Consultants for Ridge Road grading, consider authorization to create and fill Public Works supervisor-asset management position, approve purchase of recycling bins, and consider extending the 2006 sidewalk repair contract with Gaglio P&R Cement for the 2007 sidewalk repair program

Veterans car wash

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 (Plymouth-Canton Chapter) will hold a car wash fund-raiser from 9 a m -5 p m today at the Main Street Car Wash, 1191 S Main Street in Plymouth The owner, Phil Purcell, will donate all the cash proceeds to help military veterans VVA members will be working at the car wash **Toastmaster open** house

Canton Communicators Toastmaster Club hosts an open house Wednesday, May 23

This event is open to the public and visitors are welcome to join club members for light refreshments as they celebrate their second anniversary We will also be recognizing our club and its members for having earned the District Award of being a President s Distinguished Toastmaster Club This prestigious award is presented to clubs and their members for having met various educational levels throughout the Toastmaster year

The meeting begins promptly at 6 30 p m at the Canton Coney Island, 8533 N Lilley in Canton, just south of Joy For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 There is no pre-registration required and no obligation

Home security seminar

Canton Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit will be hosting a Home Security Seminar from 10 a m - noon, Saturday, June 2 at the Summit on the Park Sgt Deb Newsome will be discussing options for homeowners to maximize security of their home with or without a security alarm system Items such as doors, windows, locks and landscaping will be discussed with safety in mind Sgt Newsome will also discuss vacation tips for homeowners that are away for an extended period of time

In addition, Fire Inspector Nichole Hamilton will provide some valuable home fire prevention tips for summer, and Canton's Emergency Management Planner Kathy Rich will talk about severe storm safety and Do 1 Thing, a program designed to prepare residents for a emergency, one step at a time

Space is limited and reservations are required Please call (734) 394-5325 to reserve a spot

Summit Senior Players

The 9th Annual production of the Summit Senior Players, "It Was A Dark And Stormy Night," by Tim Kelly will take place on Friday and Saturday, June 1-2 at 7 p m and on Sunday, June 3 at 3 p m at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill There will be free valet parking for the Sunday matinee show Tickets are \$10 for adults,



Compassionate volunteers

Maureen Hassien of Canton and Georgia Scappaticci Plymouth were recognized for 2 500 hours of volunteer work for Angela Hospice Here they are pictured with Angela Hospice president Sister Mary Giovanni (left) and volunteer and spiritual care manager Donna Kolodsick (right) They were recognized at Angela Hospice's recent Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland 'The level of commitment and generosity demonstrated by Angela Hospice volunteers is extraordinary and inspiring " said Kolodsick, who oversees the hospice's 475 volunteers Volunteers contributed a total of 35 041 hours to the hospice's programs last year

\$9 for seniors, \$7 for students, and \$6 for groups of 15 or more Tickets are available at the Summit, and can also be purchased at the Village Theater box office one hour prior

Create a Web site

On Wednesday, May 30, from 6-9 p m , the Canton Chamber of Commerce 1s offering a Learn to Create Your Own Web Site course at Canton Computers, which is located at the southwest corner of Canton Center and Ford Road This is one of many computer training courses that have been scheduled throughout 2007 These classes are open both to Chamber members and the public

Cost for the seminar is \$25 for Chamber members and \$40 for non-members Class size is limited, registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis To register, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040 Registration deadline is May 25 All 2007 seminars and computer training courses are sponsored by Telcom Credit Union

Entertainment Book

The Plymouth Symphony League is selling Entertainment Books as one of its fund-raisers

For only \$20, buy the 2008 Entertainment Book and receive a 2007 Book free The book offers 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events

Buyers wishing to support the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton can purchase a 2008 Entertainment Book at the Plymouth Symphony Office, located next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016 The 2008 Entertainment Book will be available for pick up in August **Home buying seminar**

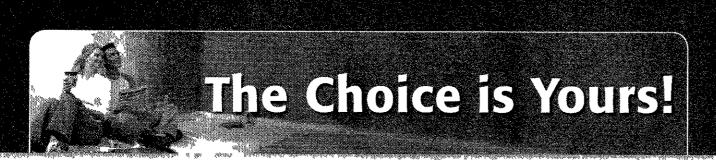
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Shore Mortgage and Remerica Cross Roads Realty will host a free home buyers/credit repair seminar at 7 p m , May 24 at 7277 N Lilley Road in Canton

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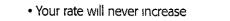
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Couple doing their part to bring church to area

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

A Canton couple is leading the effort to bring a Reformed church to metro Detroit

Margaret Waldecker, along with her husband, Richard, will host a meet and greet at their home May 21 and then have an informational meeting on June 5 to discuss the possibility of bringing a Presbyterian-based Reformed church to the region

Margaret Waldecker called the offices of the Rev Sherman Isbell in Virginia in January to inquire about forming a church in the area and says it quickly snowballed

He was so enthusiastic over the phone that it totally took me by surprise, she said 'I 'hought I would tell him I was in Michigan and that he would say because of our economy Oh, they re failing But he was so encouraging '

The June 5 informational meeting will be followed by a worship service on June 6 Both events will take place at the Canton Historical Museum, which is located on Canton Center Road just south of Cherry Hill

Isbell and the Rev Sean Humby will be in town for both of the June events to get a feel of the area They can then make a recommendation to their Presbytery either for or against a church in the area

"I ll be happy with whatever they decide because that will be the Lord's will, said Waldecker, adding that interest in the church has been growing 'We revery excited and really grateful at the response we ve been getting People are hungry for this"

Waldecker, who was raised in the Catholic faith, said when she and her husband began



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE

Margaret and Richard Waldecker want to establish a Reformed Church congregation in Canton

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■ Meet and Greet May 21 Waldecker residence

■ Informational meeting June 5 at Canton Historical Museum

Worship service June 6 at Canton Historical

Museum For more information contact Richard or Margaret Waldecker at (313)530-6170

studying the Reformed theology 15 years ago, a light bulb went off

I was born and raised in the Catholic church and I was not a happy camper," she said 'Something told me the Reformed church was it It all fit together"

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According to a Web page dedicated to the local efforts, the Reformed church cherishes 'the pursuit of personal godhness and loving relationships among the people of God ' The church uses the authorized King James version of the Bible

Isbell said he was excited to get Waldeckers phone call

'We re trying to make the effort to bring in new churches,' he said adding that attendance at the upcoming events is open to everyone It's not a matter of any commitment Those that want to hear good preaching and enjoy fellowship with Christians are welcome'

If the Presbytery decides to bring a church to the area, Waldecker said she's open to the location being in Belleville, Northville, Livonia or Downriver

It s entirely up in the air, she said

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Cost of sidewalk repair program raises the ire of some residents

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

It's not the money, it's the principle

This argument may have fallen on deaf ears when Stanley Tse tried to offer it to township officials Tuesday night Tse has balked at the township's request he pay nearly \$200 to improve portions of the sidewalk outside his Canton home

'That property belongs to the township, not to me, he said, adding hes more bewildered about being asked to foot the bill rather than the cost itself

It s not a lot of money, but it (shouldn t) have to be replaced by me,' he said I don t own the sidewalk

At its study session on Tuesday, the Township Board had a public hearing to receive homeowner feedback on any concerns surrounding the townships sidewalk ordinance and repair program

Introduced in 1999, the program was adopted to fix aging sidewalks and lessen the chance of the township being sued for a slip-and-fall accident The township has created a master plan for the project to carry it through 2010

Past inspections and repairs have taken place in subdivisions such as Windsor Park, Westbrook Manor and Sunflower Village This year's inspections were

done in Mayfair Village, Windemere, Oak Vale and other locations According to township documents, approximately 1,050 notification letters were mailed to homeowners advising them of any requested repairs The letter also

Included an estimated cost Upon inspection, damaged sidewalks are marked with either a green dot, indicating homeowner responsibility, or a red dot, denoting the townships responsibility Canton foots the bill for any sidewalks damaged because of a township utility

Tse argued that the township should pay for all of the work because if someone injured themselves, they would sue Canton, not the individual homeowners

Longtime Canton resident Roger Hulett lives in Mayfair Village and said he supports the program, but is floored that his repair estimate came in at about \$700

"I'm on both sides of the fence because that's a lot of money in today's economy, but I walk a lot and have had those 5 a m (accidental) trips because of raised sidewalks,' he said

Hulett attended the public hearing because he believes some of his sidewalk damage was caused by poor workmanship not aging

This is a good program but at the same time, I want it to be fair, he said

Municipal Services Director Tim Faas explained that those homeowners with concerns would receive another visit by the inspector to go over their property once more

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Pritam Singh said he doesn't have a problem with fixing his sidewalks and even replaced two slabs when he had work done on his home but said the township's request that he replace three additional slabs is wrong

"The process is flawed," said Singh, who has lived in the township for 30 years Singh told the board that he believes the damage was done by a township utility

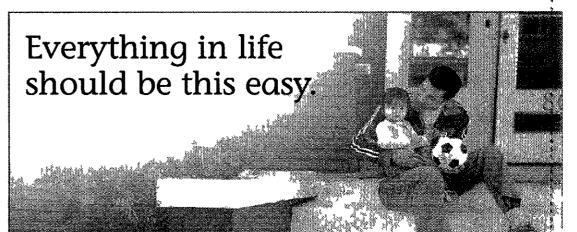
Faas didn't rule out his claim and said the purpose of the public hearing was to hear from residents that wanted inspectors to take a second look at their property

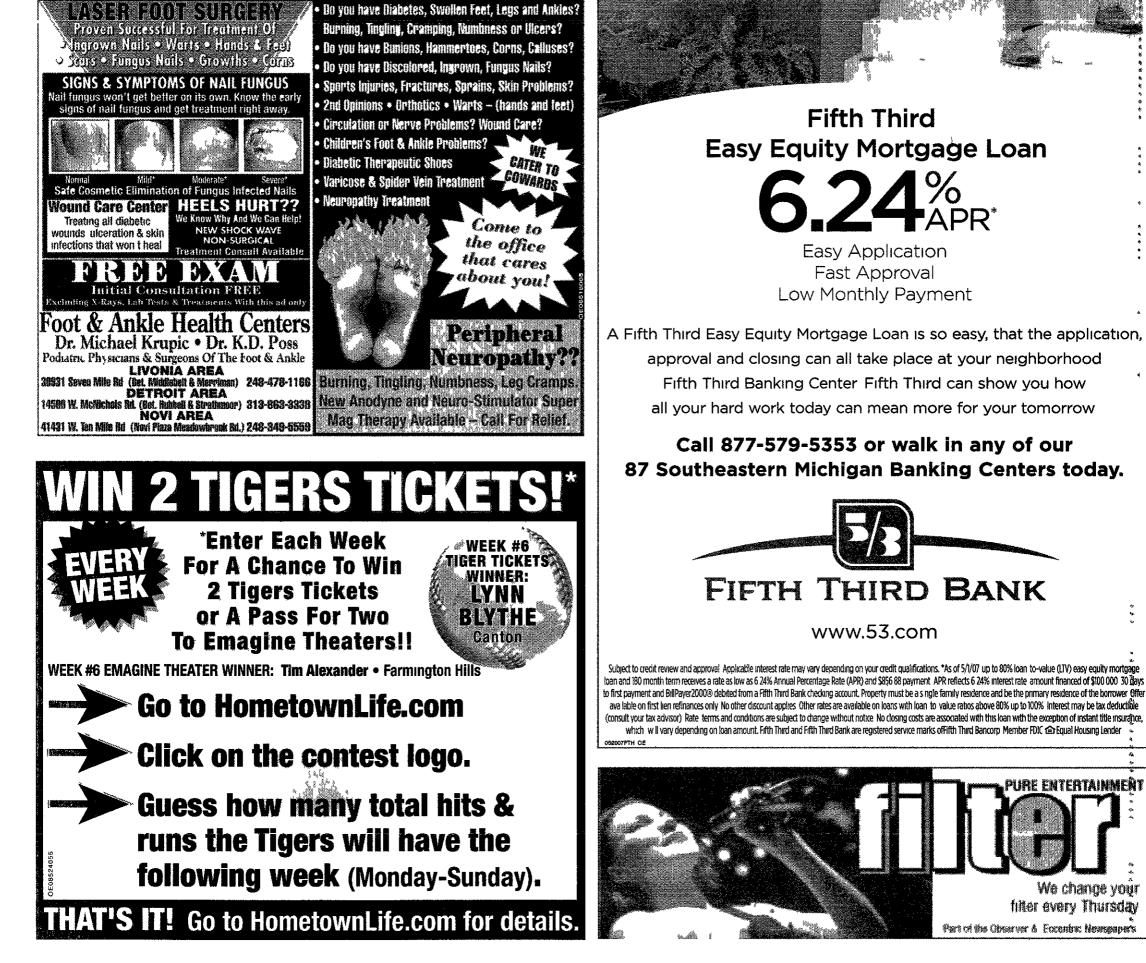
Within 60 days of receiving notification from the township, homeowners can either replace the indicated slabs themselves, hire a contractor or allow the township to do the work and be billed

If the work is being done by the homeowner or a contractor of their choosing, residents must get a permit from the Building Services and Inspection Division If a *** homeowner goes through thetownship, they don't have to ** get a permit but must pay a *** IO-percent administrative *** fee

All repairs are expected to be complete by early October, For more information, call (734) 394-5150

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Judge won't dismiss charges against day care director

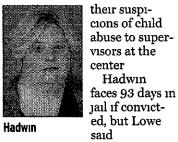
BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Judge Ron Lowe 1sn't convinced prosecutors will be able to convict a Westland woman who ran a Plymouth day care center of failing to report abuse in the case of a Canton toddler who died last year

But he's willing to let them try

Lowe, a 35th District Court judge, Wednesday denied a motion to dismiss a misdemeanor count of failure to report abuse against Jacqueline Hadwin, 36, who was director of Childtime Learning Center in Plymouth Township The charges stem from the death of 2-year-old Allison Newman, the Canton girl who died Sept 22, a death the Wayne County medical examiner ruled was caused by head trauma

The state closed Childtime after two witnesses came forward to say they d reported



Wednesday he isn't sure that'll happen

'They are going to have to demonstrate the nature of the injuries and what was known by (Hadwin) at the time she made the decision to report or not report,' Lowe said "(Prosecutors) are going to have to prove to the jury (Hadwin) had reasonable suspicion child abuse occurred "

Despite his doubts, Lowe said the decision to deny the motion to dismiss was easy as a matter of law

'People wanted me to dismiss the case because the prosecutor isn't going to be able to prove the case, Lowe said 'Its

not my job to determine the facts at this point I could dismiss if it was a question of law. but this is a question of fact' Hadwin's attorney, Todd Flood of Flood, Lanctot and Conner, dıdn't return calls seeking comment

Prosecutors declined to respond to Lowe's comments, noting the judge let the charge stand in preparation for Hadwin's June 28 preliminary hearing

'We believe we had probable cause to charge in this case and that we have proof beyond a reasonable doubt (Hadwin) failed to report suspected abuse when she had a duty to do so under the law,' said Maria Miller, spokeswoman for the Wayne County Prosecutors Office

We will proceed with our case and, if need be, wait for a jury to speak'

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Distinguished grad

Ryan Leach, a 2003 Salem High grad, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Eastern Michigan University on April 28 He was a Distinguished Military Graduate and was



Leach

Canton with his parents, Thomas and Debbie Leach, his sister, Melissa Leach, and twin brothers, Christian and Kristophier Leach Leach will be stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington through August, then move to Fort Knox, Kentucky and Fort Benning, Georgia until next April At that time he will report to his base in Hawaii, where he will be available for deployment

Infantry training

Army Pfc Daniel Q Sparks has graduated from the

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Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training

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The Advanced Individual Training course is designed to train infantry soldiers to perform reconnaissance operations, employ, fire and recover anti-personnel and anti-tank mines, locate and neutralize land mines and operate target and sight equipment, operate and maintain communications equipment and radio networks, construct field firing aids for infantry weapons, and

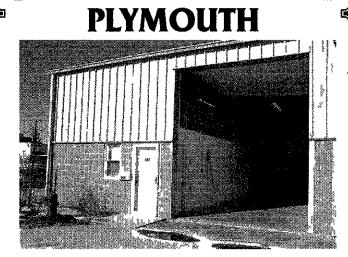
perform infantry combat exercises and dismounted battle drills, which includes survival procedures in a nuclear, biological or chemical contaminated area He is the son of Keith Sparks of Canton, and Kendra Sparks of Livonia Sparks 1s a 2003 graduate of Garden City High School

Air Force grad

Air Force Airman 1st Class Adam R. Whiteman has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organi-7ation, and military customs and courtesies, performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force He is the son of Dan Whiteman of Detroit and Debra Pike of Plymouth



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put in about \$4,000 of his own money to run for the board

The campaign won't have a balance,' Heise said 'If anything, it will owe me money"

Heise said the name recognition of the two incumbents, Slavens and Richard Ham-Kucharski - who lost his bid for a second term - were factors in spending so much

"I m the new guy on the block and you have to generate name identification and get your message out," Heise said "That's what happens when you run against two incumbents

"Nancy has been active in the community, and the support of the MEA clearly made a difference in this election,' he said "I made a personal investment in this race, and I thought it was worth it"

Heises list of contributors includes many who are politically active and many who live out-

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Here is a summary of the campaign finance reports for the top three finishers in the May 8 Plymouth-Canton school board election

MONEY TRAIN

	Eggenberger	Heise	
Contributions	\$690	\$7 225	
Expenditures	\$255	\$2 303	
Ending balance	\$434	\$4 922	
* Note Figures as of	April 22		

Nancy

side the district Among those are Detroit Water and Sewerage Department head Victor Mercado, Sen Bruce Patterson and two staff members, Susan Trussel and Bob Mauseth, Suzanne Sareini, Dearborn city councilwoman, Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard

Reaume and Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack 'I ve been involved in public service for over 15 years and I

have a lot of friends, Heise said Slavens, in his preliminary report, indicated he spent nearly

all of the \$2,400 he raised for his campaign

The other three candidates in

the school board race didn't need to file preliminary campaign spending reports because they spent less than \$1,000 at the time the reports were due

Kurt

Mark

Slavens

\$2 390

\$2 384

\$5.86

Rich Robinson, executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network - a nonpartisan, nonprofit coalition concerned about the influence of money in politics and the need for campaign finance reform in Michigan - said there is more money in campaigns at almost every level of politics, including school board races

"It may be nothing more than people who think hes the best candidate, or maybe there are

people with hopes of getting a contract or favorable considera-tion," Robinson said "The more money that's involved, the more questions that need to be asked"

Robinson said, in general, money talks and translates into victory at the polls

Statistically, in 95 percent of Michigan elections the person with the most money wins," Robinson said "However, you can look at the last gubernatorial race, a lot of money (Republican Dick DeVos) didn't win there, either

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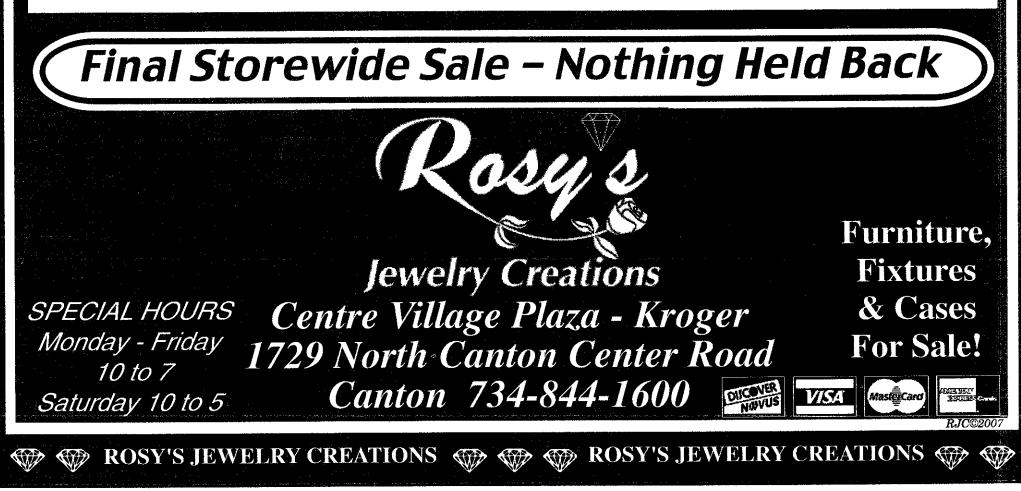
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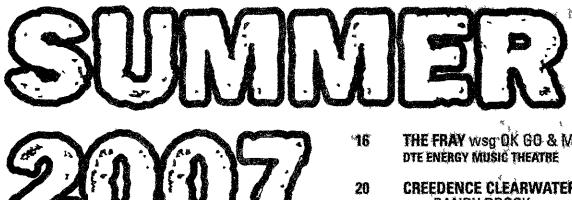
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VBPS board will look at redistricting - again

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It s back to the drawing board for Van Buren Public Schools administrators as they try to redraw the school boundaries within the district

Supt Pete Lazaroff presented a plan to the Board of Education on Monday, but after an impassioned plea from some parents, the board decided to take up the issue again at a study session scheduled for 7 p m , Monday May 2 at the district's administrative building

The board made the deci-

sion after a group of parents currently living in the Tyler Elementary area, complained that they were being transferred to nearby Rawsonville Elementary

At issue is the district's desire to balance out the attendance at its six elementary and two middle schools The schools in the north, where development has continued to occur, are at capacity numbers, while schools in the south have plenty of space

According to district spokesman Paul Henning, no Canton students are being impacted by the proposed redistricting plan

The group of disgruntled Tyler parents who live in Van Buren Township off of Denton Road just south of Michigan Avenue, are upset because their 12 children are being moved, while Tyler buses will pass their homes to bring in 48 students from five Canton subdivisions They are also upset because Tyler currently has Schools of Choice stu dents, who live outside of the district

One of those residents, Matt Best, who has a daughter attending Tyler, questioned the real need for the redistricting move especially when the district hasn t come up with a cost estimate to implement the changes

With uncertainty in school funding redistricting at this point might be fiscally irre sponsible ' he told the board

"You have not looked at the financial impact of the changes If you re going to make a massive change about this you should discuss this with your CFO (Nick Armelagos)

Lazaroff has pointed out to the board that no matter what changes are made, there are going to be upset parents He called the current recommendation the best plan

At the meeting Monday, the administration will explain that the current recommendations were made based on the changes impacting the least number of students and to equalize the number of students in the six elementary buildings

Lazaroff said it is critical to make a decision as soon as possible so teachers can be assigned for the new school year

The recently re-elected Trustee Martha Toth, who made a motion to approve the administrations plan, said she sympathized with parents, but this move is to make the district more equal

This is all about fairness to me We've got far more students at some schools than others We ve got 30 percent more students at North (middle school) than South These kinds of disparities are unfair to the kids, teachers, and staff," she said

The Van Buren Administration Building is located at 555 W Columbia Avenue in Belleville next to Belleville High School



Expo features area businesses, nonprofits

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Schoolcraft College present the Mature Lifestyle Expo, from 9 a m to 1 p m Tuesday at Schoolcraft Colleges VisTaTech Center Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Livonia

More than 60 exhibitors will showcase new ideas products

and services Live music and special presentations have been prepared to make this a great event for all

Exhibitors include financial planners, medical providers senior living representatives travel agencies volunteer organizations and more

Rick Bloom of Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills and a columnist for the *Observer & Eccentric*, will offer a financial seminar 10-10 55 a m

Expogoers will have an opportunity to win a trip for two to the historic Bay View Bed & Breakfast on Mackinac Island courtesy of Grand Vistas Travel Also drawings will be held at 10 a m 11 a m and noon to win four tickets to a Detroit Tigers game

Admission is free and parking is plentiful at the college Breakfast and lunch can be purchased in Henry's Cafeteria in the VisTaTech Center

The first 100 guests in line at 9 a m will receive movie passes for two to Emagine Theatres in Canton and Novi



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Jillian Welsch,

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her dad, Jerry

Welsch, who is

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Planning commission to look at Del Taco plan

Canton's Planning Commission will meet at 7 p m, Monday, May 21 on the first floor of Cantons Administration Building Items on the agenda include

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Fraser rezoning - Consider request to rezone from RR, rural residential, to R-2, singlefamily residential Property is located north of Geddes Road between Beck and Denton Roads

Plymouth-Canton Schools rezoning - Consider request to rezone from RR, rural residential, to R-1, single family residential Property is located south of Joy Road and west of Beck Road

Del Taco - Consider special land use request for a fast food restaurant with drive-thru Property is located south of Ford Road and east of Sheldon Road

SITE PLANS

Community Choice Credit Union - Consider request for site plan approval Property is located east of Canton Center Road and south of Cherry Hill Road (Tabled from May 7, 2007)

Gordon Food Service Marketplace store - Consider site plan approval Property is located north of Ford Road and west of Lotz Road

STAFF REFERRAL

Village Garden commercial Development - Refer review of proposed site plan to staff Property is located south of Cherry Hill Road and west of Ridge Road

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JILLIAN

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Residents smile back and call out, "Hello there again, pretty girl" and Good to see you' Welsch began bringing Jillian to Heartland after the death of his mother in February

'My mom was in a nursing home for six months and she realized that children had the power to lift spirits so she would direct Jillian to specific people to just go sit and talk with them, he said 'I started to notice what was happening because they didn't give two beans if I said hello, but when a child did it, they lit up"

After his mother died, Welsch said some residents of the nursing home in Shelby Township asked if they could return for random visits

The two tried that for a while, but Welsch said the drive from Canton to Shelby Township became taxing so he began looking for a facility closer to home They visited a place in Livonia but then discovered Heartland.

During her hour-long trues to the nursing home, Julian comes prepared with a small box of wooden signs and acrylic paints While speaking with residents, she lets them choose colors while she goes to work painting the signs, which have sayings like "peace," "love," and "believe"

Jillian's colorful work serves as decoration for several television stands throughout the facility

When asked about her favorite person at Hearisand, Jullian's round blue eyes bright-en and she gtrickly says than and then tells why she suppose the weekly visits, Tits fan Rose Hoxey visits Heartland

for therapy and said she was tickled to see the small chud, interacting with everyone.

"She's a beautiful girl and it's my prayer that more children

get the foundation of what it means to serve others," she said "At this tender age, she's * learning so much grace I think it's wonderful"

Greg Robbins, Heartland activities director, agreed "We get high school students but not children this young," he said "We're grateful that they

come and visit" Welsch, who's nighttime work schedule allows him to take Jilhan to Heartland, said in addition to getting a kick out of seeing her talk to senior citizens, he uses this time to bond with his youngest child His two older children, a 12year-old boy and a 9-year-old girl, sit out the nursing home visits

"This is absolutely her thing She's just like her grandma," he said and then chuckled "I'm hopmershe grows up to appre-ciate older people and maybe one day she'll take care of me"

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Good students understand the value of great teachers

*he buzzword of the new millennium is nanotechnology – a very big idea about very tiny things

The Whatis com definition reads 'Nanotechnology, or, as it sometimes called, molecular manufacturing, is a branch of engineering that deals with the design and manufacture of extremely small electronic circuits and mechanical devices built at the molecular level of matter"

Josh Mann was turned on to nanotechnology when he was an eighth-grade student A teachers project on the emerging field set Josh on a path toward a passion and a career



I met Josh, a senior at Livonia Churchill High School, and Kimberly Martinez, a senior at Livonia Stevenson High School, at a breakfast for the Observer & Eccentric Academic All-Stars and their parents at the elegant Townsend Hotel in Birmingham What impressed

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me, what always impresses me, 1s how focused they are on what they want to do

Josh will attend the University of Michigan to study biomedical engineering Then he will pursue a master's degree in nano-engineering From there, great things will emerge

'I hope to develop cholesterol-ingesting nanoparticles and a delivery system to add tail codons to mRNA as a nano-engineer," he wrote in his All-Star application (No, I don t understand it either, but wow')

Kım will also attend the University of Michigan, to study kinesiology and movement science Her goals are also toward serving others

I want to become a physical therapist spe cializing in orthopedics and hopefully work for MedSport or a private clinic,' she wrote in her application

At the breakfast, each talked enthusiasti cally about their career choices, about going to the great university down the road, about their advanced placement classes, about life in general

Along the way, these young people were encouraged to reach a little further, read a little deeper, take greater risks They were encouraged by their proud parents, who beamed and seemed a little awed by their accomplishments at the breakfast They were also encouraged by teachers who came around at just the right time to make a difference

That eighth-grade teacher lit a fuse in Josh Mann that is burning brighter than ever That flame was kept burning by

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Churchill teacher Mary Buda, who taught Josh algebra II. calculus, discreet math and AP statistics Josh's mother raved about the teacher, who is retiring this year

In his application, Josh described how this 'phenomenal teacher challenged students to do more

(Freshman year) she established her intelligence against a group of smart kids and challenged us to perform beyond the minimum required to get an A Junior year, she pushed us to our limits in preparation for the difficult AP calculus BC exam, which everyone passed and a large portion received 5s Finally, senior year she has treated us like adults and conducted her class like a professor in order to prepare us for college Kim was pushed by her English teacher,

Kathy Ladd "Her class forced me to work hard and

really analyze the books I was reading in order to write quality essays on them She also was the best grammar teacher I've ever had

If it wasn't for her, my ACT score wouldn't have been so high It's because of her that I did so well on the English and reading portion She is an amazing person and I owe her so much gratitude"

It s good to be reminded just how important good teachers are They have recently become a concern for politicians Teachers and their union, the Michigan Education Association, have become the target for those who believe government has run amok How dare they have *negotiated* contracts that pay them living wages and provide them health care and retirement benefits (Who do they think they are, basketball players?)

Of course, it is more complicated than that But for many teachers, it must seem that what they do isn't valued very highly in the grand scheme of things

But Josh, Kim and many other highachieving students know just how valuable a good teacher 1s to their future and to the future of everyone their lives will touch

Teachers engage in a kind of nanotechnology every day, building the intellect of small children from the bottom up

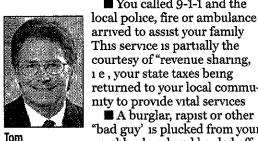
Great lives come from great teachers

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Put a human face on state budget mess

1th the political rhetoric being spun like Spider-man on steroids, you would think our state taxes provide little or no value to taxpayers Sure, state government could be more efficient and effective while providing a higher value for the taxes collected However, if you listen to the political spin, one could quickly come to the conclusion that we receive no return on our tax investment That's just not true

Consider the following the next time you hear excessive government bashing ■ You called 9-1-1 and the



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courtesy of "revenue sharing, 1 e, your state taxes being returned to your local community to provide vital services A burglar, rapist or other bad guy' is plucked from your

neighborhood and hauled off to prison Yep, your tax dollars at work

Remember the tears that swelled in your eyes when you read about children being abused and neglected by their parents? Yes, it costs money to care for them and keep them safe

Grandma is at a local nursing home and you are counting on appropriate rules, regulations and oversight to assure she is safe and cared for - yes, sirree, your tax dollars at work again

People with mental illness or developmental disabilities are counting on the government to continue to provide the necessary resources so they may be able to live with dignıty

Our children need a quality education to be prepared for the hyper-competitive global economy - so thank a teacher and your fellow taxpayers for the investment in our collective future

Seems like everyone has their favorite government waste and mefficiency story Clearly, there is a need for further strategic cuts, structural reforms (including pension and health care changes and consolidation and collaboration among schools and local units of government) before taxes are raised

Many believe if taxes are raised before significant reforms are undertaken, we will never see the reforms while we will pay the higher taxes

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Perhaps the great 20th century philosopher, Bertrand Russell, best captured this dilemma when he said 'The central problem of our age is how to act decisively in the absence of certainty"

PEOPLE, NOT STATISTICS

As the governor and state Legislature grap ple with the tough choices of investing in our collective future, while making sensible cuts and reforms, lets remember that the 'cuts' do not simply impact a stereotyped, nameless, faceless, overpaid and underworked bureau-

Actions being contemplated will define the Michigan that 10 million of us call home We must not ever let the decision makers forget , that beyond the statistics is the face of a person

The posturing on both sides of the political aisle over 'whose fault" the current mess belongs to and who will get the credit or blame for the potential fixes has been palpable Clearly, taxpayers believe there is enough blame to go around and want a sensible resolution — and they want it now

We are counting on our government leaders to lead - hopefully, with their heads, but also with their hearts

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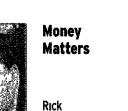
In a mutual fund or a listed pubhely held company, you and I can look at the performance of that fund on a day-to-day basis. In a private equity firm, it does not report results on a day-to-day basis, in fact, results are usually never reported in any public manner

Private equity firms have been around for years Back in the '80s, they were known for leveraged buyouts During the late 90s, many of them were known as venture capital firms

In today's market, private equity firms are known more for buying companies that have underperformed and then put ting in a more experienced management team

Can anyone invest in a private equity firm? The answer is, no There are strict rules and regulations as to who can invest in these types of firms Typically, it is the large public and private pension plans that are investing in equity firms In addition, high net worth individuals are eligible to invest in these types of companies

There are some opportunities to invest in these types of com panies, such as some hedge funds My general advice for investors is to walk away Many people are under the mistaken behef that because the rich get involved with these types of investments, that they are always successful That is not the case Many of these investments have underperformed and there



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have been many scams where individuals have lost their entire investment Therefore, for most of us, hedge funds and private equity firms should be avoided

Now that Chrysler has been sold, what happens to my stock?

Absolutely nothing Daimler is selling a portion of its business to Cerberus Capital Management. The transaction only deals with a portion of Daimlers business, so from the shareholder's standpoint, there will be no change

If you own DaumlerChrysler, you will own the same number of shares in Daimler AG

Whether one should consider buying or selling Daimler stock because of the sale is very difficult to analyze at this time On the face of the deal, Daımler should benefit from the sale of Chrysler The socalled mergers of equals never worked, so terminating the relationship does make sense

Although Daimler is taking a substantial loss in selling Chrysler, it will be free of legacy costs - a huge benefit On the other hand, Daimler is losing a foothold in the largest auto market in the world — the United States - and potentially creating another competitor which could cause issues down the road Daımler will retain nearly 20 percent interest in Chrysler, so if it does well, Daimler gains

In regard to buying stock in the new Chrysler, the company is private, so stock is not for sale

Over the long run, I anticipate both Daimler and Chrysler will emerge as stronger companies, however, anything can happen over the short run

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Private equity status makes Vehicle fires are on the increase and dangerous

ehicle fires are quite commonplace occurrences,

here and around the coun try The reason many people are surprised to hear this is based on the fact that they don t see vehicles burning regularly With a full-time career fire department, we respond quickly and most vehicle fires are quickly extinguished

While this may all be over in a period of minutes, the fires burn contents in the car, your vehicle and may even injure or kill occupants Avoid risking life for contents or a vehicle, or the vehicle itself

Fire departments across the United States responded to nearly 300,000 vehicle fires each and every year Vehicle fires kill approximately 550 people, and injure another 1,500 each year These fires have a total property damage that exceeds \$1 3 billion every

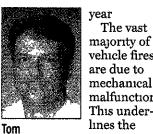
Salvation Army sees more suburban requests

The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division (TSA) reported recently that it has seen dramatic increases in requests for its services over the past year, with sharply higher demand at its suburban corps for the first time ever The information was released in the non-profits 2007 Michigan Poverty Report

According to the report, service request increases were seen in all program categories, but they were particularly evident in the areas of food and shelter assistance

In 2005, TSA provided 2,555,000 meals to the hungry men, women and children of metro Detroit However, in 2006 that number rose to 4,486,852 meals, representing an increase of 76 percent Additionally, in 2005 TSA's network of shelters provided a warm bed to more than 620,500 individuals during the year That number rose 26 percent to 781,692 in 2006

On any given day in southeast Michigan, The Salvation Army provides 12,292 meals and shelters 2,124 men, women and children



vehicle fires are due to mechanical malfunctions This underlines the

The vast

importance of Kiurski sticking to a vehicle main-

tenance program and performing needed service as the situation arises While vehicles can be driven with minor malfunctioning deficiencies, major problems require immediate attention

Intentionally set vehicle fires account for approximate ly 15 percent of the total fires in vehicles in the U.S. This represents an increase over previous years, and they cause \$165 million in property damage Collisions or overturned

vehicles cause only 3 percent of the vehicle fires (although it sure seems like more than that when you watch some action movies), but do account for a large percentage of fire deaths in vehicles

If your vehicle starts smoking or flames are present, as quickly and safely as possible, pull your vehicle over and stop Shut the cars engine off and exit the vehicle \tilde{Do} not stay inside the vehicle searching for important papers or packages you think you may need - they are usually replaceable

Call 911 from your cellular phone, the phone of someone who stops to help, or a nearby house or business Dont attempt to investigate the fire yourself by opening the hood This increases the oxygen available and intensifies the burning Move well away from the burning vehicle While explosions are rare, an occasional tire bursting, hydraulic burst or pneumatic overpressure situation may result in a minor explosion Although rare, some pieces may actually move out a distance from the vehicle under pressure

Consider having a multipurpose fire extinguisher in your vehicle If so, you may take it out an try to control the fire while we are responding to the fire If you vehicle is leaking any fluids, don't get near them Many of them are flammable or combustible

While a fire in your vehicle is a disruption in the daily activities of life, plan ahead how you would react. A calm reaction usually hmits fire spread and avoids injures - or worse

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Canton kickers knock off Spartans, 2-1, Page B2



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Canton Cup draws record number of teams

BY ED WRIGHT Staff Writer

If you re looking for action in Canton over Memorial Day weekend, just follow the bouncing soccer ball

Or, more precisely, the hundreds of white-and-black spheres that will be getting kicked around as part of the 25th Annual Canton Cup Soccer Classic.

As of Thursday, a record 510 teams from throughout the Midwest had registered to play in this year's threeday extravaganza, which will kick-off Friday and run



through Sunday The teams will compete on 45 fields set up at Independence, Heritage and Griffin parks

"The neat thing about our tournament is that all 45 fields are within a fivesquare-mile area,' said tournament director John Vaughn "Last week we were at a tournament in Novi with half the number of teams we have and the fields were spread out from Eastern Michigan University, to Novi, to Hamburg Having our fields in such a relatively small area is nice, especially for the people coming from out of town

This year's event will not only be bigger (450 teams competed last year), but also better, according to Vaughn, who pointed to the addition of some unique attractions "The Michigan Bucks, the

national champion Professional Development League team that plays in the

area, will be playing a league game Saturday night at Independence Park," said Vaughn 'They'll be playing their rivals, the Chicago Fire Premier, on one of the fields we re using for the Canton Cup, so the game will actually be part of the tournament 'The Detroit Ignition will

'The Detroit Ignition will also be hosting some clinics throughout the weekend and there will be athletic trainers from Oakwood at all of the sites." The ages of the participating players range from 8 to 18 Their skills will vary from recreational to premier, Vaughn added

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What: 25th Annual 2007 Canton Cup soccer tournament;

When: May 25-27,

Where: 45 fields spread across a fivesquare-mile area of Canton, fields will be set up at independence, Heritage and Griffin parks, Who: A tournament-record 510 teams (ranging from recreational to premier) have registered to play, this is up from 450 in 2006, For more information and game schedules: Visit the tournament's official Web site at www cantonsoccerclub com

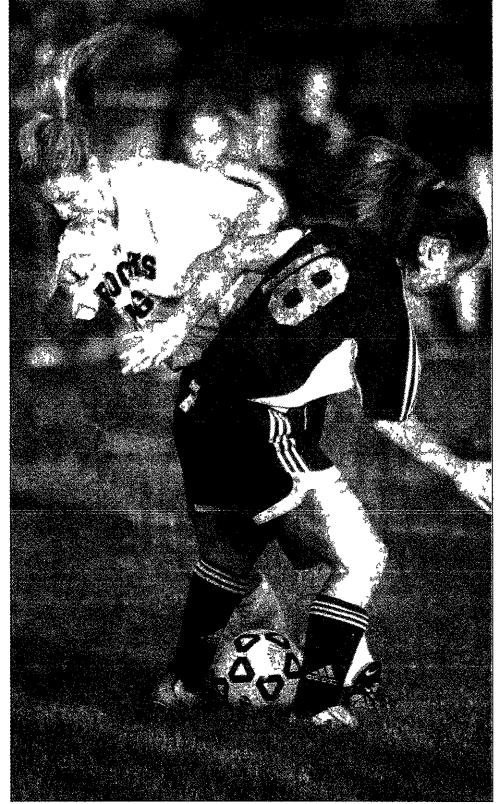
Whalers fall in Memorial Cup opener

The Plymouth Whalers dropped their opening game of the 2007 - Memorial Cup Friday night, 4-3, in overtime to the host Vancouver Giants

In a game played before 13,428 fans at the Pacific Coliseum in Vancouver, the Giants' Kenndal McArdle scored the game-winner 5 06 into the first overtime

Vancouver's Milan Lucic was named the game's first star thanks to his twogoal night Plymouth's James Neal scored a pair of goals and earned the





Powers outage Outage 2nd-half rally not enough for Rocks

STAFF WRITER

Austin Powers, the super-spy, is very funny

Flint Powers, the girls soccer team, is very good

On Thursday, the state-ranked Chargers were just barely good enough to edge a hard-charging Salem team in a game that evolved into a thriller during the closing minutes

Powers earned a 2-1 road victory by building a comfortable early cushion and holding on for dear life

Powers, which is 15-5 and ranked fifth in Division 3, built its two-goal lead on a pair of Katie Howarth goals before holding off the Rocks, who



D4 District draws

Plymouth Christian " Academy will be the host of the Division 4, District 119 baseball and softball tournaments May 29 and June 2 Following are the pairings for the respective tourneys

■ Baseball: PCA will take on Ann Arbor Greenhills on May 29 at 4 30 p m The winner of that game will battle Washtenaw Christian, which drew a first-round bye, on June 2 at 10 a m

in the other bracket, Calvary Christian and Canton Agape Christian both drew first-round byes and will play each other in a semifinal game June 2 at noon The championship contest is set for 2 p m. on June 2

Softball: Ann Arbor Greenhills and PCA will meet in a first-round game June 2 at 11 a m Agape Christian will take on the winner in the title matchup on June 2 at 1 p m

Dunleavy is Alma-bound

Canton senior Nick Dunleavy is headed to Alma College to play Division III football for the Scots An offensive lineman, Dunleavy played a key role in the Chiefs' run



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Spencer Machacek's goal that was assisted by Brendan Mikkelson

and Mario Blitznek. Neal knotted the game at 1-all with a power-play lamp-lighter 7 26 into the second period He was assisted by Daniel Ryder and Steve Ward

The two teams then exchanged two goals a piece to close out the period Neal (from Evan Brophey and Tom Sestito) and Ryan McGinnis (from Sestito and Jared Boll) scored for the Whalers while Lecic scored both the hosts' goals

Both goaltenders — Plymouth's Michal Neuvirth and Vancouver's Tyson Sexsmith — blanked their opponents during the scoreless third period

Overall, Neuvirth made 33 saves to Sexsmith's 30 BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Jill Behrman (white jersey) battles for possession of the ball with Flint Powers' Lauren Grzegorzewski during Thursday night s match Powers won, 2-1 despite Behrman's late-game goal

Division 1 Regional Track & Field Meet

resembled a state-ranked team over the final seven minutes

Salems lone goal came with 6 27 left when sophomore Jill Behrman controlled a Lindsey Newton corner kick in front of the net and blasted it past Charger goalkeeper Hannah Quaranta.

The play seemed to ignite the Rocks, who amped up the pressure on their visitors from the north until the final horn sounded

The loss dropped Salem to 4-9-1 heading into next week's cross-over contest against Walled Lake Western

"I don't think we gave our best team effort until the final seven minutes," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "I think Jill's goal woke the girls up and it was like they said, 'Hey, we can play'

"We're not a bad team and we haven't been playing poorly It just seems like we don't turn it up to that extra gear until the last seven minutes

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Plymouth s Marvin Whitaker (left) and Malik Rich pictured above in a meet earlier this season, played key roles in the Wildcats' fifth-place finish in Friday's Division 1 Regional meet at the P-CEP stadium

Churchill runners rule

Chargers 1st in Regional; Canton and Plymouth finish in top 5

Chargers win girls meet too Please see B3

BY ED WRIGHT Staff Writer

The Livonia Churchill boys track and field team wiped out a season's worth of frustration against crosstown nemesis Livonia Stevenson Friday night with a memorable performance in the Division 1 Regional 5 meet held at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's stadium

After finishing behind the Spartans in three meets over the previous seven weeks, the Chargers prevailed in the biggest competition so far this spring when they compiled 107 50 points to win the Regional title by 11 50 points over runner-up Stevenson (96) in the 16-team meet Stevenson was the defending Regional 5 champion

Filling out the top 10 spots were Detroit Cass Tech (81), Canton

(78 50), Plymouth (49 50), Westland John Glenn (45), Dearborn Edsel Ford (33 50), Wayne Memorial (29), Salem (29) and Dearborn Fordson (28)

'Stevenson beat us in the City Meet by five points, they beat us in a dual meet and they beat us at Observerland, so our kids were getting tired of getting beat by Stevenson, said Churchill coach Rick Austin "I think they took that to heart tonight

This is one of the hardest-working, most-dedicated groups of kids I ve coached They're dedicated track kids, they love to work and they love to compete, and I think that showed tonight'

Austin commended the efforts of David St Amant (400-meter Regional champ), Brandon Grysko (second in the 800 run, third in the 1,600), Jonathan Robinson (second in the shot put, fourth in the discus) and hurdlers Mark Zehner, Andrew LaBerge and Jacob MacDonald

'They give us a very strong nucleus," Austin said "My hat's off to Stevenson They're having a great season and we know they'll be tough to compete against at next week's (WLAA) conference meet '

Spartan coach Scott Shaw said his team ran "fairly well," but he lamented a few mistimed baton passes

"We had a few problems with a couple of handoffs on our relays here and there,' said Shaw 'But, overall, I thought everybody ran hard

'Dan Cragel had an exceptional meet for us We were down quite a bit in the 1,600 relay when he got the baton and he made up a lot of ground and helped us finish second Dans really running well '

The Spartans chalked up 20 points in the long jump alone thanks to top-

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to the Division 1 semifinal game against Rockford during the 2006 season.

Waidmann helps EMU take MAC

Former Canton two-sport star Brad Waidmann played a key role in helping Eastern Michigan University's men's trackand-field team win the 2007 Mid-American Conference championship May 10-12 at Miami of Ohio University

Waidmann placed 11th in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet, 275 inches He also placed fourth in the decathlon with 6,311 points The Eagles compiled 182

points to edge secondplace Akron by one point

Hole-in-one

Canton resident Doug Lineberry recorded his second career hole in-one May 16 when he aced the 161yard par 3 ninth hole at Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford Lineberry, 49, used an eight iron for his memorable shot and finished with a round of 35

Plymouth High football news

There will be an informational meeting for parents of student-athletes who are planning on playing football at Plymouth High School in the fall of 2007

The meeting will be held June 5 from 6 30 p m to 8 30 p m in the Plymouth High School cafeteria. All paperwork, calendars and important information will be provided for the upcoming 2007 season

Those who will not be able to attend should contact head coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696 to receive the paperwork

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Canton kickers knock off Spartans, 2-1

Livonia Stevenson's seven game unbeaten streak was snapped Friday by Canton, 21 in a Western Lakes Activities Association girls soccer crossover

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Becci Houdek scored the game-winning goal off a corner kick with 15 minutes remaining

Stevenson, now 8-6-3 overall, had gone 5-0-2 since losing 1 0 to Walled Lake Northern on April 25

The Spartans scored midway through the first half when Victoria Slavin buried a shot with her left foot off a rebound attempt created by Kaithin O Hara for a 1-0 lead

But Canton answered with pressure and a goal with 10 minutes to go in the half to make it 1all

Stevenson used two goalkeep ers with Brittany Vella allowing a first half goal and Mandı Keedle giving up the Houdek tally

'We had a couple of opportunities to score, tie and even go ahead, but evidently we didn t want it bad enough," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said 'We didn't really want to play tonight It was obvious in their body language and attitudes that tonight was going to be rough

I know we have a better effort in us and hope we're ready when we see this team again Monday (at Canton)"

PLYMOUTH 4 FRANKLIN 1 On Wednesday, the Wildcats improved to 7-5-3 overall and 6-1-3 in the WLAAs Western Division Senior Val Klemmer led the way with a pair of goals Megan Quinlan and Kelly Dobbs had one each for the winners Brittany Warner made six saves for Plymouth which led 1-0 at the half

'We struggled a little in the first half, but in the second half we turned it up a notch, said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich

CHURCHILL 3, SALEM 0 Stateranked Livonia Churchill (12-1-3, 8-0 2) completed an unbeaten regular season in the WLAA with a win Wednesday over the Rocks (4-81361)

Hannah Ottos goal in the third minute off an assist from Bailey Brandon proved to be the gamewinner The Chargers added two more goals - Julianne Puroll in the 29th minute (from Callie Mack) and Alyssa Mira (unassisted) in the 46th minute

Stephanie Turner, who played the first 66 minutes in goal before giving way to Megan Bauman, helped the Chargers post their ninth shutout of the season

'We were clicking on all cylinders, and everyone that played played well," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said

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eight efforts from Myles White (1st), Dave Simor (3rd) and Nathan Sergison (6th)

The host Chiefs led through the first third of the meet but couldn t sustain the momentum that their stellar crew of field-events competitors built Canton was sparked by Steve Paye and Nick Moores' 1-2 fin-1sh in the discus, Moores' triumph in the shot put and Eric Thorntons first-place high jump effort of 6 feet, 7 inches

"Our field event guys got us going early in the meet, but we weren t able to place as many guys in the running events as we would have liked, said Canton coach Bob Richardson Overall, we had some of our best times of the year and all of our relay teams had their best times

I'm very proud of the guys effort We were third until the

last race when Cass Tech moved ahead of us'

Kurt Britnell, head coach of the fifth place Plymouth contingent, was bursting with pride, too, after his team qualified a school-record number of athletes for the June 2 state meet

"We had nine state-qualifiers tonight and a lot of PRs,' said Britnell "We had five go last year, so we're making strides The guys are finding out that their hard work is being rewarded

Britnell was especially pleased for senior hurdler Nate Gholston, whose 14 37 time in the 110-meter high hurdles earned him a trip to East Kentwood, and four-year runner Pat Slavens, who qualified in the two-mile

Nates best time before tonight was 15 1, so he really ran well, said Britnell "And it's nice to see all the hard work that Pat Slavens has put in get

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

rewarded He struggled a little last year, but came back strong for his senior season"

Leading Salems ninth-place night was senior hurdler Baze Efremov, who placed second in the 110-meter high hurdles

"Bazes performance was definitely the highlight of our night," said Salem coach Kyle Meteyer "We re going to take along a few of the guys who are on the verge of qualifying to the state meet and let them see what it's all about'

Three Observerland teams finished out of the top 10 Livonia Franklin was 11th with 24 50, Garden City was 14th (11) and Redford Union (6)

The top two finishers in each event qualified for the Division 1 state meet June 2 in East Kentwood Athletes who met a pre-determined time or distance in each event also qualified for the state meet

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3 Andrew Manuel (Canton) 22 52 4 Megal Crowe (WM) 22 54 5

DeShawn Williams (Cody) 22 74 6 Kenneth Hall (Cass) 23 3 7

400 1 David St Amant (LC) 49 33 2 Khalid Wells (Cass) 49 55 3

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1,600 1 Rzepka (LS) 4 26 71 2 Kassem Chehab (Dbn) 4 27 96 3 Grysko (LC) 4 30 04 4 Moore (Cass) 4 31 65 5 Evan Sirena (LF)

37 81 6 Brian Chambers (GC) 4 37 82 7 Angel Estrada (DEF)

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LaBerge St Amant) 1 29 99 3 Stevenson (Eideh Sergison Cragel

Myles White) 130 63 4 John Glenn 131 36 5 Wayne 133 31 6 Edsei Ford 133 82 7 RU 134 19 8 Franklin 134 21 State cut

1,600 relay: 1 Churchill (Gutowski LaBerge McDonald St Amant)

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the statistics for the Regional meet

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in a lot of games We played the same was against Plymouth and Walled Lake Central We ve been preaching to them to play every minute like its the last seven

' Powers padded its 1-0 halftime lead with a goal three minutes into the second stanza when Howarth ripped a high, hard shot into the top left corner of the net over the outstretched arms of Salem goalkeeper Jill Slabey Howarth was assisted by Megan Rybar

"I thought we matched up well athletically with Salem,' said Powers coach Todd Anagnost 'We went wider on our attack in

that I think we got more chances 'Overall, I thought we played well, but I wasn t happy with how the game ended

Slabey made a string of solid saves to keep the Rocks within striking distance until she was replaced by sophomore Ashley Tucker with 24 30 left.

Tucker picked up where Slabey left off, making four saves over the final 20 minutes Her best came with 17 17 to go when she denied Howarth a hat trick from close range

Katie Shull, one of the Rocks most explosive scoring threats was dragged down in the 18-yard box with 6 37 to play, but no penalty was called Shull was shaken up on the play, but

walked off the field on her own power On the ensuing corner kick, Newton and Behrman hooked up on a highlight-reel goal to bring the hosts back to within 2-1

"Lindsey has a good leg and is very skillful at bending the ball and putting it where she wants to, said Nora, describing the Rocks' goal 'We've been working on her bending it in there with a little dip at the eight-yard line and she put a great ball in there for Jill, who didn t hesitate, ran in and put it home

Newton nearly knotted the game at 2-all with 52 seconds left, but her hard shot was smothered by Quaranta.

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DIVISION 1 REGIONAL BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET May 18 at Plymouth Canton Educational Park

TEAM STANDINGS 1 Livonia Churchill 1075 points 2 Livonia Stevenson 96 3 Detroit Cass Tech 81 4 Canton 78 5 5 Plymouth 49 5 6 Westland John Glenn 45 6 Dearborn Edsel Ford 33 5 7 (tie) Wayne Memorial and Salem 29 each 8 Dearborn Fordson 28 9 Livonia Franklin 24 5 10 Dearborn 23 5 11 Detroit Cody 20 12 Garden City 11 13 Redford Union 6

FINAL RESULTS

(top 2 qualify for state meet) Shot put 1 Nick Moores (Canton) 52 feet 8 inches 2 Jon Robinson (LC) 47 10 3 Bryan Henley (WJG) 46 4 4 Adam Gorring (WM) 45 0 5 Steve Paye (Canton) 44 10 6 Mike Wood (LF) 44 8 7 Matt Broome (LS) 43 8 5 8 Nevin Shearer (Dbn) 43 4 5

Discus 1 Paye (Canton) 153-8 2 Moores (Canton) 146 8 3 Henley (WJG) 141 0 4 Robinson (LC) 139 4 5 Brad Ball (DEF) 138 9 6 Bilal Baydoun (DF) 138 6 7 Thomas Myers (LC) 136 11 8 Gerald Lou (Ply) 134 5

High jump[•] 1 Eric Thornton (Canton) 67 2 Mitchell White (LS) 63 3 Dan Bellomy (Cass) 61 4 Isaiah Williams (DF) 61 5 (tie) Zachery Snyder (Dbn) and Jacob McDonald (LC) 5 11 each 7 Ian Thorton (WJG) 5 11 8 (tie) Matt Gaedke (DEF) and Israel Woolfork (LF) 5 11 each

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Anthony (WJG) 19 8 5 8 Rodney Dennis (LC) 19 5 5 Pole vault. 1 Mike Sylvester (LF) 13 10 2 Brandon Larsen (GC) 13 7 3 (tie) Joe Tessner (LC) and Derik Peterman (LC) 13 Leach 5 Ryan Langdon (Canton) 12 7 6 (tie) Joe Massel (Canton) and Ben Ambrose (Ply) 12 1 each 8 Brian Rakovitis (Canton) 11 7 State cut 127

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100 dash 1 Ian Thornton (WJG) 10 94 2 Pierre West (Cass) 10 94 3 Teric Jones (Cass) 10 96 4 Courtney Smith (Cass) 10 98 5 Steve Eideh (LS) 11 03 6 Ben Roush (DEF) 11 26 7 Malik Rich (Ply) 11 44 State cut 11 0

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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

DIVISION 1 REGIONAL GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET May 18 at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park

TEAM STANDINGS 1 Livonia Churchili 1675 2 Livonia Stevenson 90 5 3 Livonia Franklin 775 4 Plymouth 71 5 Detroit Cody 70 6 Dearborn Edsel Ford 56 7 Westland John Glenn 44 8 Detroit Cass Tech 24 9 Dearborn 18 10 Canton 12 5 11 Salem 12 12 Garden City 10 13 Dearborn Fordson 6 14 Wayne Memorial 3 15 (tie) Redford Union and Detroit Western 0 FINAL RESULTS

(top 2 qualify for state meet)

Shot put. 1 Kyndra Abron (LC) 38 feet 8 inches 2 Lauren Krupsky (LC) 38 2 3 Robyn Whalen (LF) 37 9 25 4 Ashley Price (LF) 347 5 Ryan Anderson (WJG) 344 6 Chrystien Guyton (P) 34 3 7 Becky Bartek (LS) 33 0 8 Kailee Hobbins (LC) 31 8 State cut 35 10

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High jump 1 Brittany Petty (Ply) 52 2 Colleen Noble (Dbn) 52 3 Shaakira Haywood (Ply) 50 4 (tie) Meghan Matheny (Canton) and Michelle Gaedke (DEF) 4 9 each 6 (tie) Kara Piorkowski (LS) Jackie Gribeck (LC) Oliva Amend (DEF) and Liz Hollaway (LF) 4 9 each Long jump⁺ 1 Elise Glass (DEF) 17 4 5 2 Stephanie Okolo (Ply) 16 8 3 Megan Wilson (LF) 16 1 5 4 Chanel Payne (WJG) 15 8 75 5 Kristin Zgorecki (LC) 15 8 6 Allie Plisko (LS) 15 7 7 Jill Morton (Ply) 15 4 25 8 Ashley Montgomery (WJG) 15 175

Pole vault 1 Maria Winkler (LS) 10 8 2 Kristin Zgorecki (LC) 10 4 3 Eren Ural (LC) 10 0 4 Meghan Powers (LF) 9 4 5 Beah Knisely (Ply) 90 6 Anne Dearth (Dbn) 8 8 7 Alexa VanVliet (Salem) 8 2 8 Jamie Marihugh (LC) 8 2 State cut 9 4 100-meter hurdies. 1 Raven Clay (Cody) 14 02 2 Shelby Ramsey (Cody) 15 16 3 Aniece Glover (Cody) 15 54 4 Dominique Brown (Cody) 15 61 5 Casey Lynett (LF) 16 02 6 Tauri Rothermel (LC) 16 15 7 Brittany Gentile (LS) 16 29 8 Leila Awad (DF) 1711 State cut 157 300 hurdies 1 Clay (Cody) 45 83 2 Rothermel (LC) 46 44 3 Lynett (LF) 47 66

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Lineberry blanks Patriots

Plymouth sophomore Brad Lineberry threw a five-hit complete game shutout Friday as the Wildcats (12-12, 6-4) downed host Livonia Franklin (6 18, 3-7), 5-0, in a WLAA-Western Division game

Lineberry (3-10, struck out five and walked only two to earn his second shutout

Losing pitcher Sean Sciba allowed five hits, walked four and struck out eight in going all seven as well Each team committed

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seven innings, tossing a five-hitter Wednesday as host Wayne Memorial (9-16) snapped a sixgame losing streak with a win over the Rocks (9-14)

Collop, who missed the last two weeks with a shoulder mury, allowed one earned run He struck out four and walked four I could tell before the game

started that the team was excited to have Collop back and I think that confidence in him helped us win this close game, Wayne coach Frank Garcia said The Zebras tallied the game winning run in the bottom of the seventh on a single by Mike Green followed by two walks to load the bases and a sacrifice fly from Jack Zimmerman. Wayne tied the game in the sixth on a walk to Zimmerman, a sacrifice bunt by Jon Smoes and a single by Eric Schmitt. Green went 3-for-4 with an RBI Tim Siegfried added two hits, including a double and two RBI Clint Cavanaugh also con tributed two hits and knocked in a run Losing pitcher Sam Ott, the Salem starter, went three innings, allowing three runs (two earned) on six hits He fanned five Brad Way homered in the fourth for Salem to tie the game Steve Pydyn added a double CHURCHILL 8, PLYMOUTH 2 Bryon Niemczak was the winning pitch er and helped his own cause by going 2-for 3 with three RBI Wednesday as Livonia Churchill (11-14) defeated the host Wildcats (11-12) in a Western Lakes crossover

Churchill girls earn Regional T&F crown

Plymouth runners place 4th behind 3 Livonia schools

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The big question heading into Friday's Division 1 Regional 5 girls track and field meet at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park wasn't Whos going to win?"

It was more like, By how many points will Livonia Churchill win? The answer plenty

The Chargers defended their 2006 Regional title in dominating fashion by racking up a whopping 16750 points -77more than runner-up Livonia Stevenson

Rounding out the top 10 were Livonia Franklin (7750), Plymouth (71), Detroit Cody (70), Dearborn Edsel Ford (56), Westland John Glenn (44), Detroit Cass Tech (24), Dearborn (18) and Canton (12 50)

The Chargers ran away with the crown thanks to their incred ible depth, which is on display at every Churchill practice said head coach Keith McDonald

Our practices are very competitive, said McDonald The kids push each other to do better and because of the depth we have, they have to work hard in practice or they know they won t be competing for the varsity in the dual meets

We were solid in every event and everybody did what they had to do tonight We had 16 or 17 qualify for the state meet and all four of our relays qualified so I was very pleased with our effort"

The Chargers earned firstplace points in three events the shot put, which Kyndra Abron won with a heave of 38 feet, 8 inches, the 800-meter relay (Mılan Boyer, Nicole Thornsberry, Sarah LaBerge and Mandi Coppola), and the 800meter run, which Sara Kroll took in 2 23 46 The champions slammed the door on their competition by placing second in 10 of the remaining 11 events Stevenson head coach Kelly

Graham was pleased with her teams second-place effort especially the Spartans down tothe-wire victory in the 1,600meter relay when the Spartans' final runner, Courtney Calka, outleaned the Churchill and Franklin anchors in one of the nights most exciting races

That was a nice way to end the night, said Graham

I was pleased with how things went tonight for the most part We had a lot of girls seeded so the opportunity was there for points and medals We had five or six Regional champions, so its hard to be disappointed with that.

Graham said she knew follow ing the early-season Livonia City Meet that Churchill would be extremely tough to bring down

They're just way too deep for us or any other team in this Regional, she said 'I told Keith after the City Meet that I thought they were better than they were last year, and they won the Regional last year by quite a big margin

The Spartans turned in goldmedal efforts in the pole vault (Marla Winkler), the 3,200meter relay (Calka, Kristen Frey,

Katie Glynn, Sarah Opdyke), the 1,600-meter run (Calka), the 400-meter dash (Brittany Mrozek) and the 1,600-meter relay (Denee Meier, Brooke Knochel, Calka and Mrozek)

Plymouth coach Kurt Britnell said the Wildcats exceeded his pre-meet expectations

"The girls surprised me a little tonight," he said "I thought a middle-of-the-pack finish would be good for them, but for the first half of the night we were in second or third place To finish fourth in a Regional with all those outstanding Livonia schools – I couldnt be more proud of a team"

Leading the Wildcats' charge to the top-quarter of the standings was senior Brittany Petty, who won the high jump with a 5-2 effort, and freshman Kelly Hahn, who won the 3,200-meter run in 11 28 70

Observerland squads that finished out of the top 10 were Salem (12 points), Garden City (10), Wayne Memorial (3) and Redford Union (0)



three errors

Plymouth tallied three unearned runs in the second inning keyed by Ben Kosmalski's two-run single The Wildcats added an unearned run in the third and went up 5-0 on Matt Skubik's RBI sacrifice fly in the fifth

Tyler Canyock went 2-for-4 for the Patriots

CHURCHILL 5, SALEM 1 Vinny Carozza pitched a three-hit complete game Friday to hft Livonia Churchill (12-14, 3-7) to the WLAA-Lakes Division triumph Friday over the visiting Rocks (9 16, 4-6)

Carozza struck out two and did not allow a walk.

Tyler Cotter went 2-for-4 with a triple to pace the Chargers' seven-hit attack. Brvon Niemczak also collected a hit and had an RBI

Sam Ott homered in the fourth inning for Salem

Losing pitcher Brad Way went the first four innings, allowing five runs on six hits He fanned three Reliever Dan Cassidy pitched two scoreless innings, allowing only one hit. WAYNE 5, SALEM 4. Starting

pitcher Ryan Collop went all

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BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's surging softball team is just one victory away from its second-consecutive berth in the Western Lakes Activities Association conference championship game - maybe

The Wildcats (17-3 overall and 8-2 in the Division) whitewashed Livonia Franklin, 8-0, Friday afternoon at home to keep their hopes alive for a WLAA Western Division title The Patriots dropped to 18-9 and 4-6, respec-

tively The Plymouth victory coupled with Canton's 3-0 loss to Northville on Friday left the Wildcats and Mustangs tied atop the division at 8-2 while the Chiefs slipped to 7-3 The first tie-breaker is head to-head and both teams split the season series

The second tie-breaker is overall conference record Northville is 14-2 in the WLAA and Plymouth is 13-2 heading into Tuesday's make-up game against Walled Lake Central League representatives

believed that the third tie-breaker was whichever of the two deadlocked teams won the most recent game, which would give the edge to Plymouth --- if they beat the Vikings on Tuesday but this was not confirmed as of Friday night

One thing is certain - Livonia Stevenson has advanced to the title game from the Lakes Division after compiling a 9-1 division record

Megan Patterson paced the Wildcats in Friday's win as she threw a complete-game two-hit-

BY ED WRIGHT

STAFF WRITER

Northvilles Sarah Rounsifer

The Mustangs' senior catcher slugged a dramatic opposite-

field, three-run home run with

two outs in the bottom of the

Northville to stay alive in the

Lakes Activities Associations Western Division as it improved

to 8-2 On the flipside, the 7-3

squashed The first 7-and-a-half

innings were dominated by both

teams hurlers the Mustangs'

Allison Holmes, who finished

Chiefs hopes for a title were

race for first in the Western

a 3-0 victory over Canton

The victory enabled

caught one pitching gem and

runed another Friday after-

noon

ter at the Pats Patterson struck out two and walked just one batter

The Wildcats scored six runs in the first and two in the fifth

Erin Rodes (2-for-3, run) and Amy Bondy (2-for-3, two runs) led the Cats' offensive attack.

PLYMOUTH 14, CHURCHILL 4: Erm Rodes went 3-for-4 with a double and Kım Klonowski contributed two hits Wednesday as the Wildcats (16-3) rolled to a six-inning mercy rule triumph over host Livonia Churchill (12-13) in a WLAA crossover

Hilary Antal doubled twice for the Chargers, while Katie Stodulski added an RBI single

Winning pitcher Ally Ciotti and Meghan Patterson combined on a four-hitter Each went three innings, allowing a total of four walks, two hit batters and two Ks Losing pitcher Julie Lewandowski allowed seven runs on four hits and five walks over two innings She also hit two batter Jordan Kerr, who gave up seven runs on four hits, three walks and a hit batter, worked the final four innings

and third with two outs, Holmes

Rago's sterling defensive play

was matched by Northville cen-

Delapaz reached on an error to

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chased down with a spectacular

catch in the left-center field gap

Payne retired the first two

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- and the Chiefs Division title

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Northville hitters easily in

Jenna Dumbleton and Wise

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ter fielder Emma Wise in the top of the eighth Lauren

got Taylor to hit into a bang-

bang groundout to third

Salem's softball squad turns its season around

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BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Teams that start the season with a 2-9 record can sulk. hang their heads and count the days until the season comes to a merciful end

Or they can do what Salem's softball team has done the past month stay upbeat, stay focused and start beating up on opponents

The Rocks' turn-around season continued to flourish on Wednesday and Thursday when they reeled off victories over Wayne Memorial (16-0), Ann Arbor Pioneer (2-1) On Friday, Salem dropped a 7-3 decision to Livonia Churchill, leaving its record at 14-12 overall and 6-4 in the Lakes Division

Churchill (13-13, 3-7) unloaded for 16 hits Friday against the Rocks

Emily McShane led the assault going 3-for-4 with three RBI Katie Stodulski and Katına St Pierre each went 3for-4 with an RBI apiece Paula Guzik also was 3-for-4

Winning pitcher Jordan Kerr worked all seven innings, scattering nine hits and a walk She fanned three

Salem starter Kelly MacDonald was roughed up for five runs on nine hits Melissa Leach went the final five innings, allowing two runs on seven hits

Christina Parsons and Kelly Behr each collected two hits for the Rocks

Wednesday's shellacking of Wayne last just four innings due to the MHSAA 15-run mercy rule — much to the delight of the Zebras MacDonald earned the win in grand style as she tossed a nohitter while walked five and striking out eight

Salem's offense was running on all cylinders as the Rocks ripped 13 hits and drew four walks

Behr ignited the big day with a first-inning, over-the-fence home run and a single

Joining Behr in the hitting zone were Abby Pairitz (3-for-4, four RBI), Kait McKinley (two hits, RBI), Liz McCloud (triple, three RBI) and Mary Cox, who connected on a tworun double

On Thursday, the Rocks edged the Pioneers in a tension-packed, 15-inning marathon that finally ended when Behr knocked home Kelly MacDonald, who had walked in the bottom of the 15th "Kelly came all the way home from first and went in hard at the plate and took a shot most players would not get up from," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland "But Kelly knew what she had to do "We could have hit better, but the hits we did have were at the right time' Trailing 1-0, Salem scored its first run in the fifth thanks to Christina Parsons' RBI triple that knocked in pinch-runner Emily,Meade 'We had several scoring opportunities, but Pioneer's pitcher threw really well," said Southerland Behr led the Rock hitters with a pair of safeties, including the game-winning double She also threw a runner out at the plate from center field Melissa Leach earned the win by throwing all 15 innings "Melissa's pitch selection was right on today," said Southerland "She was ready to keep pitching "What an exciting game We never gave up and weren't about to walk away without a win after playing that many innings'



Canton softball team drops heartbreaker

with a seven-hit shutout, and Canton's Hilary Payne, who scattered just four hits prior to the Mustangs three-run eighth

The Chiefs' bats appeared locked in early on as they loaded the bases with in the first on hits from Alı Tavlor. Pavne and Stephanie Sadek, but Holmes recorded the first of her six strikeouts to extinguish Canton s threat

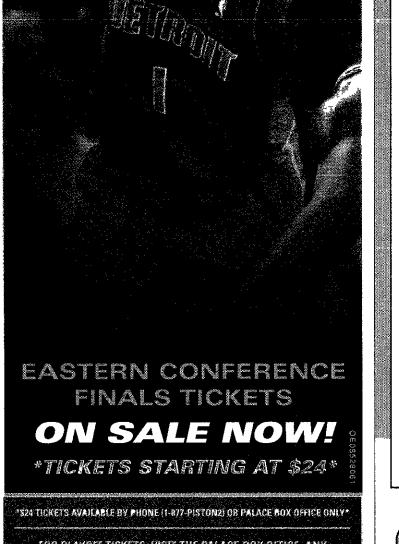
Nicole Rago led off Canton s fifth with a double, but was stranded when Holmes retured the next three batters in order

Rago then made the first of two unbelievable defensive plays in the game when she robbed Brittany Birdsall of a sure triple with a diving grab in right

Canton pieced together a potential rally in the seventh, however, with runners on first

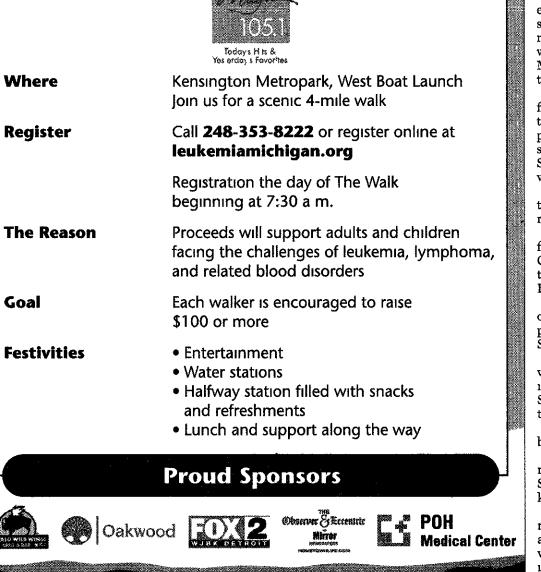
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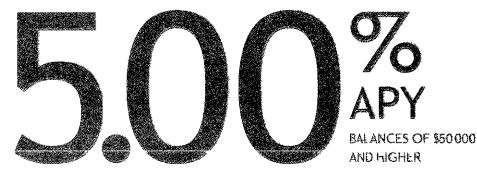
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Planning to avert school shootings is impractical

BY DAVID HOPPER

Never again

Politicians and special interest groups made that their mantra during the weeks following the tragic shooting at Columbine High School But it did happen again, and again and again And its really too bad that liberals wag their fingers at the NRA and conservatives slap the wrists of bad television

Meanwhile students, teachers, parents, relatives and friends of victims are left with questions The outspoken demand answers, but can t provide their own



lar signs at each other, students are caught in between, and questions of student security are raised Virginia Tech has once

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to even attempt to secure and protect an educational setting from a school shooter

Columbine High School, Virginia Tech and Plymouth-Canton's own high schools maintain a regular staff of jumpsuit-clad security But a thousand-to-one student to security ratio is poor odds for the "Men in Black'

The fact remains that the only way to secure an area that spans several acres is by having an army of police officers and psychologists stand shoulder-length apart around the entire perimeter, frisking and psychoanalyz-/ ing any people and animals that attempt to enter school property to see if they are a potential threat to themselves or others

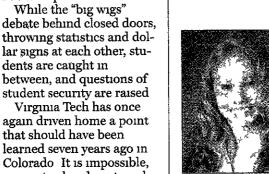
Even if taxpayers let that financial burden slide, the inconvenience would negate the very purpose of a school To learn

As is, schools waste enough time preparing for a shooting For those who haven t had the privilege to rehearse a 'Code Red' drill, lights are turned off and students quietly press themselves against the wall so the shooter cant see them Besides the fact that the student shooter - who will have rehearsed the drill many times himself or herself - will know exactly what's going on, the plan just might work Perhaps they ll just think the entire school is on a field trip. Or maybe

Kids have the power

Service clubs give students the opportunity to make a difference

> BY GABRIELLE ZUZO STUDENT JOURNALIST



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For proof, just look at the community service clubs that students participate in at Bentley and Isbister Elementary schools The Grateful Isbister Volunteers Everyday Club, also known as the GIVE Club and the Bentley Care Club both teach children to understand the importance of helping others

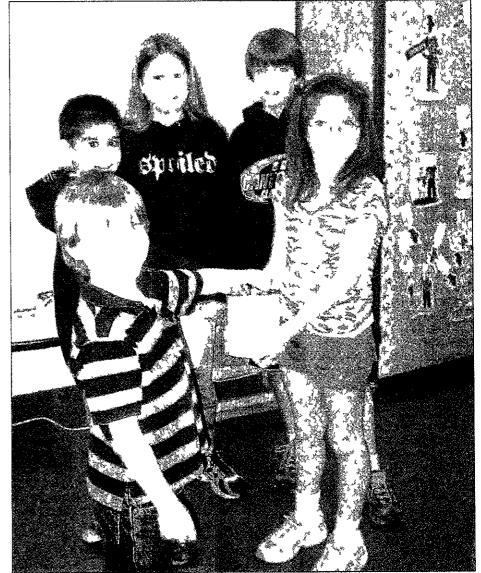
Little hands can make a big difference

The Bentley Care Club is inspired by the children involved and how they desire to make a difference in the world The kids come up with the service ideas and the

teachers help the projects along

At first they started in their own backyard but soon branched out to projects that would help others throughout Michigan, across the country and all over the world In the past they have collected money for victims of

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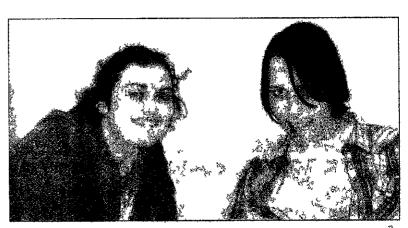
Students of the Bentley Elementary School Care Club recently collected money for the Humane Society They have also held fund-raisers for the victims of Hurricane Katrina and the Asian tsunami and sent Girl Scout cookies to the troops overseas

Girl Scouts step out and help victims of domestic abuse

BY KELLY CLAWSON STUDENT JOURNALIST

On a recent

pating troops brought various donations including products such as diapers soaps clothing, and shampoo



KELLY CLAWSON I STUDENT JOURNALIS

again driven home a point that should have been learned seven years ago in Colorado It is impossible, impractical and irrational

thev'll think it's a Saturday

The fact 1s drills can take up an entire class hour, time that could be spent learning and preparing for the future Instead, schools decide to fear an unlikely threat in the present

So what should be done to protect students? Well, parents could home-school their children in bomb shelters or place their kid in a Kevlar bubble that rolls around Hamsters seem to enjoy those

Less drastic options include implementing common sense

No matter what CNN's coverage might imply, the probability of a school shooting ever occurring at your school, much less when you or your student are there, is a fraction of a percent And even then, the odds that you survive are pretty good Students are more likely to die in a car crash any day of the week, but you don't wet your pants every time you buckle up

There are risks inherent in everything we do And to enjoy the privileges we have as Americans, we can assume these risks Otherwise, the school shooter has already won

Its an impractical idea to think that teachers principals and psychologists are going to catch the shooters

Students need to be aware of their surroundings, assuming nothing and trusting their gut feeling If a kid seems like they might initiate a shooting, say something

The only thing that can stop a student from hurting a student is another student Security might help out too, but don't count on it They're making sure everyone puts their 1Pods away

David Hopper is a junior at Plymouth High School



than 700 Girl Scouts of America came together in Plymouth s Kellogg Park for Stepping Out Designed to raise awareness

Sunday more

about domestic kelly clawson violence, this

years festivities had a medieval, Renaissance fair theme

There were several activities run by older girls, in which the younger girls could participate, including face painting maypole dancing, and a trebuchet

As a contribution to First Step. the girls from each of the partici

For the last 12 years members of the non profit organization have been hosting Stepping Out in efforts to shed light on domes tic violence and raise money to help victims First Step has a community counseling and resource center in Canton

The Scouts wanted to raise awareness on domestic abuse and involved First Step

Theresa Bizoe First Step assistant director said that Stepping Out is a true example of Girl Scouts being a sister to all women Their service really sends a message to our survivors that society cares for them

According to the Julian Center, there are 3 800 animal shelters in the United States, but only

Lizabeth Giles left, and Kristen Christenson, both members of Giri Scouts Troop 900 have participated in Stepping Out for several years

1 500 shelters for battered women

Organizations such as First Step provide a safe haven for victims of abuse Oftentimes, these victims must leave with little warning and have few personal items The donations through Stepping Out are meant to help provide them with basic necessities

Troops with younger girls come each year to participate in the Stepping Out games and activities walk, and raise awareness about an issue that impacts people from all walks of life Some girls, including Lizabeth Giles, have been a part of Stepping Out for years, first to walk and do activities, and then to help lead the games for younger Scouts

When asked why she kept coming each year, Lizabeth said, "because you can help people and have fun, too"

For more information in First Step call 1-888-453-5900

Kelly Clawson is a senior at Canton High School

Many kids 'addicted' to Guitar Hero video game

BY CARLEE BARACKMAN STUDENT JOURNALIST

Throughout the area, teens are grabbing plastic guitars and act ing like rock stars for hours on end

Their wrists become sore and they have trouble walking away after only a few hours of this virtual music video game This ail ment is commonly referred to as the Guitar Hero Addiction

Sometimes its hard to quit the game said Plymouth High School junior Ashley Becszlko I always want one more try to beat a song

Guitar Hero and a variation of Dance Dance Revolution game has a game controller different than other PlayStation II and XBox 360 games Guitar Hero has a controller resembling a Mini Gibson SG guitar with five colored fret buttons and a

strum bar

There are 47 playable songs in the system and 64 songs in its sequel Guitar Hero II

Popular tunes include I Love Rock & Roll, Take Me Out," Ace Of Spades, Heart Shaped Box" Message In a Bottle," 'You Really Got Me and an encore song of Sweet Child of Mine '

In both games there are four levels easy, medium hard, and expert

"I haven t beat(en) all the songs on expert yet," Becszlko said I don't have enough speed

Mike Barretta, a senior at Plymouth High School, has become known for being a skilled Guitar Hero player

It only took me a couple months to beat the game (on the

PLEASE SEE GUITAR HERO, C3



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AROUND TOWN

Historical society banquet

The Livonia Historical Society cele brates its annual banquet at the American Legion Hall on Newburgh 6 pm Wednesday May 23 Tickets are \$20 Call President Gene Kramer (248) 349 5999 or Al Devic (734) 427 8722 or Bob Legei (734) 591 6845

St John the Baptist 100th Anniversary

St John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Detroit celebrates its 100th anniversary with a jubilee banquet1pm Sunday June 24 at the Ukrainian Cultural Center 26601 Ryan in Warren Cost is \$50 For more infor mation e mail Joseph Szafranski at joseph_szafranski@msn com or call (248) 661 0099

Grade School Reunion

In conjunction with its 100th anniver sary St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Detroit hosts a reunion of all former students of the parish grade school (1940s to 1980s) The event takes place 6 30 p m Friday June 22 at the St Josaphat Banquet Center 26440 Ryan (one block south of I 696) in Warren Cost is \$45 For more information e mail Eugenia Tkacz at genia46@juno com or call (734) 284 2159 Deadline for tickets is Friday June 1

Tarzan Day

Individuals with disabilities are invit ed to join Tarzan in searching for hid den treasures while having climbing the Treasure Tree making a craft and enjoying a snack from 10 a m to noon Saturday June 9 at the Livonia **Community Recreation Center Fee is** \$5 for Wayne County residents \$6 for others Pre registration with payment

Is required by June 6 Participants are invited to dress in the theme - mon keys birds Jane safari hunter etc. Contact Margaret Martin at (734) 722 7620 or mmartin@ci westland mi us Gallery exhibit

The Lawrence Street Gallery will be exhibiting the works of Donna J Engstrom and Mary Macey from May 29 June 30 The public is invited to the opening artists' reception 6.9 p.m. Friday June 1 Intimate Views is a joint mother daughter exhibit featur ing mixed media pieces by Donna J Engstrom and photography by her daughter Mary Macey Lawrence Street Gallery is located at 22620 Woodward in Ferndale in the second block south of 9 Mile on Woodward s east side Gallery hours are noon to 5 pm Tuesday Saturday For more information visit the gallery's Web site at

www.lawrencestreetgallery.com Suburban GOP Women meet

The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host a presentation of Lia Sophia Jewelry available for purchase during its meeting at 11 a m. Thursday



One date isn't enough

Canton's Betsy Crapps posed with her "dates" - cardboard cutouts of Burt Reynolds John Wayne and James Dean - at the April 27 Mom Prom, a ladies night out at St Thomas a Becket Church There were no men at the event, as husbands had to stay home with the kids according to Crapps The women wore their old prom gowns or bridesmaid's dresses. There was a tackiest dress contest and a game to crown the new prom queen All the proceeds raised from the event were donated to the Wayne County Family Center

May 24 at the Pic A Bone Restaurant 39325 Six Mile in Livonia Cost is \$12 For reservations and menu selection call (248) 320 5473 Visitors and

guests welcome Pet Adoption Day

The fourth annual Pet Adoption Day takes place 11 a m to 4 p m Sunday May 20 at Gone to the Dogs 22497 Heslip in Novi For more information visit www.gonetothedogsnovi.com.on the Web or call (248) 347 9081

VNA Volunteers

For a unique and truly rewarding life experience we invite you to become a Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan hospice volun teer We are in search of kind com passionate individuals to help support our patients and families in Wayne Oakland and Macomb counties The next training session is June 9-16 and 23 from 9 a m to 3 p m In as little as 2 4 hours per week volunteers can provide companionship write a mem oir provide respite for family mem bers or provide office support A free 18 hour comprehensive training pro gram over a three day period is pro vided All training takes place at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan headquarters at 25900 Greenfield Road Suite 600

Registration is required. Call toll free (800) 882 5720 ext 8361/direct (248) 967 8361or visit www.vna.org <http://www.vna.org/> **Music Together classes**

Harmony and Me will offer free Music Together sample classes at 915 a m on Tuesday May 22 and at 10 30 a m and 11 30 a m May 24 Music Together is an early childhood music and movement program for children and their parents/caregivers Siblings are welcomed and encouraged to attend classes with older siblings. Advanced registration is required and spaces are limited Please call (248) 489 9330 or go to

www.HarmonyAndMeKids.com.to reserve your space Summer classes begin June 20 Aug 2

Western Wayne Genealogical Society The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 30 p m. Monday, May 21 at the Civic Park Senior Center 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. Speaker Carl Katafiasz of Monroe will discuss French Canadian Polish and Name Changes At 6 30 pm will be a DVD presentation Ancestors Discovering Your Heritage episode 2 Family Records Meetings are open to the public auests welcome Visit

http://www.rootsweb.com/~miwwcgs/ or call Margie as 734 522 4050 **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 teeing off at 8 am 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

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 s 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

Waste to Watts

The Ann Arbor Hands on Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibi tion through summer of 2007 due to popular demand Waste to Watts

shows how new environmentally friendly technology can turn our trash into electricity Developed by Landfill Energy Systems of Wixom Michigan this one of a kind exhibit demonstrates how methane gas recovery from landfills can be used as an alternative energy source ulti mately reducing our dependency on other fuels Hours are 10 a m to 5 p m Monday Saturday noon to 5 p m Sunday Visit www.aahom.org.or.call (734) 995 5439

- Card party/luncheon Victoria Chapter #290 OES Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon 3 p m the sec ond Tuesday of each month Admission is \$6 event features table prizes and door prizes The temple is located at 27705 W Seven Mile in Livonia Call (734) 459 6063
- Hospice training Heartland Hospice is looking for car ing 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 informa tion contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones (888) 973 1145

Literacy Council tutors The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading writing and communication skills The CLC will provide training to interested volum teers Previous experience or a bache for s degree is not required. The council will provide free training and mate rials 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 speak ing? 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 you¹ Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6 30 pm 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 out reach and resource center located in Northville Age appropriate groups for widows and widowe s are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their chil dren 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 vari ous 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.newhope center net

Post Polio Clinic

Easily fatigued? New inexplicable physical complaints? History of para lytic or non-paralytic polio? Contact the Post Polio Clinic 13850 E 12 Mile Warren or call (586) 778 4505 The clinic sponsors support group meet ings the fourth Saturday of every month (March through October) at 4328 Livernois in Troy For more infor mation 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

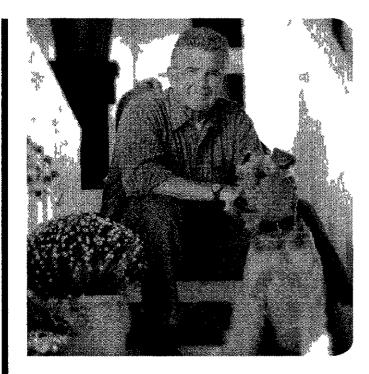
Canton Newcomers

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 ¢lub Bunko Playgroups Creative Kids Ladies Day and Night Out Scrapbooking Walking and many more Request a compli mentary newsletter at cantonnew comers 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 715 a m at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer Street The Club invites you to their morning meetings to discuss community projects and activities Be part of the solution and not just a spectator For more information call (734) 981 0460 or see the Web site (www.pckiwanis.org) **Plymouth Newcomers**

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0 5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional spe cial events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends¹ For details contact Janet Keller at (734) 451 1840 or robertplus janet@aol.com



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days a week, and an hour or so

is guilty of not being able to

walk away from the game,

playing about five hours a

Becszlko, on the other hand,

'I don't get to play as much

as I want to because of volley-

ball, but on weekends I tear it

up," she said enthusiastically

"I consider myself an addict "

plishment with the game is

having just one more song to

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The Mini Gibson SG con-

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neously The controller has a

fabric strap used to help hold it and is connected to the

trollers five fret buttons are

each colored differently to

frets at the button on the

Becszlkos greatest accom-

SERVICE

FROM PAGE C1

Hurricane Katrina and earthquake victims in India, adopted an animal at the zoo, have written letters to children in the hospital and sent 75 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to our armed forces in the Middle East.

In their most recent project, they took up a collection for the Humane Society, which fourth grade students decided on after hearing a presentation from one of the society's representatives They felt that the cause was a worthy one, and the issue of helping animals was important to them

Because the students bring forth issues they feel strongly about, they feel empowered by the difference they can make When asked why they wanted to help others, students had many

responses

The golden rule is to treat others how you want to be treated, said Olivia, a first grade student at Bentley

Cassidy, a Bentley fourth grader offered, 'Kids have the power'

The Bentley Care Club is not exclusive to one group of students, but instead free for everyone, kindergarten through fifth grade to become involved with

The GIVE Club at Isbister is similar to Bentley's club The program started during the 2000-01 school year and has taken off

Allowing the students to give back to others, the GIVE Club participates in a number of services including Kids Against Hunger, blood drives, collecting pennies for patients for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, bake sales and car washes

The GIVE Club has had many

GUITAR HERO collections, including a book FROM PAGE C1 drive for Mott Childrens Hospital, school supplies for chilexpert level)' He said I don't dren in Africa, can drives for First play that much, about three Step and the Salvation Army, and

an annual Giving Tree during the holiday season 'Our school, the students and families are very blessed. The GIVE Club is a way for our stu-

dents to give back, said James Buhro, a leader of the GIVE Club program Through these initiatives, children learn that it's wonderful to help other people

Unlike in high school, community service is not required for elementary students The hope is the lessons they learn will continue on with them into the future As Paxton, a fourth grader at

Bentley, puts it, Its good to help Gabrielle Zuzo is a junior at Plymouth

High School

LIBRARY PICKS

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

FICTION

- 1 Simple Genius,' David Baldacci
- 'The Yiddish Policemen's Union," Michael 2 Chabon
- 'The Children of Hurin," J R.R Tolkien
- 'The Woods, Harlan Coben 4

5 'Rant,' Chuck Palahniuk

NON-FICTION

HITTING THE STAGE

series hosted by the

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Downtown Development

Authority Friday nights in

Kellogg Park resumes June 1

The schedule (concerts start

June 1 – Mass Transit a

perennial favorite feel-good

band kicks off the 2007 sea-

The Music in the Air concert

1 "At the Center of the Storm, George Tenet

2 Einstein," Walter Isaacson 3 God 1s Not Great, Christopher Hitchens

4 Animal, Vegetable, Miracle, Barbara Kingsolver with Steven L Hopp and Camille Kingsolver

5 Paula Deen It Ain t All About the Cookin Paula Deen with Sherry Suib Cohen

PARENT'S CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

1 "The Very Best Bed," Rebekah Raye

- 2 'Balloons, Balloons, Balloons, Dee
- Lillegard 3 Ten Little Wishes, Andrea Alban Coaline
 - "Marks Messy Room, Geraldine Eischner 5 'Wolf' Wolf' John Rocco

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Up to 5 quarts

PlayStation via a cord A cordless controller 1s also available in most stores that sell Guitar Hero games It was really hard to get

started at first My pinkie finger wasn't long enough to reach the last fret button while trying to play on expert," said Christine Milo, Plymouth High School junior "I improved a lot after practice ' Milo is new to playing

Guitar Hero and was introduced to it through friends and nights of playing with everyone else'

Within a few hours, a player can accomplish beating a whole level and play songs that are four to five minutes long on the Expert Level 'There is nothing that

exhausts my fingers quite like this, Barretta said, while admitting that he has an arthritis-like feel after playing Becszlko agreed that the

game could be tiring This is almost like a sport," she said 'You should stretch beforehand

Carlee Barackman is a junior at Plymouth High School

Young musicians wanted for orchestra

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The Celebration Youth Orchestra holds auditions for the 2007–2008 school year 10 20 a m to 7 45 p m Friday, June 15, and 10 20 a.m to 12 15 p m Saturday, June 16, at Evola Music, 7170 North Haggerty Road in Canton Appointments must be scheduled in advance by calling the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society office at (734) 451-2112

Auditions are open to string students age 9 and up with at least one year of instruction and wind, brass and percussion students age 12 and up with at least three years of instruction Students may live anywhere in Southeastern Michigan

Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice

Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks To schedule an audition or

for more information, call (734) 451-2112 or send e-mail to jane@plymouthsymphony org



■ June 8 – The Bel Airs play the greatest hits of the 1950s and 1960s

■ June 15 – Michael King Band one of metro Detroits most celebrated artists June 22 – Doug Deming and the Jeweltones help listeners chase away the blues

blues

June 29 – Harper originally from Australia, brings his international flavor of bluesrock to the park in Plymouth

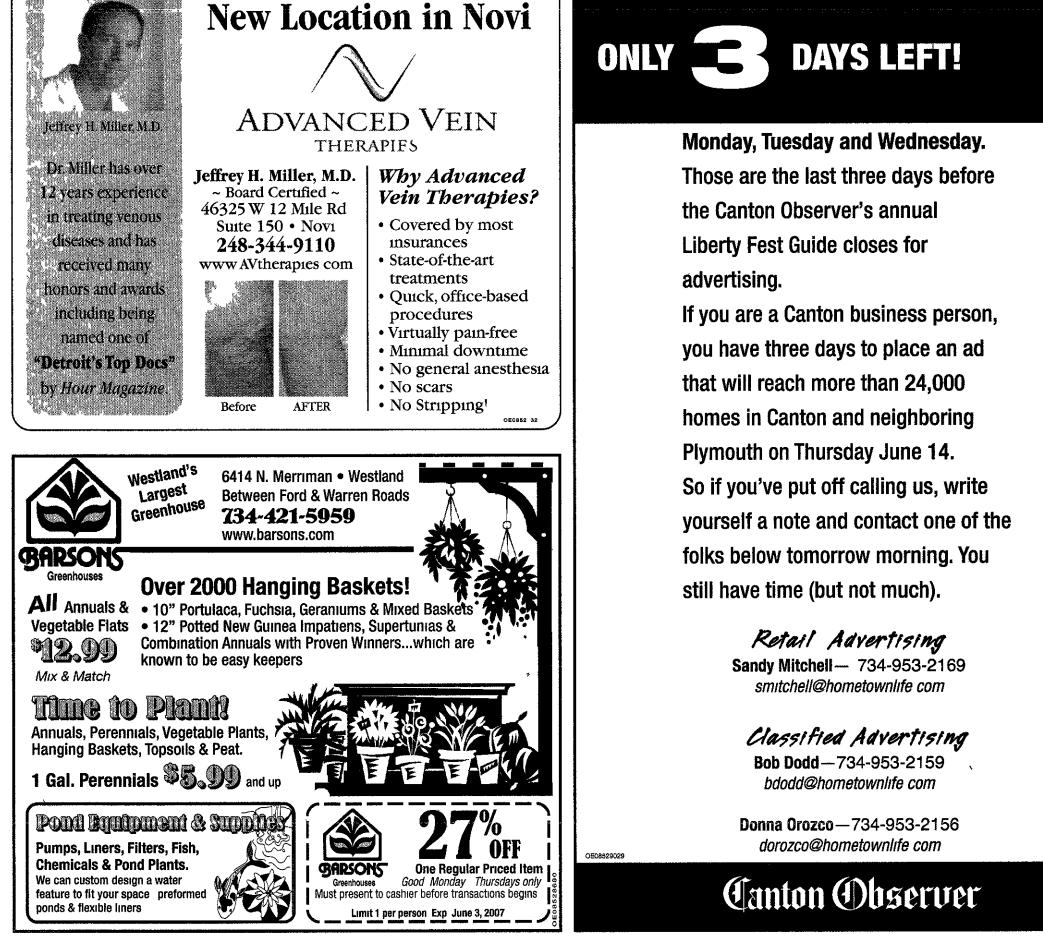
original Detroit Country band July 20 – Randy Brock Group with the blues the blues and nothing but the

July 27 – Sarah Lenore Band featuring Plymouths hometown star

Aug 3 - Trilogy where 30 years of great songs plus six great guys equals a great night

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

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A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the

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All interested persons are invited to attend

Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following

SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND CHANGE OF USE.

AAMCO Transmission

260 W Ann Arbor Road

Applicant Patrick Tortora

HEARING

PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE

CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2007

7:00 PM

(734) 453-1234

FOR ZONING ORDINANCE



CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth Michigan will accept sealed bids until 2 00 pm June 12 2007 at Plymouth City Hall 201 S Main Street Plymouth MI The bid opening will be at 2 00 pm June 12 2007 for the following

City Hall

Exterior Restoration and Painting

Bids shall be delivered to and the bid opening will take place at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170

Specifications and bid documents are available in the City Manager's Office, at City Hall 201 S Main Street Plymouth 48170 during normal business hours You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at http.// www.ci plymouth.mi.us.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any irregularities

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11 bands rock Canton Summit

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BY SARAH WOODS

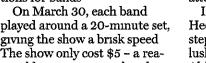
The Canton Summit has as much appeal as any recreation center Built for jocks, yet striving for more It has the standard pool, gym, locker rooms and other features common for exercise, but a quick turn around reveals an exquisite banquet hall with a ballroomesque feel

The room is bulging with an excess of space Its a perfect place for a band show

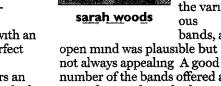
The banquet hall offers an oversized, yet underfurnished, room It features two stages parallel to each other, giving easy access and smooth transitions for bands

played around a 20-minute set, giving the show a brisk speed The show only cost \$5 - a reasonable price to see 11 bands in three hours

how filled with an even more expansive noise, the show only could deplete my hearing further Some bands were tasteless, repetitive and to be quite frank, time fillers, other bands



With the large space, some-



not always appealing A good number of the bands offered an aura of originality, whether or not someone's choice of music was compatible with the bands, the band on stage commanded attention

I arrived in the middle of Hedorah's set. The song I stepped into was bursting with lush melodies and a thick beat Although there were no vocals resonating, it was perfection The next band that caught my attention was Lyra With strong, deep vocals, their songs were striking and ear-shatter-

ıng Both bands were mood pleasers, and glued my feet to the floor, pondering what exuberant bass line would trail in next

The last two bands in the show were loved by the crowd They made you want more and kept everyones energy up The first. Violets for Verona, had only played one previous show With strong lyrics in the song My Words Are My Weapons, they drew one of the biggest crowds of the bands there They were energetic with a loud chaotic sound and pulsating beats

The second band was Never Turn Back The band's lead vocalist offered a strong, good pitch and the upbeat melody was accented by, not only the usual instruments, but a keyboard too

The show, overall, was a success For a night of entertainment at a good price, I hold true that no celebrity need be present The only advice I have for a future Summit show is get there early and stay until the end

You never know what the different bands will have to offer

Sarah Woods attends Franklin High School

STOW & GO SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to state law Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on JUNE 8th at 10:00 a.m. on past due tenants listed below The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit CASH ONLY' DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS ITEMS.

UNIT #251 - SCOTT MORRISON OF 9549 CEDAR ISLAND POND, WHITE LAKE TWSP, MI 48386

Skateboard skis boxes books and misc items

UNIT #339 - JAMES ALTER OF NWC. INC, PO BOX 512, DEARBORN HTS, MI 48127

Briefcase Fax Bags of clothes approx 28 boxes and misc items

UNIT #342 - FRANK PAGE OF 1510 CARLTON, JACKSON, MI 49203

TV (2) dressers, mattress bike microwave, chair file cabinet skis clothes boxes and misc items.

UNIT #365 - LAURETTE TEDDERS OF 114 N MILL, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

Chair desk grill exercise bike dresser spreader garbage cans wheelbarrow boxes suitcase and misc items

UNIT #457 - ROBERT COOMBS OF 3691 N. ADAMS. **BLOOMFIELD, MI 48304**

Wheels/tires car parts, shelf file cabinets chairs and misc

UNIT #585 - KATHLEEN O'CONNELL OF 1282 EAST LAKE DR. #1, NOVI, MI 48377

Cleaning supplies floor cleaner (4) file cabinets shovel broom and misc items

UNIT #606 - BROWN-SHURGE OF PO BOX 545, WAYNE, MI

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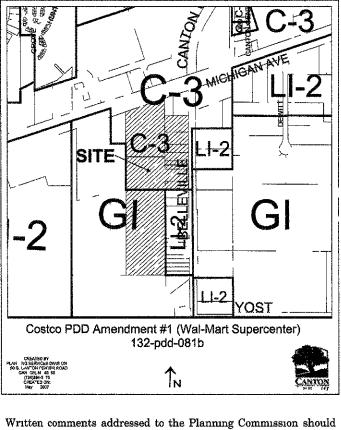
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PLANNING COMMISSION **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to 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 June 4 2007 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 700 pm. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

DEVELOPMENT PLANNED DISTRICT AMENDMENT NO. 1 (WAL MART SUPERCENTER) CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE COSTCO PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27 04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 132 99 0003 701 132 99 0003 702 132 01 0005 000 132 01 0009 000, 132 01 0012 000 (4939 BELLEVILLE RD) 132 01 0014 000 (5010 BELLEVILLE RD) 132 $01 \quad 0016 \quad 000 \quad 132 \quad 01 \quad 0017 \quad 000, \ 132 \quad 01 \quad 0021 \quad 000 \quad (5050$ BELLEVILLE RD) Propety is located south of Michigan and west of Belleville Road



be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday May 31 2007 in order to be included int he materials submitted for review

	Vic Gustafson Chairman
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services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing to individuals with disabilities Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act the City of

Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and

Maureen Brodie ADA Coordinator 201 S Main Street Plymouth MI 48170 (734) 453 1234 Ext 206

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Refrigerator chairs Christmas items shovel/tools, and

UNIT #619/668 - CLAUD STOPCHINSKI (MY CPR SERVICE) OF 42173 E ANN ARBOR RD , PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 Pallets of computer printers/approx 100 copier other misc items

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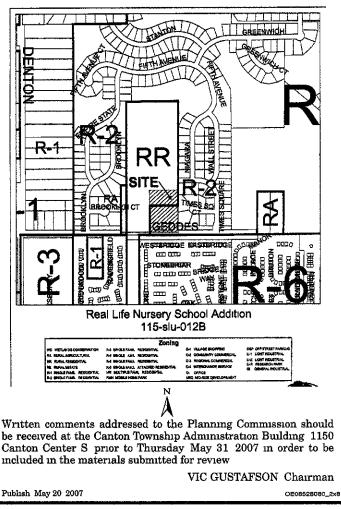
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PLANNING COMMISSION **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 June 4 2007 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S Canton Center Road at 700 pm. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27 03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance

REAL LIFE NURSERY SCHOOL SPECIAL LAND USE CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A CHILD CARE CENTER TO ACCOMODATE AN ACTIVITY & CLASSROOM BUILDING AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11 02B 6 FOR PARCEL NOS 115 99 0003 705 AND 115 99 0003 707 (48700 GEDDES) Property is located north of Geddes between Beck and Denton Roads

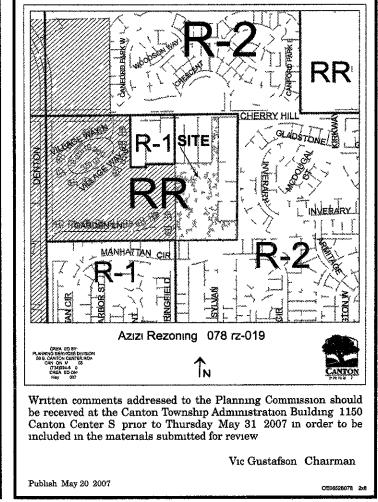


PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHP 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 June 4, 2007 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S Canton Center Road at 700 pm. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

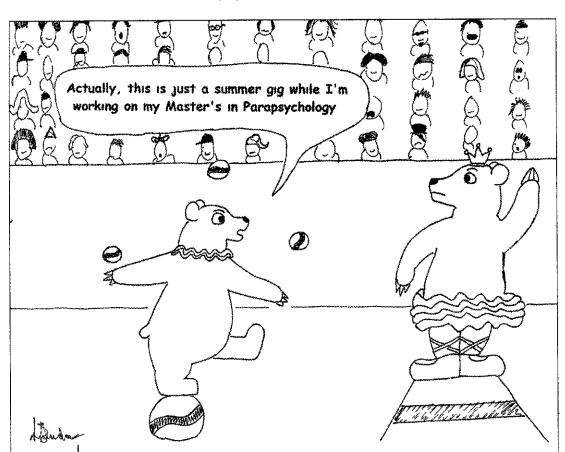
CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE AZIZI REZONING PARCEL NO 078 99 0005 001 FROM RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R 2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL Property is located south of Cherry Hill and east of Denton Road



STUDENT VOICES

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STUDENT CARTOONS



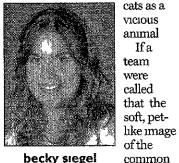
These are worst sports team names

BY BECKY SIEGEL

The name of a sports team is supposed to strike fear in opponents and represent the area the team is from Why else do you think teams are often named after vicious animals? You would never hear of a team called the Clawing Cats because people

don't view

Ifa



becky siegel

house hold pet would be applied to the teams performance The realization that there are teams with these horrible names led me to make a list of the three worst team names in the NCAA and professional sports

1. Ohio State Buckeyes. The name was originally supposed to honor the pioneers of the Ohio frontier – noble, but I don t understand what the pioneers have to do with a nut tree

Some OSU alumni would argue that, 'Yes, we are named

have been bad As much as I researched, I couldn't find any thing that linked the state of Utah and jazz music. Please, if you change the location of your team, re-evaluate the effectiveness of your name This applies to you to Lakers Minneapolis has tons of lakes thus Lakers made sense But since when is Los Angeles known for its many lakes?

3. Syracuse Orange First, I want to give the university some credit It tried change Syracuse tried the names Saltine Warriors and Orangemen/Orangewomen before settling on the Orange in 2004 When I saw Saltine Warriors as a prior name, I originally wondered why the school ever changed its name I eventually found out though, that the name was changed with good reason They were named the Saltine Warriors after an article in 1931 described artifacts from a Native American tribe that were found on campus (both relevant and slightly fearful) Unfortunately, the article was found to be a hoax So Syracuse

name from the fake Native American tribe 40 years later From there it was downhill for Syracuse University, as it got its inspiration for its new name from the color orange Wow, a color Really? How original You know, if I ever began a university, I would name my team after Crayola crayon colors Tickle Me Pink anyone? How about Pine Tree Green? Either of these seem to strike fear deep in your heart? No? And neither does the color orange If you ever begin a sports team, just remember that relativity and a fear factor are the most important criteria. You don t want a name that is lame and weak but you also don t want a name that scars your Little Leaguers for life The lesson here is that food, music and colors are not scary Thus, they are horrible team names If you want to take it one step further, when was the last time a team named after a food, music genre or color won a championship? Exactly Becky Siegel attends Stevenson High School

rightfully decided to change its

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community

City of Plymouth RESOLUTION 2007-2008 CITY BUDGET HEARING

WHEREAS, the 2007-2008 City Budget was presented by the City Manager on April 2, 2007, and was reviewed by the City Commission with the Administration during two public study sessions, and

WHEREAS, various modifications have been made to the proposed budget, based on a review of projected revenues and expenditures, and the City's priorities for various programs and projects,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission hereby calls a public hearing to consider the proposed 2007-2008 City Budget, as revised, in accordance with the following notice

City of Plymouth NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2007-2008 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 4, 2007, at 7 00 PM in the portable band shell in Kellogg Park, or in the Commission Chambers of City Hall at 201 South Main Street in the event of inclement weather, for the purpose of discussing and receiving public comments on the proposed 2007-2008 City Budget

PROPOSED 2007 CITY MILLAGE RATES: The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing The following statements are provided concerning the 2007 proposed millage levies for the City of Plymouth

- The 2007 tax rate for City operating millage is proposed to be 11 3834 mills, which is the same as the 2006 operating tax rate The City Commission has the authority under the City Charter to set the operating millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 11 3834 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee millage roll-back formula
- The 2007 tax rate for debt service millage to fund debt service requirements for the 2002 and 2004 General Obligation Street Bond issues is proposed to be 1 2300 mills, a decrease of 1 1900 mills from the 2006 tax rate
- The 2007 tax rate for City solid waste and recycling millage is proposed to be 1 9000 mills, which is a decrease of 0700 mills from the 2006 tax rate
- The total City millage for all purposes is proposed to be 14 5134 mills for 2007, which is a decrease of 1 2600 mills from the 2006 total City tax rate of 15 7734 mills

EQUALIZATION FACTORS: Wayne County established a tentative 2007 equalization factors of 1 0515 for the residential class of property, 1 0656 for the commercial class of property and 1 0695 for the industrial class of property Since the City has increased assessments for the residential, commercial, and industrial classes for 2007 by the proposed factors, all 2007 equalization factors will be set at 1 0000

2007-2008 PROPOSED CITY BUDGETS: The budgets for the various funds of the City of Plymouth are proposed for 2007-2008 as follows

GENERAL FUND:

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REVENUES		EXPENDITURES		
Property taxes	\$4,957,020	Administration	\$1,375,060	
Licenses & Permits	3,100	Buildings & Grounds	423,910	
Federal Grants	0	Police Department	2,757,900	
State-shared Rev	855,770	Fire Department	970,630	
Sales of Service	494, 470	Public Works Dept	596,990	
Cemetery Revenue	157,500	Other Functions	207,900	
Parking Revenue	58,000	Capital Outlay	349,850	
Other Revenue	972,290	Debt Service	209,970	
Transfers In	$\underline{22,000}$	Transfers Out	<u>627,940</u>	
REVENUE TOTAL	\$7,520,150	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$7,520,150	
MAJOR STREET FUND:				
Gas & Weight Tax	\$ 372,940			
Contrib & Other	<u>44,000</u>			
REVENUE TOTAL	\$ 416,940	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$ 416,940	

LOCAL STREET FUND:

Gas & Weight Tax	\$ 146,380
Contrib & Other	187,520

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sonous, but again, you are named	Rains Group, Inc at (248) 502	2 1103 or Dan Phillips in the PCCS	Contrib From G/F \$ 259,250		
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However, since the Ohio state	Faxed bids will not be acce	pted and the Board of Education			9 IOIAL \$ 1,201,200
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nobody is physically afraid of a			Advisory Comm Fund	\$ 550	\$ 550
genre of music The relevance of			Parking Fund	\$ 6,000	ŝ õ
this team name was great, until				\$ 762,590	\$ 762,590
the move to Utah in 1979			DDA Operating Fund		
This team, as I m sure you ve	AL OF THE CA		Building Fund	\$ 390,200	\$ 390,200
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tal of the world New Orleans In		IEETING NOTICE	Brownfield Re-Development		
this state, the name wouldn t	CITY OF	F PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN	Authority Fund	\$498,520	\$ 498,520
	A DECEMBER OF	(734) 453-1234	Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$ 5,250	\$ 7,000
			OWI Forfeiture Fund	\$ 5,350	\$ 5,000
CANTON CINEMA			2002 GO Bond Debt Fund	\$ 165,620	\$ 177,900
Goodrich www.GQTi.com	A regular meeting of the Boa	rd of Zoning Appeals will be held on			
JALIIY 734-844-FILM	Thursday June 7 2007 at 7 00 the City Hell 201 S Mayn S) PM in the Commission Chambers of treet Plymouth MI to consider the	2003 LTGO Debt Fund	\$ 68,620	\$ 68,860
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DETROIT'S BEST	Z 07 07 821 Penniman	Non Use Variance	2002 Capital Improvement Bonds		
= MOVIE DEAL =		Requested Parking Second Floor Restaurant	Debt Fund	\$ 116,750	116,750
		Rooftop Seating	Michigan Transportation Fund		
ALL LOUNGER SEATS		Zoned B 2 Central Business	Debt Fund	\$ 300	\$ 275
DETROIT'S BEST MOVIE DEAL All LOUNGER SEATS ALL DIGITAL SOUND ALL STADIUM SEATING		Applicant John Callaghan		4	\$ 164,510
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= LOWER PRICES =		Side Yard Setback	Debt Fund	\$ 280,370	\$ 280,370
		Zoned R 1	DDA Debt Fund	\$ 380,490	\$ 380,990
\$6.00 Adults Evening		Single Family Residential	Public Improvement Fund	\$ 26,300	\$ 0
\$3.00 Students Late Show		Applicant Victor Talia	DDA Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 275,000	275,000
Kids Sentors &	Z 07 09 402 N Harvey	Non Use Variance Requested	2004 GO Bond Construction Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0
ALL SHOWS 4-6 PM		Extension of Non Conforming	2006 LTGO Bond Construction Fund	s õ	\$ 0
🗖 🐼 No passes Free drink refills & 25¢ corn refills		Side Yard Setback Zoned R 1	MTF Construction Fund	\$ 8,000	\$ 155,884
SHOWTIMES VALID 5/18 5/24		Single Family Residential			
SHOWTIMES VALID 5/18 5/24 PIRATES 3 tickets on sale now		Applicant Tom Lunsford	Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 32,000	\$ 22,000
First showings Thurs May 24			Financial plans for the Budget Stab	lization Fund, the	Water & Sewer Fund
	Z 07 10 584 W Ann Arbor Tra	ul Non Use Variance Requested Off Site Sign	and the Equipment Fund are also in	cluded in the Budg	ret Document
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C DELTA FARCE (PG 13)	All interested per	sons are invited to attend	to allow the City Manager to tran	nsfer up to ten r	percent (10%) of each
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GEORGIA RULE (R)		onsidered at the meeting/hearing to	COPIES OF PROPOSED BUD	<u>GET AVAILABI</u>	LE:
FBI/SATLS 11 25	individuals with disabilities 1	Requests for auxiliary aids or services	A complete copy of the 2007-200	8 City Budget is	available for public
SPIDER MAN 3 (PG 13)	may be made by writing or cal	ling the following	inspection at the City Clerk's office	during regular hu	siness hours, and also
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SINGLES

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Saturday May 19 at Leon's Family Dining 30149 Ford Road Garden City For details contact Kathy M at

8 p.m. Saturday June 2 Don Hubert VFW Hall 27345 Schoolcraft Road Redford Cost \$10 Call Diane K for information (734)261 5716

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

Greek Town Casino Trip

May 19 2007 Wayne/Westland Chapter is hosting trip. Some tickets are still available Call Pat Tokar at (248)478 8977 or Diana Winn at (734)751 7386 Cost is \$25 which includes a round trip bus ride to the Casino and you will receive a \$15 voucher for cash from Greektown Bus leaves Westborn Mall parking lot Michigan Avenue and Outer Driver at 5 p.m. Arrives back at 11 p.m. Public invited

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at 40000 Six Mile Road the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty in Northville

Sunday Fellowship

Meet at 11 30 a m every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encour agement Coffee doughnuts conver sation and Christ are always present For more information call the SPM office at (248) 374 5920

Bible Studies-Prayer Nights

Learner's Bible Study 7 pm Mondays in Room A101 n Praying Together 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church Men's Bible Study 630 a m Wednesdays in the Single Adult Ministries office

Ward School of Christian Learning for Single Men 7 pm Wednesdays in Room C350 Studying the book Risk by Kenny Luck pastor of Every Mans Ministry at Saddleback Church Lake Forest Calif

Single Parents

Group meets every Wednesday at 7 pm in the Single Adult Ministries office at Ward Church. For more infor mation contact Single Point Ministries at (248)374 5920

SINGLETON

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

FOOT AND ANKLE PAIN? Dr. Randy H. Bernstein, DPM Physician of the Foot and Ankle 27235 Joy Rd. (1 Block East of Inkster) 313.274.7047

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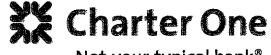
ence increased energy decreased appetite and reduced cravings. It s a proven program that works 100 percent of the time when fol lowed correctly and consistently

To qualify for the program participants must have a strong de sire to frum down tone up and get healthy There are awards and prizes along the way for meeting specific goals including a gift

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Voting: A Right and a Responsibility

BY JESSICA JARY

Many rights and privileges that teens once associated solely with adults seem to be



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voting

The election of 2008 will be a turning point in our nations history Important issues that will impact our generation directly will be decided Our struggling economy, the war in Iraq, and global warming could prove to be the great struggles of our time

Taking preventative action now will be much less costly

than picking up the pieces later According to a study by Harvard University, 51 percent of young adults voted in the 2004 election while only 46 percent voted in the 2000 elections

It is encouraging to see an increase in voting participation, but 51 percent is not good enough Every teen should have a voice Voting is a way for us to change our future now

According to the same study, young voters were more likely to "cite registration mistakes or a lack of registration knowledge as a reason why they did not vote

While it seems many young voters are uninformed about the registration process, Alı Martın, a 2006 Farmington High School graduate, says that her school "encouraged" her to register and plans to vote in the next election

Registration is a simple

process In Michigan, anyone who is eligible can register to vote at any time An eligible voter 1s a United States citizen, someone who has lived in Michigan 30 days, and is at least 18 years of age by Election Day Online registration is not yet available in Michigan, but the application can be downloaded and mailed

Applications can be completed at the Secretary of State office, a military recruitment center, the City Clerk's Office, or the health department Many people register to vote when they renew their driver's license A voter registration card will be created to serve as identification on Election Day If this card is lost, a driver's license will serve as sufficient identification

Some teens who are 17 now will be able to vote in the next election If a teen turns 18 on or before Election Day, he or she is eligible

Register now so you don't forget later Even if a person has registered, he or she may not vote until 30 days after, so don t postpone this important responsibility until later

Some people think their vote is insignificant in a country with so many people This is a misconception, your vote gives you a voice , Mitch Albom sums that up very well in the last few lines of his poem, Small Voice, Big Difference"

Tell me how a person trying/ to work and sleep and eat,/ can make a dent in problems meant for armies or Wall Street / Tell me how a simple soul/ Turns living from the dead/ and here it came, a single word,/ vote the small voice said'

PHOTO BY JESSICA JAR Jenny O Neil and Dana Ford study a ballot in their American Government class at Mercy High School

Your home is your castle. Stay as long as you wish.

And with proper planning, should a long term care need arise, you may be able to do just that Long term care insurance helps you have more options about where you can receive care, and it helps those who love you take care of you better and longer I represent leading long term care insurance carriers including one of the pioneers, Genworth Life Insurance Company Call me soon to learn how long term care insurance may be just what you need to help keep you in your castle I will also be able to provide further details on the costs, benefits, limitations and exclusions of a Genworth Life Long Term Care Insurance policy

Laura Eliason, CLTC Long Term Care Planning Specialist (248) 921-4957 Leliason@genworthltc.com



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ENGAGEMENTS

CLASS REUNIONS

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

REUNIONS

Avondale High School Class of 1957

A 50 year reunion is planned for Sept 15 2007 at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester Looking for alumni Call Mary Lou Norkiewicz (Ehrmann) at (248) 375 5406 Jim Greenless at (248) 642 0290 or Janice Turnbull (Lane) at (248) 627

Berkley High School Class of 1987

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A 20 year reunion is planned for Nov 24 2007 Looking for all current contact info for alumni from class of 1987 Contact Kim (DeWilde) Everingham at (734)422 0087 or e mail info to kimsliasophia@gmail.com Reunion web site is www.BHSreunion1987.com for fur ther information and details **Birmingham Groves**

Class of 1977

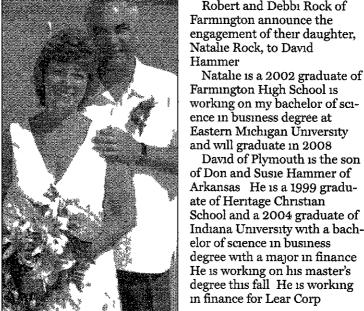
A 30 year reunion 7 30 p m Saturday July 28 at Camp Ticonderoga Troy \$35

in advance \$45 at the door Contact Dan Nelson at (248)433 3742 or e mail Groves77reunion@hotmail.com Birmingham Seaholm Class of 1962

A 45 year reunion is planned for 7 p m to 2 a m Saturday, Aug 18 2007 at Camp Ticonderoga Restaurant Troy For infor mation www.seaholm62.org Contact Greg Frontier at gfrontier@aol com or Charlotte (Bosworth) Follis at cafollis@mybluelight.com Bishop Borgess Class of 1977

A 30 year reunion Saturday Sept 8 2007 at George Murphy's Livonia For more information call (248)685 8747 or by email haningk@yahoo.com

ANNIVERSARIES



Martins celebrate

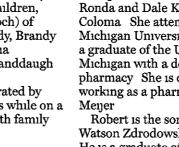
25th anniversary

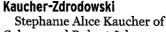
Gary and Toni Martin of Livonia are celebrating their 25th anniversary

The Martins were married May 8, 1982, in Garden City They have four children, Shannon (Mike) Koch) of Westland and Mandy, Brandy and Shane of Livonia They have one granddaugh ter Katelyn

The couple celebrated by renewing their vows while on a

Carribean cruise with family and friends





Rock-Hammer

Robert and Debbi Rock of

Natalie is a 2002 graduate of

David of Plymouth is the son

Coloma and Robert John Zdrodowski of Northville will be married Aug 4 at the Hartford United Methodist Church in Hartford, Michigan

Stephanie is the daughter of Ronda and Dale Kaucher of Coloma She attended Western Michigan University and is also a graduate of the University of Michigan with a doctorate in pharmacy She is currently working as a pharmacist for

Robert 1s the son of Barb and Watson Zdrodowski of Canton He is a graduate of Salem High School and holds a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from Western Michigan University Robert is employed as a chemical engineer with Ford Motor Co and is working toward his masters in chemical engineering at Wayne State University

The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii and make their home



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ın Northville

ence from the University of Michigan in chemical engineering (2003) and biomedical engineering (2004) Mario is currently employed at Pfizer in Ann Arbor

A June 2 wedding is planned at the Chapel at St John in Plymouth

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NANCY AUSTIN

May 17 2007 Age 69 Teacher in the Birmingham School District for 42 years mainly at Pierce Elementary School After retirement she volun teered at Cranbrook and also was a substitute teacher Member of First Congregational Church of Clarkston and First United Methodist Church of Birmingham Preceded in death by her parents, Almon and Thirza Austin and her dear friend Vince Secontine Sister of Douglas Austin Marylou Henry (Sandy) Lois Kerr Stanley Austin (Karen) Sally Gillies (Ed) Ron Austin (Carol) and Chris Austin (Bonnie) Also survived by 12 nieces and nephews 18 great nieces and nephews many loving friends and her faithful dog, Lizzie Lou According to Nancy s wishes private services have been held Memorial tributes to First Congregational Church of Clarkston or the Leukemia Society of America A J Desmond & Sons (248) 549 0500 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

WAYNE GRANT BURDETTE

Age 56 died Tuesday May 15 2007 in Roper Hospital in Charleston S C Mr Burdette was predeceased by his father Elmer G Burdette of Atlanta, Ga Survivors include his wife Patty Roberts Burdette of McClellanville S C two step sons, Justin Hettich of McClellanville S C and Joshua Hettich of Jensen Beach Fla his mother and step father, Helen and Don Holcomb of Edgewater Fla., a brother Jeffrev Burdett of Atlanta, Ga a sister Diane Reeves of New Smyrna Beach Fla and a granddaughter Caroline Hettich of McClellanville S C A pri vate memorial celebration was held at the family home in McCle'la-ville S C Sign a guest book at www mayerfuneralhome com The Georgetown S C Chapel of Mayer Funeral Home is assisting the famılv



PETER J. GILLERAN

Peter J Gilleran, a long time art pro fessor at Wayne State University has died He was 85 years old Peter was born in the Corktown section of Detroit His father also Petei J was born in Roscommon, His mother Vera Jaeger Gilleran Ireland Gilleran (later Blanchfield) was born in Galicia, in what is now Poland As a oung boy he began drawing on scrap paper his mother brought home from work Before long his mother bought him a child s paint set In school his teachers continuously encouraged his interest in art On the recommendation of his teachers Peter went to Cass Tech High School in Detroit which had a special program for art students While there his teachers encouraged him to draw frequently from Detroit street life At Cass Tech he made a life long friend in Robert Barbee who later spent his career as an art profes sor at the University of Virginia In his senior year Peter competed in an art contest against all the other high schools in Detroit and won 1st prize After graduating from Cass Tech in 1939 he received a one year scholar ship to attend Cran brook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills His principal teacher there was the noted unga Sepeshy He was offered a second year at Cranbrook but turned this down because of the need to begin his career When World War II came he went into the army and became a draftsman He was posted first in New Delhi India and later in Kunming China After the war he attended Colorado College and colorado Fine Arts Center both in Colorado Springs Colorado At the ine Arts Center he met Anne Kensett Crow of Loudonville Ohio who was graduate student in art They were narried in Ohio in 1947 Peter returned to Cranbrook where he received his MFA degree in 1950 Peter began teaching in the Art Department at Wayne State in 1954 He later rose to full professor He was also for some time an adjunct profes sor at Cranbrook Academy of Art His areas of expertise were painting draw ing and graphic design He showed his artwork all over the Midwest and in New York City winning many awards His wife Anne was for many years a teacher in the Royal Oak schools She was trained as an artist and several of Anne s sisters became visual artists including Nancy Crow and Martha Crow, and another sister Mary Crow became a poet After Peter retured from Wayne State in 1989 he continued actively to paint and draw and to show his work In 2005 his life long friend Louis Berman published a book enti tled Peter Gilleran Celebrates Life, a portfolio of Peter's works Also in 2005 he had a solo exhibit at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center titled Art of a Lifetime His work has been collected by many museums in Michigan and throughout the Midwest and is currently on exhibit at the Scarab Club in Detroit In describing his theory of art he once wrote Life is at the core life that is endlessly fasci nating interesting and yes even uplift ing We seem to have forgotten the world is full – not empty Some colors and lines and shapes can make us cry with wonder they are so full of life what art does not seem to be about 1s death Yes after we learn about art we learn about life - life is powerful Peter is survived by his wife Anne his sister Catherine his three children, his seven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews His children are Breon Gilleran an art professor and sculptor of Baltimore Maryland Peter an artist and teacher in the Detroit Public Schools of Birmingham Michigan and Michael a lawyer of Wellesley

Massachusetts His grandchildren are

Peter Roca and Julia Roca, both of

Baltimore Maryland Sean Gilleran

of North Bend Washington John

Gilleran and Daniel Gilleran, all of

Vellesley Massachusetts He also

leaves the many art students he taught

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Michael Gilleran Peter



PAUL LUCIAN MCNUTT

Of Canton Michigan and Winter Haven Florida died Monday May 14th at home after an extended illness from Interstitual Pulmonary Fibrosis He was born in Detroit on Novembe. 17 1928 and is survived by his cher ished wife and best friend of 56 years Constance (nee Stokes) beloved sons David and Christopher and daughter Shannon wonderful Papa to his only grandson Rocco Paul and dear Sister and Brother In Law to Betty and Bob Sperling He is also survived by three nieces and two nephews and many loving friends and family who will always remember his warm smile and generous heart After more than 30 years working with Ford Motor Company Paul and his wife Connie retired to Florida where they lived for nearly 20 years He was an avid golfer and gifted photographer who developed his own work giving free copies to everyone whom he pho tographed His precious memory and spirit will live with us forever

RENE de OCAMPO SANTIAGO, MD

Age 64 Plymouth MI Uht Funeral Home Westland MI Mastrofrancesco-Fabiilli Lou and Ann

Mastrofrancesco of Northville, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marta, to Mario Fabiilli, son of Leonardo and Franca Fabulli of Eastpointe

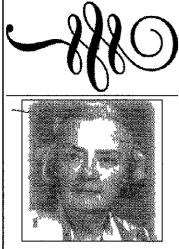
The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, she obtained her bachelor of science from the University of Michigan in mechanical engineering (2004) Marta is employed at the Toyota Technical Center in Ann Arbor

Mario is a 1999 graduate of De La Salle Collegiate in Warren, he obtained his bachelor of science and master of sci



LEO PAUL CAUZILLO

Memorial Service scheduled for Tuesday May 22 2007 at 11 00am at Grand Lawn Cemetary 23501 Grand River Detroit Located south of 7 Mile and east of Telegraph Leo passed away April 16 2007 of liver cancer



SHIRLEY A. HERSEY

Age 87 May 16 2007 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak after a long illness A lifetime resident of Birmingham, she was born May 23 1919 in Birmingham Shirley was with the financial dept of Crowley Milner in Detroit after college Shirley and her sister Carrie managed family rental properties for many years in the Birmingham area As a young lady she taught dancing (ballet) at the Community House and was active in Children's Theater in Birmingham She also wrote for the magazine of Delta Gama She was a graduate of Birmingham Baldwin High School Class of 1937 then attended Albion College and graduated from Detroit Business School Shirley's great grandparents (Hıram H & Ester E Chatfield) were founding members of the Birmingham Methodist Church even before the buildings were built Her father was a well known builder of homes in the Birmingham area. She was a lifetime member of Birmingham AUW Book Club and the Birmingham Village Players She is the daughter of the late Scott A and Pussie R, Hersey and sister of the late Carrie L and Warren S Hersey Funeral services were held at The First United Church of Birmingham 1589 W Maple on Friday May 18th Memorial tributes may be made to The First United Methodist Church Birmingham or to a charity of your choice Arrangements made by Wm R Hamilton Co 820 E Birmingham 248 644 6000 Maple



WILLIAM WALLACE WOLFE

Age 85 May 17 2007 of Troy for merly of Detroit Petoskey and Charlotte Beloved husband of Nancy (McPrangle) Wolfe Dear father of Patricia Mazurkiewicz Katheryn (Terry) Walker Bobette Hoffman Susan (Robert) Mills and the late William R Wolfe Seven grandchil dren Pre deceased by his brother Robert Wolfe Gathering of family and friends Wednesday 4 8pm at Price Funeral Home 3725 Rochester Road (Between Big Beaver and Wattles Roads) Troy (248) 689 0700 Memorial service Thursday 11 00 am at funeral home Memorials to the American Heart Association On Line register book at

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GEORGE M WERTZ Age 87 May 16 2007 Beloved hus band of the late Margaret Dear father of Kathleen (Ed) Churchman Eileen (Ed) Brown, Greg, Susan (Jim Day) Jim (Cindy) and Nancy (Rick Merriman) Grandfather of 9 Great grandfather of 10 Funeral Service were held Arrangements by Santeiu and Son

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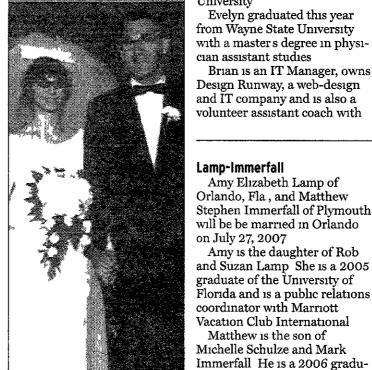
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John and Virginia made their home in Canton in 1977 and continue to live there John is retired from Federal

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John and Virginia Koch

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Evelyn Warner and Brian Sommariva are engaged and planning a July wedding

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Evelyn graduated this year from Wayne State University with a master's degree in physician assistant studies

Brian is an IT Manager, owns Design Runway, a web-design and IT company and 1s also a volunteer assistant coach with

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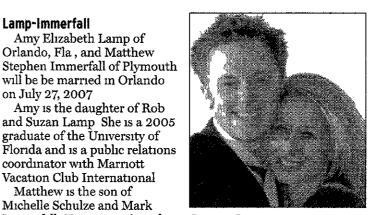
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AAUW says women lag behind on pay equity

New research released April 23 by the American Association of University Women Educational Foundation shows

that just one year out of college, women working full time already earn less than their male colleagues, even when they work in the same field Ten years after graduation, the pay gap widens

In the report, Behind the Pay Gap, the AAUW Educational Foundation found that just one year after college graduation, women earn only 80 percent of what their male counterparts earn Ten years after graduation, women fall further behind, earning only 69 percent of what men earn Even after controlling for hours, occupation, parenthood, and other factors known to affect earnings, the research indicates that one-quarter of the pay gap remains unexplained and is likely due to sex discrimination Over time, the unexplained portion of the pay gap grows

The research also shows that 10 years after graduation, college-educated men working full time have more authority in the workplace than do their female counterparts Men are more likely to be involved in hiring and firing, supervising others, and setting pay

'By looking at earnings just one year out of college, you have as level a playing field as possi-ble,' said AAUW Director of Research Catherine Hill 'These employees dont have a lot of experience and, for the most part, don't have care-giving obhgations, so you'd expect there to be very little difference in the wages of men and women But surprisingly, and unfortunately, we find that women already earn less - even when they have the same major and occupation as their male counterparts '

The AAUW research also shows that this pay gap exists despite the fact that women outperform men in school - earning slightly higher GPAs than men in every college major, including science and mathematics

"The persistence of the pay gap among young, college-educated, full-time workers suggests that educational achievement alone will not close the pay gap,

Hill said 'We need to make workplaces more family-friendly, reduce sex segregation in education and in the workplace, and combat discrimination that continues to hold women back in the workplace"

AAUW has worked successfully to create educational opportunities for women and girls," said Lisa Maatz, AAUW director of public policy and government relations "It's clear that barriers beyond schooling have prevented true pay equity, and AAUW continues to be a strong advocate for legislative efforts to address this discrimination"

The report also includes other findings

Women who attended highly selective colleges earn less than men from either highly or moderately selective colleges and about the same as men from minimally selective colleges

Ten years after graduation, women are more likely than men to complete some graduate education

Men and women remain segregated by college major, with women making up 79 percent of education majors and men making up 82 percent of engineering majors This segregation is found in the workplace as well, where women make up 74 percent of the education field and men make up 84 percent of the engineering and architecture fields

The blessed stillness of the woods away from the clamor and furtility of man. In this feverish madly whirling human world the nonchanging ways of nature bring comfort. The mountains stand quite majestic and the birds sing the same songs century after century

bet you did not know you hve in Region 3 of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. You are not alone I did not know either But that bit of obscure knowledge

means you may celebrate

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Saturday, May 12, at the Humbug Marsh

Humbug Marsh? That's

bird migration on



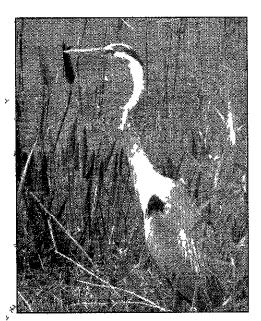
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Birds know no bound-Way aries and we are in a major migratory flyway. Most birders and nature Jonathan

lovers know that well* Schechter and some dedicate the - spring days of early May

to watch the warblers, while others seek out great blue herons mequet peaceful places free of noisy human activity, or listen in awe to sand hill cranes in flight And anyone who sleeps with windows open this time of the year knows

that bird song wakes the sun Back at the Humbug Marsh, sights, sounds and colors of bird migration; movement and meloding magnified tenfold. And thanks to the work of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, the International Wildlife Refuge Alliance, the Michigan Mature Conservancy and many supporting agencies including Wild Birds. Unlimited and the DTE Energy Green Team you are invited to a celebration,



Byways to flyways - from the river to your town

JONATHAN SCHECHTER

A great blue heron waits for a fish to move far from human disturbance

call it a party if you wish But before you slip into your spring finery, keep in mind the invitation states "It will be a one-half mile walk to the river frontage, dress accordingly for the weather EXPECT MUD

The celebration is connected by wing and by air to all who appreciate birds

Bottom line The International Wildlife Refuge Alliance and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge invite you to join in celebrating "the very first public wildlife observation deck constructed in the refuge and the release of the bird driving tour brochure Byways To Flyways " This new federal wildlife refuge, partnered with our Canadian friends across the river and Point Pelee National Park in

Canada (a funnel of land that channels many of the same birds you heard sing this morning) adds protection to rest, feeding and nesting areas for migrating birds, and migration is a risky business for birds

Melissa Soule, director of communications and marketing for the Nature Conservancy, confirmed what I wanted to know There will be light refreshments to go with the short ceremony that includes several congressman and Nita Fuller of the US Fish and Wildlife Service (But I ll miss out I'll be in Utah dabbling with birds of a different feather, training with wilderness-loving medics in hot canyons and along the Colorado River)

So just where is this oddly named marsh? Humbug Marsh 1s in Trenton and Gıbraltar off of Jefferson Avenue across from Knights of Columbus The official celebration runs from 9-10 a m For detailed information, e-mail Project Coordinator Janae Reneaud janae_reneaud@fws gov or Melissa Soule at The Nature Conservancy msoule@tnc org

As I was scrambling about factchecking for this good news event, a celebration of spring migration, Melissa threw a few facts to me

She reminds us that Oakland County and vicinity is, "In the middle of the world's largest freshwater ecosystem And the Detroit River in terms of nature and migration importance is tied directly to the birds we enjoy in spring As for borders, 'Birds Know No Boundaries a phrase with global implications, from international borders, to the shrubs that separate your yard from your neighbors

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medications and names of doctors," Catherine Withrow said "Once she got out of the hospital, one of the neatest things is they

lots of information and pages in back for tracking reactions to

have social activities Once she finally got out of the hospital, instead of being relieved we worried We had a chance to meet other families who were one year out who had all been through what we'd been through It makes you realize these kids are still alive We can do this It keeps your hope up On the floor we made a lot of friends whose children have died and that s hard

Dr Charles Main is hoping one day soon he will be able to tell

parents there is a cure Main began treating leukemia patients at Children's Hospital even before graduating from Wayne State University's medical school in 1964

'As more and more chemo became available, we could do more things for the patients The survival rate has slowly, slowly increased, said Main chief of pediatric hematology and oncology at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak for the last 21 years The numbers have gotten better because of chemotherapy, blood and platelet transfusions, the antibiotics we have, medicines for nausea, medicines to bring white cell count back The

survival rate is now about 85 to

children with chemo, (which are) poisons, and radiation therapy I m looking forward to the day when chemicals stop the cell and cause it to go back to being a normal cell

Beaumont, as part of the Children's Oncology Group (COG) cooperative trials, works together with about 240 institutions in the ${\bf U}\,{\bf S}\,$ and Canada to find the most effective treatment for each child

'Instead of just taking our numbers and doing research, we all work together - Beaumont, Childrens, St Johns, U of M, Michigan State, Hurley in Flint, St. Jude, Mayo Clinic, said Main, of Beverly Hills "We talk to COG and they tell us which treatment that child should receive It's the parents that give us t'the trust that gives us the opportunity and privilege to take care of these children and see the treatments improve

The survival rate has increased so dramatically that 19 years ago Main established a scholarship program for cancer survivors through Beaumont with the support of Birmingham merchants

The basic idea was to tell them you have a future, Main said Back in the 1940s, no one survived leukemia. Sylvia Brown knows about the suffering parents go through along with the rest of the family, so she decided to establish the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan 55 years ago to ease their distress Brown's 21/2 -year-old daughter Sandra Ann lived only one month after doctors told her and husband Harry the grim news

It developed into a fabulous organization We had bingos, din

Amanda Withrow of Canton shows off her new haircut Amanda lost all of her hair while undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia. Today, the 4-year-old girl is in remission

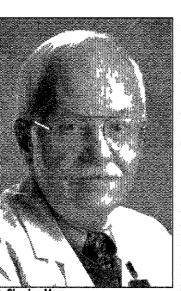
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ners sold cookies, Christmas cards to help raise money and in the meantime helped each other We shared the good times and the bad, said Brown, 89, a former West Bloomfield resident now living in Southfield Brown served as executive director of the nonprofit until Harry developed cancer in 1981 and died She remains on the board

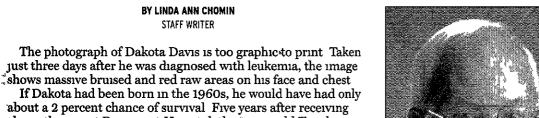
'We help them out in so many ways We have entertainment for children and family The brothers and sisters are invited to everything Our Christmas party is second to none and we give them toys The merchants in the community have been wonderful Were real happy to do that I m very much involved even today because this was not a job for me, it was a labor of love I did it for my Sandy"

The Walk for Hope and Support route is approximately four miles There is no entry fee, but raising \$100 or more qualifies a participant for prizes To register, visit www.leukemiamichigan.org For more information about CLF, call (248) 353-8222

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Dr Charles Main



Walk for hope

If Dakota had been born in the 1960s, he would have had only about a 2 percent chance of survival Five years after receiving chemotherapy at Beaumont Hospital, the 7-year-old Troy boy is in remission and now considered cancer-free His mother, Dawn, is grateful not only to the doctors and nurses who cared for Dakota, but the Southfield-based Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLF) A week after diagnosis, the nonprofit began providing the family with financial assistance, prescription reimbursement, emotional support and information

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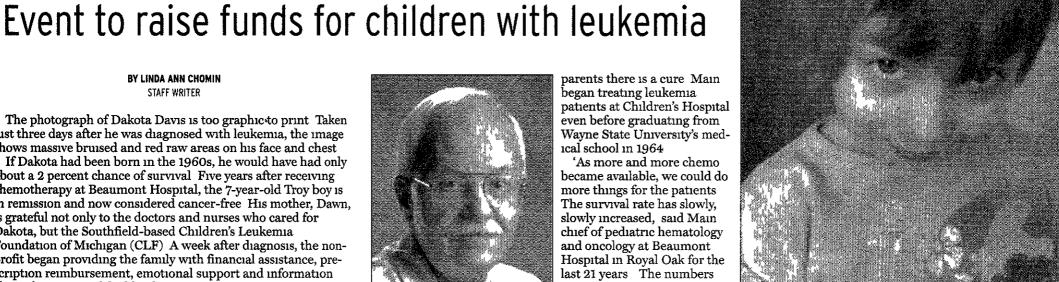
about this cancer of the blood In return, Dawn Davis is doing everything possible to help other families of children with leukemia, lymphoma and related blood disorders As a member of the event planning committee, Davis and her family will take part Saturday, June 9, in the first Walk for Hope and Support for CLF at Kensington Metropark in

Milford "The foundation did everything and anything they could The emotional support was indescribable Til this day, we still get emotional support," Dawn Davis said

Emotional support was crucial to Catherine Withrow after her daughter Amanda was diagnosed with leukemia in November 2005 Withrow had noticed a black and purple bruise the size of a plum on the 3-year-old Bruising, paleness, nose and gum bleeding, infections and fever, and joint and bone pain are all symptoms of leukemia

For the next seven months, the Canton mother slept at University of Michigan C S Mott Children's Hospital as Amanda underwent five rounds of chemotherapy Today, the 4-year-old 1s in remission and attending Trinity Presbyterian Preschool in Plymouth There is still about a 30-percent chance the leukemia may return "The Children's Leukemia Foundation gave us a booklet with

90 percent It's been an incredible time But we re still treating





Legally Blind Woman to See Again

Dr. Sheldon Smith helps those with low vision to enjoy daily activities like reading and driving.

By Elena Lombardı

Low vision is defined as vision that cannot be corrected with regular prescription glasses or contact lenses For most people, low vision means they cannot drive or do daily activities like reading a newspaper With specialized treatment people with low vision can get back to doing the things they enjoy

Michigan Optometrist, Dr Sheldon Smith helps people who have lost vision from macular degeneration and other eye conditions Just like looking through a pair of field glasses or binoculars, telescopic glasses make things look bigger, closer, and much easier to see

"Many of my patients consider me the last chance to help their vision," states Dr. Smith.

Macular degeneration is the most common eye disease among the senior population Twenty five percent of people over 65 years of age have some degree of degeneration When the macula, a small part of the retina, degenerates it leaves a blind spot right in the center of vision making it hard to recognize faces, read a book, or pass the driver's vision test

The cause of macular degeneration is unknown However, it has been shown that



Dr. Smith's Patient with Bioptic Telescopes for Driving.

UV light from the sun, smoking, poor nutrition and aging are contributing factors In addition, 15% to 20% of macular degeneration cases have been shown to be genetic

"People don't know that price from \$500 to \$2,500 there are experienced doctors who can help them with low vision care," says Dr Smith "My job is to figure out anything and everything possible to help a person see at the best level possible "

Valerie Bassett, 79, a music teacher and church organist from Essexville, Michigan was turning down music students because she could Dr Smith has offices in not see the music from the teacher's position Dr Smith fit Valerie with telescopic glasses with an adaptor to read music "Now I use my glasses to participate in worship service, sing hymns and read the bible I can read music It's wonderful to be able to see again I have a new lease on life!" says Valerie

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There are as many low vision devices as there are various activities Bioptic telescopes help some people continue driving, while special prismatic glasses can help for reading and other hobbies Devices range in

"Every situation is unique Each person's level of vision varies and every patient has different desires," states Dr Smith "Our ultimate goal is getting patients doing those things they most wish to do The impact on quality of life and independence is remarkable"

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Discovery Ball proceeds to help find a cure

Dr Charles Main is one of the three individuals and two organizations being honored by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at its Discovery Ball 7 p m Friday, June 1, at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn The black tie event raises money for Society programs for research and education The evening features a dinner, auction, dancing, and the awards ceremony

Main is chief of pediatric hematology and oncology at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak for the last 21 years A Beverly Hills resident, Main has received several awards from organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Sparky Anderson's Charity for Children and the American Red Cross

Nineteen years ago he created The Charles A Main, M D Pediatric Cancer Survivor Scholarship Fund of Beaumont Hospitals Since then 88 students have received \$376,500

Other Discovery Award recipients being recognized on June 1, include David Zilco for Honored Hero, the Detroit Lions for overall support of mission, Comcast Spotlight for overall support of philanthropy, and Dr Charles Schiffer Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute for Research Main is receiving the award for education and patient services at Beaumont Hospital

Tickets for the event are \$300 and available by calling (248) 582-2900

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services Since 1949, the Society has invested more than \$486 million in research targeting leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma

Emmy and Tony Award-winning actress to headline fund-raiser

Julie Harris, one of the most awarded actresses of the stage and screen, headlines the University of Michigan Aphasia Program 60th anniversary fund-raising event, Its a RAP 60 Year Celebration of the U-M Aphasia Program The event June 1-2, includes an exclusive screening of her new movie, The Way Back Home, in which Harris portrays a woman who had a stroke

Harris, 81, attended the U-M Aphasia Program in May 2006 as part of her recovery from a stroke and resulting aphasia that occurred in May 2001

The U-M Aphasia Program attracts clients from across the United States and other countries due to its unique approach to aphasia therapy It is an intensive program, with clients participating in six-week sessions, receiving 23-hours of therapy each week Therapy is conducted by clinically-trained professional speech language pathologists not students, offering an individualized therapy program with a limited number of participants to ensure a high ratio of staff to chents for the most effective one on-one treatment

Aphasia is an acquired language disorder that results from damage to parts of the brain Stroke is the leading cause, however, it also can result from brain tumors, head injuries, brain infections, and other brain conditions People with aphasia know what they want to say but cannot always get out the words It can affect talking, understanding, reading, and writing Memory and thinking can also be reduced An estimated one million Americans of all ages have aphasia.

The two-day event begins the afternoon of June 1 with informational workshops on the latest in stroke and aphasia research and therapy featuring Dr Jennifer Majersik of the U-M Stroke Center, and Dr David Steinberg, Medical Director for Rehabilitation Services, St Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor The workshops take place at the Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest

On the evening of June 1, there will be a special exclusive first public screening of The Way Back Home. which takes place at the historic Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor Also attending the event will be producer Michael H King, who will introduce Harris and the movie to the audience

On Saturday, June 2, morning and afternoon workshops focus on the latest technology to help clients and family members, multi-modal communication techniques, music and art therapy, and caregiver support On the evening of June 2, a gala reception will

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All June 2 events take place at the Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest For more information. visit www.aphasiahelp.com or call (734) 764-8440

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Exercise will help save eyes



Peter Nielsen

Marla from Sterling Heights is concerned about losing her sight as she gets older. What can she do? Marla, start exercising A new study found people who exercised three or more times a week decreased their risk of developing age related macular

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among girls Until this new piece of research came out, studies had only linked cola to the problem Researchers believe one of the problems is the caffeine in the drinks Caffeine increases the excretion of calcium by the kidneys, so less is degeneration by 70 percent Researchers sav exercise absorbed into the bones Colas are also full of

reduces systemic inflammation It also reduces the failure of cells that line the eye's blood vessels Both of these conditions play a role in the development of age-related macular

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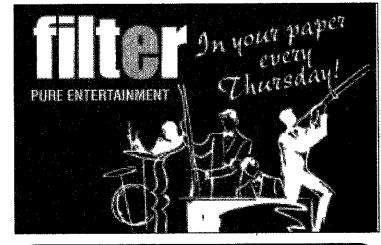
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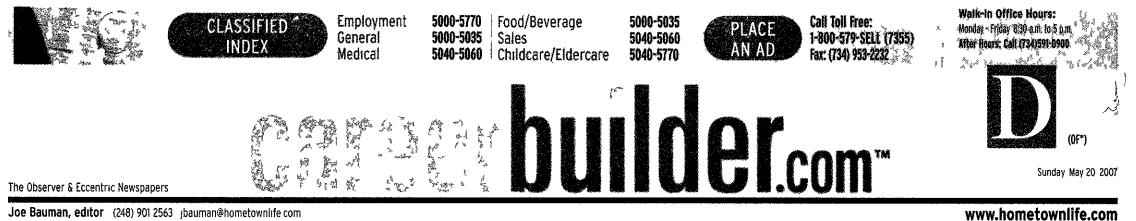
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New hires get advice from seasoned pros on making grade

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Lisa Kennedy, owner of The Lisa Kennedy Agency in Canton, offering Nationwide insurance, has some thoughts on what she likes to see in employees

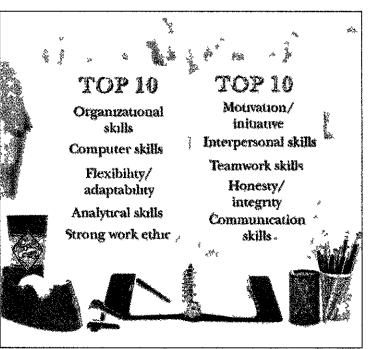
'I like to see enthusiasm for life, good eye contact, good verbal/written skills, good computer skills, demonstrated success (no matter how entry-level the position what have they done to show they take pride in their work/accomplishments and want to stand out amongst their peers),' she said Kennedy, a Canton resident, likes hires who are eager to learn new things, can garner resources to solve problems and have great customer service skills

She's an assistant district governor for the Rotary service club's District 6400, and applies that organization's 4-Way Test standards, seeking hires who offer honesty, integrity, positive thinking and are responsible and depend-

She also likes to see job stability Advice I could offer to candidates is please, please, please proofread/spell check your resume It absolutely amazes me that I receive resumes with misspelled words/typos/improper grammar It makes a prospective employer think that you didn t even care enough to put your best foot forward on the resume, what will your work be like Also, display confidence (not arrogance) in the interview Be yourself so you can relax and have the best chance at selling yourself

Ask questions and be honest' Follow up with a thank you note[†] Perhaps, you don't have all the skills an employer is looking for, but if you can demonstrate your past success and how you stood out amongst your peers, your eagerness to learn and willing ness to work hard, you may still be considered, Kennedy said

A look at Wayne State University's Career Services Web site shows these qualities as the top 10 sought by



employers

- 1 Communication skills (verbal and written)
 - 2 Honesty/integrity
- 3 Teamwork skills (works
- well with others) 4 Interpersonal skills
- (relates well to others)
 - 5 Motivation/initiative 6 Strong work ethic
 - 7 Analytical skills
 - 8 Flexibility/adaptability

9 Computer skills 10 Organizational skills Those are the top skills, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers based in Bethlehem, Pa

- Heres how employers rate the importance of experience Relevant work experience 40
- Internship experience 39

Any work experience 36 Co-op experience 32 (5-point scale 5=Extremely

important, 1=Not important) The computer thing nowadays 1s a given," Kennedy said, adding younger hires tend to be skilled in that area 'I really like people that can demonstrate success I hke to see people take pride in what they do. irregardless of what the job title is '

Shell be 44 soon and remembers her own early job hunting 'It seems like its less formal trying to get a 10b" She remembers having her resume typeset, now, they come in as emails

I still think it comes down to the same quality and integrity within people Were you committed, were you responsible, were you on time?" Kennedy wanted her employers to think highly of her, and looks for that drive to excel now

'It bothers me when I see people who have a new job every four months" It costs businesses to train new employees, Kennedy said, so

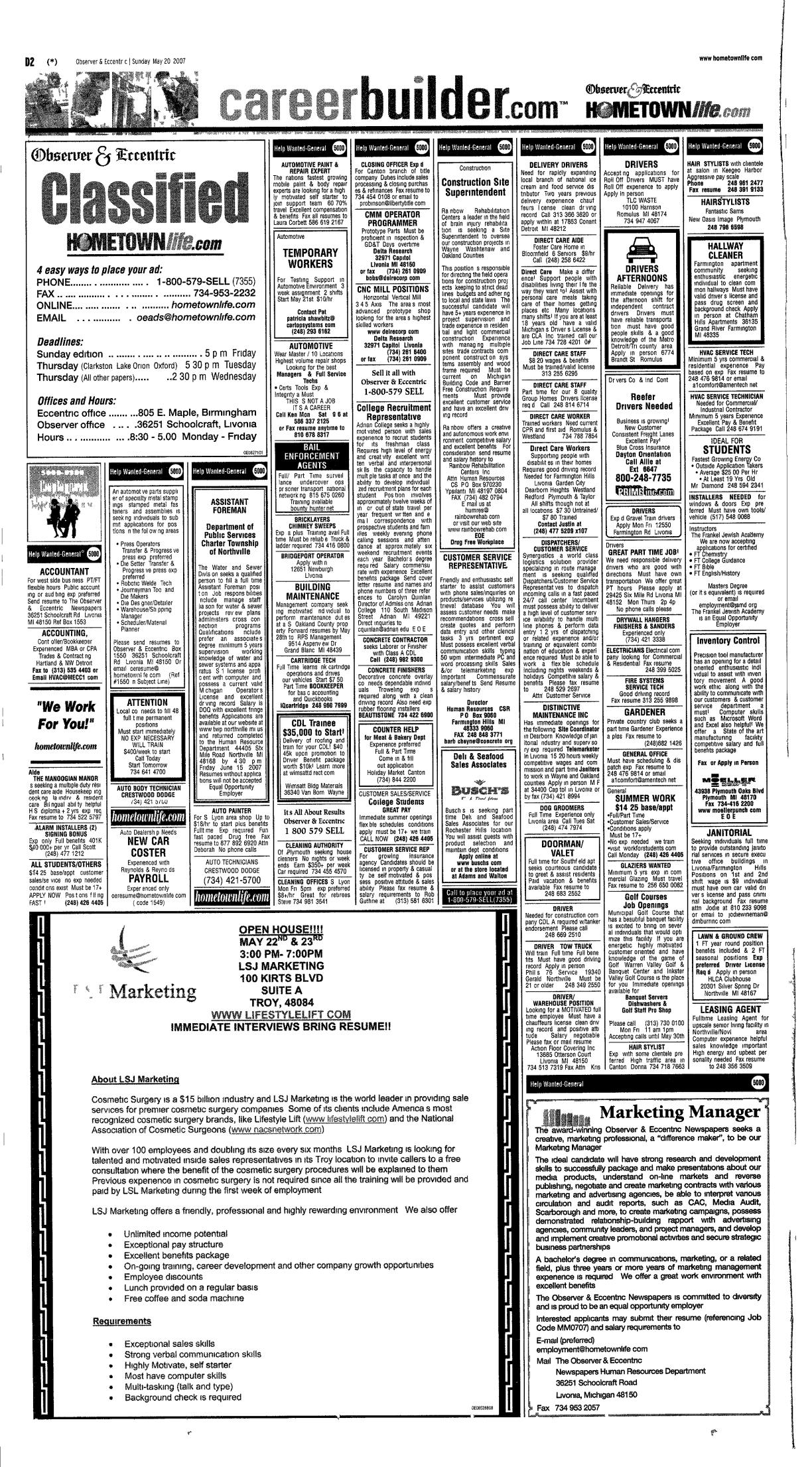
"The computer thing nowadays is a given. I really like people that can demonstrate success. I like to see people take pride in what they do, irregardless of what the job title is." Lisa Kennedy Canton businesswoman

high turnover isn't desirable

Lou Toarmina, owner of Toarmina's Pizza and a fellow Rotarian, also cites traits he likes in new hires The Westland resident's top three are a positive attitude, dependability and being friendly/cooperative Hes been able to find staffers with those attributes

Toarmina's 44 and noted that younger people face challenges in their job hunting "A lot of times, they have to leave the state," he said Toarmina noted it's tough for those young people to move away from their families, and hopes his kids can stay nearby when older and working





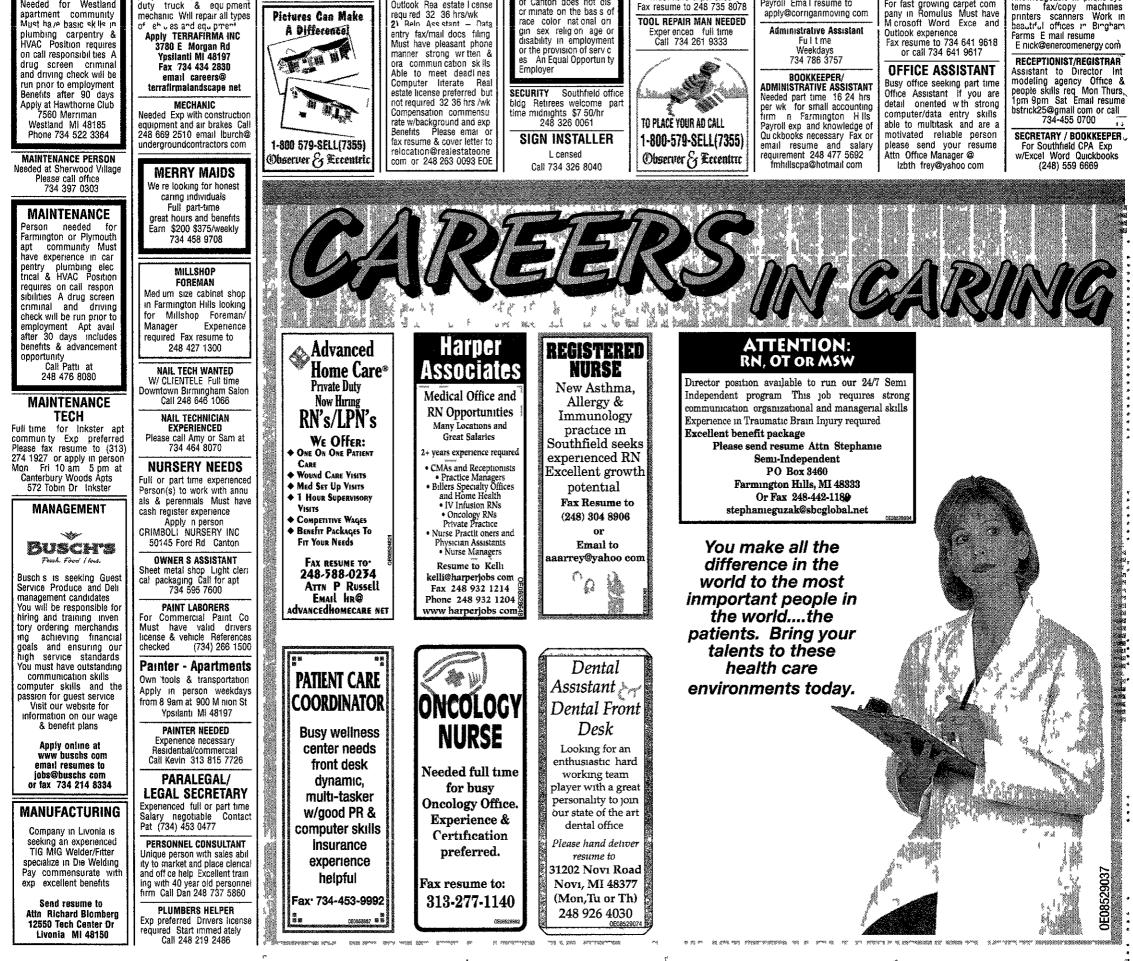
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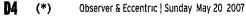
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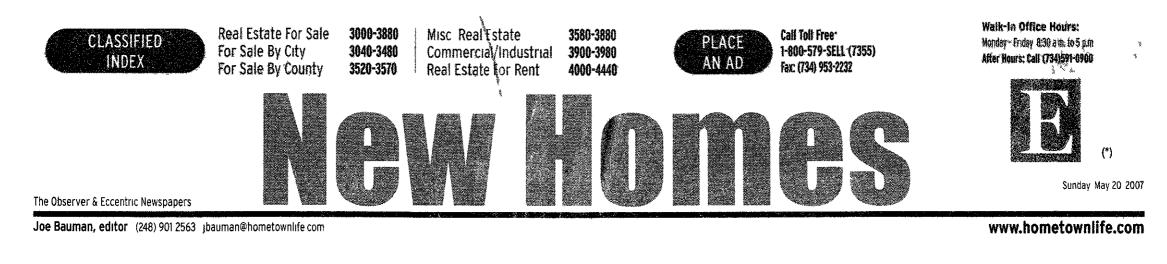
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(NAPSI) — Everyone talks about the outdoor environment, but homeowners who are aware of the green building trend sweeping the country are taking indoor air quality just as seriously

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

Safety, in this case includes removing harmful airborne elements from indoors, ranging from simple stale air from everyday living to pollutants given off by building materials, to radon gas that seeps into buildings from soil through small openings in foundations. This can be critical in winter when many homes are sealed with windows tightly closed to retain heat One of the NAHBs seven cate gories of green building is indoor air quality and *Residential Systems* mag azine agrees, identifying that and energy efficiency as hallmarks of the green building movement

According to Joe Patrick, senior product manager for Velux America, indoor air quality can be enhanced with venting skylights. They admit natural light from above to reduce energy costs and make living spaces more attractive and enjoyable while quietly exhausting stale air and improving ventilation without the use of fans," he said

Adequate ventilation also contributes to effective moisture man agement in the home, helping to con trol mold And while gaining more natural light and better air quality, homeowners utilizing venting skylights realize other benefits

Patrick points out that in bathrooms especially, venting skylights reduce condensation build up while providing a beautiful view of the sky above, without affording anyone the opportunity to see in 'Plus, you get the use of wall space, where a window isn't necessary The same holds true in kitchens where skylights vent hot air and cooking odors," he said

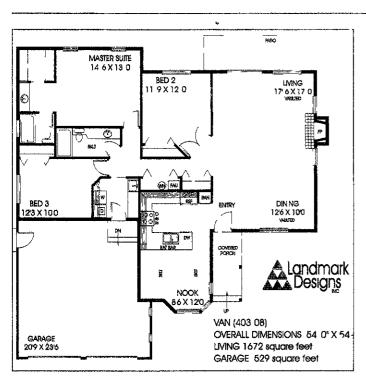
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Things are looking up for indoor air quality when there are skylights in the home



Family is cornerstone for Van, a design that fits well on a city lot

The 1,672-square-foot Van is a medium-sized home that is perfect for a city lot Ideal for those with school age children or empty nesters whose kids come home for extended visits, the Van truly makes the family the cornerstone of this design The attractive brick and wood front, including either tile of shake roof, adds to the curb appeal of this eye-catching home

Think food when entering the Van The U-shaped kitchen with built in appliances, p + i y and eating bar, is to the left of the entry Casual meals can be served directly into the i acent nook, radiantly lit from the front windows and overhead skylights On more formal occasions, or just for a change of pace dinner can be served in the vaulted dining room

The living room, also with a vaulted ceiling, flows into the dining area to create a great room effect This provides plenty of space for family and friends to gather for conversation, watching your favorite television show or playing the latest board game A glowing fireplace keeps everyone toasty and able to enjoy the fun on cold winter evenings

A good-sized master suite, located in the back left corner, is ideally situated for parents of young children Featuring a walk-in closet private bathroom and separate vanity, it is placed with a modest bedroom, each with ample closet space, on either side This allows parents to maintain their own privacy, while still being able to keep tabs on nearby children For retired folks, one of the spare bedrooms can be utilized as a sewing room, music room home office or what have you

The hallway between the bedrooms has a full, sky-lit bathroom and a generous utility room with access to the twocar garage Groceries can be easily brought into the house regardless of the weather

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Since 2006, Buick's most elegant and, thus, high-priced sedan has been the Lucerne Replacing the LeSabre and Park Avenue, the Lucerne returned in 2007 planted firmly as Buick's flagship sedan

The Lucerne is what Buick execs are calling "the contemporary embodiment of Buick's tradition of style, comfort and performance

However, any prestige associated with the Lucerne is due to its gene pool The Lucerne shares its structure and chassis with its more popular, higher-classed corporate cousin, the Cadıllac DTS

The Lucerne also benefits from its kin, by being built alongside the DTS at General Motors' awardwinning Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly Center

This facility earned consecutive quality awards in 2004 and 2005 from J D Power & Associates a company that provides consumer ratings In 2006, the plant finally won the coveted Bronze Quality award by placing third in quality among all plants in North and South America All those accolades don't translate into auto

sales for the Lucerne, though Being categorized as an entry-level luxury sedan, the Lucerne faces direct competition from the Chrysler 300, Ford Five Hundred, and Mercury Sable The Lucerne offers an attractive package, but needs more refinement to be a better luxury car

The 2007 Buick Lucerne comes in three trim levels CX, CXL and CXS The \$25,515 priced CX offers 16-inch alloy wheels, keyless entry, full power accessories, OnStar, a CD player and

steering-wheel-mounted audio controls Moving up to the CXL gets you leather upholstery, 17-inch alloy wheels, heated outside mirrors, rain-sensing wipers, auto-dimming rearview mirror, a power passenger seat, dual-zone automatic climate control and an MP3-capable stereo An added benefit of owning the CXL is the optional equipment you can purchase, such as heated and cooled seats and heated windshieldwasher fluid

If you want the best Buick has to offer, get the CXS This \$34,755-priced high-end model comes with driver-seat memory, heated front seats, a

The Lucerne replaced the LeSabre and the Park Avenue in the **Buick lineup in** 2006 because the models where dated.



280-watt Harman Kardon audio system, satellite radio, 18-inch alloy wheels and a heated steering wheel

DETROIT-BUILT BUICK LUCERNE: LUXURY AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE

Stand alone options on all Lucernes are a CD changer, a moonroof, remote vehicle-starter and rear park assist Available on the two higher-priced trims are heated and cooled seats and a touchscreen navigation system

Two new exterior color choices are available for the 2007 Lucerne, Light Quartz Metallic and Gold Mist Metallic – along with new interior Cocoa/ Cashmere and Cocoa/Shale combinations The Cocoa/Shale mixture has Cocoa on the

instrument panel upper trim, door upper trim, steering wheel, carpet and floor mats, and shale on almost every other interior trim, including seats,

instrument panel lower trim and door lower trim The Cocoa/Cashmere offering changes the look by placing Cashmere on just about every other interior trim, including seats, instrument panel lower trim and door lower trim

The CX and CXL are powered by a V6 engine that pushes out 197 horsepower In addition, there is a V8 engine available on the CXL and standard on the CXS that is good for 275 horsepower

All Lucernes share the same 4-speed automatic transmission no matter what trim or engine you choose, though

The Lucerne has been highly touted for premium safety since it debuted The 2007 model keeps this reputation intact

In National Highway Traffic Safety Administration crash tests, the Lucerne earned a perfect, five-star rating for its protection of the driver and front passenger in frontal impacts A four-star rating was given for side-impact protection of front and rear occupants

There's a reason for these great ratings The Lucerne's safety results from a litany of standard safety features Every trim comes with anti-lock disc brakes, traction control, a tire-pressure

monitor, front side-impact airbags and full-length, head protecting side curtain airbags at no added cost But that's where the trims' safety similarities end The invaluable stability control system and brake assist features are only standard on the CXS and optional for the V8 version of the CXL

The Lucerne's safety is matched by its practicality The available touchscreen navigation system uses signals from global-positioning satellites to locate the Lucerne's position and display it on a virtual map This priceless device is integrated into the instrument panel for easy access The system also lets you know where the nearest locations of gas stations, restaurants and other points of interest are upon your request Added navigational support is provided by OnStar s Turn-by-Turn navigation system – a standard feature installed on all 2007 Buicks

The Turn-by-Turn service allows drivers to talk to a live OnStar advisor, who in turn downloads complete step-by-step directions to the vehicle through the OnStar system Audio cues are then automatically played through the vehicle's stereo system This will allow drivers to reach their destination worry free, without even taking their hands off the wheel

Overall, with the exception of a heated steering wheel, an upgraded version of OnStar and the offering of a few new color schemes, nothing changes for the 2007 Buick Lucerne over the 2006

2007 Buick Lucerne Vehicle class Luxury sedan Power Offered with V6 and V8 engines Mileage 19 city / 28 highway Where built Detroit Base price \$25,515

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