

Widow of popular biker says murder charges warranted

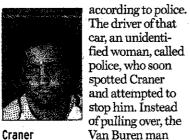
BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

As William Floyd Craner cautiously looked in the direction of Tony Quasarano's widow, a judge granted the postponement of his preliminary hearing Friday morning.

Craner, 45, of Van Buren Township will have his preliminary exam at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday in 35th District Court.

Craner has been charged with second-degree murder, first-degree fleeing and eluding police and manslaughter with a motor vehicle in the July 15 death of Anthony Salvatore Quasarano, 46, of Romulus.

While behind the wheel of an oldermodel Camaro, Craner tried to outrun police after he struck another vehicle on Michigan Avenue near Beck Road,



accelerated past 100 mph and drove two miles before crashing into Quasarano, who was riding his motorcycle.

Police have said Craner had alcohol in his system. If convicted of the second-degree murder charge, he faces up to life in prison.

Quasarano, otherwise known as "Tony Q," was thrown from his Harley-Davidson and died. The three people riding alongside him, including his wife, Cindy, weren't injured.

The Quasaranos would have celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary Tuesday. Instead, Cindy will be thinking about Craner's preliminary.

"It was so surreal," she said, while nervously toying with the ring on her right hand. "I think about it all the time."

The two met through one of Cindy's brothers.

"I told my brother he was cute," she said with a strained chuckle. "We had been together ever since. Tony became an instant dad and he taught my boys how to be men."

Together the couple raised three kids, Joshua Cox, 27, Aaron Cox, 26 and Samantha Quasarano, 20.

During the brief court activity

Friday, Cindy, Aaron and Samantha sat close together and Aaron placed his arm around his mother's shoulder while she and her daughter held hands. Cindy said the charges against

Craner are appropriate.

"He's a 45-year-old man and he made some wrong decisions. If he would have just stopped," she said. As at Craner's arraignment, the courtroom was filled with members of the Motor City HOG Club, of which Quasarano was a member. As HOG members filtered out into the foyer after the adjournment was granted, several promised to return on. Wednesday.

"T'll be back," one HOG member said while exiting the courtroom.

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According to friends, this photo was taken of Anthony S. Quasarano and his wife, Cindy, just hours before he was killed on July 15 after a car driven by William Craner slammed into his motorcycle. The couple would have celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary Tuesday.

One family's sacrifice

Canton couple's three sons proudly serving their country

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

Families with military ties typically know all about sacrifice, particularly at a time of war. You might say the Shull family of Canton itating the development of the rule of law." "My family has a long history of military service, and a long history of serving in times of war. But, I don't know if that history is what led me, or my brothers, to military service. Military service was never pressed upon us by





The turnout was small, but that didn't make it any less significant to the dozen people who gathered for a peaceful demonstration at Kellogg Park Thursday afternoon, calling for an end to the way in lung

to the war in Iraq. While several people held

a banner that read (U.S.) Rep. (Thaddeus) McCotter

knows sacrifice times three.

Dave and Marian Shull, who have lived in Canton since 1989, have three sons currently serving in the military: Mike, a helicopter pilot for the Marines, David, a JAG lawyer in the Navy, and Stephen, a second lieutenant in the Marines. The three, who are all graduates of Salem High School, have continued a military tradition in the family which includes Dave, their father, who served as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, and their grandfather, who served as a pilot in the Air Force in World War II. It is a proud tradition the Shulls don't take lightly.

Despite their family history, though, none of the Shull boys felt pressured to join the military, according to David Shull, who is the only one of the three currently serving in Iraq, where he works in detention operations, "facilmy parents or other relatives," he wrote in an e-mail.

"When I graduated from law school (George Washington University, 2005), I was drawn to the notion of pursuing something higher than myself while practicing my craft. I admired how highly qualities such as integrity, discipline, and commitment were valued in the military, and I wanted not only to exhibit those same qualities in my own professional life, but also to work with people who held similar values. I think the same is true of my brothers. I say that — and yet I am surprised even now that all three of us ended up in the military."

Dave Shull says when his sons were growing up he made sure they knew how fortunate Americans are, and that freedom isn't free. He

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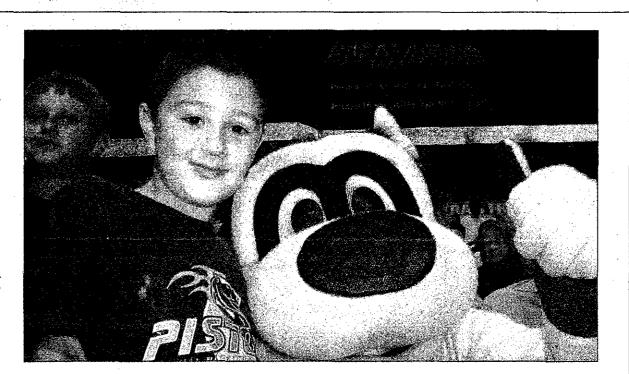


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Marian and David Shull of Canton couldn't be more proud of their three sons, who are all serving their country at the same time.

Lucky winner

Nasser Deeb, 5, poses with Zap, the mascot of the Detroit Shock, before the team tipped off against the New York Liberty on July 18 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Deeb's mother, Lorna Deeb of Canton, won four tickets to the game after entering a contest sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. 'My husband (Walled) and I took him (Nasser) to the game, 'Lorna said. 'We had a wonderful time. We have twin five year olds and a 20 year old - all girls - so It was nice for Nasser to get some one-on-one time with mom and dad. He is already asking to go to another game and can't wait for the Pistons to start up again. He just loves basketball.' Lorna's name was selected in a random drawing. She entered the contest on the O&E Web site, www.hometownlife.com. Please visit the Web site for more chances to win tickets and other prizes from the O&E, and for the latest Canton news.



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End the War, others carried signs proclaiming Support the Troops-End the War. Debra Brown of Belleville read the names of the communities representing the 138 Michigan soldiers killed in Iraq — including Canton on Sept. 14, 2003, and Garden City on Nov. 9, 2006. Red and yellow roses representing each were placed in a wreath, which was delivered to McCotter's office in Livonia after the demonstration. Renee Allen of Plymouth

help put each rose in the wreath, with the help of her daughter, Cayla, 16.

"I'm lucky that I'm free and not in the war," Renee Allen said. "I appreciate what the soldiers are doing, even though I don't understand or believe in what they're being made to do."

Cayla, who followed her mother's footsteps in becoming politically active, said it made her sad to put so many roses on the wreath.

"There are too many people who have lost their lives, and it's important we get the troops back home," said Cayla Allen. "There are too many moms who have seen their sons and daughters die."

Nancy Melke, 50, of Westland said she's appalled 138 soldiers from Michigan and more than 3,000

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AROUND CANTON

I-275 ramp to open soon

. The southbound I-275 ramp to Michigan Avenue is scheduled to re-open on Aug. 15 Although construction will not be completed until September, the southbound I-275 Michigan Avenue exit ramp is scheduled to re-open Wednesday, Aug. 15. The ramp has been closed since July 9 in order to provide safety improvements. Improvements being done include adding an additional lane to provide duel right and left turn lanes and reconfiguring the median crossover to keep trucks from overtopping the existing curb. Traffic signalization will also be reconfigured and upgraded as part of the safety improve-

ments. For more information on road projects going on in Canton, visit www.cantonmi.org.

Public safety Web site

The Canton Public Safety Department has a new Web site, www.cantonpublicsafety. org, designed to be more user-friendly with access to a variety of resources. The Web site includes information on the police, fire and emergency management divisions.

Some new items of interest include: Crime alerts – Providing timely information about local crime or crime trends occurring in the community.

Crime mapping -Providing selected crimes on a geographical map of Canton.

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The department has also expanded and organized a new safety tip section including a various brochures, handouts and presentations, as well as links to many related resource Web sites.

Public Safety Director John Santomauro sees the entire project as plus for the community.

"Our goal is to raise community policing to a higher level by providing readily accessible information to the public," he said.

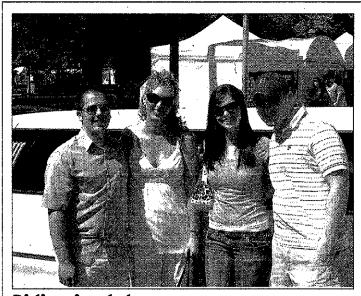
The site also includes many familiar items from the previous Web site, including public safety press releases and the police and fire monthly reports, and more. The department's Web site will be updated frequently so residents can find out what's new in their neighborhood.

Public Safety staff also plan to use the new web site as a forum to provide a variety of information and resources on crimes against children. "We would like to make

our Web site a one-stop shopping place for parents who are looking for crime prevention tips, information, and links to resources in regards to their children. Any useful informa-

"I always strive to provide the best possible

care to my patients knowing they have their



Riding in style

Canton resident Tommy Hodge (far right) recently won a VIP tour of the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair in a contest at Flagstar Bank. He and his wife, Gayla, and friends Steve and Jenni Juhasz of Westland, enjoyed a limo ride to and from the fair, gift certificates and other prizes, courtesy of Flagstar.

tion we come across will go on our Web site," Community Relations Sgt. Deb Newsome said.

Band fund-raiser

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band (PCMB) is hosting its annual "PCMB Car Wash-A-Thon" on Saturday, Aug. 4 at the Canton High School parking lot in Canton, Mich. from 9:00 am to 5:00 p.m. The car wash is free. Money is raised through pledges gathered by approximately 200 band members.

Individual band members of the not-for-profit organization are accepting between one half cent to two cents for every car

washed or a donation prior to the day's activities. The band expects to wash about 1000 vehicles. Donations are tax deductible.

"The Car Wash-A-Thon" is one of the biggest fund-raisers of the year." stated Mark Stamper, president of the 2007 Plymouth Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised helps the kids with participation fees to be in the band, including uniforms, instruction, and the cost to attend band camp in August. The car wash itself is fun for the kids and parents alike."

The award-winning high school band is comprised of students at the Plymouth-

group of nearly 200 student musicians and performers is led by Director of Bands, Marc Whitlock.

PCMB has won the State Championship at the Michigan Competing Band Association Competition for 19 of the last 21 years. The marching band has earned the honor of top band in the Nation three times, with a combined list of 500 awards in the last two decades. In 2006, PCMB was named regional champions of the Bands of America competition held at Eastern Michigan University, and finished ninth in the nation at the National Bands of America event.

Canton High School is located at 8415 Canton Center Road (at the intersection of Joy and Canton Center Roads).

Canton jam session

The 2007 Axis Music Canton Jam Session is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Aug. 24 at the Willow Creek Shopping Plaza. Presented by Axis Music and local community partners, this free music and dance event will also feature plenty of food. It will feature local youth to seasoned veteran performers performing a variety of stylings on an outdoor stage.

Demonstrations from local businesses will provide the opportunity to see what Canton has to offer while experiencing a diverse series of live music, art and fashion. For more information, please call (734) 844-0100.

Preschool openings

The Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op, 5825 N. Sheldon in Canton, has immediate openings available for children aged 3-4. Our school encourages children to learn by play, promoting independence and social skills through

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For more information. call (734) 981-3990 or (734) 981-6470.

School registration

Registrations are now being accepted at St. Michael Christian School in Canton for fall 2007-2008. The school offers 3-year-old preschool through fifth grade including its new Young Fives program. The school's academic program is taught by qualified and credentialed teachers. It strongly supports the development of the whole child in a small class size setting. For more information, call (734)459-9720.

Grief support group

The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour is an ongoing grief support group for widows and widowers hosted by Heartland Hospice. The group is held 10-11 a.m. at Heartland Healthcare Center, 4701 N. Lilley Road, Canton. The focus of the group is on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss. This group is held the first and third Wednesday of the month and is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. There is no charge. For information, contact Ann Christensen, toll-free at (888) 973-1145.

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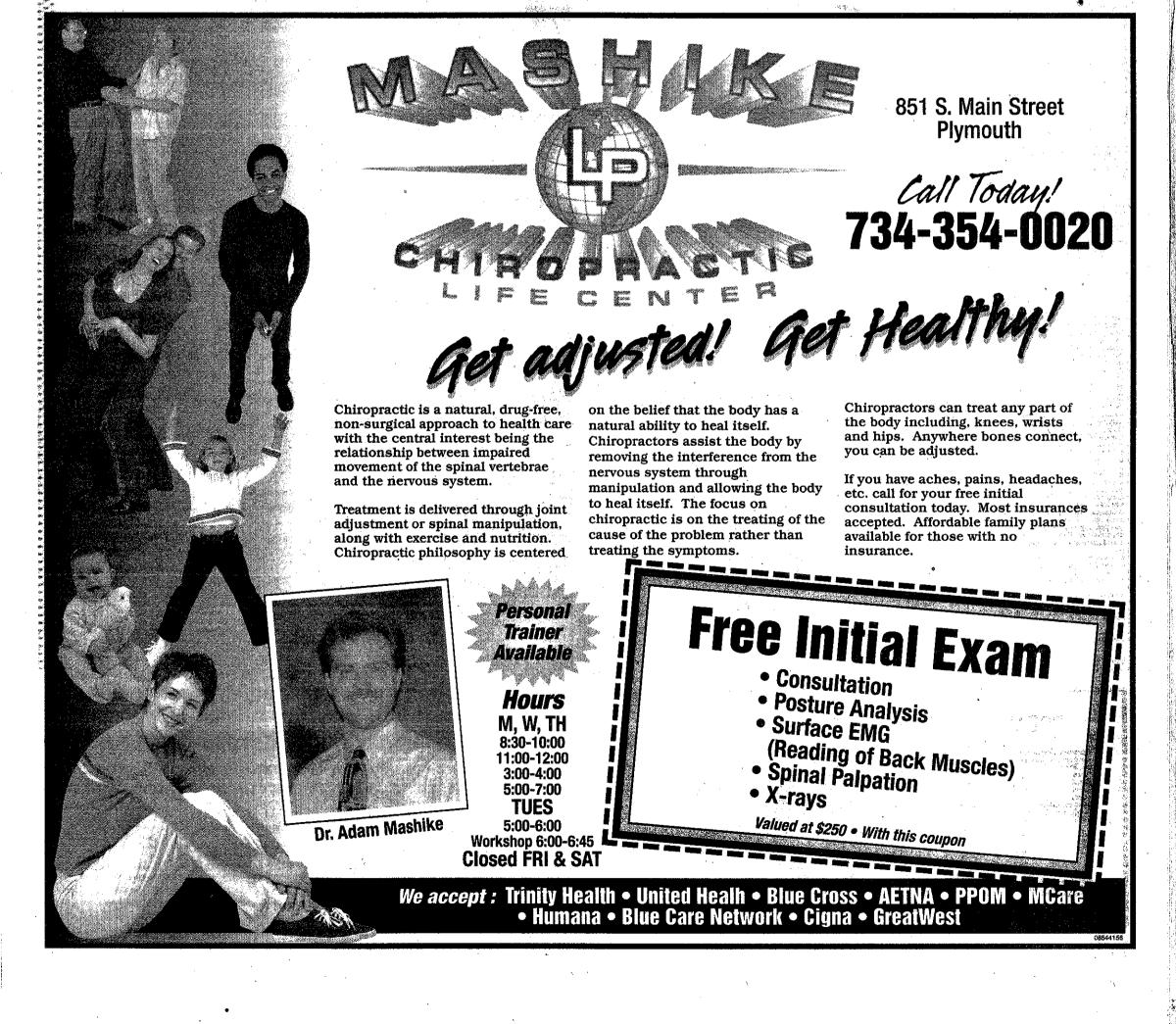
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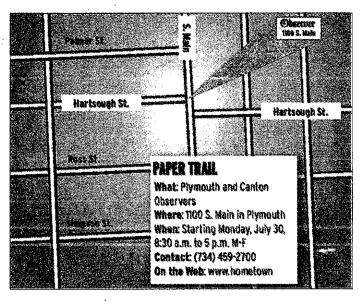
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On the move

New office helps keep local look

The Observer Newspaper office has moved to 1100 S. Main Street (at Hartsough) in Plymouth. The office serves the Canton and Plymouth Observer news staffs.

The new office is just a few blocks south of the current location.

'We have always taken a great deal of pride in the fact we are a local newspaper," executive editor Susan Rosiek said. "Times are tough all over Michigan, but we wanted to maintain our identity as the chief source of local news, sports, features, happenings and advertising in the communities we cover."

The new office will allow customers and readers to still have one-on-one access to Canton and Plymouth Observer staffers. It also gives customers the opportunity to

purchase extra copies of their Canton or Plymouth newspaper and drop off items such as wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth announce-

ments. In addition to being located in the new office. Observer staffers are available via email:

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LOCAL NEWS

career in international law.

According to his father, Stephen, 22, was the most idealistic of the three, and was inspired to join by the terrorist

attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

said.

"Stephen was profoundly

only one who joined for purely

patriotic reasons," Dave Shull

to Quantico, Va., for officer

career Marine.

in an e-mail.

military.

three," she said.

Stephen, who will soon head

training, said his goal is to be a

"There is absolutely nothing

better then being able to fight

for the freedoms of those you

The Shulls also have two

daughters, Christen, who is

currently head coach of the

Salem girls J.V. soccer team,

at Salem in the fall. While

Marian Shull is proud her

three sons are serving in the

armed forces, she isn't quite

ready to let her two daughters

follow their lead to a life in the

"Oh no, we've already given

and Katie, who will be a senior

love on a daily basis," he wrote

impacted by 9/11. He is the

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believes those conversations made an impression on his sons:

"Anytime Thanksgiving came around, or special family gatherings like that, we always made sure they knew how important freedom is, and the price so many have paid for it," he said.

Mike, 26, was the first to sign up during his sophomore year at Western Michigan University in 2003. He is currently stationed in the African nation of Djibouti, which is located on the Red Sea. The U.S. has stationed hundreds of troops in Djibouti, its only African base, in an effort to counter terrorism in the region. Mike is a helicopter pilot, whose primary mission is the transportation of Marine expeditionary units, which conduct peacekeeping and humanitarian missions.

David, 28, felt the JAG experience would help him pursue a



The brothers Shull: Michael, a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, Stephen, a second lieutenant in the Marines, and David, a J.A.G. lawyer in the Navy.

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Renee Allen of Plymouth hands a flower representing a soldier killed during the war in Iraq over to be inserted into a wreath delivered to Rep. Thaddeus McCotter during a demonstration held at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth Thursday afternoon.

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nationwide have died in Iraq. "We need our legislators to come to terms with it and take the action necessary to stop the killing," she said. Michael Johnson of

Plymouth Township said his son, Jonathon Hogan, has suffered mental disabilities as a result of his four-year tour in Iraq, which is scheduled to end soon.

"They're sending these boys over and they re coming back worse than the Vietnam vets did," said Johnson. "I'm sick" and tired of it. The war has to end."

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Protesters hold up a sign addressed to U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter during a demonstration at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth Thursday afternoon.





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LOCAL NEWS

Losers are winners: Contestants win by losing in gym contest

No one knows how good it feels to be a loser more than Sherry Rize.

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The Dexter native was the winner of Fit Zone for Women-Canton's "Biggest Loser" contest, shedding almost 39 pounds in 16 weeks.

Sherry wasn't the only big loser in the competition, which began back in January. Fran Rhode-See of Canton was a close second, losing 38 pounds, while Christine Weiland and Beth Petty, both from Plymouth, lost 25 pounds each.

Similar to the television program, the winners' success was actually calculated using the percentage of weight lost rather than actual pounds, according to Fit Zone owner Larry Bird.

"This leveled the competi-

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gnt lost ratherSaid Fit Zos, accordingKirkish: "The
pened at a peLarry Bird.life. It made

tion among participants of varying sizes," Bird said. "Though not used to determine the winner, members lost over 325 pounds during the program through hard work and attention to nutrition."

Mini-prizes were awarded along the way to keep contestants motivated. Monthly seminars emphasizing the importance of healthy eating and exercise were also offered.

"The Biggest Loser competition was a great idea," said Ilona Baciak, one of the conmotivation, great support and feedback on a regular basis." Said Fit Zone member Sarah Kirkish: "The contest happened at a perfect time in my life. It made me accountable while providing the support I

test's participants. "It provided

needed." Winners of the "Biggest Loser" competition were honored at a short program held at the gym. The grand prize winner received a one-year free membership to Fit Zone for Women-Canton. The second place prize was a \$250 gift certificate to Gabriala's in downtown Plymouth. Both third prize winners received certificates for therapeutic massages compliments of Plymouth Chiropractic Wellness Center.



Fit Zone-Canton members lost more than 325 pounds during the gym's 'Biggest Loser' contest, with the winner, sherry Rize of Dexter, shedding almost 39 pounds in 16 weeks.





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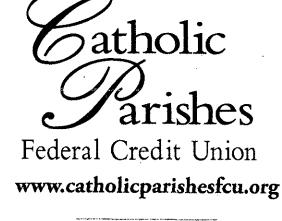
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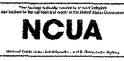
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Minimal IRA distribution can come from any account

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Nou are not required to take a minimum distribution from each and every retirement account you own. The IRS doesn't care which account you take it from. They are concerned that the total dollar amount is correct. If you



have four separate accounts and you want to take the total minimum required distribution from one of those accounts, there **Money Matters** is no IRS problem

One issue

Rick Bloom

people over 701/2 should consider is whether they convert some of their IRA money from a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. The advantage is the money you are converting is not part of the required minimum distribution. It could stay in the state

invested into a Roth IRA for as long as you choose and, more important, will grow tax-free not tax-deferred.

If you are over 70½, you are not allowed to convert your required minimum distribution, however, you can convert anything above that number. My recommendation for people over 701/2 is if you meet the following criteria it may make sense to convert some money from your traditional IRA into a Roth IRA.

You must have the money to pay the additional tax that the conversion would cause without touching the money converted, by converting the money it will not place you in a higher tax bracket and you can invest the money long term at least five to seven years.

One last note. The penalties are severe if you do not make your required minimum distribution. If you are over 70½ you need to make sure to take the required distribution prior to Dec. 31, 2007.

I graduated from college last year and I took your advice and paid off my charge card debt before investing in my company's 401(k) plan. I now can begin investing. Should I invest in a 401(k) (my company does not match) or a Roth IRA? Another

possibility - I have been approached about buying a variable annuity. By the end of the year I should have \$3,000 to \$4,000 to invest. What do you recommend?

Congratulations on getting a handle on your debt.

Let's first review the pros and cons of your alternatives. The first is a 401(k) plan which has a double tax advantage because you are investing pre-tax money. That money, along with all the earnings, grows on a taxdeferred basis. The downside of 401(k) plans is when the money is distributed to you, it does not receive the favorable capital gains tax rate. It is taxed at your ordinary income bracket. In addition, some 401(k) plans have limited and sometimes high fee investment alternatives.

In a Roth IRA, money invested and all its accumulations grow income

tax-free. When money is withdrawn from the account. no taxes are due. Furthermore, with a Roth IRA you have endless investment options so you can invest in high-quality, low-cost investments.

The downside of a Roth IRA is money contributed is posttax money. In other words, it's money that you have already paid taxes on.

The last alternative is a variable annuity in which money grows on a tax-deferred basis. However, the downside of a variable annuity is significant. First, the money you contribute is typically post-tax money. It is possible, but not recommended to use a variable annuity within an IRA. The typical variable annuity also has very high cost, limited investment options and severe penalties if you terminate the policy before a preset number of years.

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Of course, if your company had matched the 401(k) my solution would probably have been to put money into the 401(k) up to the match and then use the Roth IRA for additional money.

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Roth IRAs are great investment options and it's something more and more investors should take advantage of if eligible.

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If you develop osteoarthritis of the knees, you should not curtail your physical activity. Keeping active, particularly as you grow older, is of such importance it trumps doing less to preserve your knees. If the arthritis interferes with activity, your doctor will do more to treat it. Therapy includes use of non-steroidal medications to counter pain, finding activities such as swimming and bike riding that allows you to remain active. At times, it helps to go for physical therapy to strengthen the quadriceps muscle and realign the knee cap. Intra articular injections are useful to remove fluid and counter the irritation that osteoarthritie

Medical experience indicates glucosamine and condition do little to preserve knee joint (unction. The use of artificial synovial fluid allections remains controversial; my view is that they do little good

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Brontman of Buddy's Pizza. Buddy's will also present at check for \$500 to the Detroit Recovery Project, the charity of Coco's choice which supports individuals in identifying and resolving barriers to achieving a healthy and productive drug-free lifestyle.

The August winners will be treated to a limo ride, courtesy of Pro Tran Transportation, makeover from "Beauty Salon by J.Lyle Lmt. featuring stylist and makeup artist Christine Fitzpatrick, a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Other upcoming "Dining With the Stars" include Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4), Attorney Geoffrey Fieger, Florine Mark of Weight Watchers, health and fitness guru and $O \mathfrak{S} E$ columnist Peter Nielsen, Ruth Spencer of WDIV's "Ruth to the Rescue" and Trudi Daniels of WRIF-FM,

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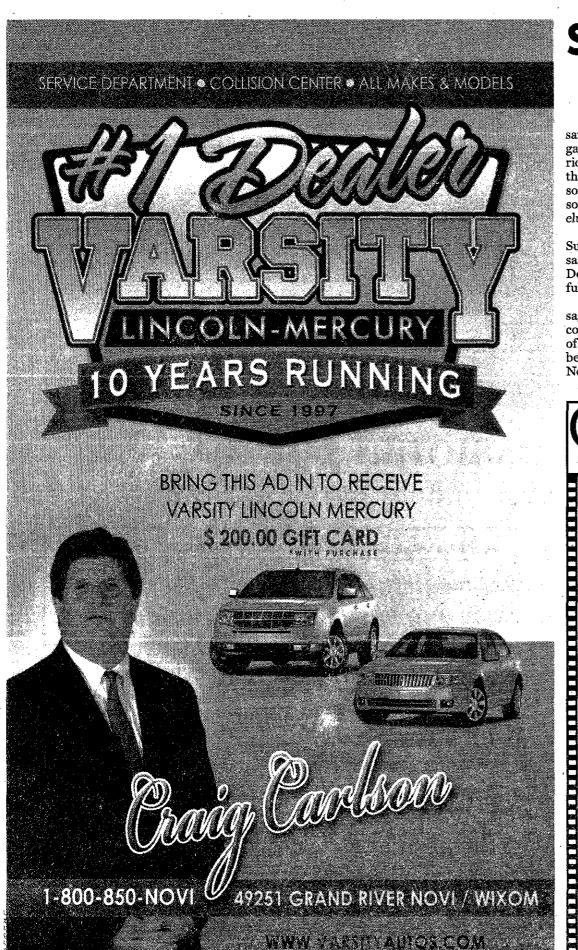
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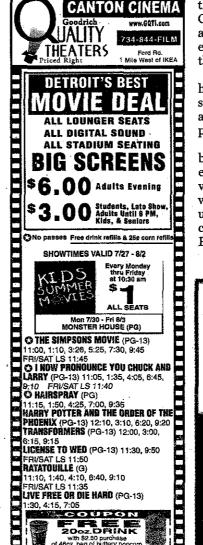
40 years later: Leaders seek healing after riots

BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

Politicians and clergy oversaw the 40th anniversary gathering that marked the riot that burned Detroit, but the solution to the deep racial, social and economic divide in southeast Michigan is just as elusive now as it was in 1967. Redford Township

Supervisor R. Miles Handy said the event, held Monday in Detroit, was more about the future than the past.

"I think it was a good message that the surrounding communities are supportive of moving forward for the betterment of the region. Not only reflecting on the



past, but looking into the future, how we can help our region," Handy said. "We're all Detroiters one way or another. We all are, no matter where we go, if you're from the metro region you're a Detroiter."

Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson called the occasion "a good first step" by political and church leaders to promote healing.

"We had a cataclysmic event and for years and years people have had their personal takes on what happened," he said. "As a result, fears and mistrust still go on."

But 40 years after the city erupted in flames, there's still a lingering distrust radiating in both directions across Detroit's border. Ramon Hernandez is a member of the Livonia Human Relations Commissior. He said it's unrealistic to think 40 years is enough time to bury hatchets this large.

"You have to consider the history before the riot," he said. "It was a culmination of a lot of frustration by a lot of people."

He said time needs to pass before people can understand events, especially ones as volatile as the riot. Sheltered, white Americans need to understand that people of color want the same things: Peace, prosperity and safety,

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he said. It's not just that the media pushes images of nonwhites involved in crime, he said. Older generations of Americans have also neglected to tell their children that great people have gone before.

"Mature Americans have failed their children by not teaching them about people in the early rights movement, before 1960," Hernandez said. "Ethnic people, white people, hippies, musicians — people who didn't accept the status quo. The message they were trying to give has not been explained to young Americans."

The conference was an outgrowth of conversations between clergy all around the Detroit area. The Rev. Allen Kannapell of the Anglican Church of Livonia said the event was a success.

"There was a spirit of reconciliation and repentance there," he said. "We need to forgive each other and live together."

He said he's lived in 10 states in his life and has never seen an area as segregated as southeast Michigan. Other American cities had riots in the late 1960s but no other city is struggling the way Detroit is. He said the riot is an untended wound, one that can't start to heal until people start addressing it.



Tiresome column tows discredited union line

l Churchill's editorial on the glories of unionism is of intellectual property as an example of a useful another tiresome example of towing discredited another tiresome example of which a people cer-union lines. The "buy union or else" people certainly have a friend there. His editorial contains many inaccuracies and a curious sort of bluster wherein points appear to be made with numbers flying around and researchers being quoted, but much of it is plainly rambling and somewhat disconnected.



The catchphrase "Right To Work For Less" is found in virtually every leftist playbook and typifies the use of ridicule or intimidation as a substitute for analysis of facts. These are the same folks who brought us the "Real Americans Buy American" bumper stickers that let union people simultaneously drive, wrap themselves in the flag and berate others.

Tom Bedell

Churchill accuses others of "hacking at unions" with "misleading" informa-

tion, but fails to provide specifics. It would seem that holding opinions different from the union has become almost un-American somehow. I tried to source some of his studies and research on the Web, with little success. The only information I found that corresponded to numbers Mr. Churchill attributed to the Center for Automotive Research was an analysis of the 2003 contract between the UAW and the Big Three. It was published in 2004 and the statistics that seemed close to Churchill's claims were not facts, but projections about the effects of the ratified contract. ("The Meaning of the 2003 UAW-Automotive Pattern Agreement" Author: Sean P. McAlinden, Ph.D.") His may be "facts," but I have yet to find the unidentified study he cites.

I challenge his assertion that each (union?) employee adds \$292,000 of "added value" to the "domestic automobile industry." Exactly what does that mean and where is this information to be found? Additionally, has anyone suggested that UAW members' paychecks should be reduced to a level that "allows for a diet of grits and bacon grease?" It seems to me that the only thing more absurd than that claim is paying \$66 an hour for the labor of a line worker when the domestic automobile industry is getting its lunch eaten.

Mr. Churchill dismisses union labor costs as a "non-issue." Well, that's a neat trick! I would suppose that the job bank, health care coverage and COLA are also unimportant. This is breathtaking stuff and should be taken seriously, though not for the reasons the author intends. Serious problems require more than these kinds of dismissals and clichés.

While I'm not a lawyer, I would encourage anyone who wants to understand American patent law to go somewhere other than the university of UAW or AL Churchill community college for their education. On

monopoly and then proceeds to show precisely why creating intellectual property is utterly different from the nature of production labor. While the foundation of patent and copyright law can be found in our (ever so coercive) Constitution, I didn't see a similar article about unions in there.

Thankfully, the founders saw the differences that escape Al Churchill. The marketplace of creative intellectual process is open for all of us to plumb at our peril or reward. Equating the production of a new composition of matter, a new machine or process with the work, albeit wholly honorable, of a UAW member, borders on the ridiculous. Perhaps the inventor of a cure for cancer or Parkinson's disease should receive the same pay as a UAW member running a CNC lathe? Just a last point: patents aren't forever; they expire.

To be clear, Steven Roach, who I believe is indeed the chief economist in Asia for Morgan Stanley, had been dubbed something along the line of Mr. Doom by Money magazine. He was recently reported, by www.tompaine.com, to have informed his clients to prepare for an "economic Armageddon." He has always been a reflexively negative economist. For example, CNN reported the following in early 2003:

"Morgan Stanley's chief economist in the United States, Stephen Roach, will formally advise clients Friday that he's forecasting a world recession in 2003.

His prediction was based, in part, on the SARS non-epidemic then being much in the public's mind. While Steven Roach may be a fine person and a better economist, he regularly gets it wrong. There are many sectors of the U.S. economy doing well and there are many in dire straits. The domestic automobile industry, and its union labor of which Churchill is so fond, is in the latter category. This sector needs real help from real problem solvers from management and labor, not platitudes, misinformation and foggy logic.

One point of general agreement I have with the author involves the clockwork precision with which elected representatives slither from Congress into the dizzying array of lobbying groups, PACs, consulting firms and foundations seen in our political landscape. Much as in the "Gilded Age" Churchill mentions, there is plenty of blame to go around and I feel no affection for either of the major political parties.

I certainly don't wish the UAW or any union ill, per se. I would simply suggest that his '70s rhetoric has outlived its usefulness. It's time that management and labor sit down and face some real, hard truths about what kind of industry they hope to have in the next 10 years. I personally give Ford and General Motors each a one in three chance of surviving the remainder of the decade.

Leash laws are a good thing for dogs and their owners

he Livonia City Council is looking, again, at passing a leash law. This is a good idea, both for the pet and for the human at the other end of the line.

Currently, the city's ordinances require dogs to be "under reasonable control," which entails being with its owner, on the owner's property or under the control of someone the

owner knows. The closest the ordinance comes to requiring a leash is a provision for vicious animals which calls for a muzzle and chain whenever the animal is off the premises.

At a recent leg-Alex Lundberg islative committee meeting, a number of

residents came forward to ask the council to enact some kind of leash law. There were a lot of impassioned stories about dogs running loose on the streets, harassing people and pets alike. If there were only some kind of controls, Livonia would be a safer place to live. The council had a brace of sample laws from neighboring communities and even the mayor said the issue had come up enough times in the past that it was time to seriously consider adding to the existing ordinance.

It was then that someone suggested creating a dog park as many other communities like Plymouth and Westland have. Often called a "bark park," these are enclosed areas where people (for a fee) can let their dogs run free with other dogs, make noise and do their business where they choose. I can back the leash law, but I can't get behind a dog park. It's part of a theory of pet ownership that's becoming more and more prevalent and has its roots in the delusion that the family dog is a person.

The subtext of my theory is this: "My dog is an angel, blameless as a babe and can cure warts by touch." Which of course was followed by

the companion sentiment, "Every other dog on the street is a slavering monster, hungry for the blood of the innocent and can curdle milk at 100 paces."

See the disconnect? Between PetSmart and the people who market dog clothing, we've convinced ourselves that our pets are small people with occasionally embarrassing personal habits. This is dangerous because dogs are, in fact, dogs. Millions of years of evolution didn't give them those sharp teeth for crunching kibble or their group mentality because they like the family room.

CHASE 🗘

Dogs are highly loyal and highly territorial. The combination means that Fluffy has the ability, and the inclination, to lunge at anyone if the circumstances are right. That unqualified love they radiate can turn to violence if they think there's trouble. Think of it, one of the reasons for owning a dog is for home protection; thinking the dog is going to choose the moment to get violent as wisely as you will is misguided.

I'm as guilty as anyone. My English bulldog, Georgie Girl, is lovable and funny. If I came home and found she had spoken her first words, I wouldn't be surprised. But she's also 55 pounds of muscle on a 30-pound frame that doesn't listen and doesn't. fear anything. Her ancestors fought bulls for sport -I can do the math. If Georgie gets violent, it's not going

to be lovable or funny. A leash law is a good thing for the owners of dogs rather than the dogs themselves. The leash reminds the 🧃 owner that they've got an animal under their control and the owner is responsible for what that dog does. The leash reminds the owner that no. matter how wonderful, how loving, how integral to the family the dog is, a judge is not going to see it that way.

Alex Lundberg is a staff writer with the Livonia Observer.

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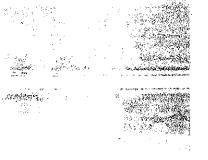


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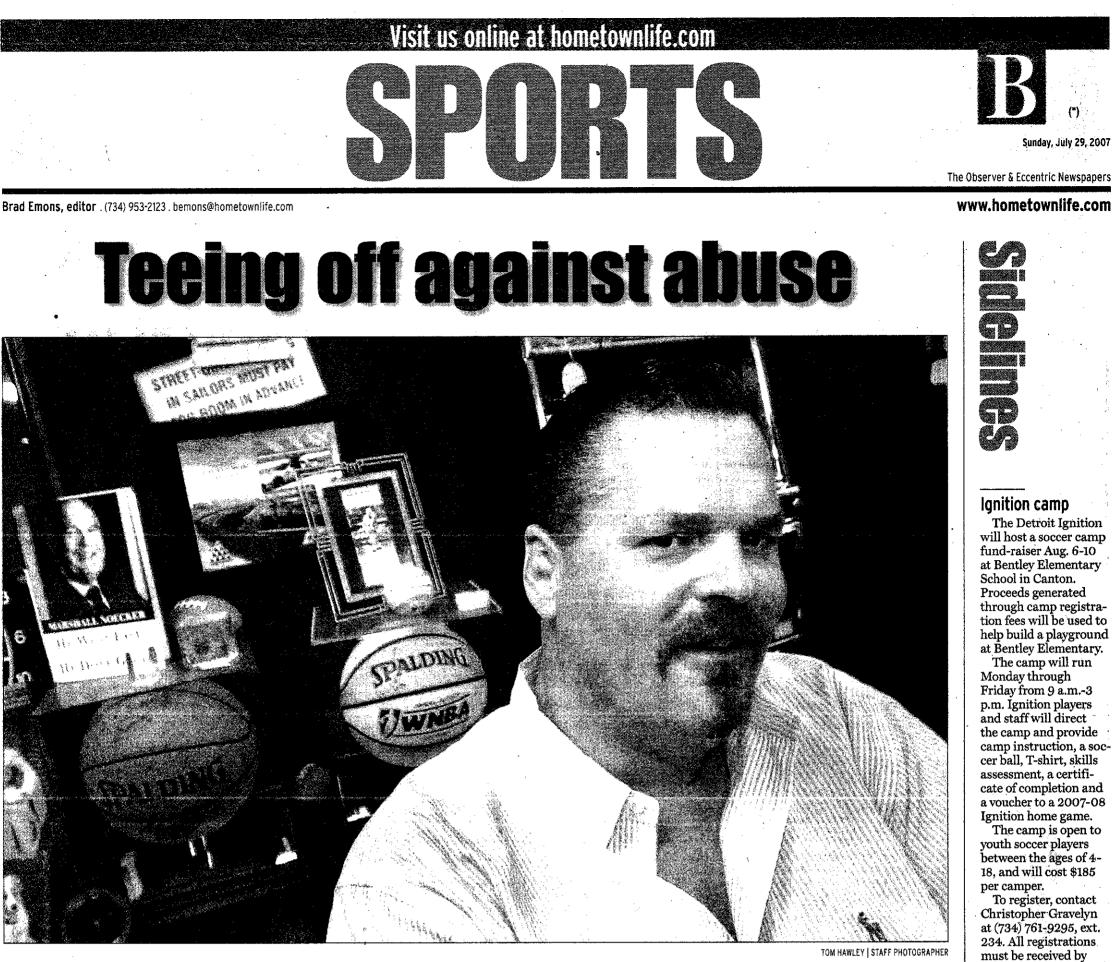


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George Blaha High Hopes Golf Invitational co-chair Nick Noecker, of West Bloomfield, displays in his Garden City office several auction items he's successfully bid on over the years to help raise money for Vista Maria.



He swings into action to help Vista Maria's cause

BY TIM SMITH STAFE WRITER

iving to those less fortunate is almost a corny cliche in the first decade of the

Emceeing the proceedings as usual was Blaha, the longtime Detroit Pistons broadcaster.

"I think it's moving in an amazing direction right now, considering what's happening with charities all across the Detroit area, said Noecker, president of International Extrusions, Inc. and a volunteer co-chair for the High Hopes planning committee with Greg Roberts and John Jagels. "I believe we probably broke the record this year (despite) what's been happening with people's disposable cash." The sports-loving West Bloomfield resident noted that, the fact the event sold out (132 golfers hit the links at Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills) and "raised more than ever" despite the ongoing economic slump in southeastern Michigan "is a testament to the work that the co-chairs

did as well as George and everybody involved from the Vista Maria organization."

It also provided evidence that people will step it up for truly important missions such as Vista Maria's.

Watching his shot fly during Monday's golf fund-raiser for Vista Maria is Garden City business owner Nick Noecker.

21st century. Everybody says it, everybody says they do it and everybody has a pet project to get it done.

But that's literally what Garden City business owner Nick Noecker and others connected with the George Blaha High Hopes Golf Invitational do every summer year after year, to help abused and neglected girls ages 11-17 who live at Vista Maria in Dearborn Heights.

Monday's 18th annual event, including silent and live auctions, raised approximately \$112.000 to help the 124-year-old facility which was founded by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

Noecker, 40, certainly is at the front of the line of those totally committed to raising money and awareness that will lift the hopes and hearts of previously downtrodden young women who were rescued by the court system out of troubled homes and neighborhoods.

'That's probably the best thing about this school," he said. "It's an attempt at success in building esteem when they've been torn down completely their whole life." Doing more

There were plenty of fun things to bid on at

Watson bolts Whalers for **OHL's Spirit**

Plymouth Whalers President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci announced earlier this week that the team's Assistant General Manager and Assistant



Watson has resigned to take the head coaching position with the Ontario Hockey

Coach Todd

Watson League's Saginaw Spirit. "Todd and I have worked together for almost 11 years,' Vellucci said. "I appreciate everything Todd has done for the organization. But with success, there are opportunities for everyone. I've said it many times - I couldn't have done my job without Todd's contribution. Nobody works

harder. He will be missed by everyone in Plymouth and we wish him well." Watson (from Brownstown) was about to start his fifth

season in Plymouth and his 11th within the Compuware system. He was part of a

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Scin-Tee-lating finishes Playoffs highlight Motor City Golf tourney

For complete results, please see Page B4.

Several of the top junior golfers in the Observerland area converged on Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia on Wednesday to compete in the annual Motor City Junior Golf Championship, which was sponsored by Caddy Shack and Top Flite Golf.

The one-day event was open to youngsters between the ages of 12 and 17 years old.

Three of the five flights (two girls and three boys) were decided in thrilling sudden-death playoffs. Livonia Churchill student Josh Proben won the Boys 16-17 Division when he bested Jordan Chisholm in extra holes.

Both players fired impressive 76's over the first 18 holes. Brian Bint, Matt Charnley and Dan Tamaroglio filled out the top five spots in the flight. Charnley also won the closest- to-the-pin competition in his age group.

Erica Mazur, a Northville resident and student at Livonia Ladywood High School, captured the girls 16-17 division with a solid round of 84, eight shots better than runner-up Paige Scarpace. Jessica Burdette, the third-place golfer, won the closest-to-the-pin contest.

The Boys 14-15 Division was also

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decided by a playoff when Kenny Banach, a North Farmington student, outlasted Thomas Cullum and Kevin Robinson in extra holes. All three fired rounds of 83 to qualify for the playoff. Robinson took the closest-to-the-pin honors.

Southfield resident Carmela Hawkins earned the Girls 14-15 Division title when she defeated Sarah Linder in a playoff. Both players fired 111's in regulation.

Livonia Frost Middle School student Brian Sexton earned a first-place trophy in the Boys 12-13 bracket with a sizzling 88, three shots better than Dante Cicchelli. Dominic DiLisi won the division's straightest-drive competition while Dominic Isopi took home the closest-to-the-pin award.

Sixty-nine players competed in the tournament.



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Thirteen-year-old Ben Proben of Livonia watches his putt on the ninth green at Whispering Willows Golf Course during the Motor City Junior Golf Championship Wednesday. Proben placed eighth in the 12-13 age group with a round of 98.

On the back of the cards are the names of 20 area businesses. who will offer savings to card users. If they are used, the cards, which are valid until September 2008, will pay for themselves, said RU varsity football head coach Miles Tomasaitis. Anyone with questions should call Tomasaitis at (313) 575-4753.

Aug 1.

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Salem tennis

Salem High School will be holding a tennis camp Aug. 13-17 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Huron Valley Tennis Club in Ann Arbor, The cost of the Camp is \$130. All returning and incoming Salem tennis players are welcome. To register, call (734) 662-5514 no later than Aug. 1.

Vipers tryouts

The Vipers, a 12U Plymouth-Canton travel baseball team. is looking for pitchers for the 2008 season. Tryouts will be held at Plymouth Christian Academy, 43065 Joy Rd. in Canton on Saturday, Aug. 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eligible players must be 12 or younger by May 1, 2008.

For more information, contact Tony Boucher at (734) 454-4992 or Don Clark at (734) 455-1224.

Canton golf tryouts

Tryouts for the Canton High School girls golf team will begin Monday, Aug. 13, at 2 p.m. at Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth. For more information, contact head coach Dan Riggs at (734) 453-3163.

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History makers

The Canton-Plymouth Little League 10-11 age group team became the first squad in the five-year history of the local Little League program to advance to the District tournament final. The tourney is on the path to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. each year. The C-P squad lost by one run in the final to Tecumseh. Pictured (front row from left) are Shane Raymond, Tyler Inzano, Jackson Downing, Garrett Figley, Jared Merandi, Nicholas O'Donnell, Brandon Wilson, Andrew Hunt, (middle row) Jordan Doddie, Brandon Waack, Nathan Michalik, Mike Downing, Alex Hastings, Jared Sexton, Shaheer Rabbaig, (back row from left) coaches Jason Hunt, Wade Figley, Jason Proudluck, John Doddie and Ray Waack.



Date:	July 26, 2007
Owner:	Charter Township of Plymouth
Contact Name:	Randy Maycock (734) 354-3222
Project Name:	Fire Station #2 Roof Replacement
	Bid Due Date: Sealed bids will be received for the re-roofing of Fire Station #2 located at 41212 Wilcox, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 by the Charter Township of Plymouth, as Owner, until 3:00 pm on Thursday, August 16, 2007 at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth; MI 48170. At which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.
Bid Documents:	May be obtained online at <u>www.plymouthtwp.org</u> or at the Office of the Clerk.

Project Description: In general the projects consists of labor, material and equipment, disposal costs, fees and taxes necessary to demolish and remove the existing fire station building roofing and provide a new 45 mil EPDM fully adhered membrane roof system at Fire Station #2. There will be a pre-bid roof inspection on Wednesday, August 8, 2007 at 9:00 am.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding. Bids may be held by the Township for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of opening the bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of the bidders, prior to awarding the contract.

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Marilyn Massengill, CMC Township Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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Yankees take Blissfield by storm

The Canton/Plymouth Little League 10U Yankees recently captured a tournament in Blissfield, Mich., in resounding fashion, winning 16-2 and 12-9 over Clinton and Blissfield, respectively, Pictured (front row from left) are Parker Lindman, Josh Criscenti, Presley Shiminski, Kurt Gschiedle, Devon Patel, (middle row) Joe Lohrmann, Griffin Shiminski, Ryan Leskovitz, Evan Klenk, Connor Hook, Joshua Marianos, (back row from left) Coach Donnie Lohrmann, Manager Donald Lohrmann, Coach Vince Shiminski and Coach Jeff Klenk.

P-C Steelers golf outing

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers Golf Outing will be held Saturday, Oct. 6, at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth

Township. For the \$100 entry fee, participants will receive 18 holes of golf with a power cart, a snack and beverage at the turn, and a post-outing steak

PUBLICATION NOTICE For a New Branch:

Notification is given that JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., 1111 Polaris Parkway, Columbus, Ohio 43271 has filed an application with the Comptroller of the Currency on or about 7/29/2007, as specified in 12 CFR 5 for permission to establish a domestic branch at 45220 Michigan Ave., Wayne County, Canton, MI, 48188-2427. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file comments in writing with the Licensing Manager, Large Banks Licensing Operations, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Mail Stop 7-13, Washington, D.C. 20219 within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

dinner. The dinner only (with a weekend (Sept. 1-2) tournathree-hour open beverage format) will cost \$45.

To reserve a spot in the outing or for more information. contact Mark Gregor at (734) 416-1462; or send an e-mail to: ngregor@wowway.com.

Hiah Velocity Sports offerings

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering the following programs in the upcoming weeks: HVS will host a Labor Day ment for soccer, flag football and dodge ball.

Each sport will be 5-on-5 with a roster of five plus one sub. The team fee is \$150 and includes a four-game guarantee. Each game will be 30 minutes in length (two 12-minute halves).

The first-place prize per sport is \$1,000; second-place teams will net \$250 (based on a 16-team minimum per sport). The registration deadline is Aug. 23 and the schedules will be distributed Aug. 29.

LEGAL NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH 2007 SUMMER TAXES

Summer taxes are due July 1, 2007 and payable through September 14, 2007 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH. Payments can be made at the Plymouth Township Treasurer's Office during regular working hours, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Plymouth Township offices are located at 9955 Haggerty Road, Plymouth Township, MI After hours payments can be placed in 24 hr DROP BOX located on the circular driveway. LaSalle Bank, Plymouth Offices, will also accept payment for your convenience through September 14, 2007.

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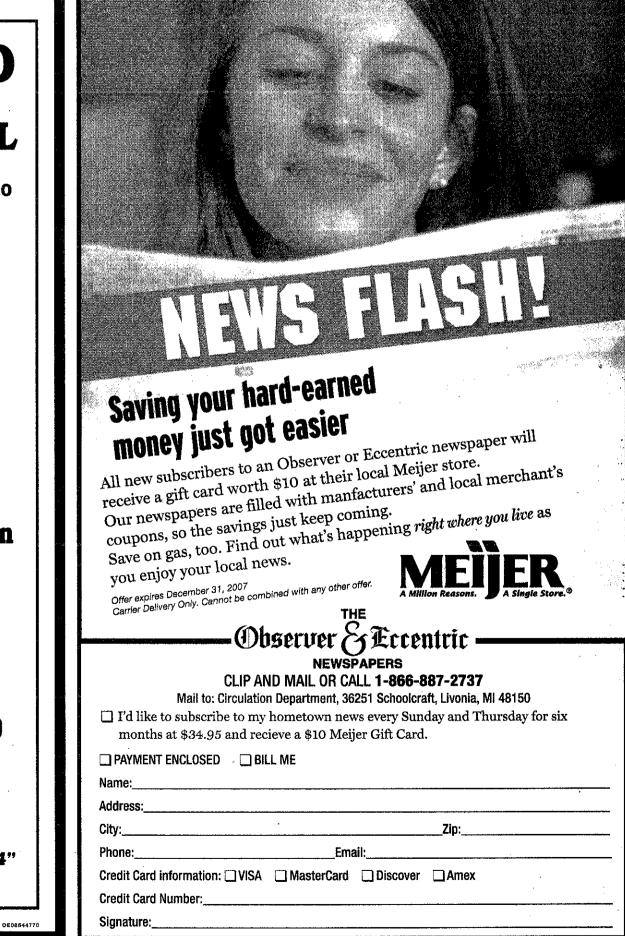
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Sweet sweep

The Garden City 14U All-Star Pony baseball team recently went 3-0 to win the District 5 championship in Wayne. The squad was put together from Garden City house teams on short notice, and despite having just two practices, still swept to the victory. After defeating Wayne 13-9, the team routed Walled Lake 15-1 and followed up with the clinching 6-1 win against Wayne. Members of the district champs, listed alphabetically are: Kirk Barikmo, Chad Baumschat (not pictured), Brandon Hanley, Travis Kind, Steven Klisch, Philip Peters, Kody Richardson, Ricky Seremak, Zach Vera-Burgos, Johnny Vervier, Kyle Warnke (not pictured) and Chris Wasczenski. The coaches are Jim Anthony, Mike Hanley and Dave Vera-Burgos.

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Whalers' team that won the OHL championship last season and competed in the Canadian Hockey League's MasterCard Memorial Cup Tournament in Vancouver, B.C. in May.

Watson played collegiate hockey at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Starting in the mid-90's, Watson joined the Compuware system and worked his way up the coaching ladder. Originally named the head coach of the Compuware Midget Minor Team, he also served as the head coach for the Compuware Midget Major Team for two seasons.

From there, Watson joined Vellucci as Assistant G.M./Assistant Coach for the Detroit Compuware Ambassadors of the North American Hockey League.

In 2000, Watson was named General Manager/ Head Coach of the

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Ambassadors where he compiled a 115-37-6 record in three seasons.

In 2002, he led the Ambassadors to a United States Jr. A National Championship and was named NAHL Coach of the Year.

In 2003, Watson was named the NAHL Executive of the Year before joining the Plymouth Whalers at the start of the 2003-04 season.

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the auctions. Noecker's business donated a package including tickets to watch all of Detroit's pro teams while a basketball autographed by Pistons Hall-of-Famers and weekend excursions to places like Lake Tahoe also were big draws.

It's a labor of love that began several years ago when, Noecker stepped in to fill a vacancy on the planning committee.

"I was looking for something to do, something to give back," said Noecker, whose aluminumshaping business on Venoy near Ford roads generates about \$60 million of North American sales annually. "I spent time in the school and saw what it does and the girls it affects. It's a pretty

compelling story. "These are girls that come from homes where they've been sexually abused, or (where) there's a very high prevalence of drugs. They need a place to go and this is a school as well as a training facility on how to get them to live their lives the right way."

But putting the golf tournaments and money-making auctions together - which takes months of diligent effort by Noecker and many other vol-



Enjoying golf and camaraderie for a worthy cause are George Blaha High Hopes Golf Invitational participants (from left) George Heineman, Robert Hill, Nick Noecker, Don Onesi and Nick Varnavas.

Noecker heard testimonials from Vista Maria residents who talked about how the facility turned their whole outlook on life around.

One young woman talked about wanting to go to college, and Noecker quickly pledged to help her and others by creating a scholarship fund.

The Vista Maria Scholarship Fund continues to help teens attend colleges and trade

graduate from the program," he explained. "But then, they're 16, 17 years old and the state says 'There's no more funding for this person.' They just open up the door and she goes. She might not have a home to go back to, she might not have anything. She might not have real skills or the ability to get a job."

Now, thanks to Noecker and other community-minded volunteers, a few girls every year

als before the packed audience (which included Pistons legends Dave Bing and Chuck Daly, former Michigan State University basketball star Greg Kelser and MSU athletic director Ron Mason, among other celebrities).

"They talked about what happened to them, about how they didn't have anything, any kind of format for understanding what respect for yourself or for life was until they got to Vista Maria," Noecker continued. "That helped them build their confidence, build their

SHOOTING HIGH TO HELP

What: The 18th annual George Blaha High Hopes Golf Invitational at Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills broke attendance and fundraising records Monday, with 132 attendees and \$112,000 in generated. funds for Vista Maria.

Why: The exclusive event, spearheaded by the longtime Detroit Pistons broadcaster and pulled off thanks to the hard work of many volunteers, attempts to raise awareness and financial support for girls ages 11-to-17 who are living at Vista Maria in Dearborn Heights, while they recover from histories of abuse, neglect and trauma.

Auction: Many exciting prizes were up for bid during the silent and live auctions. A weekend trip to Lake Tahoe, Nev. and a basketball autographed by Detroit Pistons owner Bill Davidson and the team's Hall-of-Fame players were among top items on the block.

Prizes: There was a Chrysler Crossfire (made available by event cochairs Nick Noecker, Greg Roberts and John Jagels), designer golf attire and a Vintage Rolex Watch as hole-in-one prizes for par threes. Vista Maria: Originally an orphanage founded in 1883 by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, the agency moved to its current location at 20651 W. Warren in the 1940s. Executive Director Cameron D. Hosner gave the keynote address at the dinner program.

Noecker: The West Bloomfield resident is president of Garden Citybased International Extrusions, which produces custom aluminum. shapes (such as stanchions between panes of Plexiglass at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit). The 40-year-old, whose wife is Danielly, also is cochair of the George Blaha High Hopes Golf Invitational and spearheaded. a spinoff scholarship fund to help Vista Maria graduates attend college or trade school.

self-image and self-worth. They realized that they could be something if they had value in life."

all-important next steps toward doing something great with their lives.

"Oh yeah, without a doubt,

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unteers during so-called spare time - is only part of what he is now immersed in.

While at the 2002 event,

schools to help give them opportunities they never could have dreamed possible.

"These girls, they may

are getting the extra push they need.

A couple of those recipients Monday night gave testimoni-

After hearing what these newly confident young women had to say, he is more than hopeful they will take those

they're impressive girls," he said, beaming with pride. "It's a ragsto-riches story in self-worth, as opposed to (in) dollars."

Area basketball players help lead Legends AAU squad

BY MIKE ROSENBAUM STAFF WRITER

It's been a busy summer for the R.E.A.C.H. Legends AAU basketball team, particularly for five players who've competed for both the Legends' 15under and 16-under squads.

Those five include two Orchard Lake St. Mary's underclassmen, Evan Webster and Juwan Howard (son of the former Fab-Fiver), plus Arthur Chene Phillips (Detroit Renaissance), Keith Appling (Detroit Pershing) and Gerald Bridges

a trophy this month, taking eighth place in a 16U AAU tournament in Tennessee. Then after a long, traffic-delayed drive home from that event, the quintet not only joined the Legends' 15U team the same day, but made up the starting five in the opener of the AAU national tournament at Lake Orion last week. The team literally unpacked its van, then drove to the site of the first game.

Upon arrival, the squad found its trophy still in the van, so the players brought it into the gym and played with

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(U-D Jesuit). The Legends brought home the trophy sitting on the bench, perhaps inspiring the Legends to overcome their fatigue and win the first contest.

R.E.A.C.H. went 2-1 in pool play last week, losing once by two points, then lost twice in the playoff round, by a total of three points.

The Legends' strengths include "tough defense, ball control and unselfish play," according to assistant coach Marcus Webster, a Southfield resident. "And they execute well. This is a smart, intelligent group of kids...A guy may lead with 18 points, but you'll see seven, eight players

score. That's a tribute to them sharing the ball, finding the open guy and getting high percentage shots.

When the team is playing well, Webster adds, "It's a beautiful sight. When they're in sync it's pretty scary."

Less than a week after the Lake Orion tournament, the 16U Legends - including the busy quintet - left for Florida to participate in this weekend's AAU 16U Showcase, an invitation-only event, held in Orlando.

Other players on the Legends' 16U team include Dion Sims from St. Mary's, Blair Ramsey, Jeff Jones and Michael Wenderski from U-D High, Dorian Prather and Austin Anderson from Westland John Glenn, plus Marcus Jones (Redford Thurston), Grant Stone (Plymouth Salem), Devin Pankey (Romulus) and Nathan Clark (Detroit Southwestern).

The 15U Legends also include Michael Furlong (St. Mary's) Brandon Mungo (Wayne Memorial), Jordon Royal (Catholic Central), plus Jalen Smith, Brandon Williams and Edward Brown from Detroit.

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Youth grid camps on tap

A pair of football camps are slated for this week in Westland.

The Westland Comets are sponsoring a football camp to all ages (7-14) Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Marshall Middle School, from 6-8 p.m. each night.

The cost is \$30. Also this week is the Westland Meteors' football camp, 6-8 p.m. Monday through Friday at Voss Park (located at Henry Ruff and Palmer). The cost is \$60. For further information, call Galen Huren at (734) 716-6047.

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Simply Self Storage

Notice is hereby given that on August 13th, 2007 on or after 10:00 a.m. that Simply Self Storage will be offering for sale under the Judicial lien Process by Public Auction the following units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. Terms of the sale are <u>cash only</u>. Simply Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: 34333 E Michigan Ave. Wayne MI. 48184. 734-728-8204.

Bruce Denson - A154 - TV, stereo, tools, totes

Iris Viera - C27 - China cabinet, speakers, TV, lamp, ice skates, totes, chandelier

Chaneca Shaw - A409 - Leather furniture, totes, rocking chairs, stereo, TV, mattress, misc items

Orlando Wells - A136 - Totes, bags, boxes

Donna Wagganer - D141 - Dresser, TV, computer, boxes, mattresses, Christmas decorations

Bernard Hicks - D167 - Dresser, TV, entertainment center, mattress, chair, air hockey, misc items

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2007 MOTOR CITY JUNIO	l i s	
GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP Wednesday at Whispering Willows G	r	
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5-17 DIVISION	а.	
76 - Josh Proben (won in playoff), Jordan Chisl	holm:	
81 - Brian Bint;	ioni,	
84 - Matt Charnley:		
85 - Dan Tamaroglio;		
87 - Danny Pawlak;		
91 - Robert Louwers, Matthew Gibbons;		
93 - Daniel Landstrom; 95 - Ryan Cioch;	1.15	
99 - Nick Fedoronko;		
112 - Nathan Spease.		the st
4-15 DIVISION		
83 - Kenny Banach (won in playoff),		
Thomas Cullum, Kevin Robinson;		
84 - Troy Bodtke, Scott Devine, Erik Newman;		
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105 - Conrad Mahr;		
109 - Patrick Coliton;	×	
110 - Dan Parinello; 118 - Peter Bushong, Shane Schooley;		
120 - Drake Hermann:	· ·	
122- Jeff Sondergaard.		
2-13 DIVISION		
88 - Brian Sexton;		
91 - Dante Cicchelli;		
92 - David Oliver;		
94 - Dominic DiLisi, Brian Roulier;	<u>``</u>	
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111 - Troy Dolmetsch, Kevin Pachuta, Michael Sc	hwarz; •	strai
116 - Trevor Sabo; 119 - Nick Braeseker:		sridi
120 - Zack Collins;		
123 - Matthew Rist.		

JUNIOR GOLF RESULTS

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84 - Erica Mazur; 92 - Paige Scarpa

111- Katie Worley.

14-15 DIVISION

92 - Paige Scarpace; 98 - Jessica Burdette;

111 - Carmela Hawkins (won in playoff), Sarah Linder;

Redford's Derek Pohlmeyer, 13, keeps close tabs on his tee shot at the ninth hole at Whispering Willows Golf Course during the Motor City Junior Golf Championship Wednesday. Pohlmeyer placed seventh in his age group with a round of 97.





Chipping onto the 16th green during the Motor City Junior Golf Championship is Livonia's Chelsea Phillips, 4, who finished fourth in her age group and also won the Straightest drive contest.

Rams win pre-tourney exhibition

The Michigan Rams edged the Metro Tigers, 3-2, Tuesday night in an exhibition game played at Madonna University.

The contest was the Rams' final game before heading off to Zanesville, Ohio, for the AAABA Regional Tournament that was set to start Saturday.

Wayne Memorial alum and current University of Toledo pitcher Justin Collop earned the victory on the mound as the Tigers were limited to just six hits. The game was called in the ninth inning due to darkness.

The Rams jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning before adding the eventual game-winner in the third. Dan Dobbebowski, a former Ram, suffered the loss for the Tigers, an unlimited-age contingent based in Pontiac.

Leading the offensive attack for the winners were Eric Vojtkofsky, who went 2-for-3 with three RBI, Max Kelmigian (1-3, run), Kyle Hurtt (1-8) and Mike Wiseman, who walked three times and scored two runs.

Ex-Ram Mike Sasha knocked in the Tigers' only run.

The Rams will take a 17-15-2 record to Zanesville.

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Teacher in Rome learns the Italian art of doing nothing, C2

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Lead by example when guiding your children

"I have been a smoker since I was thirteen. I do not want my children to follow in these footsteps. What is the best way to keep them from being a smoker like their mother?"

- Linda, Garden City

"What is the best way to keep my daughter from becoming obsessed with her appearance and weight? She is only 3 and already asks me if she needs to go on a diet or if she looks fat in her clothing. How can I make her comfortable with who she is?"

- A.G., Livonia

"I used to think that it was funny when my son would



cuss but now that he's getting older it's not so funny. I know that he hears it from his Dad and me but how do we get him to use better language?"

- Jennifer, Livonia "I want to know how to get my son to stop being a couch potato like his father. It's impossible to do anything because all they want to do is stay on the couch and watch TV." - Sarah, Canton

Chat Room

Terry Wilamowski

Despite the differing concerns expressed in these letters, the central

issue is the same. Each and every one of them involves guiding a child, or children, away from an unwanted behavior and toward a more desirable one. There are a number of effective ways that this can be accomplished.

Most importantly parents and other care givers need to accept the fact that they are the child's primary role model and that actions really do speak louder than words. From the moment that a child is born he is learning from his environment. He is watching and listening to everything that is going on around him. Long before he understands the words spoken to him, he has learned through the behaviors of those around him. Some of these lessons get ingrained and are very resistant to change. In effect, they become building blocks on which later behaviors and attitudes are constructed.

For this reason, the most important action that a parent can take is to model the appropriate behavior for the child. A non-smoking parent is a much more credible source for anti-smoking information than one who smokes two packs a day. A parent who demonstrates a positive body image or active life-style is a more effective teacher than one that preaches to "do as I say and not as I do."

The next factor that is essential to this process is to establish and maintain appropriate communication from the time that your children are very young. If you wait until your children are exposed to peers who are smoking or dieting or swearing to begin talking about it...you are starting too late. Once communication is established keep it alive by using it every day. This will increase the likelihood that your child will feel comfortable coming to you when they have questions or concerns. This will allow



Former Livonia Mayor Bob Bennett and Dick 'Night Train" Lane at the 1997 Ben Celani Golf Outing.



Sister Mary Modesta (left), Bill Fried, Tom Celani, and Sister Janet Marie enjoy the Ben Celani Golf Outing in 2000.

Food as well as colf has been one of the main attractions of the



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

HERMES

STAFF WRITER

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om Celani still remembers his father Ben handing a check for more than \$40,000 to the Felician nuns for St. Mary Mercy Hospital in 1978.

Celani treasures the memories associated with Hearts of Livonia golf outings - and he has quite a few after 30 years. Started by Ben Celani as a benefit to purchase advanced life support equipment for the emergency center at St. Mary Mercy, the event has raised a total of \$2.6 million, not only for the hospital, but Livonia organizations such as Angela Hospice and scholarships for local students. Last year, Celani presented a \$255,000 check for the hospital's new cancer center, scheduled to open in early December.

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"The nuns are still involved today. They come out and do registration," said Celani, who took over the Hearts of Livonia chari table organization after Ben died in 1982. "We used to do a black tie at Roma Hall. This year we've made a few changes. We'regoing to keep the cocktail and reception at. Fox Creek, something we used to do 15 years ago, but this is the first time we've brought; all the restaurants in. We have no cost, so there's more money for the charity (because the restaurants are donating the food),"

Celani and the Hearts of Livonia volunteers kick off the 30th anniversary Ben Celani Golf Outing with an 11 a.m. shotgun start Wednesday, Aug. 15, at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows in Livonia. Each course can accommodate 188 golfers, but you don't have to golf to support the community through Hearts of Livonia. Tickets are available for \$125 for the Taste of the Town and cocktail reception, or \$250 for golf and the reception. Call (248) 465-0083 for reservations. Visit www.heartsoflivonia. org for details. The feasting features more than a dozen restaurants, including P.F. Chang's, Giulio's, Uno's Chicago Grill, Fleming's Steakhouse,

you, the parent, to provide booster sessions to reinforce the lessons that you feel are important for your child.

Finally, we need to discuss the Pleasure Principle. Simply stated, this means that we will do things that feel good and avoid things that feel bad. All behavior management is based on this idea. With this in mind, we must decide how do we make it worth the child to act in an appropriate manner and not inappropriately.

The most effective reinforcer is also the simplest: give them your attention, praise them, hug them, and tell them that you are proud of them. These are far more effective, and successful in the long run, than buying them toys or treats. When your daughter tells you that she likes the way her belly sloshes when it is full of lemonade. hug her and tell her that you love it too. When your son turns off the TV to go out and play, go out with him and play a game of his choosing and emphasize how much you enjoy spending this time with him. When your son uses a word like "shucks" or "fiddlesticks" in place of more colorful language, pat him on the back and compliment him on his creativity.

I understand that there is a time and place for punishments and negative consequences, but positive reinforcers are so much more effective and enjoyable to administer. And as I stated above, verbal praise, attention and affection are the currency that children most desire. These commodities also have the distinction that they are as much fun to give as they are to receive and that they can be administered anytime and anyplace.

The most important teachers in a child's life are his or her parents and other primary care-givers. It is a fact that children watch these adults to learn about themselves and their world. It is vital that we, as adults, watch ourselves to learn just what kind of lessons we are teaching.

Terry M. Wilamowski is a clinical therapist specializing in the treatment of children, adolescents and their families at Heron Ridge Associates in Plymouth. Questions and comments can be sent to terrywilamowski@yahoo.com .

annual Hearts of Livonia outing. Pictured here are Sister Modesta (left), Sister Renetta, and one of the 400 golfers at the 21st annual fund-raiser.

Please see HEARTS, C4

Former Observer columnist joins Dr. Phil show staff

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Susan Collins admits she never watched Dr. Phil verv much until her daughter Jennifer Sawalha landed a job as an associate producer for the talk show.

As curriculum director for Garden City Public Schools, Collins was too busy during the day, but now that the program is broadcast at 7 p.m. weekdays on CBS. she watches regularly.

"I'm so proud of her and excited for her, because entertainment's a tough field," Collins said. "She's worked so hard to get

to this point in her career. She's a long ways away. I would love to have her closer. However, that's where the opportunity is for her. It's been really interesting watching her career advance.'

Sawalha entered the entertainment field here in Detroit with Channel 95.5 FM's Mojo in the Morning radio show as an intern producer. During that time, Sawalha used her master's degree in psychology from the Center for Humanistic Studies to write the "Ask Jen" teen advice column for the Observer Newspapers. She continued to help young people through the column for about three years.

Sawalha originally proposed the Q&A format to Observer managing editor Hugh Gallagher while working with teens at the Michigan Automotive Academy, a charter school where she was school psychologist.

"(What made the column special) was that is was local. I think teens have different issues regionally. I grew up there. I was born at Annapolis Hospital," said Sawalha, who still returns to the area regularly, most recently in May for a wedding.

Sawalha resigned from writ-

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Jennifer Sawalha recently began a new job as an associate producer for the Dr. Phil talk show originating from Hollywood, Calif. She formerly wrote the Ask Jen teen advice column for the Observer Newspapers.



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Teacher in Rome learns the Italian art of doing nothing

The writer, Mary Shymanski, is a former Livonia resident, 1992 graduate of Stevenson High School and a former Geacher at Churchill High School. She teaches at the American Overseas School of Rome. She was asked to Symmit this article by the Livonia Rotary.

BY MARY SHYMANSKI CORRESPONDENT

It's rather un-American, doing nothing. To lean out an open-shuttered window listening to birds and church bells, watching laundry flutter in the breeze, reflecting on life as the sun moves across the sky. Here in Italy, however, the art of doing nothing is practiced with great pride. I have seen volumes written about it, witnessed locals engaging in the art at any and all hours of the day and, after living here for 10 months, I have begun to study the art of doing nothing myself. Born and raised in the Midwestern suburbs of Detroit, getting in my car to run errands on a Saturday morning might involve driving to five places within a 15-mile radius and returning home before 11 a.m. To juxtapose the movement and impermanence of the American culture with the traditional and deep-rooted

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history of Italy is fascinating to my North American mindset. Instead of getting in my car on a Saturday morning here, a typical Roman Saturday morning looks like this: I focus intensively on the creation of a perfect cappuccino, watch the goldfish in the fountain of the courtyard where I live, head out to the market, on foot, in search of sweet carrots and organic eggs, buy cheese, then pick up my dry cleaning. The art of slowing down, of doing what Romans call "nothing" has helped me to appreciate the beauty and culture that life has to offer.

Last year, I was hired to teach at the American Overseas School in Rome. The pre-K through 12th grade school near Nero's Tomb on Via Cassia (which is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year) has a U.S.-based curriculum and classes taught entirely in English. Our diverse student body consists of 635 students, 200 of whom are Americans, children of people who work for the U.S. Embassy or United Nations agencies in Rome. The remaining two-thirds are Italians and international students. In my high school writing class alone there are students from Burkina Faso, Azerbaijan, Iceland, France,

Angola, Italy and the United States. I particularly enjoy teaching my seventh-grade social studies classes to students who have actually traveled to many of the countries that we are studying. The global perspective of the student body is remarkable.

Italy is indeed a land of taking a breath, of slowing down. This lifestyle change has been a welcome relief to my Midwestern American personality of do, do, do. Here, I don't feel the rush of life like I feel in the States. Here, I feel calm, comfortable (except when I'm stuck in traffic, but that's another story).

I enjoy watching people who sincerely want to know how the other is doing stop and talk with each other. I enjoy watching parents laugh with their children — laugh so much with each other. It is common for extended families to eat fourhour weekend lunches.

Though women labor to ensure that everyone eats a healthy, fresh, balanced diet, the results of a Sunday meal are that families stay together all afternoon.

Men bond over soccer. Children play with their cousins. I watch, wide-eyed with pen in hand.

For everyone who has been



Mary Shymanski, left, and her class at the American Overseas School in Rome.

to Italy, they know that art is everywhere. Store windows, market stalls and late-night flower shops overflow with aesthetic appeal. St. Peter's Square. Caravaggio. The Colosseum. Museums. The way people dress and carry themselves in public is an art unto itself. No sneakers or baggy jeans here. There is a pervasive appreciation of beauty and symmetry and culture seeps from the eaves of even the most mundane apartment buildings. I appreciate the history that Europe offers and its antiquities are a welcome change from the modernity of the New World.

I appreciate the scene so much here because I know it won't last forever. I have a twoyear contract at the American School and when my term is over, my plan is to return to

the United States. As much as I love slow Sundays and perfect cappuccinos, I can't pretend that I don't miss the thrill of productive errand-running on Saturday mornings, coffee in hand on a smooth Jeffries Freeway. If you haven't been to Italy lately, I do recommend a trip. Please come and find me so we can practice the art of doing nothing together.

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Greyhound rescue group today's SPORTS section to hold adoption days

GreyHeart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption of Michigan has announced a number of Meet and Greet sessions for August. The first takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Wal-Mart Store #2631, 13507 Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (734) 524-0577.

Meet and Greets for prospective human parents and hounds continue 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Warren Petco, 2243 E. 12 Mile, Warren.

Call (586) 558-6810. Homeward Bound Hounds Car Wash (the GreyHeart Youth Group) holds a fundraiser 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, at the BP gas Station, Hall and Hayes roads, Clinton Township.

Meet and Greets return to Livonia 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, at ACO Hardware, 29567 5°Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 421-3400. The last adoption day in

August is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Novi Petco, 43480 W. Oak Drive, Novi. Call (248) 735-4356.

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ing the column in late 2005 and left Livonia to work as an executive producer in radio in Phoenix and later for television station Channel 10 as morning producer for Fox 10 News.

It was while working in Arizona that Sawalha heard about an opening on *The Tyra Banks Show* in California. Collins encouraged her daughter "to go for it." Before long, Sawalha was packing for the move to Los Angeles.

That was 1¹/₂ years ago. After a season of producing *The Tyra Banks Show*, the decision was made to move the program to New York. It was then the *Dr*. *Phil Show* offered her a three-year contract. Now Sawalha spends her days on the phone interview-

ing prospective guests.

"As an associate producer, I work on a team to produce the show. You're assigned a topic and go out and research it. It's highstress. Today I'm going through letters and calling them to see if stuff is still going on. I get to call all day and get to find out their story. I use my knowledge in psychology on a daily basis," said Sawalha, who holds a limited license in psychology. "Producers work seven days a week. It's not uncommon to work a stretch of four months without a day off. Nobody knows how much work goes into that."

Through it all Marvin, her husband of nearly seven years, has supported Sawalha's career goals.

[°]I really like working in talk shows," Sawalha said. "They're fascinating. You work extremely hard and you're always helping people." It's obvious that Collins is very proud of her daughter, but then so is Sawalha's 10-year-old brother Diego. He especially enjoyed a trip to Hollywood to visit Sawalha on spring break.

"It was very exciting for him," Collins said of the young boy she adopted from Guatemala. "We went to the Tyra Banks studio, saw Hollywood Boulevard. He's very proud of his sister.

"Last week she started working on a project for Dr. Phil's son, *Newlywed Man Camp*. Jen always wanted to be involved with media, entertainment. As a girl she took dance classes, tap, ballet, modeling and acting classes, equestrian which is showmanship. We owned a horse farm and she showed Western and English. "It proves you just have to keen

"It proves you just have to keep persevering. She doesn't give up."

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Classic car show to raise money for Lions Club

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Debbie Dayton expects this year's classic car show to raise even more money than last for the Westland Lions Club, and Josh her Leader Dog won't have to get up early for the event unlike the golf outing in September which also benefits the club.

Cruisin' with Culver's takes place 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at the frozen custard and butter burger restaurant at 6500 Newburgh and Warren, Westland. Culver's is partnering with the Motor City Muscle Car Club to sponsor the evening to benefit the Westland Lions Club, a nonprofit organization which supports Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Seedlings Braille Books for Children in Livonia, Penrickton School for Blind Children, and Bear Lake Camp for Blind Children as well as provides glasses and hearing aids to local residents who can not afford them.

Last year's event raised \$2,700 for Leader Dogs. This year Leader Dogs as well as other charities will benefit from the car show.

We're expecting it to be bigger than last year. It was so successful," said Debbie Dayton, Westland Lions Club president. "We're still trying to keep it a family event. We're going to have coloring books and crayons including coupons from Culver's for a free lemon ice for the kids, special prize donations for kids - a backpack full of school supplies from Kroger in Westland, a remote

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have (Leader Dog) puppies at the car show."

Last year classic car owners drove from as far away as Cadillac to attend the show. This year, like last, exhibitors donate \$15 to participate. The first 100 cars receive a goodie bag of items such as car wash and cleaner. Trophies will be awarded courtesy of the car club.

"This year for the first time we're giving them a dash plaque with the date of the show. Car guys collect those," said Dayton who'll drive up in her and husband Bill's electric blue 1971 Dodge Charger. The Westland couple goes to car shows every week during the warmer months.

Dayton says everyone is welcome to come to the event whether or not they show a car.

"Anyone without a car is welcome to come out and enjoy the show and support the club. If they eat at Culver's that night, owner Bob Fitzpatrick gives a percentage to the Lions Club.

"The event's fun filled and fun packed with deejay Dave Holloway who tries to guess the year of each car as they pull in and usually gives something away. He's usually playing 50s and 60s music and makes it fun. What also makes it a family event is last year Bob and his wife Linda and their children greeted people. It gave it that homespun feeling. I've never been to a car show where you're welcomed."

It was only natural that Dayton combined her love of classic cars with Leader Dogs and the Westland Lions Club to hold the

control car. And we're expecting to first car show last year. Nearly six years ago Dayton received Josh, the Golden Retriever who changed her life and brought her independence. On Aug. 5 she and Josh are going to Meadowbrook to mingle with the crowd as representatives of Leader Dogs. She could never have done that before as Dayton is legally blind.

Dayton and Josh are always on the move. On Sept. 29, they'll return to the Gateway Golf Club

in Romulus for an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start to the 26th annual Golf Outing benefitting the Westland (Breakfast) Lions Club. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. so that means Josh will have to rise at 5 a.m. to be able to greet golfers. The outing is just one of the club's fund raising events which includes candy cane sales the weekend after Thanksgiving and White Cane Awareness Week at the beginning of May.



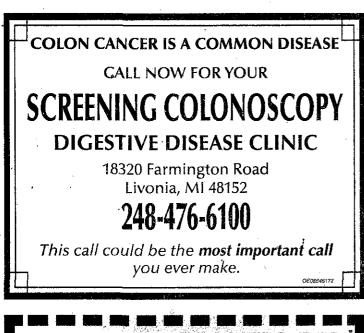
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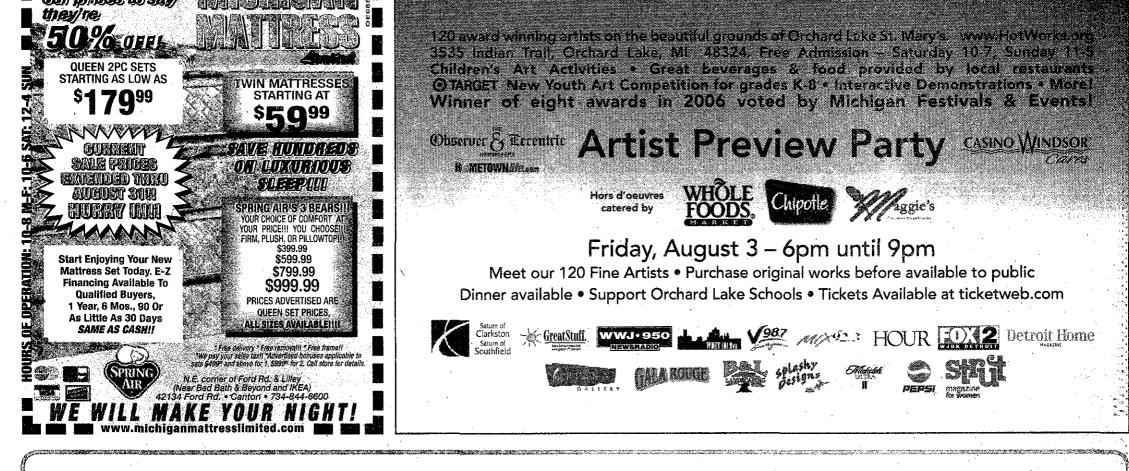
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Puppy raisers Pat Boyd (left) and Diana Weber with future Leader Dogs at last year's classic car show at Culver's in Westland.

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Ed McNamara (left), Ben Celani and Art Kobierzyski present a check from the first Hearts of Livonia golf outing in 1978 to Sister Mary Calasantia (left) and Sister Mary Columbine for St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

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George's Senate Coney Island, Jimmy John's, Bravo's, Bacco Ristorante, Caribou Coffee, Burton Manor and Champps, and desserts from Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe. Jim Brandstatter is emcee during the reception and silent auction.

"Everybody volunteers. All the money raised over the years has stayed in Livonia. I grew up part of my life in Livonia," Celani said. "We've given scholarships to students going into medical fields. The original intent was the money was going to the hospital, but over the

years when there was not a need or project on board, it went to scholarships."

The fund-raiser came about when a friend of Ben Celani's, Nick Canzano, suffered a heart attack and was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital and discovered during his stay that the hospital was in need of cardiac care technology in the emergency center. Together with their friend Art Kobierzyski, the three men organized the first golf outing. Tom Celani was 21. At the time his family owned a Miller beer distributorship. The Celanies have been the major sponsor for Hearts of Livonia from the beginning, but most recently as

owners of Motor City Harley Davidson in Farmington Hills, formerly in Westland. The dealership sponsors a number of charitable events, but the extra work is worth it.

"The days when they're breaking ground at St. Mary's makes me happy," Celani said. "When I received an honorary doctorate from Central Michigan, I told the graduates it's not all about making money. You need to give back. We look for volunteers all the time. We have a very active board. We're always looking for sponsors and people we can donate to in Livonia."

Betty Jean Awrey became involved with the outing the second year, even though she already volunteered on several boards of nonprofit organizations in the community. Awrey came up with idea for the Culinary Extravaganza held every year at Schoolcraft College.

Later she helped organize the annual tasting event to benefit the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's operating budget.

'The first year my husband golfed in the outing. I'm one of those old-timers who's been raising money for St. Mary and that's a very good cause," Awrey said. "I was on the scholarship committee and interviewed students at high schools. A lot of them went on to become doctors and sent us letters on how the heart fund gave them their push. It was a heart-warming experience for me. We've

given to a lot of good causes in Livonia — the family Y. We gave to the symphony early on. Hearts of Livonia has done an awful lot for the community and we get a lot of support from the community."

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Over the years, sports celebrities such as Bobby Orr, Bo Schembechler and Steve Yzerman have come to the outing and signed autographs.

'This year, Alex Delvecchio is coming out to golf. Jeff Daniels is looking at his schedule," said Awrey, who serves on the board of Daniels' Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea. "We just have a good day. It's a lot of camaraderie 'cause a lot of city

people support the day." Donna Hammar is especially looking forward to the silent auction. She has been on the board 14 years, but active with the outing for 17 years.

"A hundred percent of the money has gone back to the community," said Hammar, who works on the event nearly all year long. Hammar is Celani's administrative assistant at Luna, which handles all of his entities from casino gaming to power sports. "We have an auction each year at the golf course with sports memorabilia, bottles of great wine, jewelry, trips, dinner tickets. It's a pretty fun event and people always look forward to it."

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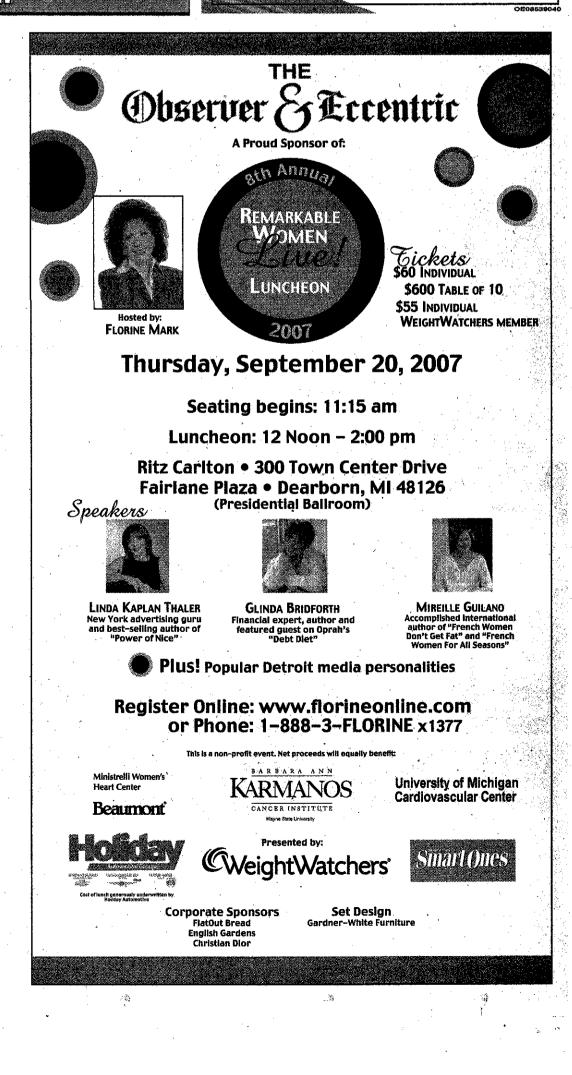
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Gardeners meet

The Gardeners of Northville & Novi meets the second Tuesday of the month September through May at 6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (248) 231-2334 or visit our Web site www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Fall Harvest Festival

Plans for the Grass Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce's Fall Harvest Festival, which takes place Sept. 15, in this quiet farming community are progressing. Artists, crafters, and businesses will line the village main street, while five farms will be open for tours from the Jackson County Family Farm Fest event. The Michigan's Center for the Photographic Arts Fall Focus Festival will feature the photographic art of 800 children from the area, as well as hayrides, fresh cider and donuts, and horse and buggy rides through the village. Quality live musical entertainment, including the "The Shyguys," winners of the Grass Lake Third Annual Battle of the Bands, will play during the entire event in the gazebo/ depot park area, and food vendors will be available at the site throughout the day. For more information on this event, visit www.datefisherphoto.com and view or download a brochure with more information.

Sherrus First Friday

Sherrus Gallery will hold its monthly First Friday exhibit and reception featuring the work of Timothy Orikri Aug. 3. Orikri's work is said to be a fusion of simplicity and complexity. Orikri's artistic philosophy includes using bold colors to capture and create human emotion. His experimentation with texture, color, light, shadow, and threedimensional form produces a distinctly complex and unique quality. Since his arrival in the United States in 1995, Orikri's work has been featured at the St. Louis Zoo, the St. Louis Science Center, the Ethical Society of St Louis, the State Capitol Building in Jefferson City, MO., and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute in Birmingham, Al., among others. Orikri's show will run through Aug. 31. For more information on the exhibit, call Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, (248) 380-0470, or visit www.sherrusgallery.com

Mercy scholarships

Mercy High School is granting \$170,600 in scholarship money to students for the 2007-08 school year. Ten fulltuition scholarships from the Sisters of Mercy and 19 named scholarships are being awarded along with \$20,000 in scholarships provided by the Mercy Alumnae Association. Scholarships are awarded based on applications and student-written essays. For information on donating to the Mercy High School Tuition Assistance Fund, or establishing a new named Mercy scholarship, contact Director of Development Nadine Maynard at njmaynard@mhsmi.org or calf (248) 893-3538. **Travel clinics**

When traveling to a foreign country, a vaccination and travel consultation could be just as important as a passport. From diseases you may have already heard of such as hepatitis, to the more exotic illnesses like Japanese encephalitis, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's TravelWise Travel Clinic can provide the vaccinations and information you need to consider. This new service from VNA provides inoculations for many common diseases including influenza, pneumonia, meningitis, tetanus and diphtheria; in addition to vaccinations specific to your travel destinations such as bepatitis A and B and typhoid. Additionally, VNA is a certified provider of the yellow fever vaccine. In order to prepare for VNA's travel consultation. individuals should bring their anticipated travel dates, Itinerary and lodging plans. Past immunization records and a list of allergies and current medications will also help. For appointments, cost, on-site clinics and general information, contact the VNA TravelWise Travel Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or visit www.vna.org.

Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice, located in Southfield and serving the tri-county area, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to register for volunteer training. Evening and day-time classes are available for anyone interested in being a support person for clients and their families during their end-of-life journey. Office support is also needed. To register, call Mary, (800) 770-9859.

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.

Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290, 0ES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063. Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Literacy Council tutors

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

Toastmasters meet

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

Grief support

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

Post Polio Clinic

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

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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 Beth Stewart, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 420-4094.

Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September-May) for an adult evening of socializing, a speaker or an activity. Additionally, the group hosts more than 20 events during the month including Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Creative Kids, Ladies Day and Night Out, Scrapbooking, Walking and many more. Request a complimentary newsletter at cantonnewcomers.org or call Jennifer at (734) 981-1715. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer!

Kiwanis Club

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer. 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 special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplusjanet@aol.com

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at

each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768 **MOPS meet**

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

MUSCIC

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

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth. Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-5120.

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

German/American Club 67 Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth, Cali Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion

■ Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

■ The Plymouth American Legion Passage-Gayde Post #391 conducts its monthly meeting the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Hall on Mill (next to the railroad tracks) in Plymouth Township. All interested military veterans should contact Commander Mike O'Malley, (734) 459-7890, for more information.

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (7:34) 981-7259 for further information.

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Cali (866) 84: 9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 telephone number.

REUNIONS

Andover High School Class of 1987

*** 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007, The Fairlane Club in Dearborn.

Please register at Classmates.com for

more details!

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) 627-2447. **Berkley High School**

Class of 1987

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 further information and details. **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 information: 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 e-mail kharning@yahoo.com.

Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion, Sept. 15, 2007, at the Livonia Marriott. Contact borgess87@hotmail.com for more information.

Burt Elementary and Junior High (Detroit)

Class of 1967

For information contact Contacts: Sandy Rhodes Luoma at sandysgarden2003@yahoo.com, Sue Smith Nykamp at suenykamp@yahoo.com or

Margaret Hadcock Gallagher at edgallagher@prodigy.net **Clarenceville High School**

All classes

Sunday, July 29 at Kensington

Metro park, shelter T, open to all Clarenceville alumni - grads and nongrads. Not open to current students unless they are the children of attending alumni. Lunch is potluck (email for division of stuff to bring). For more info. contact: clarenceville_alumni_ reunion@yahoo.com **Clawson High School**

Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hilton Detroit-Troy on Crooks Road in Troy. Dinner, dancing and cash bar. Other weekend events will begin on Friday, Sept. 21, and will continue through Sunday, Sept. 23. For information, e-mail ClawsonHS62@aol.com or call Mary at (248)593-6182. Dearborn High School

Class of 1952

A 55 year reunion on Sunday, Aug. 5, at the O'Kelly Banquet Hall, 23663 Park St., Dearborn. Reunion begins at 2 p.m. with buffet dinner at 4 p.m. Call Marianne Hoak (313)274-9064 or Carolyn Haseltine Chambon (734)420-2591

Dearborn Fordson Class of 1957

A 50th reunion picnic, 3 p.m. Aug. 4, 2007, at a party barn. Contact Betty (Minnielly) Reynolds at (248)553-7618. Class of 1958

A luncheon at Park Place on Aug. 3, 2007, to celebrate 49 years. Reservations only. For information, call (313)562-3941 (Fran) or (313)278-4488 (Joyce or John).

Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core. com

Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 3 to Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007. Contact Val Schulte (Wrenbeck) at msugrad81@ cox.net with your current address and phone number.

Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1967

A 40-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007, at Doubletree Hotel, Dearborn. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, approximately \$35. For information, call Cheryl Riske Brown at (313)336-0192 or e-mail efhs67@ vahoo.com

Detroit Chadsey

Class of 1957 A 50th Reunion is being planned for Sept. 29, at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288.

Detroit Central High School

Class of 1947 A 60-year reunion, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007 at Drake Park, between Maple and 14 Mile Road in -West Bloomfield. Contact Jack (Jake) Ginsburg at (248)842-1738 or Paul Davidson at (248)851-2355. **Detroit Cody**

Class of 1957

A 50th reunion at the Embassy Suites, Livonia Oct. 5, 2007, Cost is \$90 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, CD, champagne toast and much more. This invitation is to all 50s graduates. Call 800-859-9502 or email loret@wideopenwest for details. Cost is \$90 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, champagne toast and much more.

Annual 1950s-60s

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007, at Hines Park, Merriman Road Pavillion. Call Jerry Marszalek at (313)532-0134 or Phil Varilone at (313)562-3579. Check Classmates.com for pictures.

Detroit Cooley

Class of 1957 A 50-year reunion, Sept. 28-29, 2007,

Sheraton Novi Hotel. Contact: Sharon (248) 334-7641 or Sue (734) 632-0350 Email: shadden@med.wayne.edu.

Classes of 1967, 1968

Reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, at Laurel Manor, Livonia. Discounted tickets before March 1. Contact Dave Junquist at (810)667-9131, Web site www.geocities.com/ cooleyreunions67. All classmates are encouraged to register for inclusion in memory book at www.classreport. org/usa/mi/detroit/cooley/1967

Detroit Cooley Classes 1960-63

6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007, at St. John's Armenian Cultural Center, 22001 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. For information and tickets, call Joyce (Karagozian) Obenhoff (586)754-3984, Sharon (Wiand) Witberg (586)977-1469 or (586)864-2352, Roger Avie (248)476-5400 or Robert Postoian (248)788-2746.

Detroit Denby Class of 1947

A 60th reunion will be held noon to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Lakeland Banquet Center, Contact Lucille at (734) 427-0579. Class of 1957

A 50th reunion is planned for Sept. 7, 8, and 9, 2007, at the Thomas Edison Inn, Port Huron. Seeking lost graduates, January/June classes. If you are not yet on the mailing list, please e-mail maroonfowi@aol.com or call (248) 642-0249.



ANNIVERSARIES

Mondouxs celebrate 50th Andre Mondoux and

Delphine (Narbut) Mondoux of Westland celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 6. The couple was married July

6, 1957, at St. Helena Catholic Church in Wyandotte. They have nine children, 19

grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren.

Andre Mondoux has been retired from Chevrolet for 15 years. Delphine Mondoux has been retired as a nurse for 10 vears.

She enjoys caring for her grandchildren. He enjoys golf and senior softball.

The family celebrated the anniversary at the Black Bear Resort in West Virginia.



The Mondoux family celebrated the 50th anniversary of Andre and **Delphine Mondoux at Black Bear Resort in West Virginia and took** their Observer along.



Waroneks celebrate 65th Alexander W. Waronek and Margaret J. (Mitchell) Waronek of Garden City celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary June 20.

The Waroneks were married June 20, 1942, in Detroit. The Waroneks have three children, Camille Waronek of Taylor, Christopher Waronek

Orozco-Reese

Elizabeth Orozco and Joshua A. Reese plan to wed in October 2007.

ENGAGEMENTS

The bride-to-be, daughter of Francisco and Donna Orozco of Livonia, is a 2001 graduate of Churchill High School and a 2005 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is a staff photographer for the Journal Newspaper in White Plains, New York.

Her fiance, son of Tony and Debby Reese of St. Clair Shores, graduated from Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods in 1998 and from Central Michigan University

Pitt-Tanner

Steve and Diane Pitt of Canton, Michigan announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Michelle Pitt, to **Raymond Christopher Tanner** of Bay City, Mich.

Kristen is a 2007 graduate of Eastern Michigan University, majoring in special education in the area of emotional impairment. Kristen taught last school year in Garden City at Burger School for Students with Autism.

Raymond is the son of Stephanie Tanner of East Pointe, Mich., and the late Raymond Tanner. Ray is currently employed as a fire-

Hoduk-Coccia

Diane Angela Hoduk of Dearborn Heights and Michael James Coccia of Livonia are planning to be wed May 16, 2008, at Lovett Hall at Greenfield Village. The bride-to-be is the

daughter of Czeslawa Hoduk of Dearborn Heights. She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

The prospective groom is the son of Rebecca and James Coccia of Livonia. He is

Rzepka-Krass

Jerry and Colleen Rzepka of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Rzepka, to Rob Krass, son Bob and Chris Krass of South Lyon.

Amy is a 1999 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 2003 graduate of Albion

in 2002. He is an art director at Calvin Klein Fragrances in New York City.



fighter with the Saginaw Fire Department.

An Oct. 20, 2007, wedding is planned at St. John's **Evangelical Lutheran Church** in Westland, followed by a reception at Woodland Hills Golf Course.



graduate of Eastern Michigan University and works as a wine representative for J. Lewis Cooper.







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EARL J. MONFORTON

July 25, 2007, Age 81, of Redford. Beloved husband for 59 years of the late Shirley. Dear father of Kenneth (Nancy), Linda Sharpe, Denise (Clark Dekett) Zuzow, Daniel (Susan), Philip (Jean), Mary (Terrance) Sandusky & the late Andrew, Loving grandfather of 16. Great- grandfather of eight. Brother of Leo, Joyce Petrosky & Joseph. Pre-deceased by Clarice Taylor & Gladys Bowen. Visitation at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Rd., Redford, Wednesday 2-9 & Thursday 1-9. In-state Friday, 10:00 AM at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 27201 W. Chicago Ave., Redford. Celebration of Life Mass at 10:30 AM. Interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Donations may be made to American Lung Association or Angela Hospice. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com.



IN LOVING MEMORY **DONALD FORRESTER** July 30, 2006

We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday and days before that too. Now all we have is memories, and your picture in a frame. God has you in his keeping, we have you in our heart. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal

Love, Joyce, Donald (Stacey) Forrester II, Courtney, Brittney, Joshua, Timothy (Misty) Forester Jesse, Zackery, Jason (Mellisa) & Karlee





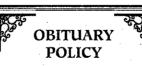
ETTA CALL AGLI

Of La Jolla, CA passed away at Scripps Memorial Hospital from post surgical complications resulting from a very brief illness on June 23, 2007. She was born in NYC, Aug. 29,1918 and proudly remained a native New Yorker throughout her entire lifetime. She loved the theater, movies and Chinese cuisine. Her sophistication, grace, elegance and wit will be missed by all who knew her. She married her husband Alfred Agli on Sept. 7,1940. Etta and Alfred lived in Bloomfield Hills for over 60 yrs. Etta was a vibrant presence in the Saint Hugo Of The Hills parish and in school activi-ties where all of her four children attended. Alfred Agli survives her along with her children Robert Agli and wife Susan of Bend, Oregon, Nancy Agli and husband Joe Geus of Malibu, CA, Carole Agli of Dallas, Texas, Christine Agli and husband David Trim of Santa Monica, CA, granddaughter Elizabeth Jackson and husband Simon and great granddaugh-ter, Laura Jackson, all of Helensburgh, Scotland. A memorial mass was celebrated for her June 26, 2007 at Mary Star Of The Sea Church in La Jolla, CA. In lieu of flowers please consider a contribution to abused and homeless children: In Memory of Etta Agli, Covenant House, 460 W.41st. St., New York, NY 10036

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of Ypsilanti and the late Mark Waronek.

They have seven grandchildren

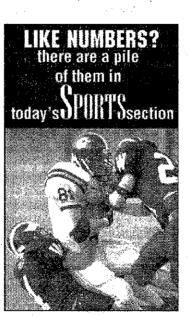


Weavers celebrate 50th

Robert and Mary Lou Weaver of Sun City Hilton Head, S.C., formerly of Livonia, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a cruise to Europe.

They were married July 27, 1957, in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Weavers have three children, Beth Creekmore of Plymouth, Jill Siegrist of Novi and Scott Weaver of New Baltimore and 10 grandchildren.





College. She is employed as a real estate analyst for Heitman Associates in Chicago.

Rob is a 1998 graduate of Brighton High School and a 2002 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as a key account

manager for Judge & Dolph in

Chicago. An Oct. 26, 2007, wedding is planned for St. Edith Church in Livonia to be followed by a reception at St. Mary's Cultural and Banquet Center.

WEDDING

Smith-Rais

Michelle Smith and Michael Rais were married July 7. 2007, at Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, by the Rev. Bill Ritter.

The bride is the daughter of Sandy and David Smith of Westland. She is a 2001 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 2005 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is a music education teacher with the Novi Public School District.

The groom is the son of Elaine Rais of Livonia and Ray and Sally Rais of Canton. He is a 2001 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 2006 graduate of Wayne State University. He is a music teacher for the Livonia Public School District.

The bride was attended by Maid of Honor Carli Bryzs, best friend of the bride; her two sisters, Nicole and Melissa; Karli Cezat, Julie Kowalewski and Megan Edwards, close friends of the bride and groom. The flower

Preece, Brian Grob, Joseph McGraw, Nady Benyamine, close friends of the bride and groom. Ring bearer was Michelle's cousin Ian Whalen. A reception was held at

Burton Manor. The couple honeymooned on a cruise to Hawaii.

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The groom was attended

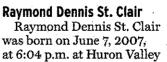
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Emma Whalen.

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Dawn St. Clair. Grandparents are Dan and

Carol Szelong of Redford Township, Dennis and Lois St. Clair of Grand Blanc, Mich. Great grandparents are Louise Denyer of East Pointe Mich., Edwin Wallace of Brooksville. Fla, and Margaret St. Clair of Levitown, Pa.



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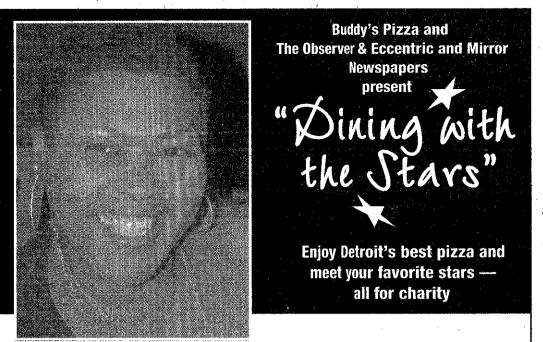
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BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

Hollywood has its version of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, so does the U.S. government. But first-time authors Rusty Oswalt and Eric Longnecker say their new book is the definitive story about who did it and who was involved.

"The movies that were made are an absolute joke," said Oswalt. "The one with Jason Robards has a disclaimer that it's based on fact, when more than half of it is wrong. They said Al Capone was born in Italy when he was born in Brooklyn, N.Y.'

Oswalt's interest stemmed from his childhood, filled with his great-uncle's stories about Detroit's Purple Gang and watching The Untouchables on TV.

When he met a man known as Irving "The Bulldog" Gold, an enforcer for the Purple Gang, he discovered his uncle's stories were based on fact.

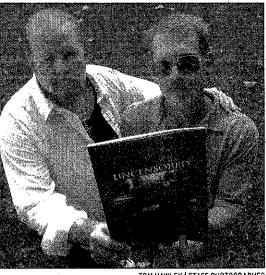
"I asked him if he knew my uncle and he said he knew him very well, he said he was a tough little guy," the Wayne resident said.

That acknowledgment led him to co-author The Chi-town Slaughter Uncensored: The Story the Government Didn't Want Told with Longnecker, a Westland resident.

Oswalt, a retired tool and die maker as well as an artist and sculptor, spent more than three years researching the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, and Longnecker took another 12 months to write the book. It is self-published through Outskirts Press in Parker, Colo.

The 117-page tome includes 576 photographs of the people and places tied to the Feb. 14, 1929, gangland slayings of six members of George "Bugs" Moran's gang and a mechanic who were lined up against the rear inside wall of a garage in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago's north side and killed. Oswalt calls it "a surgical assassination."

"The book tells who did it, who was involved and how it happened," he said. "The story they tell isn't



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Rusty Oswalt (left) of Wayne and Eric Longnecker of Westland spent four years researching and writing their first book, The Chi-town Slaughter Uncensored: The Story the Government Didn't Want Told.

the 90-year-old Chicago Times photographer who had photographed the scene only to have the film confiscated by police.

He also had a pathologist look at sanitized photos. The doctor told him it was obvious the crime scene had been altered.

"There were guys shot nine times with white shirts on and no blood," he said. "One guy was still wearing his hat. The photographer said they looked like jigsaw puzzles when he first saw them. The doctor said they should have cut in half, but were the best looking victims he'd seen."

Oswalt added that he talked to a lot of people in researching the book. Many wanted the story to come out, but a few weeks later were talking differ-

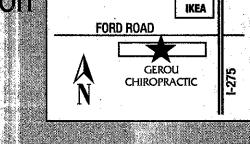
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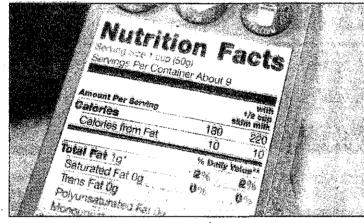


Studies have shown that eating vegetables and fruits could prevent cancer.

Food for health

American Cancer Society issues Eat Right Challenge BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WHITER

hen an American Cancer Society survey revealed that less than 1 in 10 people believed there was a link between cancer and being overweight, Dru Szczerba knew it was time for a challenge. On Thursday, Aug. 16, the director of the cancer prevention and health care systems initiative at ACS is urging everyone to start eating to reduce their risk of cancer with the help of www. cancer.org. Years of research led to updating information on the Web site and making it user friendly in time for the Great American Eat Right Challenge. The nonprofit has even published a cookbook available on the Web site or by calling (800) ACS-2345. "We were looking at the population getting more unhealthy and heavier. When people go on drastic kinds of diets, they feel deprived and then go back to the way they used to eat. We're helping people with tips and tools to make easy, sustainable changes," said Szczerba of Bloomfield Township. "We really want people to make a plan. Our challenge is to make a decision on one tiny change to help them be healthier. We found with the Great American Smokeout (held annually to quit smoking) it is important for people to set the date to start. The Web site is set up like a planner. You can hear a virtual nutritionist talk, hear a trainer talk about fitness. You can learn about tips on stocking your kitchen for quick meals that are healthy, easy ways to add



The American Cancer Society is urging Americans to read labels and eat healthy to reduce the risk of cancer.

follow the health recommendations for people in this country, hearts would be functioning at a more effective rate," said Walker, director of breast radiation oncology for Henry Ford Health System. "It's eating healthy, make sure we get rest, decrease our stress. When the body is stressed it produces a lot of chemicals that are a burden on our heart and immune system. Fiber gets rid of carcinogens. Smoking and barbecuing food releases carcinogens that are going to put you at higher risk. There was a study on risks looking at breast cancer

Fish benefits outweigh the mercury risks

Penny from Waterford e-mails asking about mercury levels in fish. Do the health risks outweigh the benefits?

A recent study by the Institute of Medicine and Harvard

School of Public Health found the levels of pollutants in fish are below what the Food and Drug Administration

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is worth any minimal risk the contaminants may cause.

Fish is packed with omega 3 fats which can protect against heart disease. Experts suggest eating two 3-ounce servings of fish a week. This does not apply to pregnant women or nursing mothers. They should steer clear of certain types of fish like king mackerel, tilefish, shark and swordfish. But it is recommended to add 12 ounces of other types of fish to your diet to make sure you are getting the health benefits. Andrew from Detroit says his vision isn't what it used to be. Is he losing his sight as he gets older?

Unfortunately Andrew, it is possible. Almost 1 million Americans over the age of 40 are considered legally blind. Another 2.4 million have significantly reduced vision. The four eye disorders that pose the greatest risk of vision problems as you age are: cataract, glaucoma, age related macular degeneration, and diabetic retinopathy. But you may be able to help yourself. A new study found people with diabetes who kept their blood sugar at near normal levels cut their risk of developing eye disease by 75 percent. Exercise and proper nutrition is also key! Studies found fruits, vegetables and fish are full of nutrients that are good for your eyes.

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

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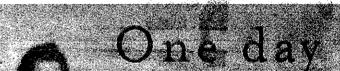
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Treating thyroid disorders naturally Dr. William Karl, a certified wellness doctor, presents a workshop at 6 p.m. Monday, July 30, at Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive. Co-sponsored by the nonprofit Foundation for Wellness Professionals. No charge. Seating limited. Call (734) 425-8588 to reserve a seat.

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healthy food to your diet, how to eat out or at home and make better choices, a healthier way to eat fast food."

Szczerba admits she likes her fast food because it's convenient with her busy job, but instead of a Sausage McMuffin in the morning she's trading the meat for egg and doesn't eat half of the bun. It's one of the small changes she's decided to make along with exercising and being physically active to lower her cancer risk.

"I integrated a routine of walking my dogs in the morning. Don't try to be a marathoner if you've never jogged. Walking is the most sustainable activity," said Szczerba. "For a snack I keep small packages of sunflower seeds in my desk and car. Those are just tiny changes I made, one small thing about my lifestyle that isn't a big thing but over time adds up."

Studies have shown a link to an increased risk for cancer in people who are obese or overweight.

"Two-thirds of adults are overweight or obese. With breast cancer the more fat in your body, the more circulating estrogen. If you have an estrogen receptor cancer, the cancer grows," said Szczerba. "We know there are protective factors when you eat a variety of vegetables and fruits. There's nothing wrong with a multi-vitamin, but the protection seems to come from interaction between food properties. Beta carotene is beneficial when eaten, but harmful with large quantities of supplements."

Food isn't the only culprit when it comes to packing on the pounds.

"People are drinking more calories than they think they are. A specialty coffee with cream could be hundreds of extra calories. Maybe we're drinking a lot of juice. We could eat fruit instead. With alcohol people don't realize the calories, but it's just like any drink like pop, fruit juice. I drink mostly ice water at work. Many people think they're hungry when they're actually thirsty."

Dr. Eleanor M. Walker knows first hand that excess weight can not only increase the risk for cancer but affect how the body responds to treatment for the disease. Walker is always looking for ways to improve patients' lives and reduce cancer risks. A radiation oncologist, she sees predominately breast and prostate cancer patients. Her advice to prevent the deadly disease is to eat healthy and quit smoking.

"We can not do anything about your genetics so the big thing is to be as healthy as possible. If we survivors. Regardless of whether obese or not, if they did 30 minutes (of exercise), six days a week and ate a high fruit and vegetable diet, they did better. Only 25 percent of women with breast cancer do that."

Walker began the day eating a bowl of oatmeal with cinnamon, turkey sausage and a banana. Lunch was a Thai chicken salad. Twice a day Walker eats salad usually dressed with vinegar. She doesn't like sweets and does not eat red meat, but is not a vegetarian. To stay active she does pilates, weight lifting and dancing. Tonight from 5:30-7:30 p.m. she'll be kicking up her heels at a salsa social at the V.F.W. Hall in Farmington Hills.

"It's really good exercise," said Walker of Troy. "It's important to practice prevention for people who have never had cancer, but to let survivors know it's even more important for them. It does impact on their long-term survival. If you get cancer you want to be in your healthiest state because your body is better able to fight cancer." you have urine leakage. The next day you don't. End of story.

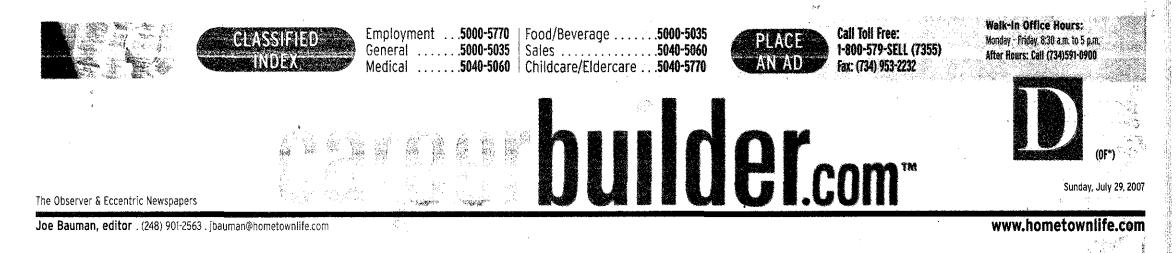
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To the future: No Worker Left Behind aims to upgrade workforce

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced her No Worker Left Behind program in early February 2007 at her State of the State address. Workers are expected to benefit soon from its provisions.

"Here we are in this very difficult time in Michigan where a lot of people are losing their jobs," said Andy Levin, deputy director for the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth. The program's aim is to offer career training to make Michigan competitive and "ready to compete for any job that's out there."

Workers will receive up to two years of training through a community college or other institution in a high-demand or entrepreneurial field. Workers will be screened at Michigan Works! agencies throughout the state for suitability in highdemand, growing fields such as health care.

Those fields will vary in different parts of the state, Levin noted. "Many health care jobs are universally in demand across the state." Hospitality, advanced manufacturing and biotechnology are other sectors that con-



tribute to Michigan's economy.

In the program, workers will receive up to \$5,000 per year for two years, with additional time allowed to accommodate working people but no more money than the \$10,000.

Some workers are expected to complete bachelor's or master's degrees, Levin said, if that's appropriate for job needs in the state. "The point is to get everybody up to speed on the jobs that are in demand in Michigan."

The NWLB program is planned to start enrollment this week, Aug. 1, and workers can enroll through the end of July 2010. Work can be done after that enrollment cutoff, and Levin noted the new governor and Legislature could make changes.



"Gov. Granholm's very serious about this," he said. She and others had noted so much churning in the Michigan workforce, with many concentrated in low-income jobs or unemployed.

"We can really come out of this very strong," Levin said. Michigan has a great manufacturing base still, he added, but those jobs now require computer skills. Levin dislikes the phrase of moving to a knowledgebased economy, noting "the knowledge economy includes manufacturing."

The state's 28 community colleges have been heavily involved in No Worker Left Behind as part of their mission/tradition of working with

adults. "They are a major participant in this program," he said. "They helped design it." Proprietary schools that have programs meeting NWLB rules are also eligible, as are universities.

It's mostly federal money supporting NWLB, and Levin said it's not really a partisan issue with lawmakers and businesspeople agreeing on the need for a trained workforce. "This is really a program that is supported by everyone." Many well-paying jobs in our state can't be filled due to lack of qualified candidates, he said.

The state's goal is to train 100,000 people over three years, adult workers but with a broad definition of that term. "It's aimed at anybody who needs new skills, new credentials," Levin said. The unemployed and families earning \$40,000 or less (regardless of family size) are eligible.

To learn more, visit www.michigan.gov/nwlb online or call Michigan Works! at (800) 285-9675 (WORKS).

"It really is a tall order," said Levin, who's nevertheless confident about NWLB. The challenge is "to inspire and empower people to take a chance on themselves," he said.

Some workers believe they can't learn new skills, but Levin disagrees with that mindset. "Really, it's sort of a myth you have to be some sort of brainiac" to change careers. The program doesn't offer income support, which is why planners extended its timeframe to allow people to work.

NWLB is intended to cover tuition, books, fees and lab fees. There's also separate additional help planned with child care and transportation costs to encourage people to get off public assistance.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, is supportive of NWLB. There is \$37 million in federal money for workforce training, Anderson said, adding that local school districts that offer such training will likely be included, such as Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

"If we're going to turn Michigan around, we do have to invest in our capital," said Anderson, who represents Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Redford, of the program.

Some people displaced by the auto industry are not trained properly to fill jobs such as nursing, he noted.

"We have to be a stimulus." Anderson agrees with the need to train the state workforce, "hopefully diversifying it even further."





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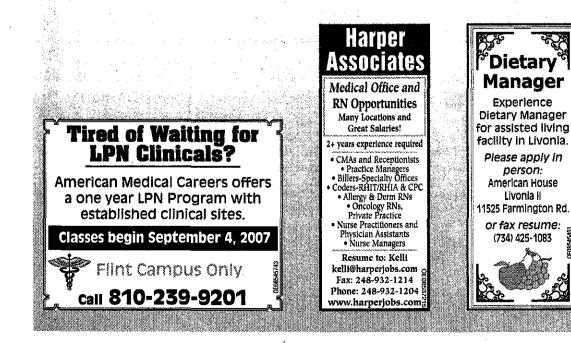


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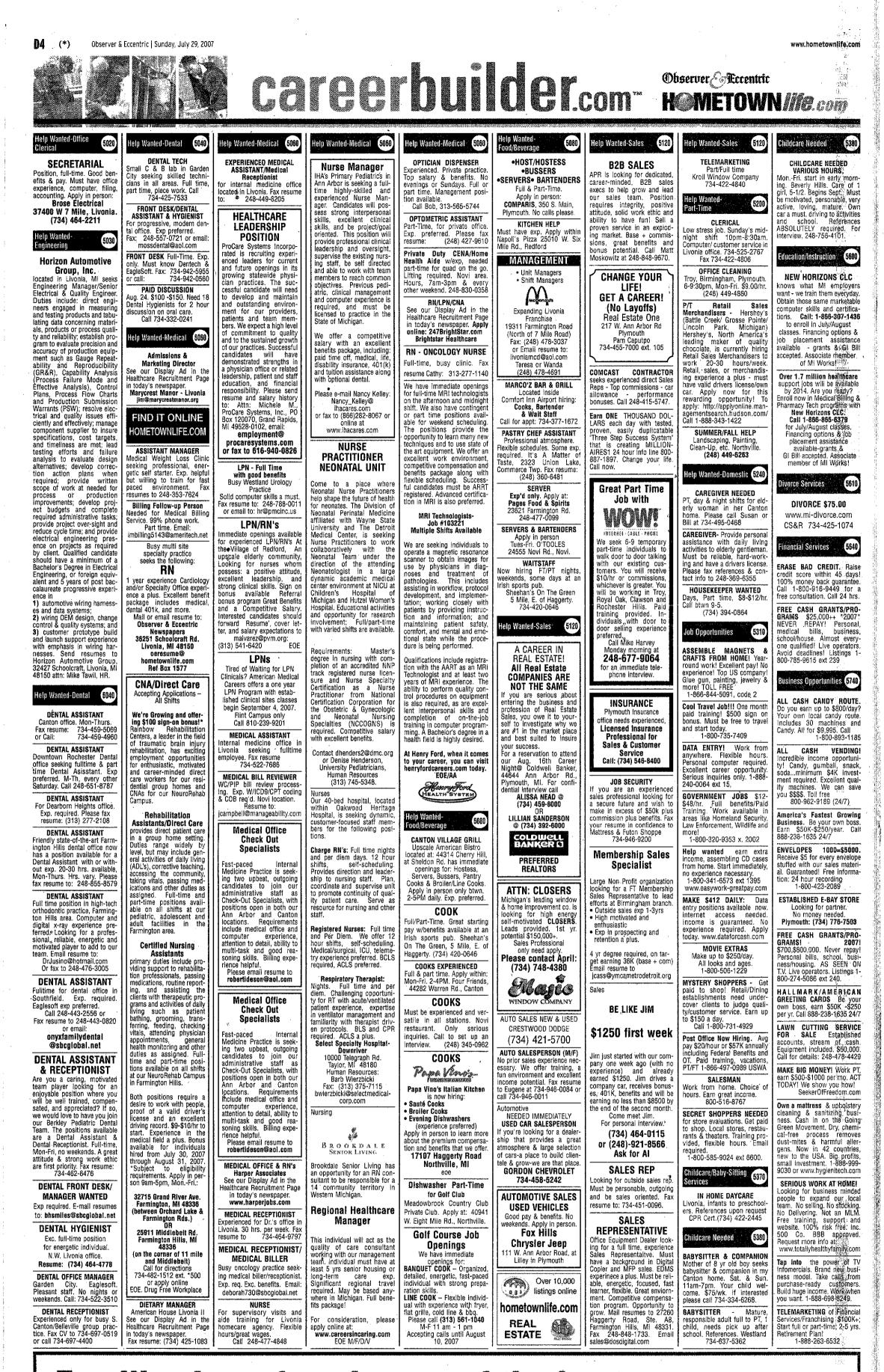
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Golf outing

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will host its 2007 golf outing, "North Oakland County Golf Classic" 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Beacon Hills Golf Course, 601 Majestic Oaks Drive in Commerce Township. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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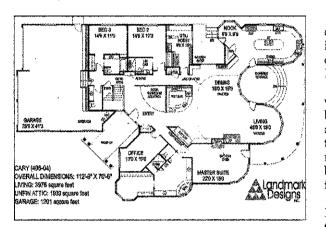
Some homes can only be described as "special, fantastic, artistic, unusual, and beautiful." The Cary (405-04) is truly one of those homes. It has an unusual shape, a beautiful exterior, a fantastic amount of windows, a special entry, and an artistic floor plan. The entry to the 3,975-square-foot Cary has a ramp.

Once inside, facing the door is a rock garden with aquatics. A wet bar backs up to this, complete with a dishwasher, refrigerator, and a sink. A uniquely shaped office has been provided. The master suite is a statement of luxury and spaciousness. The suite is curved with numerous windows. There is a gas fireplace with an entertainment center above.

The master bath has a walk-in shower and toilet with pocket doors, two sinks located in enormous counters surrounding an oval tub. The walk-in closet has been designed to include a curved sitting room lined with windows.

"Unique, luxurious, and innovative" only begins to describe this home. The living room and dining room is vaulted and very open. The two rooms form an "S" on the outside, which is encompassed by windows that overlook the yard and a covered round terrace.

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The final oval area at the rear of this regal home is the kitchen. Windows line the counter space. There is a built-in dishwasher and oven. An island bar containing the stove is in the center of the kitchen. A nook sits at the rear of the kitchen, surrounded by windows looking out on the garden patio. There is a buffet running along the wall of the triangular walk-in pantry. Clean clothes are a necessary item and this luxurious home has an innovative utility/hobby room. There is a workbench for doing crafts, along with the washer/ dryer, ironing board, folding table, and storage area. In the hall is a large walk-in linen closet.

The two bedrooms each have their own baths and wall closets. One bath contains a shower and the other bath contains a tub. Between the two rooms is an alcove that can be used any way imaginable. The stairs to the attic are located in this area. For the convenience of the outdoor type, there is a half bath situated by the back door leading to the garage. The garage is a four-car unit large enough for a shop.

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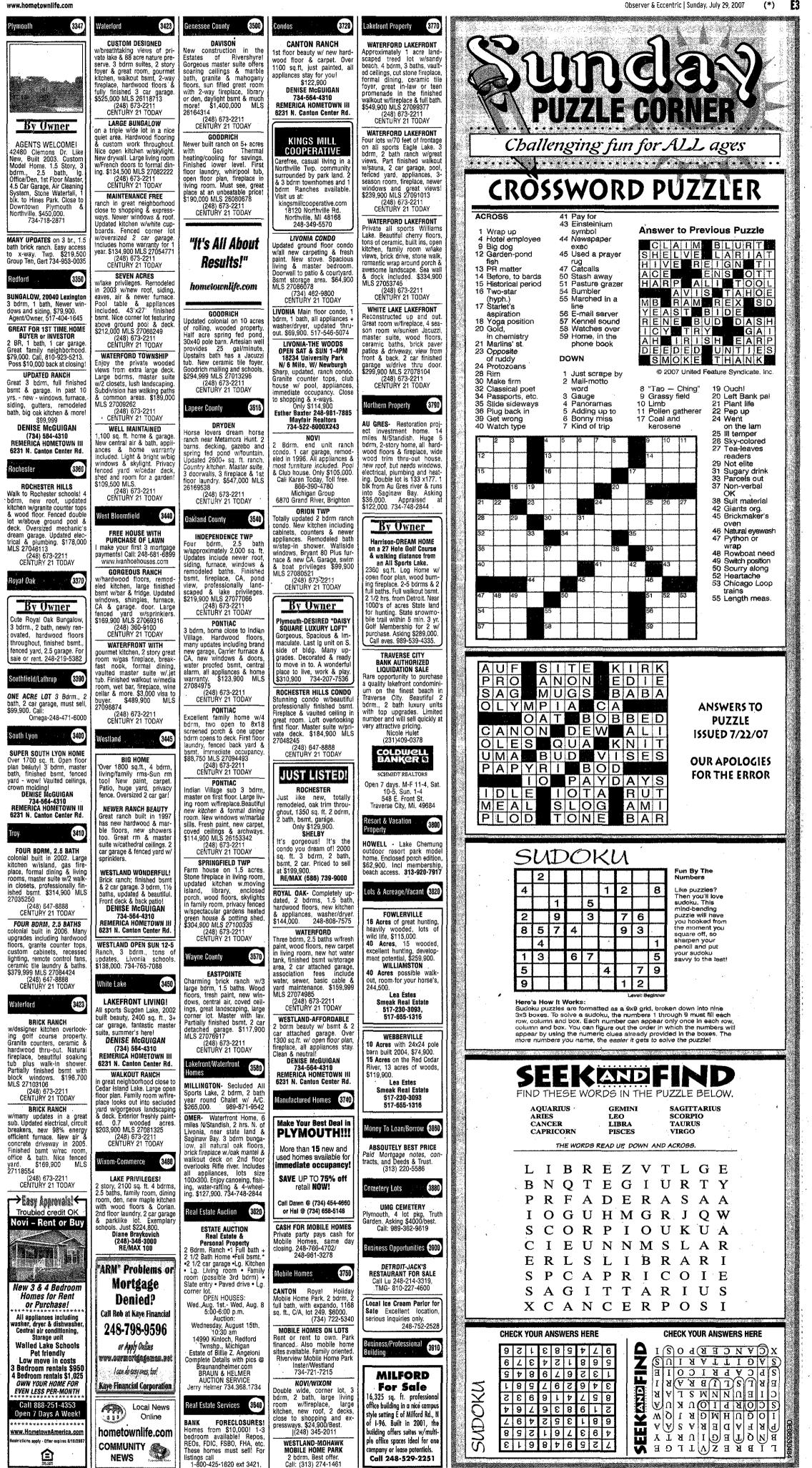




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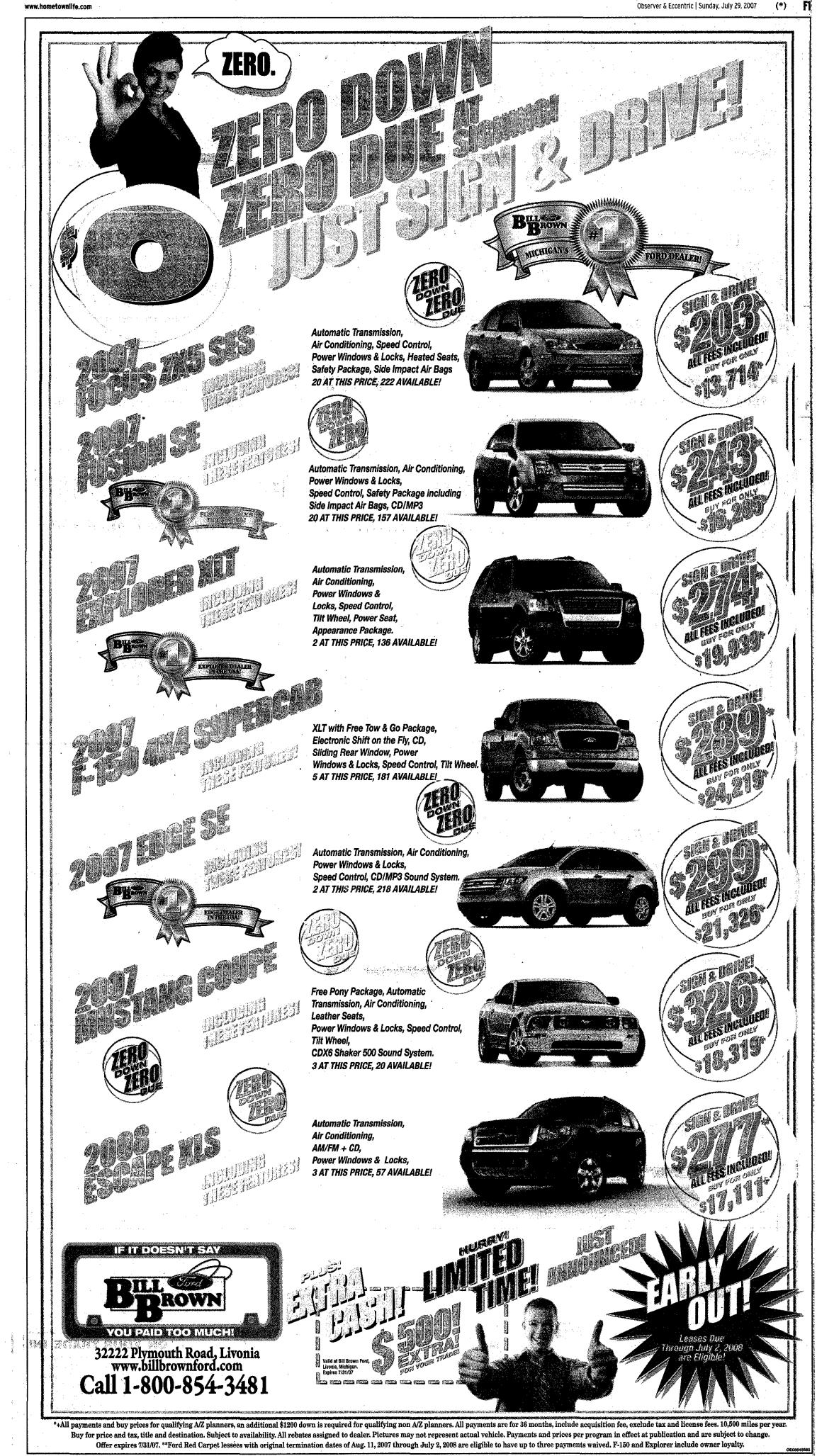


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VW Rabbit hatchback a great value

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I had heard the Volkswagen Rabbit was perky and fun to drive, but until I got behind the wheel of one, I didn't quite know how perky.

Man, that is one quick little car. I barely touched the gas pedal and the Rabbit scampered forward, as though it were being chased by a bear. Zooming around the curves of M-53 I found it difficult to ease up, and enjoyed immensely the ride offered by the 2007 Rabbit.

Carsdirect.com alleges the Rabbit jumps from 0-60 miles per hour in 9 seconds, and though I didn't time the acceleration myself, I can't disagree with such a statement. It's not terribly quick by today's standards, but for what the Rabbit is designed, that speed is just fine.

According to Wikipedia, the Rabbit has had a long and colorful history. Its manufacture began in 1974, with the original design by Italian auto designer Giorgetto Giugiaro. In later years, the Rabbit's name was changed to the Caribe, CitiGolf, Cabriolet, Caddy and, more recently, the Golf.

Because the Rabbit sold so well when it was first introduced, the Golf's name was changed back to bring back the original. History was made, and now the Rabbit can be purchased for a mere \$14,990.

Such a low price makes driving this car even more fun, and it's hard to let off the gas pedal once the Rabbit really gets running.

A 2.5 liter 5-cylinder 150-horsepower engine might not sound like much but for the size of the car, it's enough. I did notice, however, the Rabbit had no problem accelerating but there was a bit of a grinding sound and feeling upon deceleration. I chalked this up to Volkswagen's history of loud, though smoothly operating, engines, and let it go.

After all, with 22 miles per gallon city and 30 miles per gallon highway, there's little to complain about. Driving over bumpy roads isn't a problem in the Rabbit,

as the redesigned car was built with a stiffer suspension for exactly that type of situation. A 102-inch, or 8.5-foot, wheelbase allows the Rabbit to balance its nearly 14 footlong frame anywhere, keeping drivers and passengers comfortable.

The 2007 Rabbit is offered in seven colors, with two



It began as a Rabbit, then was renamed the Golf, and now goes by its original name once again. The 2007 Rabbit is quick, fun and a pleasure to drive. The Rabbit is a good value at under \$15,000.

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interior color options available only on the four-door model. Tornado Red is pretty eye-catching, but Shadow Blue is mysterious and smooth.

Not all drivers will be happy with the Rabbit's interior, though: any people with broad shoulders would find themselves cramped in the front seat, and even my 5-foot-7 frame felt squeezed. Carsdirect.com claims the Rabbit seats five, and while that seems entirely possible - the rear is comfortable and fairly roomy - there is not much leg room afforded by the front two seats.

I doubt my 6-foot-4 brother Nicholas Fracassa would fit nicely in any seat in this car, but then again, he doesn't fit nicely in any car.

In the driver's seat, all controls and gauges are easy to reach and read, reflecting VW's attention to detail and appreciation of simplicity. An in-dash CD player with MP3 capability is standard, and the glovebox is refrigerated.

A very cool feature on the 2007 Rabbit: there is a small foot rest on the left side of the floor of the driver's seat, which offers relief to wandering, lonely left feet during long stretches of travel.

If only my Chevy truck offered such a feature, I wouldn't have to stick my foot out the window while driving.

The Rabbit comes with traction control, making slippery roads just a little less dangerous for VW drivers. Gas-pressurized front and rear shocks and front and rear anti-roll bars allow for even more balance.

To further the safety of Rabbit drivers, the 2007 twodoor model provides driver and passenger front impact air bags, seat mounted driver and passenger side impact air bags, and even an overhead one, for side curtain

protection. Side impact bars and seat belt pretensioners reduce the risk of whiplash and on the four-door model, a

rear side impact air bag is available. Because it's a hatchback, the Rabbit doesn't allow for much cargo room: 15 cubic feet of trunk space on both the two- and four-door models.

Classed as a compact, the Rabbit goes up against opponents like the Toyota Corolla, the Honda Civic and the Ford Focus.

As far as hatchbacks go, the Rabbit has the Focus beat. The two-door VW offers 46 cubic feet of interior room, while the Focus delivers only 40. The Rabbit is taller, longer and while it costs a little more than its competitor (the two-door Focus hatchback goes for \$13,715 at a base model) it's still a great buy, though the Focus gets an estimated 27 mpg city and 37 mpg highway.

The Rabbit is fun, easy to drive and satisfies nearly every desire a compact car owner could have, so those shopping for a new car should definitely take a look in . VW's direction, despite how this car's main competitor might stack up against it.

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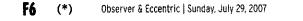
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