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Rising student count pushes district higher up the list

BY TONY BRUSCATO

Despite a rough Michigan economy which has resulted in many people losing their jobs and moving out of state, the Plymouth-Canton school district continues to grow.

While many school districts throughout the state are recording enrollment declines, P-CCS reported to state officials its student count increased by 219, which is up from administration predictions of 183.

"I think it's a point of pride that we're still a destination and have programs that attract people," Supt. Jim Ryan said. "Last year, I said we would have 200 kids a year for the next five years, and I still believe that."

The increase keeps P-CCS as the fourth-largest school district in the state, but it's gaining on Grand Rapids, which lost 880 students this year for a total enrollment of 20,064. Detroit remains the largest district with an unofficial 109,474 students, followed by Utica with 29,575. Dearborn is fifth, behind Plymouth-Canton, with 18,808 students, followed by Livonia at 17,713.

Ryan said he's not concerned about the increasing size of the district.

"I don't feel the number of kids is ever daunting," Ryan said. "It's how you choose leadership to lead students, how you work with your school board and use key leaders to the very best of their ability.'

Ryan said the enrollment increase, along with a \$90 jump in per-pupil funding from the state, will give the district \$1.8 million more in the general fund, which could go a long way in reducing this year's projected budget deficit.

"We're hanging around the \$3.4 million mark, and our job is to take preliminary figures and try to better perform," Ryan said, "and that comes from looking at utilities and health care, the two primary areas for spending, and our

own spending.
"The goal is to try and have the budget finish in the black, and it's in reach," he added. "We cut \$12 million in the last six years."

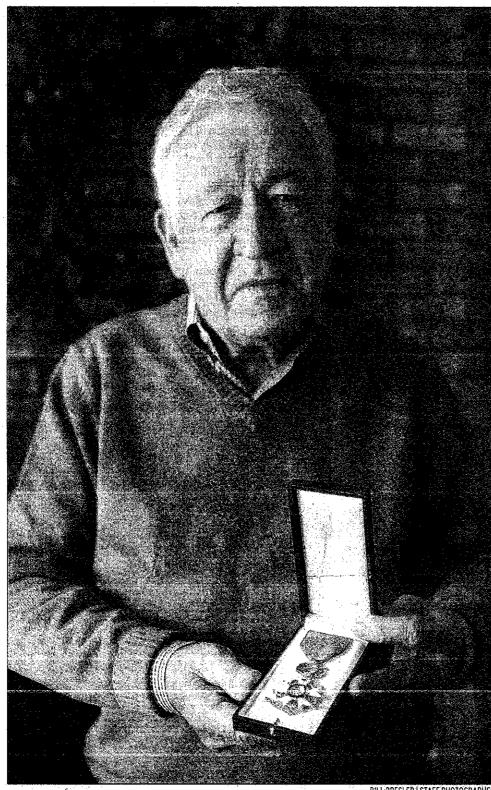
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BY THE NUMBERS

Here's a look at the top five districts, by student population, in

the state: District Students 109,474 Detroit 29,575 Utica **Grand Rapids** 20,064 Plymouth-Canton 18,808

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Paul Coen received the Legion of Honor from France, for his service in World War II.

A hero mot forgotten

French government honors bravery, sacrifice of WWII combat medic

With a replica of Old Glory gently swaying above the garage door and another American flag breezing in the backyard, it's not hard to believe that a decorated WWII veteran resides at the well-kept Devon Lane home in Canton.

"I don't have bad memories of that time," says Paul Coen, 84, as he strokes his cat, Smokey, and smiles at his wife, Lee. "Being a combat medic was a tough way

PAUL COEN

Age: 84

Home: Canton

Military service: Joined the Army in January 1943, and served as combat medic; landed at Normandy on D-Day; German POW for 11 months; U.S. Air Force, 1951-69.

Honor: Knight of the Legion of Honor from the French government

to make a dollar but human nature is kind. It lets you remember the pleasant things." Coen, who touched

down in Normandy on D-Day and was captured six days later, recently received the Knight of the Legion of Honor from the French government.

As he opens the small burgundy box

that contains the prestigious green and white medal, Coen shakes his head and says he didn't do anything out of the ordinary during his service.

"It was tough duty but we were only doing our jobs," the grandfather of four says. The French Republic kindly disagrees.

In a letter to Coen, French Counsel General Jean-Baptiste Main de Boissiere wrote: "My fellow countrymen will never forget your sacrifice. Their children and grandchildren are as proud of your courageous actions as can be your own children and grandchildren."

Main de Boissiere, who is based in Chicago, was in Detroit Nov. 2 to present Coen and three other WWII

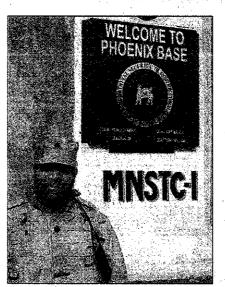
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Teens start drive to supply Iraqi students

BY TONY BRUSCATO

When Plymouth-Canton Educational Park assistant principal Lt. Col. J. Calvin White, who is serving his second tour of duty in Iraq, recently sent an e-mail seeking help in collecting school supplies for students in Iraq, Canton High School's Student Council Class of 2009 didn't hesitate.

The group began collecting pencils, paper, rulers, glue sticks and other supplies — as well as monetary donations to help with shipping - in an effort to help one of



Lt. Col. Jeffrey White

"It's a really great opportunity to help someone we know, who's doing a really great thing," said Preethi Bandri, 16, of Canton Township. "We wanted to help students in Iraq who are somewhat like us, but in very different situations."

"It really opened our eyes on how they don't have things that we really take for granted, like just having pencils," added Fernanda Pereira,

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Area teens add their 'voices' to our pages

The Canton Observer is proud to present "Student Voices," stories for teens and by teens in today's hometownLIFE.com section.

A group of high school students, mentored by O&E staff members will report, write and photograph issues important to them throughout the 2007-08 academic year.

If you wonder what teens are thinking about, don't miss this first installment of Student Voices in print and online at www.hometownlife.com (click on the Student Voices logo and read all the stories by teens throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties).

The students, with help from their mentors, Tiffany L. Parks and Bill Bresler, prepared today's stories and

Today's featured writers applied to be a student journalist at the start of the school year. They attended a twohour orientation session on writing and photography, brainstormed ideas, did the interviews and research and submitted the material for editing and feedback to their mentors.

"Not only was I thrilled when all of our students arrived at the orientation session with great story ideas, I was

excited about the work they submitted," Parks said. "I am looking forward to seeing more from our students."

This installment will touch on the college application process, a new method of foreign language instruction and Catholic school funding.

As your hometown newspaper, we believe it's important to hear from younger readers and give them a forum to express themselves. They will be the journalists of the future.

Congratulations to these outstanding students.

This marks the second year for the program. Last year's crop of budding journalists did such a great job and their work was met with such enthusiasm by print and online readers, continuing the program was an easy decision. A handful of students who participated last year are back.

We hope you enjoy their work and look for more to come from our panel of teen writers and photographers in

We welcome your comments.

- Susan Rosiek executive editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers srosiek@hometownlife.com

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Coming Thursday



Corrections

■ Plymouth's lone goal in its 1-1 tie with Livonia Churchill on Wednesday, Oct. 3, was scored on a header by Dany Jasewicz that was assisted by Colin Rolfe. The story in Sunday's Observer mistakenly

described it as an own goal. ■ The editorial in Sunday's Observer should have pointed out the difference between the basic bids from superintendent search firms was some \$2,500.

Flu shot clinics

TCF Bank Michigan in conjunction with the Visiting Nurse Association will offer flu shot clinics for the public at select TCF Bank branches from Monday, Nov. 12 through Friday, Nov. 16. In Canton, flu shots will given at the TCF Ford Road branch at 45375 Ford Road (between N. Canton Center and West Franklin Drive) from 3-6 p.m. on Tuesday. Cost is \$25. For more information, call (734) 542-2985.

Corriveau coffee hours

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, who represents a portion of Canton, invites residents to talk over a cup of coffee during his coffee hour at Services Departments are the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman Ave. in Plymouth, on Monday, Nov. 12, from 8-9

Corriveau holds coffee hours, office hours and other events throughout the 20th District to talk with as many residents as possible about any issues or concerns.

Corriveau's regular office hours are scheduled for the first Monday of every month at the Wavne Public Library: the first Friday of every month at Northville City Hall: and the third Monday of every month at the Plymouth District Library. All office hours are from 10-11 a.m.

If your business or organization would like to schedule an event with Corriveau, contact his office at (877) 20TH-REP (208-4737).

Canton trail committee

Canton residents interested in helping to support, maintain, improve and champion the new Lower Rouge River trail system should plan to attend an open meeting Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Parkview Room of the Summit on the Park. Canton's Leisure and Municipal

hosting the meeting in an effort to form a residential steering committee for the new trails.

Construction of a nonmotorized trial system along the Lower Rouge River began earlier this year in an effort to meet the residential demand for more outdoor recreation opportunities. Construction of the trail system is a multiphase project that will take years to complete. The first phase of the system is being constructed from Sheldon Road to Haggerty Road and will open in the spring of 2008.

The Nov. 14 meeting is open to all Canton residents and light refreshments will be served. For more information on the steering committee please call Canton's Parks Division at (734) 394-5310.

Historic holidays

Canton will host the 6th annual open house Holidays at Bartlett-Travis House on Friday, Nov 16, from 6:30-9 p.m., and Saturday, Nov 17, from 1-4 p.m., with storytelling from 4-5 p.m.

This year offers two opportunities to tour this restored



Trying to get to Florida

Members of the Belleville High School Marching Band shot off a bonus check of \$500 for raising the most funds in September in the Little Caesars pizza kit fund-raising program. The marching band recently broke all records by selling \$26,000 worth of pizza kits. This sale qualified them to receive the bonus check of \$500. The band made a total profit of \$9,340.50 (including bonus) going toward their upcoming trip to the Outback Bowl in Florida during winter break. The band will be leaving by bus on Dec. 26 and will march in the Disney parade, the Ybor City parade, spend New Year's at Busch Gardens, and then return to Belleville on Jan. 2. They are holding several other fundraisers. If you would like to support any of the marching band's fund-raisers, or if you would like to make a donation to help with the trip, contact BHS Band Boosters through Sue Altobello at (734) 699-6682.

Desert Lily by Peter Pascaris In this haunting novel, based on a true story, mental depression, sexual temptation, and society's skewed perception threaten to destroy one couple's marriage. Come and See Peter Pascaris. creator of Desert Lily, a novel Saturday, Nov. 17 5 to 7 pm Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center 1516 Cranbrook Rd., Birmingham, MI www.BBartcenter.org 248-644-0866

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historic home, which will be "dressed" for the holiday season, located on Ridge Road just north of Cherry Hill in Cherry Hill Village.

On Friday night from 6:30-9 p.m., people are invited to sip hot cocoa and listen to nostalgic melodies sung by vintage

On Saturday afternoon, the house will be open for viewing from 1-4 p.m. The kitchen will offer cookies and cocoa for

all to enjoy. From 4-5 p.m. a storyteller will weave holiday yarns for all ages.

The open house viewing is free and open to the general public. Registration is necessary for

storytelling. For more information, visit

Canton's Web site at www.canton-mi.org.

Thanksgiving dinner

The Canton Community

Thanksgiving Dinner will take place from 2-8 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 21 at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz Road, Canton.

This is a free traditional Thanksgiving dinner for Canton families and seniors in

For more information, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce office at (734) 453-





Cadets pause to honor veterans

STAFF WRITER

In a ceremony filled with precise moves and pageantry, members of the Wayne Memorial High School JROTC Zebra Battalion gathered on the lawn of the school Friday morning to honor the nation's veterans.

"The cadets did it right, being it's our fourth year," said retired 1st Sgt. Steven LaHaine, the battalion's senior Army instructor. "This is the first year we've had fourth-year cadets."

Cadet Capt. Jessica Hensley served as narrator for the program which included the reading of the reading from a proclamation issued by President George W. Bush, told the audience that Americas veterans Cadet 1st. Lt. Rvan Crayne told the audience that, "In times of war and of peace, our men and women in uniform stepped forward to defend their fellow citizens and the country they love." "They shouldered great responsibility and lived up to the highest standards of duty and honor," he said, reading from the proclamation. "They ensured that America remained what



Zebra Battalion Commander Cadet Maj. Andrew Pate, a senior, stands at attention as the Wayne Memorial High School JROTC present their fourth annual Veteran's Day ceremony.

our founders meant her to be: a light to the nations, spreading the good news of human freedom to the darkest corners of the earth. On Veterans Day, we honor these extraordinary Americans for their service and sacrifice, and we pay tribute to the legacy of freedom and peace that they have given our great Nation.

Four cadets - 2nd Lt. Timothy Bliven, 1st Lt. Rachael Barton, 2nd Lt. Shawn Polite and Master Sgt. Jennifer Schulte - recounted the number of men and women who served and who died for their country since the American Revolution.

A pair of boots, a rifle and beret served as reminders of those who have died, and each of the cadet speakers placed a flag at the makeshift memorial to honor Americas war dead.

Members of the Wayne Memorial High School marching band performed the National Anthem at the ceremony, while Cadet Cpl. Muata Mason played Taps.

Also addressing the gathering was Commander Roy Yaple of the Military Officers Association of America who talked about the sacrifices veterans have made and thanked them for serving. Yaple served 21 years in the U.S. Navy.

The ceremony comes on the heels of the battalion's strong showing at national competition last weekend.

According to LaHaine, the cadets placed sixth overall in the nation and third in cross country rescue in National Raider competition. They also landed two fifth-place finishes in five-mile team run and gauntlet, which included a 150meter river crossing, low crawl and obstacles. It also placed 10th in the rope bridge and Army physical fitness test.

"This is significant considering it was their first attempt and most of the schools involved have done this for year, and had competed on the terrain many times before," LaHaine said. "I was proud of the competition results, but I was most proud of the way they maintained their military bearing and represented Wayne, the Wayne-Westland Community School District and JROTC so well.

"By the end of the day, everyone there knew about 'that team from Michigan' in a posi-

The National Raider Competition was held Nov. 3 in Athens, Ga.

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Cadet Cpl. Muata Mason, a junior, plays 'Taps' during the ceremony.

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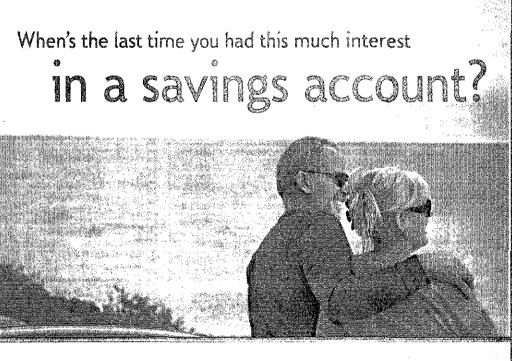
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Community Foundation achieves major milestone

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BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

A designation 18 months in the making couldn't have come at a sweeter time for the Canton Community Foundation.

The foundation, which was created for and by Canton residents, recently received notification that it achieved the national standards set by the Council on Foundations.

Joan Noricks, CCF president, said the milestone is a major accomplishment for the township foundation, which was created in 1990.

"The application process was so rigorous and intense,' she said. "We worked on this for more than a year and we've been recognized among our peers as equal. It gives us a level of credibility that we really do know what we are doing."

Noricks, who likened the honor to the Good Housekeeping Seal for community foundations, said the recent notification from the Washington D.C-based Council on Foundations will make this year's national Community Foundation Week even more

The week, Nov. 12-18, is designed to celebrate more than 770 community foundations across the country.

Noricks, who has steered the CCF since 1994, said the township joins about 200 other community foundations in compliance with the national organization's standards.

"We are proud to have met such standards in donor services, investment management, grant making and administration," she said. "We are a really small foundation so with the level of work this takes, this is a huge, big deal for us."

The honor highlights the need for transparency, accountability and financial security. CCF holds a dozen endowment funds for local organizations such as First Step, Yazaki North America,



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton Community Foundation President Joan Noricks, shown here with Bob Boyer at the opening of the Cady-Boyer Barn, says the new recognition is a great honor.

Inc. and the Leadership Canton Alumni Association. The foundation also awards 34 scholarships to local students.

"This (honor) is a cool thing for the community," Noricks said. "This has always been a love for me but this lets our donors know they really do

have a legitimate foundation in the community that is able to assist them with their philanthropic goals."

To learn more about CCF, log on to www.cantonfoundation.

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Lilley Road set to open this week

Lilley Road is tentatively scheduled to re-open to thru traffic on Tuesday. If the weather cooperates, the contractor will open up two lanes Tuesday evening on the east

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as the contractor prepares to reconstruct the west side of the

The project began in August in order to improve pavement conditions, relieve traffic congestion, and fix the deteriorating bridge over Willow Creek.

The project consists of tearing out and replacing four lanes from Ford Road to Willow Creek, adding a lane from Willow Creek to Hanford Road and milling and resurfaçing four lanes of Lilley Road from Hanford to Warren roads.

In addition, 1,200 feet of sidewalk will be constructed along the west side of Lilley Road from Hanford to Warren roads and the bridge that carries Lilley Road over Willow Creek will be replaced.

The project is anticipated to be completed by mid-December. Please drive carefully through the construction area and follow all poster detours.

For more information on Canton road projects, visit www.canton-mi.org.



Remembering Brighton Beach

Local theater group Spotlight Players is presenting the show 'Brighton Beach Memoirs,' which was written by Neil Simon, Nov. 16-18, 23-25, 30, and Dec. 1 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m., and Sunday performances are at 2 p.m. For information about tickets, which are \$15-\$18, visit www.spotlightplayers.net. Brighton Beach Memoirs contains adult content and mature themes. The staff working on the play includes Director Christian Cash, Assistant Director and Stage Manager Kimberly Adams, Producer Christopher Tremblay, Nancy Adams (costumes), Bob Wellman (set construction), Lori Dick (props), Kelly Little (sound engineer), and Kelvin Elvidge (lighting engineer).

Griffin service helps holiday mourning

The folks at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton know the holidays present a challenge for families grieving the loss of loved ones.

That's why the funeral home hosts its 13th annual Holiday Service 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15 at the Griffin Funeral Home-Canton Chapel, located at 42600 Ford Road (west of Lilley).

The service is open not only to families who have been served by Griffin, but also to other families in the community, as well.

"Our service is for those families ... who wish to honor their memory," David Griffin said. "This memorial service has given great comfort to families in the Plymouth, Canton and surrounding communities."

This year's service will feature Cathy Clough, the Plymouth resident who runs the New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville, leading the service in asking questions such as why it's important to plan for holidays, what can be done about decorating, sending holiday greetings and other holiday-related activities, and how to make the holidays special for small children when you don't really feel like celebrating. "The holiday season is a very difficult time for those who have experienced a death," Griffin said. "Cathy's seminar will help families cope with those feelings during this time of year."

A candle-lit service will also be featured, led by Fr. Jack Baker of St. Mary Catholic Church and Pastor Drexel Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church.

Refreshments will follow the service, along with a time to mingle with others who face

similar feelings and emotions. For more information about the service, call (734) 981-1700.

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affect the economy is difficult to say. We live in a diverse economy and how a recession would affect one state may be totally different than how it would affect another state.

whether we are A perfect example is the U.S. economy over the last year. In most states the economy has been performing very well and then we have Michigan. You can make a good argument that Michigan already is in a recession because we were the only state last year that had a declining GDP. If the national economy goes into a recession, it may not have the same impact on Michigan as it would in other states.

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What also makes it difficult diversified portfolio. This includes investments in fixedincome areas such as U.S. Treasuries, corporate bonds and even fixed annuities as well as a diversified portfolio of equities including foreign and domestic stocks.

> There is no question there are issues with the economy. We have rising energy prices, a problem in the credit market and a difficult real estate market. However, it is not a certainty we will enter into a recession. Whether we go into a recession, investors should be very cautious about making radical changes in their portfolios. If we do have a recession, there is no reason to panic. We've been in recessions before. One thing that has always happened is the U.S. economy, over a short period of time, begins to grow and investors who were patient and did not panic were able to prosper over the long run.

Dear Rick: Hopefully,

you can settle a bet with a friend of mine. He entered a poker tournament and won \$10,000. I told him he has to pay taxes on his winnings. He says since he is not a professional gambler he doesn't have to report the money as income. Does he have to pay taxes on his winnings?

Congratulations! You won the bet. Whether your friend is a professional gambler is only one factor in determining how he reports the income and any deductions he's entitled. Bottom line is the \$10,000 is subject to taxes. It is similar to winning the lottery. Playing the lottery is a form of gambling and is subject to income tax.

There has been an explosion in poker tournaments throughout the country over the last few years. According to new rules and regulations recently issued by the IRS, poker tournaments are required to report winnings of

more than \$5,000 to the IRS starting March 2008.

Gambling earnings always have been subject to income taxes. A lot of people believe since those earnings are not reported to the IRS they are not subject to taxes. That is not the case.

It is important to understand the great majority of our tax laws are self-enforcing. Just because income such as gambling winnings are not currently reported to the IRS does not mean that it is not subject to income taxes - they are. Unfortunately, gambling

losses on the other hand are not deductible. Many people would say that's not fair, however, who said tax laws had to be fair. One of the greatest misnomers about tax laws is that they are supposed to be fair and equitable. They are not. It's a reality all Americans must accept.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

Enter for chance to dine with Mark

The Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Florine Mark of Weight Watchers. Mark is known throughout metro Detroit as a successful businesswoman and philanthro-

In 100 words or less, tell us why you would like to have lunch or dinner with Florine Mark at Buddy's Pizza.

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Deadline to enter the contest is 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16.

The winner will be treated named after her on the Buddy's to a limo ride, courtesy of All Class Transportation, makeover by Utopia Salon & Spa on Main Street in Northville (hair by Sebastian and makeup by ILSE), a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield

No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top "fan" letters. The star featured for the month makes the final selection.



Contest to award dinosaur dig to Michigan classroom

Michigan paleontologist PaleoJoe has announced a contest for Michigan schools, grades 1-6, for an entire classroom to win a dinosaur dig at Wyoming Dinosaur Center in Thermopolis, Wyo.

"We are very excited to offer this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said PaleoJoe, who found

a triceratops three months ago. One of less than 50 have been

The children and their chaperones will be taken to the dig by Blue Lakes Charters and Tours. The contest, which started Oct. 12, ends Nov. 25. To enter visit www.MyFoxDetroit. com or www.paleojoe.com.

Each week, for six weeks, kids, parents and teachers can enter by answering a series of questions based on PaleoJoe's Dinosaur Detective Club books written by PaleoJoe and Wendy Caszatt-Allen, a graduate of Interlochen Academy of Arts and Michigan State University. To find the books, go to your

local bookstore or www.mackinacislandpress.com.

Each week there will be four new questions based on PaleoJoe's Dinosaur Detective Club series, Parents, teachers, and each child (with their parent's permission) can enter every week to increase their classroom's chance to win.

Arts Commission spotlights photography, quilts

The Livonia Arts Commission exhibits photography and quilts through Nov.

Van Nazarian's images continue on display in the second

floor Fine Arts Gallery at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington

For information, call (734) 466-2490 during the regularly Farmington road.

scheduled library hours.

The Michigan Quilt Artist Invitational fills the Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of

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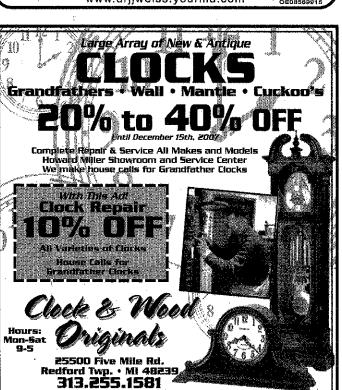
If you experience such arthritis, you have reason to feel initiated and angry. The arthritis is forever in your way. Evenings are not available for entertainment. You may be too tired to go out, or may need to leave an event early. Going to a movie may be an ordeal; the prolonged sitting leads to unbearable stiffness when the show ends.

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veterans with France's highest honor. The country has been recognizing U.S. veterans since the 60th anniversary of D-Day in 2004.

"Nov. 2 (was) a time to celebrate the extraordinary achievements of these men, as well as the crucial contribution of the United States at a difficult period of French history," Main de Boissiere wrote.

The other honored veterans were Richard Rizzio of Interlochen, Sarkis Atanosian of Allen Park and Vernon Zimmerman of Monroe.

Coen, who grew up in the Boston area, joined the Army in January 1943.

"Nobody wanted to stav home or be caught in civilian clothes," he chuckled. "The camaraderie that existed in the military you don't get in civilian life. I've never run into it anywhere other than in the armed forces."

Coen, who was impris-

Paul Coen's Chevalier De La Legion

oned for 11 months after running into a NAZI ambush with his comrades, was the only survivor among a group of more than

"You had to stay positive bananas," he said.

Having later escaped from the prison camp, Coen's Army service ended in 1945. He later joined the U.S. Air Force and served from 1951-

VETERAN'S DAY CLOSINGS

All Canton government offices. the Michigan Secretary of State, and the local Post Office will be closed Monday in observance of Veteran's Day, Summit on the Park and the Canton Public Library will be open however.

"We are both very patriotic and I'm really proud of him," Lee Coen said.

The two, who have been married since 1991, have a glass case in their Canton home that displays the veteran's collection of med-

"I think we are going to frame this one, too," Paul Coen said, adding that he and his wife have traveled to France several times to visit the sites of his imprisonment.

"The French are wonderful people," he said, running his finger across his new, polished medal. "This is an honor and a surprise.'

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Local companies let military families create videos

VideoMagic Productions, Clix Portrait Studio and Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury in Garden City are teaming up to give military families the chance to record a video message and have professional photographs taken to send to their deployed loved ones for the holidays.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury at 32000 Ford Road between Merriman and Venoy in Garden City.

VideoMagic Productions, a national award winning video production studio in Canton, wanted to help the community by using video for something that would truly make a difference in people's lives.

"This seemed like the perfect

and executive producer of VMP. "With the holidays rapidly approaching, it made sense to offer this as a special gift to military personnel."

After discovering that a neighboring photographer Clix Portrait Studio already had been hipping free family photos to any military based overseas, it seemed to make sense to create a package that would marry still pictures and moving video to create a gift that the soldiers will never forget.

John Vena, co-owner of Clix, is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and has had many successful years as a pilot in the U.S. Navy.

"It would mean a lot to my wife and me if we could support some of these young men

fit," said Mark Salloum, owner and women who are away from their loved ones this holiday," said Vena. "Any awareness we can bring to local businesses to join in their support would be great."

Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury is opening its doors, and pockets, for the special event as the corporate sponsor.

We appreciate the sacrifice they are making," said Chris Conley, general sales manager. "Bringing a piece of their families to the soldiers will be a reminder that we do care and are very grateful for what they do."

Military families can call Clix Portrait Studio at (734) 459-2500 to schedule an appointment. Families must bring a name of the soldier and APO/FPO address for shipping on the day of the event.

Banks, nurses team up to give out flu shots

BY WAYNE PEAL COMMUNITY EDITOR

Banks might not be the first place one thinks of when it's time to get a flu shot - or the 20th - but local TCF Bank branches could change that.

They're working with the Visiting Nurse Association of Oak Park to provide flu shots in Southfield and other sites throughout Oakland and Wayne counties.

"Who is eligible to get a flu shot? Just about everyone," said Bev Piskorski of the

"Generally, the only people who shouldn't get them are those with specific allergies, especially to eggs," she said. Shots also aren't recommended for those with Guillain-Barre Syndrome, an inflammatory disorder affecting the nerves outside the brain and spinal cord.

Children six months and older can also receive flu shots, though Piskorski said the VNA/TCF program is geared

for adults. "For children, we would have to have a pediatric nurse pres-

ent," she said. TCF officials said they were looking for a community service project.

"This grew from an idea by

Robert Bergstrom, our executive vice president and director of retail banking," said Carol Uhal, TCF public relations manager.

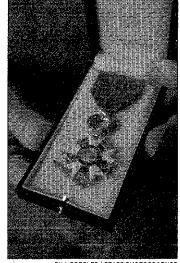
'We have many locations throughout the area and they're generally open later, so that made it a natural for us."

Flu shot clinics will be offered Monday through Friday at the Southfield TCF Branch, 17535 12 Mile, and at select other branches. Shots cost \$25 per person.

Participating branches include:

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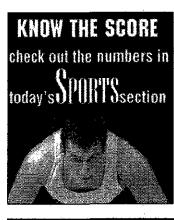
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YWCA luncheon honors Women of Achievement

The YWCA of Western Wayne County is honoring its 2007 Women of Achievement at an awards luncheon Nov. 16, at the Dearborn Inn.

The program begins at 11 a.m. with a silent auction, the awards presentation at 12:15

Tickets are \$40 per person, \$400 for table of 10. The YWCA will also be unveiling an exclusive Women of Achievement sterling silver charm bracelet and omega necklace created by Solstice Designs to commemorate the event. Call (313) 561-4110, Ext. 14, to purchase tickets.

Marjorie Sorge of Plymouth will be honored as Arts and Communication Woman of Achievement. Sorge is passionate about her work for Metaldyne Corp. and many philanthropic organizations.

Ashlee Baracy of Westland will be honored as Young

Professional Woman of Achievement. Baracy, a recent graduate of the University of Michigan, is currently working on her masters' degree in Integrated Marketing and Communication and serving as Miss Wayne County.

Megan Knuth of Livonia will be honored at the event as Young Woman of Achievement. Knuth is currently a senior at Divine Child High School and has been involved in many activities and service projects throughout the community. Carolyn Clifford from WXYZ-TV 7 will be recognized as Woman of the Year at the

Cheryl Phillips-Thill of Northville will be honored as Dedicated Volunteer. Phillips-Thill is the Director of Corporate Purchasing for Masco Corp. in Taylor. She is a strong supporter of charitable work and currently serves on

the board of directors of the Oakwood Healthcare System Foundation and the Michigan Humane Society.

Marilyn French Hubbard of Detroit will represent the Business Leadership category for her work with Henry Ford Health Systems. Jennifer Giering of Dearborn will be recognized in the Law and Government category for her work as president of the Dearborn Chamber of Commerce. Isabelle Behm of Dearborn is president and owner of Xceed Business Solutions and will be honored in the Leadership category.

'These women are true inspirations to our community," said Karen Murphy, CEO of the YWCA of Western Wayne County. "The YWCA is proud to honor these women for their work and dedication to making our community a better place

New terminal will feature more than 30 shops and restaurants

The Wayne County Airport Authority yesterday approved contracts to add more than 30 new shops and restaurants at Detroit Metro Airport's (DTW) new North Terminal scheduled to open in fall 2008.

When complete, the terminal's concession program will add approximately 50,000 square feet of new concession space to DTW, including 14 new gift/ news and specialty retail stores and 15 food and beverage facilities, including two multi-concept food courts.

"With this vote of confidence from our board members, these new restaurant and retail spaces will bring a new level of quality, variety and choice to passengers dining and shopping at our efficient new North Terminal, said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson. "These new concessions will be a tremendous boost for our local

economy, creating 740 new jobs and generating more than \$24 million in economic impact."

The new North Terminal will include brands, such as Brookstone, Borders, Champps Restaurant and Bar, Wendy's, Quiznos, Villa Pizza, McDonald's, National Coney Island, TGI Fridav's, Sora Sushi Bar, The Coffee Beanery, Pasta Bravo, Everything ASAP, Relay news & gift store, Duty Free Americas, Max & Erma's, Caribou Coffee, USA Today Travel Zone, LePetit Bistro and XpresSpa.

The terminal will also feature five concepts that are firsts in any airport including: Ruby Tuesday, Hockeytown Café, Corona Bar & Grill, Cheeburger Cheeburger, and Paul Maison De Qualité--a unique Europeanstyle fresh gourmet deli.

DTW's award-winning concession program has impressed travelers and industry groups alike. The airport's McNamara Terminal was recently honored in the 2007 Airport Revenue News (ARN) Concession Poll as: Best Overall Concession Program, Best Concession Management Team, Best Concession Program Design, and Airport with the Most Unique Services. DTW also finished first place among large North American airports in the categories of Best Food & Beverage Program and Best Retail Specialty Program, in

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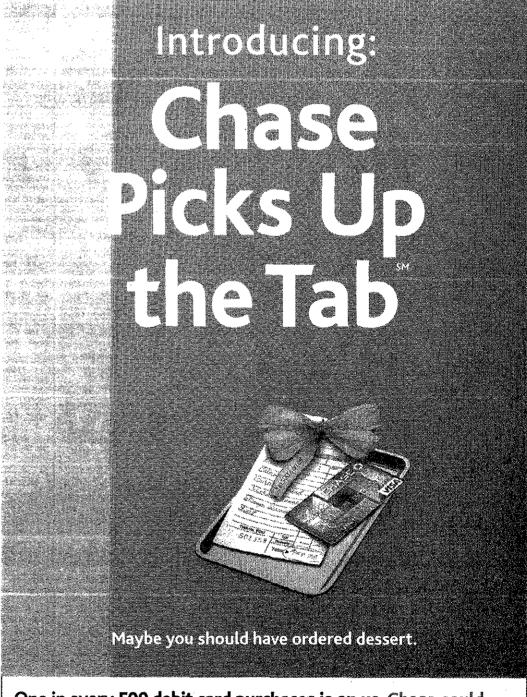
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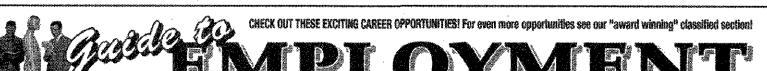
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Help Wanted-Dental

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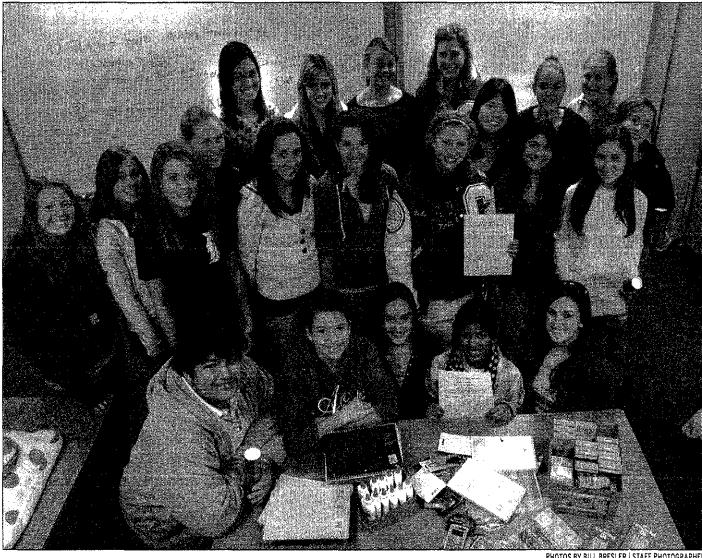


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Canton's student council is gathering school supplies for kids in Iraq.



The school supplies will be shipped to Iraq.

STUDENTS

17, of Canton.

In an e-mail from Iraq, White told the Observer Operation School Supplies is an outreach program to rebuild schools in northern Iraq, supported by the men and women assigned to Kirkuk Regional Air Base.

"Our efforts build strong, positive relationships across many generations of Iraqi families and your assistance is a partnership with us in building a brighter future for our friends here," wrote White, who has 18 1/2 years of military service.

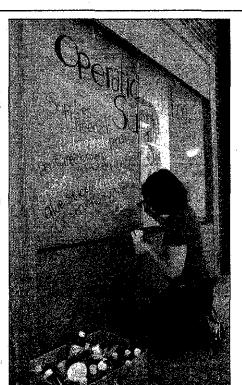
"I know that I left another organization and service commitment that is truly in my heart," added White. "I think about those kids and staff all the time when I am down in a bunker because we don't know where the rockets or improvised explosive devices are

FROM THE FRONT LINES

Here's an excerpt from an e-mail from Lt. Col. J. Calvin White, who is serving his second tour in Iraq, about Operation School Supplies, an outreach program to supply Iraqi students with necessities:

"Our efforts build strong, positive relationships across many generations of Iraqi families and your assistance is a partnership with us in building a brighter future for our friends here. I try to make every experience a learning experience whether it is negative or positive, also I believe that you don't get anywhere in life unless you help someone else. Being over here is part of my service to this country, for which with all of its flaws have given me an opportunity to work my way up from welfare in Mississippi to a career in education.

Having said that I know that I left another organization and service commitment that is truly in my heart. There are some people in the school system that may not understand how I could leave a school in my position and go off to the war. To those people say this "It is not with ease" that I leave the



Sarah Baker works on a sign promoting the school supply project.

young lady that I talked to for hours because she didn't make the cheerleading squad, the parent who felt like I was the only one that could reach her son, the obligation that I have to my staff, the good order and discipline students feel when they know you are walking the halls and you care, the student rolling her wheelchair from Canton to Plymouth in the rain that you came behind and assisted.

I think about those kids and staff all the time when I am down in a bunker because we don't know where the rockets or improvised explosive devices are going to hit. When I flying around the area of operation in a helicopter, praying it doesn't get shot down, when working with Iraqi soldiers who risk everything to come on base, when one of our (airmen, soldiers, marines) gets injured and I asked myself is it all worth it?

Through it all, I try not to separate the two commitments as I attempt to make a better school, country, and world."

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Donations of school supplies can be dropped off at the Canton High School general office, or by contacting the student council's teacher adviser, Jessica Durbin, at (734) 455-7572 or durbinj@pccs.kl2.mi.us.

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PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR November meeting Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for the Remodeling of Tanger Center. Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 4835; (248)-427-8400; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and the Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Division descriptions include: 103:Selective Demolition / 106:Masonry / 107:Steel / 108:Carpentry/General Trades / 109:Roofing / 113: Hollow Metal/Wood Doors/Finish Hardware / 114:Aluminum Windows/Entrances/Glass & Glazing / 115:Metal Studs, Drywall IFS / 116:Hard Tile / 117:Acoustical Treatments / 118:Carpet & VCT Flooring / 120:Painting / 128:Pre-Manufactured Casework / 130:Window Treatments / 140:Plumbing / 142:HVAC / 143:Electrical / 160:Pre-Pricing of Vertical Unit Ventilators (for reference only).

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at the Main Office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335. Bidders are STRONGLY encouraged to attend. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 2 bid copies (1 original, 1 copy) and a valid familial disclosure statement. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 2:00 p.m., Wednesday December 5, 2007 where they will be opened and read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools STEVEN SNEIDEMAN, Secretary

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Firm collects unwanted computers, equipment

Have an old computer you want to dispose of? Classic Computer Recovery Inc. in Garden City has the answer.

The computer and electronics recycling company is helping the community and the environment free of charge by picking up and taking in old computers, monitors and printers from more than 20 area school districts and corporations in the Midwest, along with coordinating special collection sites in the area to promote and advertise America Recycles Campaign 2007.

Residents, schools, municipalities and small businesses can recycle their old computers for Thursday, Nov. 15, through Friday, Nov. 30.

Items being accepted for free include computers, monitors 17-inch or smaller, notebooks, printers and all types of computer components, such as floppies, hard drives, cables, and motherboards. They can be dropped off at four sites:

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 15-30 at Monroe County/ Habitat for Humanity, 840 LaPlaisance, Monroe.

For information for Monroe County, contact Jamie Deanat jamie_dean@ monroemi.org or (734) 240-7909, or Habitat for Humanity, contact Kristin Doyle at kirstinidoyle@yahoo.com or (734) 243-1108. Also go online at www.monroemi.org for more information.

■ 24 hours a day seven days a week Nov. 15-30 at Oakland County/Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County, 20000 W. Eight Mile, at the corner of Eight Mile and Evergreen, Southfield. Contact Mike Csapoat (248) 208-2270 or by e-mail at mcsapo@rrrasoc.org and Rachel Pitt at (248) 208-2270 or by e-mail at pitt@ rrrasoc.org.

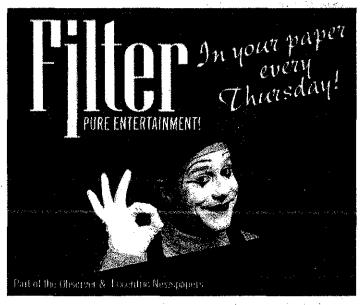
■ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday Nov. 12-30 at the CCR Classic Computer Recovery Inc. warehouse, 32400 Ford, Garden City. Contact Laura Charnota at (734) 732-1784 or e-mail her at laurac@classiccomputerrecovery.com. You can also visit the Web site at www.classiccomputerrecovery.com.

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This is the fifth year Classic Computer Recovery has promoted "America Recycles" Day, by hosting free computer collection events once a year during the week of the federally designated day, Nov. 15.

CCR also is spreading the word about the upcoming FCC TV switch from analog to digital in February 2009 and the huge number of televisions that will be entering the waste stream in the next two years.

Each year CCR strives to surpass the statistics collected from the previous years on total pounds collected and kept out of landfills. With this year's combined efforts from CCR, Counties and Public Works Departments participating in this year's "Americas Recycles" Campaign, CCR expects to collect and recycle at least 400,000 pounds or more of e-scrap, computers and electronics.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

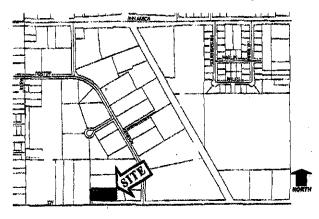
PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Special Land Use DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, November 28, 2007 TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting Special Land Use Approval for a Dance Studio in an Industrial District, (IND), on Tax. ID R78-062-99-0020-001, pursuant to zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 19.2-14. The property is located on the north side of Joy Road, east of Lilley and west of General Drive at 41950 Joy Road.

9955 North Haggerty Road

Application 1976/1007.

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

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Canton Township Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m., Nov. 13 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center

Agenda items include: General calendar:

Accept bid and award contract for automation of inside

- Summit community center. Award eight housing rehabili-
- tation project contracts. Approval for upgrade of administration building security
- General fund budget amendment, transfers out-bond agent
- General fund budget amendment - tax board of review.
- Approve proposal for an actuarial valuation of the charter
- Township of canton retiree health care plan. ■ Authorize the lease agree-
- ment for three pieces of Cardiovascular fitness equipment and five pieces of strength
- Consider authorizing the township clerk to sign the inter-
- Agreement with Wayne County for the Workman Elementary schoolyard habitat grant.

Van Buren Public Schools

The Van Buren School Board will hold an open public hearing on the proposed 2008-2009 Family and Consumer Science Department new course offering-"Campus Living" at 7 p.m.,

Nov. 12 in the Belleville High School - Food Service Center, 555

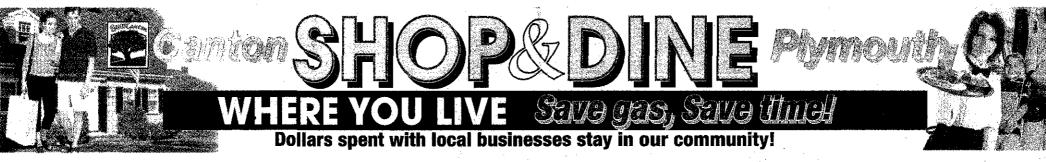
W. Columbia Avenue, Belleville. Following the public hearing, they will have a regular meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. Agenda

- items include: ■ Student of the Month
- South Middle School student project recognition
 - Rotary Club recognition
 - MASB President Award

Recognition - Ralph Nodwell ■ A recommendation on the 2008-2009 Family and Consumer Science Department

- Campus Living Course ■ Health Advisory Committee membership recommendation
- Superintendent Pete Lazaroff's quarterly review For more information, call

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Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind Dr. Sheldon Smith fits telescopic devices surgeons

special glasses to help those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions keep reading and driving. By Elena Lombardi

Most of us take things like reading, watching TV or playing cards for granted. But poor vision from conditions like macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes or cataracts makes these tasks difficult or even impossible. When people have insufficient vision to do the things they want to do, they have low vision.

Today Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers many of these people have been seeking. Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people with these types of eye diseases see better. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"People don't know that

there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "Many people are told by their own doctors that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "We fit special devices to help patients meet their various visual goals."

Patients often end up using weak, clumsy handheld magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely, Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same

use during operations," says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are.

Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes help make reading a little easier. Telescopic glasses primarily focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery. Telescopes can also be adapted to closer tasks like playing cards or computers. "Telescopes can even help people meet the driver vision requirement" Dr. Smith explained. Michigan is one of the 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Charles Willim, age 81, of Taylor came to get his driver license restored after macular degeneration reduced his vision to 20/70. Dr. Smith fit him with special driving telescopes that improved his vision to 20/ 40. A few weeks later Charles passed his road test and is now a licensed driver again. "Those telescopic glasses are pretty darn good" he said.

Buddy Standafer, age 70, of Westland had diabetic eye problems. He came to reinstate his driver license and read better. His regular vision was 20/200 but with special driving telescopes he saw 20/50. Prismatic reading glasses got him reading newsprint. Two months later his license was restored. "Now I see the traffic lights much better. I am happy to be on the road again. I tell a lot of people about Dr. Smith" Buddy said.

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Dr. Smith also advises patients on using sun filters and nutritional supplements to prevent further vision loss. Special glasses and telescopes range in price from \$600 to \$2,500. "Every patient is unique, with different amounts of vision and individual goals," says Dr. Smith. "I strive to help patients resume doing what matters most to them. Meeting patient goals with suitable solutions ultimately improves their independence and quality of life."

If you or someone you know is struggling with their vision, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it. You can reach Dr. Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at

1-877-677-2020

Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, Warren, Shelby Township and the Lansing area.

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OUR VIEWS

Economic impact is just one reason deer hunting is important

about our state lawmakers taking this year, and the vast majority will time off for the annual firearms deer hunting season that starts Thursday. They have been criticized because, as it turns out, only a handful of legislators actually hunt. Yet they are all taking about two weeks off anyway. Only in Lansing.

Actually, the annual hunting holiday for state lawmakers dates back a long ways, when hunting was much more ingrained in the daily lives of Michiganders. But that's not to say that it isn't still a huge deal here in Michigan. Just ask small business owners, especially in the northern part of the state, who have come to rely on the annual migration of hunters to help boost their cash registers. In fact, by some estimates, deer hunters contribute about \$500 million to the state's economy through purchases of hunting gear, food, lodging and transportation.

While numbers have dropped in recent years, there will still be more than a half million orangeclad hunters (both male and female) in the woods at the crack of dawn Thursday. The traditional firearms opener of Nov. 15 is still akin to a holiday in many parts of the state, as numerous schools and businesses will be closed. And deer hunters still spend more days afield in Michigan than in any other state or Canadian province.

For many families, deer hunting season is celebrated as an annual rite of passage that brings them together at camps that have been in the family for generations. It's about more than just trying to bag a deer, though there is certainly plenty of opportunity to do that.

Michigan's whitetail deer population is estimated at 1.6 million, though more than half live in the southern third of the state, a reversal from a generation ago when most of the deer lived "Up North." State biologists believe about 450,000 deer

Much has been made recently will be killed in all hunting seasons be taken in the next two weeks.

That will hardly put a dent in the population, though. Here is something to consider, especially for people who are critical of deer hunters: Michigan is second in the nation when it comes to vehicle-deer collisions. Last year, 1,700 people were injured in such accidents around the state, including 12 deaths. Without hunters, we can expect to see those numbers rise. Like it or not, deer hunters are the only means to cull the large deer herd we have here in Michigan.

The other important role that hunters, especially deer hunters, play in Michigan is being the financial backbone of the state's Department of Natural Resources, which is charged with taking care of our forests, lakes, rivers and wildlife. Hunting licenses pump millions into the department's coffers. Despite this, the DNR is currently slashing its programs, including the number of vital conservation officers who enforce game laws and protect the resources so many of us in this state have come to cherish, because our state Legislature refuses to provide enough funding to the department.

DNR officials have asked the Legislature to dramatically increase the cost of hunting and fishing licenses, because they know that it is the one source of funding they can count on. But state lawmakers have refused to act on it. It must be because they fear a backlash from their constituents that do hunt. It can't be because they don't want to pay the increases themselves, because as we found out last week, there aren't many of them that actually hunt.

For all our readers that do take to the field, enjoy the wonderful outdoors our state has to offer, happy hunting and good luck bagging that

OUR VIEWS

Where are you spending Thanksgiving?



"In Detroit with family." APRYL BROWN, 47, of Canton



family."

OLGA BARUK, 37, of Canton



"I'm going to my daughter's house (in Romulus):" JULIE KUCEL, 64, of Canton



"I'm visiting relatives in West Virginia." LEE YANG, 59, of Canton

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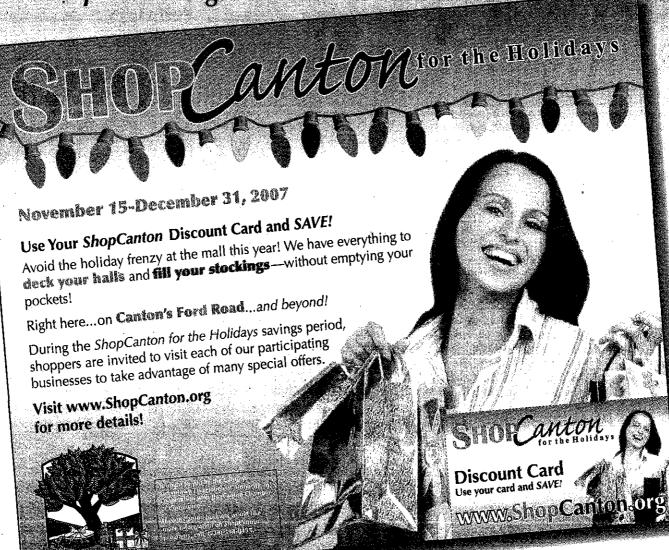
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Plymouth Township resident John Kahler is pictured riding his ultra-light racing bike through Hines Park last month. Kahler, an emergency room doctor at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, competed in four sprint triathlons this year.

TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT

Following are a few tips from John Kahler for people who may want to try a triathlon:

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Because it's such a physically demanding activity, check with a doctor to make sure your body is ready for the intense training;

■Train safe – wear visible clothes while running and blking, and always have a spotter when swimming in open water;

During the winter months, try to at least maintain a visit www.trifind.com.

baseline of fitness by running and swimming indoors or using a stationary bike;

■Equipment can get pricey, so decide at what level you plan to compete. Among the essentials for topnotch tri-athletes are a wet suit (which can be worn when the water is less than 78 degrees), an ultra-light bicycle (costs start at around \$1,500) and a good pair of running shoes; and

■To find out where events can be found near you,

WORTH A 'TRI'

Local ER doctor finds satisfaction in endurance-testing triathlon events

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER ...

On a sun-drenched, chilly morning two weeks ago, a few hours after hanging up his stethoscope at the University of Michigan Hospital, emergency-room doctor John Kahler unhitched his ultra-light racing bike from the back of his SUV and set out for a multi-mile training ride through Hines

The healing-to-wheeling transition is one the Plymouth Township resident has made on a regular basis since taking up one of the fastest-growing (and physically demanding) hobbies in the United States — competing in triathlons, events that require participants to swim, bike and run great distances, all in one endurance-testing afternoon.

According to the Web site www.Wikipedia.com, thousands of athletes of all ages are picking up the sport each year.

"It's a great way to get back into shape, that's for sure," said Kahler, who in the U of M hospital emergency room treats everything from abdominal pains to serious injuries suffered in automobile accidents. "With a job like mine, it's also a good stress-reliever."

Kahler competed in four sprint triathlons this year, including his first, the Hawk Island Triathlon, which was held in Lansing on June 4.

The sprint triathlon could be considered the little brother of the more-publicized Ironman Triathlon — the nationally televised ultra-test that calls for a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile run.

Like its name suggests, the sprint is a shorter version of

the Ironman as it includes a 1-kilometer swim, 20-kilometer bike ride and 5-kilometer run. Invariably, it also attracts a greater age range of participants than the longer, more-rugged Ironman competitions.

"In a lot of the sprint and Olympic triathlons, my age group is the largest as far as the number of competitors," said the 41-year-old Kahler, who placed in his age group in his inaugural event. "There are a lot of people in their 40s, 50s, 60s and even 70s who not only compete, but do extremely well.

"Competing in triathlons can get expensive, depending on how serious you take it. You can use the mountain bike in your garage if you want, but the serious competitors have specially made bikes, wet suits for the swimming and other gear that can improve your performance."

Kahler said he spent approximately 10 hours a week training for the triathlons this summer.

"I usually ran three days a week, biked three days a week and swam four days a week at Lifetime Fitness," he said. "Swimming in the triathlons is more difficult than in a pool because in the open water there are no turnarounds like in a pool where you get a split-second rest. When you're in the open water, you're always moving.

"The swimming can also be tough — especially in the beginning when there's a lot of traffic — because there are a lot of thrashing arms and legs."

One valuable tip Kahler offers prospective triathletes is to carry along some kind of sports energy drink while training for the biking and running segments of the race.

Please see TRIATHLON, B3

YMCA programs

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Among the programs offered are a Sports Sampler class for kids between the ages of 3- and 5-years-old, and a Hoops Skills class for kids between the ages of 6 and 8. The six-week programs run every Monday from Nov. 12

through Dec. 17.

The cost is \$55 for Y members and \$87 for community members. For more information, call (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

PCS hockey fund-raiser

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team will be holding an open skate fund-raiser on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, which is located on Michigan Ave. in Canton.

The fundraiser costs \$5 per person. Skate rental will be available

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at 7 p.m. Tang Soo Do
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The association's 25th birthday will be celebrated on this night and cake and refreshments will be served after the free demonstration and

lesson.
Regular classes are held for people 7 and older on Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. and for kids 4 and younger on Thursdays from 7-7:30 p.m.

The school is located on the west side of Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft. For more information, visit www.gtma-plymouth.com.

Whalers put the bite on IceDogs

Brownstown native Jeremy Smith pitched his second straight shutout while Kaine Geldart, Andrew Fournier and Patrick Lee scored goals as the Plymouth Whalers won their fifth straight game, 3-0, over the Mississauga St. Michael's Majors in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night at Compuware Arena.

The win pushes Plymouth's record to 11-6-1-0, good for 23 points and third place in the OHL West. Mississauga is 7-9-1-0.

Plymouth penalty-killers pitched a shutout for the fourth straight game, going 8-for-8. Smith shut out the Niagara IceDogs on Nov. 1 in a 4-0 victory. Including a scoreless third period against Sarnia on Oct. 24, Smith's current shutout streak is at 139:23.

Fournier's goal gave him points in nine straight games with eight goals and seven assists. Chris Terry added two assists and has four goals with I1 assists over his last eight games.

Geldart started the scoring at 2:13 of the first period when he batted home a rebound from AJ Jenks' shot from the right win past Mississauga goaltender Anthony Grieco. Fournier scored his team-leading 16th of the season at 19:09 when he scored on a rebound in the middle of a scramble in front of the Mississauga goal to give Plymouth a 2-0 lead after one period of play.

After a scoreless second period, Lee scored his fourth of the season when he deflected Christian Steingraber's shot from the point past Greico at the left hash mark. Plymouth outshot Mississauga, 39-37.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton sisters Kayla, 9, and Jessica Hughes, 7, recently completed the Grand Rapids First Big Feat for Little Feet Kids Marathon, which required them to compile 25 miles of running and/or walking in the months leading up to the event. They then ran the final 1.2 miles on Oct. 27.

Canton sisters run 'Big Feat' marathon

Canton sisters Kayla and Jessica Hughes completed the Grand Rapids First Big Feat for Little Feet Kids Marathon, which was held Oct. 27 in Grand Rapids.

Kayla, who is 9 years old, and Jessica, 7, were required to run and/or walk 25 miles in the months leading up to the event. The two Miller Elementary School students then capped their impressive accomplishment by running the 1.2 miles of a marathon course on Oct. 27.

"Kayla and Jessica counted all their miles that they walked and ran to school (1.6 miles each day) and then once a week we made sure we did a nice paced run for one mile," said Christine Hughes, the girls' mom. "They had log books to put down their miles. By the day of the marathon, the girls were well over the 25 miles.

"It was cold and chilly on run day and they had the kids go in waves. The goal was — just like for any first-time marathoner — was to finish, which they both did."

Both Christine Hughes and her husband, Eric, our avid long-distance runners, so they weren't surprised by some of the comments that came out of their daughters' mouths following the race.

"Later that day, Kayla was walking down the steps and she said, 'Oh my legs. I can barely walk down the stairs," Christine Hughes said. "We laughed because we knew she had heard those words many times before in our household."

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Plymouth Wrestling Club

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Practice times are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Plymouth High School wrestling room.

Kids in grades kindergarten through eighth grade are welcome to attend. For more information, visit the club's Web site at www.wildcatswrestling.org; or call head coach Jeff Harden at (248) 231-7789.

Compuware adult hockey

Although Compuware Arena is the home of the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers, Compuware Youth Hockey, Detroit-Novi Catholic Central hockey and other high school programs, the arena is ready to host another important component of the hockey community.

Compuware Arena - with association with Ed's Hockey - is offering a Winter Adult Hockey League, running on Friday evenings at 8:40 p.m. and 9:40 p.m. The league starts Dec. 7 and runs 10 games through April 4. Adults 18-and-older are invited to participate in the program.

The cost for the program is \$2,200 per team, plus insurance. Teams receive ice, referees, scorekeepers and jerseys. For more information, call Compuware Arena at (734) 453-6400; or visit the Web site at www.compuwarearena.

Canton Leisure Services

The annual "Turkey Trot For a Cause" will be held Nov. 22 at 8:30 a.m. at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton. The fee is \$20 and anyone 4 years old and older is welcomed to participate.

The traditional 5K walk/ run winds through Heritage Park and Pheasant Run Golf Course. All proceeds are donated to the Epilepsy Foundation. A custom T-shirt is included in the entry fee.

For more information on these events, call (734) 483-

New coaches look to lead PCEP icers to prominence

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

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There's been a 100 percent turnover in boys high school hockey coaches at the three P-CEP school since the opening day of tryouts in 2006.

Former Salem assistant Ryan Ossenmacher has been promoted to the top spot, filling the void left by the retirement of Fred Feiler, who stepped down during the off-season after leading the Rocks since the program's inception in 1999.

Plymouth's new leader is Paul Fassbender, who replaces Chuck Dubois behind the Wildcats' bench. Fassbender may be new to Plymouth, but he's not new to coaching. The Marquette, Mich., native is coming off an eight-year coaching stint at Eastern Michigan University the previous five as the Eagles' head coach.

And Dan Abraham is back for his second go-around at Canton. The Discovery Middle School physical education instructor coached the Chiefs from 1999 to 2004 before stepping down. He regained the reins of the program two weeks into last season when he was hired to succeed Mike Behen, who had replaced him two years earlier.

With opening night less than a week away for two of the three squads, here are previews of the three local boys' teams.

SALEM

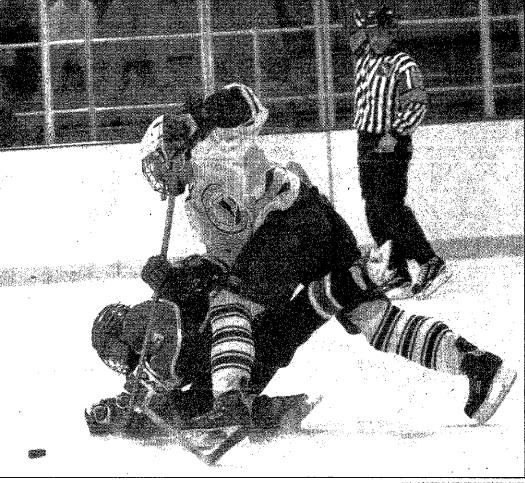
Ossenmacher inherits a roster that is stocked with lightningquick skaters.

"This year it looks like we're going to have good overall team speed," said Ossenmacher, who assisted Feiler for the previous four seasons. "We're going to be an aggressive team that pursues the puck and goes after teams."

Ossenmacher, a native of Northville, played travel hockey in high school before competing four years for the University of Dayton. He is currently a teacher at Walnut Creek Middle School, which is in the Walled Lake School District.

Ossenmacher's coaching staff consists of Nick Reid, Miles Meibers and Ryan Nagorsen.

The Rocks will be captained



Salem's Aaron Cheesman (top), pictured in a game early in his high school hockey career, brings a wealth of experience and skill to the Rocks.

by four-year letter-winner Joel Cheesman, a slick-skating forward who brings a wealth of experience and talent to the team's No. 1 line.

Junior forward Dave Russell has earned the title of assistant captain as he lettered since his freshman season.

The defense will be anchored by captain Mike Haburne and a pair of first-year players senior Ian Barnaby and junior

Senior Mark Barkoff will head a solid stable of goalies. "We have eight of our first 10

games at home, so hopefully we can get off to a good start.

"The Livonia teams -Stevenson and Churchill — will be good again in the division, but we should be right in the

The Rocks open Nov. 23 at home against Canton. The opening face-off is set for 6 p.m. at

the Plymouth Cultural Center. **PLYMOUTH**

Fassbender's first squad will be young and inexperienced, but not void of talent.

Even though the Wildcats graduated 15 of the 20 players who were on last year's seasonending roster, the first-year coach is optimistic.

'We had a scrimmage (earlier this week) and I liked what I saw," he said. "It looks like we're going to have a pretty solid team."

The Wildcats' No. 1 line will consist of seniors Jerry Pitts (captain) and Rick Cigile (assistant captain); and sophomore Noel Aspenwall.

"Rick provides us with a lot of leadership with his work ethic and talent," said Fassbender. "Noel and Jerry are good players, too, so we'll have a solid top

A pair of first-year players will be manning the blue line for the Wildcats: senior Jake Jossey, a former top-notch travel player, and junior Jason Payne. Jossey will also see time at forward.

As of Thursday, Fassbender had yet to select a starting goalie, so sophomore Zach Lizzio and junior Justin Hasty will split time until one emerges as the top performer between the pipes.

Fassbender will be assisted by Darrin Silvester and Quent Riha, a former goaltending coach for the U.S. National Development Team.

The Wildcats open their season Friday against Walled Lake Western in the Novi Invitational.

CANTON

The Chiefs will be bolstered by a strong defense and goaltending duo, according to

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Abraham, whose squad finished 9-11-4 last season.

We should be strong goaltending-wise and defensively," said Abraham. "We've looked OK so far. I think we'll be improved from last year.

There's not a team out there that we can take lightly. Every team on our schedule can beat us if we're not focused and if we don't play hard. If we let up at all or we're unprepared mentally, we won't be successful."

The Chiefs' roster consists of 14 juniors, five seniors and one sophomore.

The offense should be led by the No. 1 line of junior Ryan Lash, who missed a good chunk of last season with an injury, senior Clark Albers, who was switched from defense to forward, and first-year players Cory Sosnowski, a senior captain, and Nick Tomilenko, a junior.

"Clark was good in the back last year, but I like what he has to offer up front, too," said Abraham. "He has good hands, he reads the ice well and he has good speed.

"Ryan Lash has looked really good so far, and both Cory and Nick look like they know how to finish."

A pair of newcomers

Donny Barlow and Brian Davison — will take over as the team's top blue-liners.

"Brian is a big, strong kid with good hands and a rocket for a shot." Senior Kevan Swanberg and

junior Zane Birchler will provide the Chiefs with two solid net-minders. 'We'll go game-by-game as far

as who starts," said Abraham. Other key players include Ryan May, Dan Bielak and Jason Avedesian, Abraham con-

cluded. Abraham will be assisted by Jerry Majszak and Brad Wolfe. The Chiefs open the 2007-08 campaign Friday at the Arctic

Country Day. The opening face-off is set for

Edge Ice Arena against Detroit

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The Stingrays Squirt A hockey team captured first place at the Great lakes Tournament in Holland Sept. 28-30. Pictured are (front row from left) are Trevor McManus, Kevin Onofrio, (second row from left) Carson Pakula, Baily Thompson, Ryan Radwan, Nick Beers, Chase Danol, Brendon Guziack, Keeghan Howdshell, Cody Borke, Evan Newell, C.J. Regula, David Kiers, Riley Brass, William Borrows, (back row from left) coaches Robby Rielly, Ray Danol, Steve Borke, Dave Brass and Russ Borrows.



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MU kickers make history

The Madonna University men's soccer team made history Wednesday night, going on the road and defeating Goshen (Ind.) College 1-0 to claim their first NAIA Region VIII men's soccer championship.

The 14-3-2 Crusaders advance to the NAIA National Championships, which begin Wednesday at the College Boulevard Activities Center in Olathe, Kan. MU will await its draw later in the week.

MU's Doron Drai scored the game-winning goal 11:30 into the match when he received a Makesi Lewis pass near the front of the Goshen goal box and deposited it

into the top-left corner of the net. The Crusaders' defense would bunker down and hang on through a flurry of Goshen shots down the stretch, including a great opportunity by Maple Leaf forward Tony Janzen, who misfired on a shot with under four minutes to play that would have tied the match.

MU senior goalkeeper Kristofer Lyons stood tall during the final five minutes, making a pair of critical saves to help cement the victory.

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"The ideal sports drinks are the ones that provide carbohydrates with no sugar added," hè said. "When I go out on 30mile bike rides with friends, they're wearing out after 20 miles if they don't have some kind of sports drink, and I'm still going strong."

Kahler's avocation and profession meshed perfectly on Oct. 13 when he volunteered to work as a medical assistant at the Ironman World Championship Triathlon in Hawaii.

"It was close to 90 degrees, so there were a lot of cases of dehydration," said Kahler. "It was a great experience, though, as some of the most fit athletes in the world were

Competing in triathlons is a family affair in the Kahler household as John's wife, Shelly, completed two sprint events this year. The couple are the proud parents of four children: Roman, 17; Calvin, 13; Ali, 9; and Leah, 6.



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ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108 Plymouth Township resident John Kahler competed in four sprint triathlons this year.

Hollingsworth's 7 TDs lead Lions into Super Bowl

Canton Lions junior varsity running back Malcolm Hollingsworth was in the end zone as much as he was out of it in his team's Western Suburban Junior Football League playoff game against the Lakes Area Hawks.

Hollingsworth scored a Lions record seven touchdowns as well as piling up 374 yards rushing in the team's 54-40 triumph over the Hawks. The victory lifted Canton into today's WSJFL Super Bowl.

In addition Jamal Eiland ran for one TD and connected with Scott Gring for a pair of extra-point conversions. Other offensive contributors were Dillion Farmer, Benjamin Slater, Travis McCall, Andrew Hunt, Alex Smith, Michael San Millian, Samuel Woods, Dean Underwood and Chandler Burgos.

Defensively, the Lions were paced by Luke Denzler (two PAT blocks), Nathan Emminger, Collin Hall, Kyle Durham, Tyler Langer, Daniel Jipping, Evan Thomas, Westen Price and Tyler

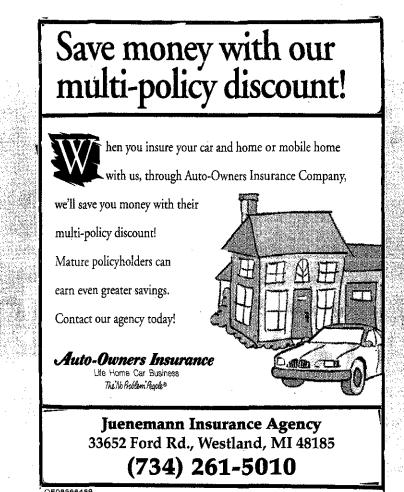
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'Glory Days' describes pro athletes' post-sports lives

BY DAN O'MEARA

If you're among the hundreds of thousands of sports fans who root for Detroit's major professional teams, Kurt David's new book will no doubt be of interest to you.

From Glory Days is not your usual sports book either. As opposed to tales of great feats in uniform, his book is about the athletes' lives after their playing days were done.

David, a counselor at East
Middle School in Farmington
Hills, tells the personal stories
of 20 former Detroit athletes
— five each from the Lions,
Pistons, Tigers and Red Wings
— and how they made the transition from playing a professional sport to the work-a-day
world of ordinary life.

The 6-foot-9 David, who played a year of pro basketball in Europe before a bad knee cut short his career, was motivated in part by his own experience as a player and counselor.

"That made it a personal and professional interest in that transition," he said. "Detroit is a phenomenal sports town. The Sporting News named it the No. I sports town in the country. That's why I chose the Detroit theme.

"For me it was an entertainment theme as well. What happened after they dropped off the radar? Where are they now? What are they doing?"

David said his purpose in writing the book was two-fold and was intended to be a story of successful transitions.

"Part of it was to help people know what they did after they out of sports and, two, how they used their attributes to have success," he said. "You hear about those who don't do well. I wanted this to be a book about guys who do well after sports." The 20 athletes included

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in David's book are Bill
Gadsby, Johnny Wilson, Ted
Lindsay, Shawn Burr and John
Ogrodnick of the Red Wings;
Joe Schmidt, Lem Barney, Ron
Kramer, Tom Nowatzke and
Eddie Murray of the Lions;
Frank Tanana, Rick Leach, Jim
Northrup, Roger Mason and
Dan Petry of the Tigers; and
Harvey Marlatt, Dave Bing,
Greg Kelser, Kelly Tripucka and
Allan Houston of the Pistons.

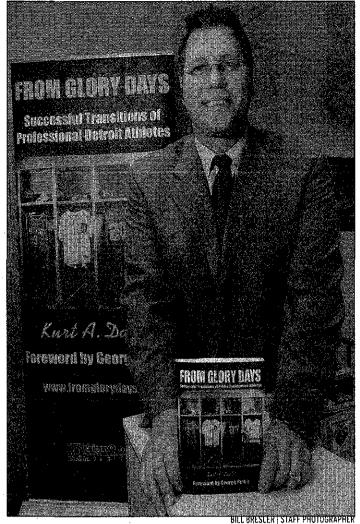
Leach, who chose baseball over football after four years as the starting quarterback for Bo Schembechler's University of Michigan football teams, Petry and Ogrodnick are residents of either Farmington or Farmington Hills.

"Many of them, when I told them of the concept, were very interested," David said. "It was a niche topic not too many people had talked or written about. And they liked not being the only guy in the book. They're fans of each other.

"As it grew, the momentum continued. It was rather difficult lining up the first couple interviews. Then it spun from there. They'd give me a cell phone (number) and tell me how I could contact someone else.

"I purposely interviewed guys from different eras. Each guy has a different story of transition, depending on the era he played. Many of them have all-star, hall of fame or world champion status. To me these 20 guys are the heart of this book. Having (Pistons and Michigan State football broadcaster) George Blaha do the forward is like icing on the cake."

One guy David sought to interview but declined was former Tiger pitcher Mark "The Bird" Fidrych. David was



Kurt David is the author of "From Glory Days," a book about former Detroit athletes transitioning from pro sports careers to the work-a-day world.

turned down twice by Bing until Blaha, unbeknownst to David, made a phone call on his behalf. David was surprised to get an e-mail from Bing's office, saying "Mr. Bing would like to do an interview with you."

"I had the same line of questions for each player," David said. "Those were derived from my own experience and the counseling side of me as well. Each player went on his own. Some elaborated more. I gave

them some latitude to talk. I never asked about salaries or dirt; yet, some shared some of the struggles that occurred. There was a variance in their transitions, which led to a difference in each of their stories.

From Glory Days consists of 184 pages with a chapter devoting seven to 11 pages to each player's story.

"Lem Barney talked about how he was so passionate about the game of football it took

him 18 years to stop having dreams about football," David said. "Kelly Tripucka and Greg Kelser went into broadcasting when they came out of pro sports. Sitting on the sidelines and broadcasting games was very difficult. They were very professional, but they still felt they could be out there playing.

"Harvey Marlatt was an All-America basketball player at EMU. He was drafted the same year as Bob Lanier. Harvey was cut the day before he would have received an NBA pension. That was the business side of the league. He was so upset he went Up North, became a coach and teacher and did very well for himself.

"Roger Mason played 14 years of professional baseball between the minor and major leagues. He was very generous with his money, buying his parents a house. He thought he had another two-three years in baseball.

"(After an injury cut short " his career), he went from pitcl

his career), he went from pitching in the World Series to two years later working in a factory to make ends meet. Yet, he was able to have a positive attitude through all that. He could have been working in the factory 14 years earlier, but he was fortunate to have that (baseball) experience."

David remembers vividly the moment he got the inspiration to write his book.

"It was one of those middleof-the-night ideas, literally 3 or 4 in the morning," he said. "I woke up and had a crystal clear idea. I got up and wrote it down. That was five or six years

After a delay of several years while he dealt with his father's illness, David got busy and went to work on his idea.

After three years of inter-

views and writing, From Glory Days will have its official release Oct. 15 by Publish America of Baltimore, but it's currently available online through Barnes & Nobles book stores and Amazon.com. The book sells for \$19.95. More information is available at www.fromglorydays.com.

David was turned down by a couple publishers until he was offered a contract by Publish America last November.

"Part of it is it's a regional topic," he said. "It's very much geared to metro Detroit or Michigan. Many publishers are looking for national sales. I was happy after two or three turned it down that I was able to find a publisher that was interested."

David has been busy in recent weeks, juggling his school job and traveling around lower Michigan to do TV and radio interviews to promote the book

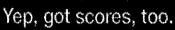
Eric Smith of FastLife Marketing has been a big help to him in that regard, he said. An official book release party is planned for 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at Doc's Sports Retreat, which is located at Seven Mile Road and I-275 in Livonia.

"That's something I'm learning about publishing as well,"
David said. "It doesn't matter how good a book it is; if people don't know about it, it doesn't matter."

David, who wrote the book "whenever I could find the time—early morning, middle of the afternoon or late at night," said it was a great experience.

"I enjoyed the whole process of doing the interviews and doing the writing," he said. "This is the fun part now, promoting the book and traveling after all that work. The topic was of high interest for me, so it was a labor of love."

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Spartans slide into semis thanks to air-tight defense

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Thanks to its stellar defense, Livonia Stevenson survives to play another day in the state football playoffs.

Before an overflow crowd Friday night, the undefeated Spartans improved to 12-0 Friday night with a hard-fought 10-7 victory over rival Livonia Franklin for the Division 1-Region 4 championship.

The Spartans, who took advantage of one of Franklin's four turnovers as Jonny Myshock's 27-yard field goal with 6:01 left in the third quarter proved to be the difference.

Stevenson also earned its first state semifinal berth since 1979 when quarterback Dave Hall called the signals.

Stevenson stymied Franklin's offense much of the night, limiting the Cinderella Patriots, who entered the playoffs as a 5-4 atlarge team, to 162 total yards.

The Spartans also contained Franklin junior running back David Fortin, who had rushed for 238 and 188 yards, respectively, in playoff wins over Monroe and Dearborn Fordson.

Fortin, who missed eight regular season games with an arm injury, was held to 44 yards on 14 carries.

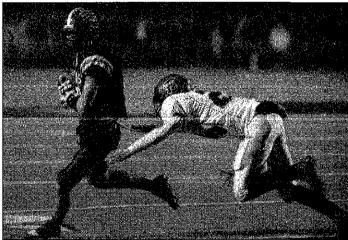
"Tonight we got bailed out with our defense," said Stevenson coach Tim Gabel, whose Spartans face 10-2 Troy in Saturday's semifinal at a site yet to be determined. "It's a team game and we've won other games on our offense, but we made plays defensively all night. It felt like we were hanging on at the end even though we take pride in our offense and were still trying to score."

Stevenson, which averaged 38 points per game this season, faced its stiffest test of the season as the upstart Patriots made three different key fourth-down stops.

Stevenson had only 233 total yards of its own, but didn't commit any turnovers.

"I thought Franklin's kids played hard, got to the ball and hit well," Gabel said. "They played some 4-4 defensively and we definitely had to play a guessing game as far as what they would run."

Helped by a pass interference call, Franklin scored first when senior quarterback Jesse Carpenter hit Brian Humenay in stride over the middle for a 23-yard touchdown pass with 11:04



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Livonia Stevenson wide receiver Derek Buskey tries to elude Livonia Franklin's Connor LeDial during Friday night's Division 1 Regional final football game at Stevenson. The Spartans prevailed, 10-7, to advance to next week's state semifinal showdown against Troy.

left in the first half. Carpenter converted the extra point to make it 7-0.

Stevenson answered right back with a 10-play, 80-yard drive as sophomore Austin White, who led all rushers with 139 yards on 19 carries, ran in from the 1 with 5:10 remaining on the half. Myshock's extra point knotted the count at 7-all.

After both teams went threeand-out, Franklin threatened to score just before the half as Mark McRobb, returning from a knee injury suffered in the season-ending win over Livonia Churchill, scampered 19 yards to the Stevenson 25.

But on the very next play, Carpenter was sacked for a 16yard loss and time expired. "He (Carpenter) is a good

quarterback and we knew they'd pass lot, so we had to get some pressure and make him throw some incomplete passes," said Stevenson's 6-foot-2, 310-pound senior defensive tackle Chris Golonka.

Carpenter was indeed under duress most of the game, completing only 5-of-16 passes for 127 yards. He was sacked four times and threw three interceptions.

The lack of a running game certainly did not help his cause.

"It's been our strength the last couple of games, but they (Stevenson) beat us up front," said Franklin coach Chris Kelbert, whose team bowed out at 7-5 overall. "We also hurt ourselves with penalties, offsides where our backs jumped, which is inexcusable.

"And we did not take advantage of our opportunities when we did

have them."

John Samaan recovered a Franklin fumble at the Patriots' own 29 with nine minutes to play in the third period, which led to Myshock's game-winning field goal.

The Patriots got inside the Stevenson 40 on their next drive, but couldn't capitalize as Dan Plagany came up with a interception.

An acrobatic catch at midfield

by Franklin's Israel Woolfork on third-and-18 gave the Patriots life with 10:37 left in the final quarter. Carpenter hit Jeff McCullough on a key third down pass for 10 yards and Fortin added three yards to the Stevenson 32, but the drive stalled again when Carpenter was sacked.

The Patriots punted down to the Stevenson 7 and made the Spartans give up the ball again, but John Saaman's interception killed the threat with 4:10 to go.

After Stevenson made a first down, but had the yardage taken away because of personal foul, Austin White raced 83 yards for what appeared the game-clinching TD, but the play was whistled back to the Spartans' own 39 because of an illegal block and another personal foul.

Franklin then stopped the Spartans on fourth-and-inches with only 1:50 to go at their own 30.

Carpenter hit Humenay for a first down, but on the next play he was sacked by Golonka, who jarred the ball loose. Teammate Pat York then picked off another Patriot pass and returned it to the 25 to seal the win with 1:21 remaining.



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Team in training sessions

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training offers informational meeting 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, Troy Athens High School, 43333 John R. For information, call (800) 456-5413 or visit www.teamintraining. org/mi.

Isha yoga

Internationally acclaimed yoga master Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev will be offering Isha Yoga's Inner Engineering Program Nov. 13-18, weekdays 7-10:15 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Come and experience an unparalleled upliftment for body, mind, and spirit, at the St. Clement Banquet Hall, 19600 Alter Rd., Dearborn 48128. To register, call (866) 424-ISHA (4742) or visit www.ishafoundation.org.

Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the Women's
Resource Center, Room 225
of the McDowell Center at
Schoolcraft College, 18600
Haggerty, Livonia. Attorney
Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also
be available to answer questions in a private setting on a
first come, first served basis,
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Flu shot clinics

University of Michigan Health System's Michigan Visiting Nurses is offering flu clinics throughout the area in November and December. Flu shots are \$33, pneumonia shots \$84. Payment options include cash, check and credit card, Blue Care Network, CareChoices, Health Alliance Plan, M-Care, Medicare Part B and Priority Health, all cover entire cost of flu shot. Clinics are open to the public, and most are limited to age 12 and older. For a weekly listing, call 888-547-7295 or visit www.umvn.org. sClinics includes the following locations: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, Busch's, 15185 Sheldon Rd., Plymouth: Saturday, Dec. 1, Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia and Saturday, Dec. 15, Busch's, 24445 Drake Rd., Farmington Hills.

Divorce support group

Getting through the holidays
- Marjorie Lang, an attorney and
counselor with the University
of Detroit Mercy School of Law,
discusses the intense emotions
triggered by divorce during holidays and other special occasions
and offer helpful coping skills
7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, at the
Women's Resource Center, Room
225 of the McDowell Center
at Schoolcraft College, 18600
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Gastric bypass seminar

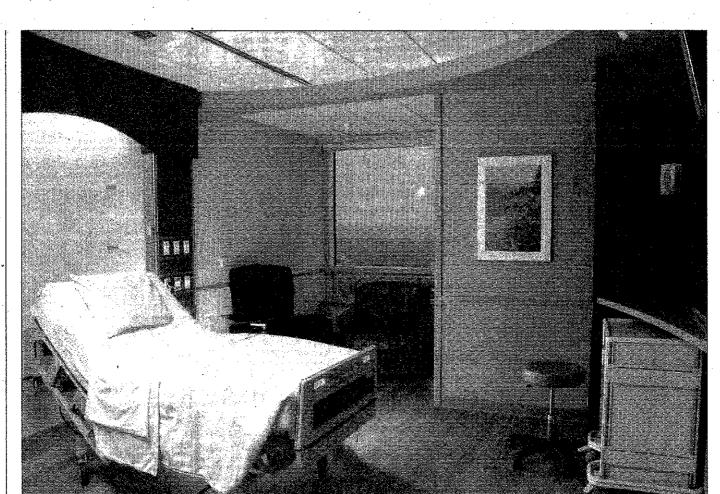
Learn about Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding, and Sleeve Gastrectomy at MBI's upcoming Educational Seminars 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Interactive speakers are Tallal Zeni, MD, medical director, Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery: and Paula Magid, program director and post-op patient, Call (734) 655-2693, (or Toll free (877) Why-Weight), to register for the free seminars.

Flu shot clinics

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Livonia Urgent Care, 37595 Seven Mile, Livonia, (734) 542-6100, and Western Wayne Urgent Care, 2050 Haggerty, Suite 140, Canton, (734) 259-0500. The cost is \$25, but it is covered for those with Medicare.

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The new patient rooms are twice as large as the old ones at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Healing tower

Hospital's new patient rooms provide soothing environment

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

The rolling stool in every patient's room is only one of the details that went into the design of the East Tower, yet it reflects the overall healing concept for the 11 new floors at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

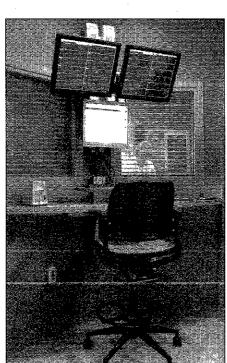
Every aspect of the structure not only makes hospitalization easier on patients, but staff and visitors. From waterfall sculptures to a magnificent view of the area surrounding the 340-acre hospital campus, the tower provides a calming environment. Even the gold and green walls soothe much like the trees outside the expanse of windows. Throughout the hallways, nature photographs by Sister Anne Marilyn Tyler offer a peaceful oasis in between each of the 362 private rooms.

Physicians requested the stools during the design phase when patients, staff and community members came together to share ideas.

The result was the \$128 million East Tower which opened Oct. 14. The first phase of new construction will be followed by the demolition of six wings and the building of a seven-story North patient tower in 2009, and a new entrance and chapel in 2011, the 100th anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy starting the first Saint Joseph hospital in Ann Arbor. Today, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System consists of three hospitals in Howell, Saline and Ann Arbor, and 18 outpatient facilities including one in Canton.

The East Tower is the cornerstone of the health system's \$744 million investment which began in 2006 with the building of the Woodland Cancer Center in Brighton, a surgery pavilion with 17 state-of-the-art operating rooms at Saint Joseph hospital in Ann Arbor, and the acquisition of the CyberKnife radiosurgery system for cancer treatment, and a robotic surgical system for minimally invasive procedures.

"We mocked up a patient room and people came through, laying in bed, testing the chairs," said Garry Faja, president and CEO of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. "We took all of their suggestions. The nurses wanted a bigger door so a collapsible panel was built alongside the entrance to rooms. In the future physicians said they'd probably be doing more exams and procedures in the patients'



Charting alcoves between every two patient rooms replace the centralized nursing station. Staff is able to record a patient's progress as well as access test results.

rooms so we provided lighting over the bed. Physicians wanted a stool in the room so they could sit eye level with patients. Studies show that if a physician is standing it looks like they're ready to leave and patients are hesitant to ask questions."

Night lights not only give a pool of light but are part of the system that signals bathroom lights to turn on automatically when a patient leaves the bed in the middle of the night. Lights come on in patient, bathroom, reflection and conference rooms when occupied.

In addition to saving on electricity, the system helps stop the spread of germs because there is not a switch to turn on and off.

A walk-in shower with hand-held shower head was suggested by nurses to make bathing easier. Lighting, temperature and visiting hours are all controlled by the patient. Although nurses are available to help manage visitors who stay too long.

A recliner, custom-designed for the hospital, provides comfort for the patient when out of bed. Another chair opens into a single bed for visitors. Still more folding chairs are available in the closet. Each of the new 300-square-foot rooms

is double the size of the old rooms.
"There are supplied like linear rich

"There are supplies like linens right outside the rooms. Nursing staff wanted everything at their fingertips so they can spend more time with patients," said Mary Lou Wesley, chief nursing officer for the Saint Joseph Health System. "We've installed patient lifts in all patient rooms. Some lift up to 1,000 pounds. The rest go up to 500 pounds with a sling to save our nurses' backs. With one hand you can move a patient."

DETAILS

Wesley leads a tour through the 11th floor of the new tower pointing out details like a curved hallway. Nestled in the interior are storage rooms so hallways remain uncluttered.

"There are not a lot of angles to give a sense of calm and quiet details in floors and ceiling to muffle noise," said Wesley. "All patient rooms are on the exterior for outside views. There are interior work stations for staff, and all supplies come up in interior elevators so you don't have the noise. These are the advantages you can have when you build new instead of renovate."

Physicians like to take the COWS or computers on wheels with them on rounds. In between every two rooms, a charting alcove provides a stationary computer to record patient information. Nursing stations have been decentralized to allow staff to remain close to patients.

"The nurse in the alcove can see into two rooms, but the blinds are controlled by the patient for privacy," said Wesley. "The family space (or waiting area) is

wireless so they can use their own computer or use the hospital computer."

Nursing and health care in general have changed dramatically since Wesley became a registered nurse in 1978.

Before opening the new tower, staff had to go through extensive training.

"Technology changed," said Wesley.

"There were no computers back then.

Now we have patient information you ca read, safety technology like IV pumps.

Back then it was common to have three-

Now we have patient information you can read, safety technology like IV pumps. Back then it was common to have three-four nurses for 46 patients. (Today there is one nurse for four to six patients at the hospital).

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Holiday toys wanted for children with leukemia

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businesses and community
groups looking for a way to
help families dealing with
leukemia to participate in its
annual Holiday Toys Program.
Last year, through the efforts
of participants conducting
toy drives and many generous donations, CLF provided
approximately 3,850 gifts to
1,100 child patients, their sib-

lings and the children of adult patients throughout the state of Michigan. An adult patient living in Oakland County who benefitted from the CLF holiday toy program last year wrote this about the program and CLF: "If it wasn't for CLF, my children would not have received any gifts. CLF took a tremendous burden off my mind, knowing my children would receive something for Christmas. Now that's a

lings and the children of adult patients throughout the state of Michigan. An adult patient living in Oakland County who benefitted from the CLF holiday toy program last year wrote this about the program definite uplifting of my spirit! God bless CLF, its workers, volunteers, and sponsors for your hard work and dedication to families in need. I love you and truly appreciate your help and support."

Because a leukemia diagnosis can be emotionally, physically and financially draining for families, especially during the holiday season, in December CLF sends packages to the families with 3-4

new gifts for each child.

To learn more about the CLF holiday toys program and how you can help, call (800) 825-2536 or visit www. leukemiamichigan.org. CLF is an independent, statewide organization that provides information, financial assistance, and emotional support to families of adults and children affected by leukemia, lymphoma, and related blood disorders.

Relationship can affect your health

Elaine from Troy e-mails that she is concerned about her relationship with her boyfriend. They fight all the time and she is just not happy. What should she do?

Elaine, you may want to



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Peter Nielsen

think twice about that relationship, it could be heartbreaking, literally. Researchers followed more than 9,000 people in close relationships. They found those who had a high level

of intensity

in their relationships were 34 percent more likely to have a heart-related event than those with positive relationships. Experts say those with negative relationships are more likely to suffer with depression, low self-esteem and anger issues. All these problems have been found to increase the risk of heart disease.

Sue from Farmington Hills e-mails and says her sister has a couple of glasses of wine every night. Is this bad for her?

Sue, you may want to warn your sister that those drinks could raise her risk of cancer. Researchers studied the drinking habits of more than 70,000 women. They found those women who had more than three drinks a day raised their risk of breast cancer by 30 percent. The study also found just having one drink a day raised a woman's risk of developing breast cancer by 10 percent. And it did not matter what type of alcohol, beer, wine or liquor. Earlier studies suggested red wine could help protect against heart disease. While that may be true, experts warn, this new study shows drinking any alcohol could raise your breast cancer risk.

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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Southfield: TCF Branch, 17535 12 Mile, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12.

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Teacher flips foreign language instruction

TEEN JOURNALIST

Kathy Hunt wants her students to acquire the Spanish language - not memorize aspects of it for a test and then be done with

Hunt, a Spanish teacher at Canton High School, has recently revamped the way she teaches.

Her approach combines a collection of materials such as familiar children's books, class conversation, storytelling, writing sto-

ries, flash cards and Spanish music.

The method is called "total physical response storytell-

ing."
"It's a natural way to learn," Hunt said. "It's in context.'

She introduces new phrases each week that students put into stories. Homework includes weekly pop quizzes, reading assignments and re-

telling stories to an adult. Hunt said the students, who are learning orally and visually, are picking up Spanish the same way they were taught English, by constantly being surrounded by the lan-

Plymouth-Canton students, who are required to earn two credits of a foreign language class, have responded well to Hunt's

Canton senior Marie Martin is in one of Hunt's advanced Spanish classes and said the new teaching method has boosted her interest level.

"I talk in Spanish at home for fun," she said, adding that she is considering taking Spanish when she enrolls in college.

Emily Lipe, a sophomore, said Hunt has created a warm atmosphere in her class-

"(It's) very relaxed," she said. "Everyone can say what they want and not feel embarrassed.

Lauren Roberts, 15, also said the new lesson plans were beneficial.

"I can speak easier with little hesitation than other students," she said. "I love learning new things and I realize how useful a foreign language can be in future careers."

Hunt said TPRS, which hasn't been approved in all schools, has not only helped her as an instructor, it's aiding in her personal life. The teacher is using the method to learn German in hopes of becoming trilin-

Hunt, who will continue using the method next school year, called it "teacher driven" and challenging.

Kirbi Fagan is a junior at Canton High School.

Teachers, students adjust to crowded PCEP campus

BY ALEX BERGMANS TEEN JOURNALIST

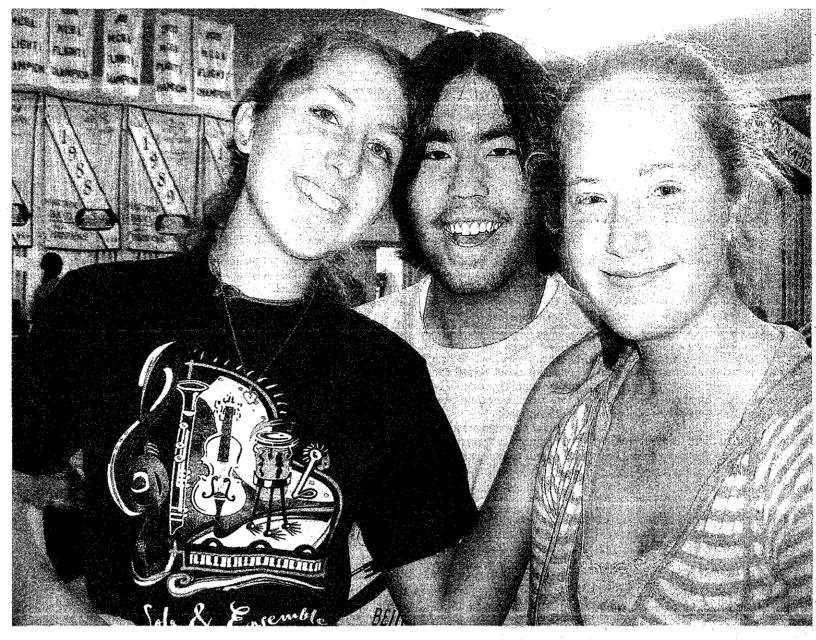


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teenagers of every variety, bumping, stumbling and crashing in a space that doesn't seem to have enough room to fit everyone. Can you guess where this

There's a massive mob of

Please see CROWDED, C2



Band members Alex Rodriguez, 15, Bruno Yoshioka, 17, and Kristen Riggs, 15, hang out before practice.

One big, happy, marching, honking, drumming, crazy family

BY MOLLY FESSLER TEEN JOURNALIST

Upon entering the band room at Plymouth High School, a visitor is greeted with the sounds of laughter, conversation, slammed lockers and random instruments.

And, oh, yeah, there are about 200 kids.

People know that the Plymouth-Canton marching band is talented and nationally ranked but what they may not know is the dedication of band members to their music and each other.

'We are pretty much one big family," said Kristen Riggs, 15, a

Band members, who practice every day during the week, also meet for 12 hours on Saturdays. When you throw in a required



band members say they are close. "It's a really strong bond," said · saxophonist Bruno

summer camp, it's

no surprise that

Yoshioka, 17. "When someone ends up in a bad situation, everyone else is willing to

help out." Alex Rodriguez, 15, said the marching band functions like a family. Members call each other nicknames and often reminisce about their favorite memories.

"You spend so much time with these people," said Rodriguez, a flutist. "You know them so well. Whenever you need a hug, there are tons of people to help you out."

Being involved in the marching band also impacts the real families of its members.

Parents must commit to volunteering at competitions, getting their kids to practice and paying for competitions. In spite of this, band parents are just as dedicated as their children.

A solid mass of adults decked out in the band's color fill the stadium seating at every competition.

Some parents, who also sell popcorn and attend booster meetings, have even let the band's lingo creep into their own vocabularies.

Parents who measure the band outfits are referred to as "uniform magicians." Parents with children new to the band are known as "newbies," whereas their seasoned counterparts are called "veterans."

Band members, who affection-

ately refer to their section leaders as "my seniors," sometimes have to tune out other students that aren't involved in their craft.

"I just ignore it," Yoshioka said, adding that being misunderstood only makes the group closer.

Riggs agreed. "We just want to play our instruments," she said.

Yoshioka said when students agree to join the band, they are saying they want to be included in something more than the average extracurricular activity.

"It's what I do (and) it's what I love," he said. "I get to hang out with the people who accept me."

Molly Fessier is a sophomore at Plymouth

Can you hear me now?

Students still rail against cell phone policy

BY JILLIAN HATTIE TEEN JOURNALIST

Almost everyone has a cell phone these days. That's too bad for the

students in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

The administration's ban on electronic device usage is still getting a rise out of teens months after the policy was created.



dents," said Salem High School sophomore Jessica Horger.

"It's not

fair to stu-

"When (kids) are texting during

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class, it does not necessarily mean that they are texting the answers to their friends. After class they can still go to their friends and tell them the answers."

Many students, like Horger, are against the

policy, which states that all electronic devices need to be off, concealed and not in use. Students in violation will receive an automatic one-day suspension.

Second and third offenses are handled with a three-day suspension and the phone is confiscated.

With more and more students using their phones during class, Salem Principal Gerald Ostoin said the ban, although unpopular, is necessary.

"The policy was proposed for several reasons," he said. "The main one is instruction, our main

focus. Cell phones were interfering with that. Referrals for electronic devices, mostly cell phones, had doubled.

Even though students may grumble about the policy, administrators feel it's working.

Less than 100 students in each of the district's three high schools have been suspended for cell phone violations.

A warning, in the form of a sign that reads "Cell phone or electronic device=suspension," have been posted in the schools.

"I feel that my privileges are being taken away," said Salem senior Natalie Tripp. Natalie, 17, also voiced

concern that the policy expands to some school

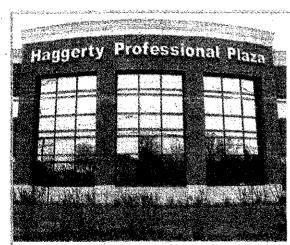


Cell phone use is a hot issue.

buses, too.

"Even though I do not ride the bus, I feel that students should still be able to use electronic devices while riding on the school transportation," she said.

Jillian Hattie is a sophomore at Salem High School.



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Moving from distant lands a challenge

BY NATALIE FILKOSKI TEEN JOURNALIST

The Plymouth-Canton school district is recognized for its diverse student population but with a wide range of ethnic backgrounds can come personal struggles.

When Plymouth High School senior Nina Redzovic left Bosnia at age 8 to come to the United States, not only did

she not know any of her peers in America, she didn't know English.

Attending school without having a grasp on the country's primary language did nothing to make her transition smoother, Nina says.

"Trying to interact with the other students without being able to talk with them was dif-

ficult," she said. "Especially since kids at that age are pretty cruel when you are an outsider."

Like Nina, Etleva Mema left her home country at a young age to come to

"My dad thought there would be better opportunities for his kids (here)," the Plymouth High School junior said.



Etleva's family left Albania when she was 7 years old. Due to experiences both in the states and in her home country, the teenager said she placed a high value on her education.

"I'm a 4.0 student," she said. "I value my education more than most students because I have been in a position where education is not valued and it made me realize that if I wanted a better life, a good education would be essential." Nina agreed.

"I have experienced and seen my parents struggle in restarting our lives without college degrees and I have seen the

things that they have had to endure," she

said. "I know I want something better for myself. This is what I work for everyday I go to school.'

Having faced some challenges in their coming to the states, both Nina and Etleva want to give hope to others students who are new to the country.

"Take advantage of every opportunity you get to succeed," Etleva said. "Try to adjust yourself to the surroundings but keep your traditions and culture, because in the end, that is what defines you as a

Natalie Filkoski is a senior at Salem High School.

Quo Vadis legacy lives on despite dark screen

BY TYLER VOSGERCHIAN TEEN JOURNALIST

and Nina

Redzovic

together

during AP

work on an

assignment

One day, while ironically walking home from a movie, I stumbled upon the magnificent derelict that is the Quo Vadis. The old out of business theater on Wayne and Warren across from the mall. I was awe-stricken by its magnificent beauty, and its stunning Art Deco façade. I was inspired to, with the help of a few cohorts, set upon a crusade for the truth of this monolith of a bygone era. To accomplish this feat I employed the same old repertoire of research techniques. Top among them was the Internet, but good old legwork helped out as well. I was able to contact the owner.

The Quo Vadis, designed by Minoru Yamasaki's firm Yamasaki and Associate, the same firm that designed the World Trade Center, was introduced to the public in 1966, featuring the aptly named romantic comedy The Glass Bottom Boat, about a glassboat operator who dresses up as a mermaid in order to attract customers.

The theater's success contin-



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ued throughout the years, and as a result the building itself was treated to various renovations; in '68, and '70. The final seating capacity

of the three

theaters, and three penthouses was 1,798 people. Not counting the adjacent Algiers Drive-In Theater, which itself was demolished in order to make way for expansions, and the ever-encroaching strip mall.

But sadly, like all great legacies, the Quo Vadis eventually had to face its twilight, on the night of Jan. 21, 2002, the last movies seen on the Vadis' silver screens were Harry Potter, Ali and Vanilla Sky. Today nearly six years after it closed, the Quo Vadis' future still looks quite bleak. A renovated Quo Vadis is just what the city needs to brighten up its spirits during this economic down-

Tyler Vosgerchian is a student at Livonia Churchill High School.

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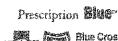
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that matter. It is the Plymouth-Canton

No, it is not a Metallica concert. It's not any concert for

Educational Park, also known as "The Park," or PCEP.

The Park, which houses three high schools, can be likened to a college campus.

On top of making it hard for students to get around, teachers, such as Jeff Blakeslee at Canton High School, have their own concerns about the 6,000student campus.

Blakeslee, who teaches advanced composition and scifi, said having a class of 35 students makes it difficult to dole out individual help.

"I would love to see class sizes reduced to 25, but I don't know the financial reality of the situation," he said.

With individual attention on a premium, some students may not understand everything being taught and could end up with a decline in their grades. In some classes, there aren't

enough desks and chairs but the worst area for the bulging student population are the hallways. There are large groups of

immovable kids, teachers pushing carts and seniors exercising their authority over freshman.

Canton sophomore Paul Shanks said the hallway scramble is like playing a real-life version of Frogger.

"I think that the hallways have way too many people in them," he said. "It makes it tougher to get from place to place."

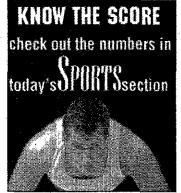
Students, who have largely resigned themselves to being among the massive crowds, have offered various suggestions on how to thin out traffic at the high schools. One idea involves constructing an additional building.

As of now, the administration hasn't laid out any plans to expand the campus.

In the meantime, Paul has his own idea of how to curb hallway backups.

"Teachers could give tickets for blocking the hallway, and once you get a certain number of tickets, you would get a detention," he said.

Alex Bergmans is a sophomore at Plymouth High School.

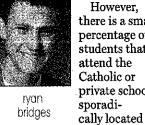


Catholic schools get creative with fund raising

BY RYAN BRIDGES **TEEN JOURNALIST**

Within a given city, a high percentage of school-age children attend the public schools

that the city provides for its residents.



there is a small percentage of students that private schools

throughout any tri-county area. One huge difference between public and private schools would be that private schools receive no funding from the government.

As a result, the question has been raised: Where are private schools coming up with funds?

For the most part, private schools are parish schools. meaning they receive funding from the parish that they sup-

However, this is not the case for Father Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor.

Liz Schoch, the development director for the 139-yearold high school, said private schools receive money from two main sources: tuition and donations. She also said fundraisers bring in dollars.

In addition to an annual dinner auction, FGRHS benefits from schools plays and golf outings. Those connected to the school also help clean the University of Michigan's football stadium after home games for a fee.

Eight times during the college football season, FGRHS officials, along with parents and students, trek to the university's stadium to pick up recyclables and collect trash. As with FGRHS, each pri-

vate school must come up with its own ways to bring money for its budget. Many ideas are simple, yet beneficial.

As a sign of changing times, Schoch indicated that many public schools have increased their fund raising and that, in turn, puts a dent in what a private school may bring in.

"Dollars are competitive," she said.

In the end, whether the money comes from parents, alumni donations or fundraisers, private schools receive money just as public schools do — it just happens to be in a more creative way.

Ryan Bridges is a junior at Father Gabriel Richard High School.

The Father Gabriel Richard community celebrates Mass after the ever-popular stadium cleanup.



PHOTO BY RYAN BRIDGES

Seniors gearing up to submit college applications

BY JENNA GAMBINO TEEN JOURNALIST

It's that time of year.

The season for high school seniors around the country to put pen to paper and apply for college.

"We generally recommend that students apply to three (or) four schools," said Rene Eley, a counselor at Salem High School.

Eley said various factors, including tuition and fees, often go into deciding on a college.

According to a survey by the National Center for Education Statistics, the average in-state, full-time tuition and fees for an undergraduate at a four-year public universi-



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ty was \$5,206 per semester in 2006.

To offset costs, Eley encouraged would-be college freshman to apply for as many scholarships as pos-

sible.

"There are so many available and lots of different ways to access them," she said. "They are online, there are local/community, state and national scholarships (and) parents place of employment."

Eley also said loans and grants are available through

government financial aid.

offered through universities, can be dependent upon gradepoint averages and standardized test scores.

Jennifer Hunsaker, a Salem High School senior, will take Eley's advice and try her hand at earning some scholarships.

"I'm going to apply for an (ice) skating scholarship," she said.

Hunsaker plans to find other scholarships on Web sites such as FastWeb.com.

Scholarships on FastWeb and similar sites don't usually place a high priority on a student's GPA. These awards may be handed out by major corporations such as Coca-

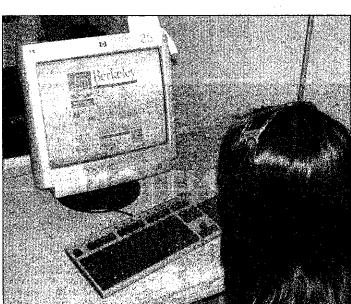
Eley said many students Scholarships, which are also fund their college education through financial aid.

In January, thousands of students will submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid and in turn, colleges will determine that individual's eligibility for financial assistance.

In choosing where to send a college application, Eley recommended that students take their time and make wise decisions.

'We like students to apply to a school they want as their first choice, second choice and then always have a backup plan," she said.

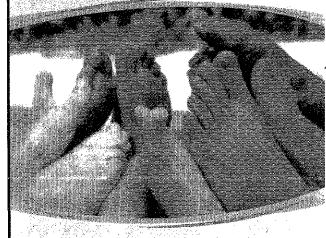
Jenna Gambino is a senior at Salem High School.



Tiffany Tan, Canton High School junior, looking at information on colleges.



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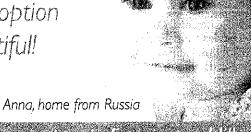
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graduate of Michigan State

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is a departmental analyst for

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Daniel Buno of Pinckney, Dearest sister of Marian (Bo) Paradise of Decatur, AL, Norma (Eddie) Patrick of Hermitage, PA, Richard (Patricia) Shuster of Mercer, PA, sister in law of Gladys Shuster of Farmington Hills. Preceded by her sister Ruth Shuster and brother Stephen.

HER FAREWELL... A Healing Farewell was held Saturday, November 10, 2007 at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Elizabeth's family by call 877-231-7900 or sign her guest book at: www.borekjennings.com.

SHIRLEY RUTH CEASAR (NEE: Chapman)

Born November 11, 1928 in Detroit, MI. Passed away October 26, 2007, at age 78. Loving wife of the late Albert. Beloved mother of Carey Lynn Murphy and Patricia Ann Ayoub. Grandmother of Heather Smith (Rick), Siobhan Murphy, Sinon Ayoub, Paul Murphy, Ameer Ayoub and Wah'ja Ayoub. Great-grandmother of Sianna, Lanae, Arianna and Jaisen. There will be a memorial service on November 18, 2007 at 2:00pm at Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff Road, Livonia, MI 48150. (734) 421-5406. Call Carey at (248) 830-4911 for more information.

DONALD L. HORNBACK Of Harrietta, MI, passed away Nov. 9, 2007. Hitesman-Holdship Funeral Home, Cadillac, MI





WILLARD D. DEN HOUTER M.D.

Age 76, passed away Sept. 7, 2007 Born and raised in Ann Arbor, Bill grew up working in the family restaurant, The Roundtable. Upon graduation from the University of Michigan Medical School, he settled in Plymouth with his wife, the late Katherine, and sons Willard B. Den Houter M.D., of Canton and John Den Houter of Edwardsville, IL. A family practice physician for 35 years, he retired in 1994 to an active schedule of fishing, swimming, gardening, bird watching, and babysitting his grandchildren, Kate, Claire, Gwen, Greer, Ben and Jack, and culinary adventures with his siblings Dave, Danie (Elaine) and Mary (Duane) Clark. An "M" man in baseball, Bill maintained a lifelong passion for the "Maize and Blue". Having battled renal disease for many years, Bill embraced the kindness of his caregivers, finding special friendships among the staff at St. Joe's Dialysis and the AATA A-Ride Transportation Staff. Bill's love of family and friends, humble and gentle nature, and zest and appreciation for life will be forever remem-bered by all the lives he touched. Bill's family welcomes his friends to join them for a period of reflections and to celebrate his memory, on Friday, November 16, from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. To leave a message of condolence for

the family please visit: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



LOUIS WILLIAM LESSARD SR. East Lansing, MI. Louis William Lessard, Sr., former resident of Clarkston, age 86, died at his East Lansing home on November 8, 2007. Born in nome on November 8, 2007. Born in Pontiac, Michigán, he was the son of Katherine McKeown of Kinkora, Perth Co., Ontario, and William Joseph Lessard of Hayward, Wisconsin. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Marian (Kaul), and four children, Catherine (Vytautas) Virskus of Mason, Dr. Louis William Lessard Ir (Alicia Jones) of Fast Lansing, Dr. of Mason, Dr. Louis Wittain Essard Jr. (Alicia Jones) of East Lansing, Dr. Joseph G. Lessard (Luann Wieber) of Traverse City, and Judith Lessard of Mason. He is survived by ten grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and numerous places and nephews. The numerous nieces and nephews. The family also grieves the loss of Marian's brother, Vernell Kaul of Clarkston, who followed Louis in death several hours later on November 8, 2007. Louis was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Jack and Robert, and sisters, Francis (Olsen), Margaret (Kitzman), and Luella (Kitzman). Louis grew up in Pontiac and worked while attending school to help his family survive the Great Depression. He graduated from St. Frederick's Catholic High School in 1938 and joined the Civilian Conservation Corps. He volunteered

to join the Army Air Corps during World War II, where he excelled at aerial gunnery training and was first in his class in Bombardier School. He and his crew flew B-24 Liberators out of Manduria, Italy, as part of the 450th Bomb Group participating in numer-ous dangerous combat missions. After a promotion, 1st Lieutenant Lessard spent the next year as a telephone and telegraph officer in the 450th Signal Corps Construction Battalion in Barl, Italy. During this time he was in command of soldiers responsible for repairing communications equipment damaged or destroyed by the enemy.

Louis returned to Pontiac in August 1945. He resumed employment with Michigan Bell Telephone while attend-ing the Detroit Institute of Technology, where he earned an engineering degree in 1946. Louis worked for MI Bell for 42 years and retired in July, 1982. Louis married Marian Arlene Kaul of Pontiac June 28, 1947. Louis built the home in Clarkston where they raised their family and resided for 32 years (1953 - 1985). The Lessards were members of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Waterford, where Louis was a member of the ushers club and St. Vincent de Paul. He was also a member of the Elks Club in Pontiac and the Clarkston Rotary Club, serv-ing as president in 1968 - 1969. Louis was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Louis enjoyed close friendships with many Clarkston residents, including the "Hale Open" golf group. In the 1970s, Lou and Marian and a group of Clarkston friends built condos on Marco Island, FL. The Lessards also jointly purchased a home with their daughter and son-in-law on Lake Charlevoix in East Jordan, enjoying both residences during their retirement years. Many memorable family get-togethers took place at "the cottage". The Lessards enjoyed spending time with family and friends, golf outings and world travel. A Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, November 24, 2007 at 11:30 am at St.

I'homas Aquinas Catholic Church in

East Lansing, MI 48823. Louis will be interred at White Chapel Cemetery in

Troy, Michigan. Louis' family is deeply grateful to his physicians, nurs-

es and medical staff, as well as those

at Fleartland Hospice for their kind and

compassionate care. In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to Heartland

Hospice, 865 South Cedar, Mason, MI,

48854. The family is being served by



SHERI A. OZAK Age 46, of Northville, passed away

November 6, 2007. She was born on January 20, 1961 in Pontiac, Michigan daughter of Philip and Billie Schuricht. She was united in marriage to Terrence "Terry" Ozak on September 1, 1989. Sheri was a real-tor with Re/Max Prestige. She was a member of the Realtor Association. Sheri enjoyed many winter activities, especially skiing. She is survived by her beloved husband Terry; her cherished children Caitlin and Tyler; her devoted parents Philip and Billie Schuricht; and her dearest siblings Philip "Brad" (Patty) Schuricht and Renee (Schuricht) Slabinski. Sheri will also be missed by many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A time of gathering will be held Saturday, November from Ham-Ipm with a Memorial Service at 1pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 West Dunlap, Northville. In lieu of flowers contributions would be appreciated to the Ozak Children's College Fund, PO Box 837, Northville, Michigan 48167. Memories maybe shared at: www.myspace.com/rememberingsheri



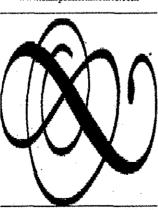
DOROTHY ANN SCHALL

age 84, of Plymouth, died November 8, 2007. She was born August 2, 1923, in St. Louis, MO. A former longtime resident of Westland, she was a member of St. Theodore Church. She was a homemaker, and she enjoyed swimming, bowling, sewing, reading, ceramics, and gardening. She is survived by her children, Diane (Robert) Burton, Donna Schall, David (Margaret) Schall, Donald Schall Jr., Dorothy (Phillip) Peffley, Daniel (Lucie) Schall, and Matthew (Sandra) Schali; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Donald, and her brother. Funeral from St. Theodore Church, 8200 Wayne Rd., Westland, Monday 10am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30am. Visitation at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Sunday 3-8pm. Scripture service Sunday 4pm. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

MILTON STOVER

Of Fenton, formerly of Traverse City, died Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at Crestmont Healthdied care Facility. Funeral Services were held Saturday, November 10, 2007 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Roger Cook officiating, Interment in Franklin Cemetery, Franklin, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to the Milton and Ella Stover Endowment Fund for Starr Commonwealth. Milton was born August 15, 1921 in Temagami, Ontario, Canada, the son of David L. and Lucilia Ann (Brown) Stover. He married Ella Patterson on June 15, 1946 in Ann Arbor. Milton was 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, serving in WWII and the Korean War. He retired from the Amoco Oil Company in 1978 and moved from Franklin to Traverse City in 1981. Milton attended the Presbyterian Church in Franklin and was a life member of the University of Michigan Alumni Association. He was on the Board of Directors of Michigan Manufactured Housing Institute, Chairman of Grand Traverse Housing Commission and was a counselor and on the board of S.C.O.R.E. Milton was a licensed pilot, loved flying and fishing. Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Ella of Fenton; daughter, Janet Polluck, (Larry) of Holly; two sons, Milton Stover and special friend, Brenda of Reno, NV, Ward Stover (Carol) of Columbiaville; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; sister, Bessie McGregor of Rose City. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, George, Sydney, Walt; three sisters, Agnes, Lottie, Edna. Online condolences and tributes may be posted on the obituar-

www.sharpfuneralhomes.com







ENGAGEMENTS

Tulppo-Ake

Megan Jane Tulppo and Kevin James Ake are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Judi Stonik of Westland and the late Fred Tulppo. She is a 2001 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and a 2005 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of arts degree in secondary education. She is employed as an accounting specialist with Burns and Wilcox in Farmington Hills.

The future groom is the son of Lois and Jim Ake of Fenton. He is a 2001 graduate of Fenton High School and a 2005 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree in human

Tulppo-Richardson

Elizabeth (Betsy) Marie Tulppo and Christopher Ryan Richardson are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Judi Stonik of Westland and the late Fred Tulppo. She is a 1999 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and a 2005 graduate of Schoolcraft College with an associates degree in general education. She is employed as an office manager with Cleaning Authority in Plymouth.

The future groom is the son of Tim and Sheryl (Cookie) Carner of Garden City. He is a 1997 graduate of Wayne

Mezza-Walsh

Livio and Loretta Mezza of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith Ann Mezza, to Ryan Walsh, son of Ann Walsh of Gilbert, Ariz.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

The groom is a graduate of Schoolcraft College and is employed by Yazaki of North America.

A May 2008 wedding is planned for Mill Race Historical Village, followed by a reception at St. Mary's Cultural Center.

Pennsylvania toward a master's McPhee-Brodie

Scott Phillip Brodie announce their engagement to be mar-

daughter of Mike and Marie McPhee of Potterville. She is currently attending Ferris ating in May with a degree in human resources manage-

The future groom is the son Livonia. He is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High



resources management. He is employed as a human resources specialist with Domino Pizza in Ann Arbor.

A May 2008 wedding is planned for Silver Gardens in Southfield.



Memorial High School. He is employed as a service representative for Consumers Energy in Royal Oak.

No date has been set for the wedding.



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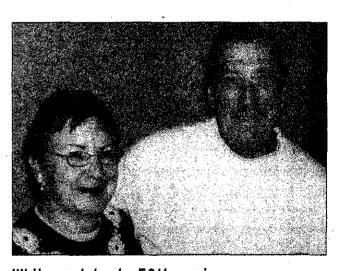
of Mark and Theresa Brodie of School and graduated from



Michigan State University. He is currently employed at Microsoft in Seattle, Wash. A July 2008 wedding is

planned.

ANNIVERSARY



Whites celebrate 50th anniversary
Bob and Gail White of Garden City are celebrating

their 50th wedding anniversary.

They were married in Detroit, on Nov. 16, 1957.

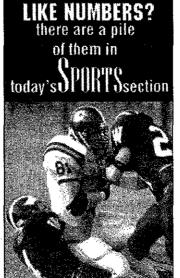
They have lived in Garden City for 49 years.

Bob retired from General Motors (Cadillac) after 30 years, and Gail worked for a while at Montgomery Ward. They enjoy camping, bowling, golfing, playing games (rummikub, and various card games), and going to the casino. They've had a camper for over 30 years at Greenwood Acres, in Jackson Michigan where they spend lots of time.

Bob and Gail have been devoted grandparents to their 10 grandchildren, attending various sporting, and extracurricular events.

They have three children; Crystal (Pat) Brozek, Carrie (Keith) Kerr, and Robert Jr. Ten grandchildren are; Keith Jr., Nick, Mallory, Tim, Nolan, Liz, Sarah, Zach, Andrew, and Jillian. They have one great-grandson, Chase.

They will be celebrating their anniversary with family and close relatives at a restaurant continuing at their daughter's home. For their gift, their children are sending them to Las Vegas.







Sleep experts say teens need nine hours of sleep each night to maintain good health, safety and to achieve their

How much Zzzzzz?

Researchers say teens need nine hours nightly for health, achievement

BY MICHELLE KAPPY

o you slam the buzzer of your alarm clock and stumble out of bed a mere five hours after you've gone to sleep? Do you often feel like a "walking zombie" in the morning? Do you fall asleep in class even when you're not bored?



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If so, you share in a phenomenon common to most teenagers, that phenomenon is commonly known as sleep deprivation. There is

little question that sleep deprivation has negative effects on overall mood and performance, even impacting driving abil-

According to the National Center on Sleep Disorders Research, teenagers need at least nine hours of sleep per night on a regular basis for their health, safety and to achieve their best in school and extra-curricular activities. Why is it difficult for teenagers to fall asleep on school nights and wake up on school mornings? Why are so many teens sleepy in their morning classes?

Teenage years are a time when school, homework, extra-curricular activities, social lives and part-time jobs keep us busy from morning to night. They often try to compensate for a lack of sleep by "sleeping in" on the weekends. Facebook, instant messaging and TV are 24/7 temptations, contributing to an irregular sleep schedule and making the problem worse.

"I feel like I am always dozing off in class, because I went to bed so late the night before, which causes me to

get behind in my academics" says Leigh Grinberg, 15, of

West Bloomfield. When teenagers stay up late and sleep in over the weekend, their internal clock is reset to a later time. Teenagers are giving themselves "jet lag" over the weekend without even getting on a plane.

At most high schools, classes begin at 7:30 a.m. Sleep researchers state that teenagers aren't meant to climb out of bed that early. Studies suggest that classes should begin later in the morning to accommodate teenager's need for sleep. Sleep experts recommend a school day that begins at 9:30 or 10 a.m. for teens.

Dr. Lourice Rafols, a pediatrician at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Center. maintains that starting high school later could improve attendance, tardiness, achievement and grades. As many as 80 school districts around the country are changing their starting time to begin later, and one can only hope this fad spreads to Michigan schools

Sleep is vital to your well being. It can help you to feel better, perform better in school and manage the stresses of being a teenager.

So the next time your parents tell you to get off the phone and go to bed, you should surprise them and take their advice!

Michelie Kappy of Orchard Lake is a sophomore at Frankel Jewish Academy in West Bloomfield.

Berkley

Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at the Birmingham Community House. For information, www. bhsreunion1987.com for event details, to register and pay for your ticket.

Birmingham Seaholm Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. For more information and to make reservations, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264.

Bloomfield Hills Andover Class of 1997

A 10-year reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at The Sea Grille in West Bloomfield. For more information and to make reservations. call Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or email rsculbert@sbcglobal.net.

Dearborn Fordson Class of 1969

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

Dearborn Heights Riverside Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007, at Warren Valley Banquet Center in Dearborn Heights. For information, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264.

Detroit Cody Class of 1967

Planning an informal reunion. For information, go to codycomets1967@aol.com.

Detroit Christ the King Elementary Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734)354-0223 or e-mail denplace@bigfoot.com.

Detroit Girls Catholic Central Class of 1967

Searching for classmates of the class of 1967 for a 40th reunion this summer/fall. Contact Diane Kangas (Krok) at (586)446-9011 or Mary Mezzardi (Winowiecki) at mmezzadri@hotmail.com.

Detroit Henry Ford Class of 1977

Looking for classmates for a 30year reunion. Information at hen-. ryfordhighschool.com.

Farmington High School Class of 1977

Looking for classmates to plan

CLASS REUNIONS

30th reunion. Call Elaine (Stewart) Conn at (248)-476-4821 or shakaconn1129@yahoo.com.

Class of 1997

A 10-year reunion, 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007 (Thanksgiving weekend), Cheli's Chili Bar in Detroit. For information, visit www.fhsclassof1997.

Garden City High School Class of 1960

Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Anyone interested in more information can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS. MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Class of 1987

Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20-year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name, address, phone, e-mail, etc.). Contact GCHSClassof87reunion@ comcast.net or call Sheryll (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367-0898.

Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at achs1989reunion@hotmail.com and check out web site at www. myspace.com/gchs20threunion. The reunion date has not been set yet.

Grosse Pointe North Class of 1991

Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@ taylorreunions.com.

Livonia Bentley High School Class of 1982

A 25th reunion, 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2007 at Baker's of Milford. For information visit www.classmates.com or call 877 376 1703

RSVP soon to reserve your spot!

Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more Information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com.

Plymouth High School Class of 1968

Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 19, 2008. Only about 63 percent of the class have been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734)451-1048 or contact phs40threunion@charter.net.

Plymouth Salem and Canton Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at Hyatt Regency Dearborr, 600 Town Center Drive. Tic ats \$75 per person. All payments by Nov. 9. Mail check or moneyorder to Chris Courtney, RE Reunion, 41025 Ann Arbor Road E., Plymouth, Mi. 48170. For information, call Courtney at (734)354-8405 or chriscourtney@remerica.com.

Trenton High School Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at Grecian Center in Southgate. Call Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail rsculbert@sbcglobal.net.

Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1967

A 40-year reunion at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton Township, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Nov. 24, 2007. \$50 per person: no tickets sold at the door. Missing contact info for more than 200 classmates. Contact Vicki Porter Wood at (734)718-3559 or (734)641-7771.

Westland John Glenn High School Class of 1987

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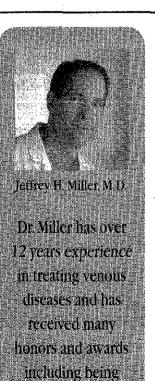
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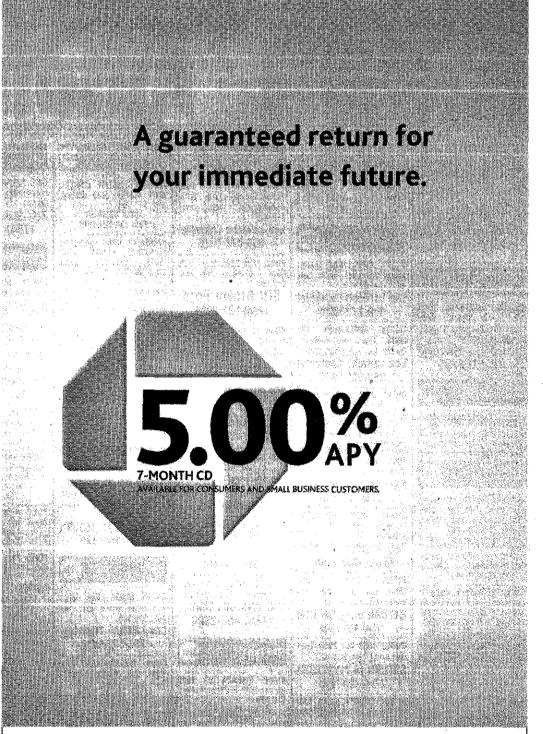


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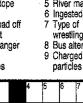
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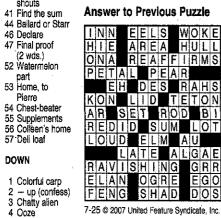
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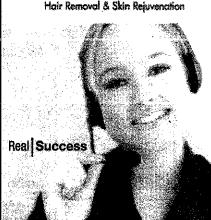
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I have a confession to make right up front: I own a 2007 Hyundai Accent. Well, I own it, but my college-age daughter is the one who drives it, back and forth to school. When I bought it, I looked at the research, plus I have the advantage of having driven Hvundai Accents and their main competition in the past as part of what I do for this space. For us, the combination of features and price tilted us in Hyundai's direction, but your situation may be different.

We own a GŠ three-door; the test car this week is the Accent SE three-door. Meant to be an entry-level vehicle, Hyundai has packed this one full of options I never would have put on our car, and those options make it pricier than your basic entry-level transportation. More on those in a bit.

The SE three-door is a typical compact three-door, with a lift gate in the rear. While there is nothing exotic about the styling, it does come with fog lights, a body-color rear spoiler and 16inch alloy wheels. The SE also comes with heated exterior mirrors, something most entry-level cars don't have. You can add a sunroof, if you like. The test car came with a ground effects kit priced at almost \$1,500, one of those options I wouldn't add, but this version of the SE is obviously not aimed

The Accent SE is powered by 1.6-liter 16-valve DOHC 4cylinder engine. Rated at 110 horsepower and 106 lb.-ft. of torque, it gives you a few more horses than other engines in this segment. With its small size, 110 horses are enough for decent acceleration.

You'll get pretty good mileage from this engine; it's EPA rated at 32/35 mpg and it's certified as an Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle. A 5-speed manual is standard. Hyundai has moved the reverse gear to the far left; I'm not that thrilled with the way it feels. Going from reverse to first gear doesn't feel natural, to me anyway. Otherwise, shifting is just fine. You can get a 4-speed automatic, if you prefer.

The Accent SE handles pretty well for a small car. Bumps aren't too bad and the steering feels good. The front suspension is a MacPherson strut system with coil springs and gas shocks, and the rear system features a coupled torsion beam with coils springs and gas shocks. Rack-and-pinion steering is standard and the small turning circle makes the car easy to maneuver. Inside, there's more room than you might think from looking at it from the outside. With 92.2 cubic feet of passenger volume, it's one of the more roomy cars in the entry level segment. The rear seat is actually usable for people, and the seat folds down to add to the cargo volume. Leg room and head room are fine, even for tall drivers.

The cloth seats provide good support and are fairly comfortable. The driver's seat is eight-way adjustable (manually). Power seats



The Hyundai Accent offers excellent gas mileage - 32/35 mpg and its an Ultra-Low emission vehicle.

are not available for the Accent SE, but other power options are actually included. Power windows, mirrors, and locks, plus keyless entry are all included. Air-conditioning is standard, as are a leather-wrapped steering wheel, and a rear window defogger. For some reason, though, cruise control is not available.

The instrument panel includes a tachometer and a coolant temperature gauge.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system with six speakers. You can, if you choose, spend a lot more on audio. The test vehicle was set up with the optional Kenwood audio system (\$400), Kenwood rear speakers (\$105), subwoofer (\$420), and iPod adapter (\$129).

I don't care for the way it looks - it looks like an aftermarket system you can buy yourself, instead of something that looks like it belongs in the Accent. The system comes with a wireless remote control, which comes in handy, because the head unit is poorly labeled, hard to read, not intuitively laid-out, and confusing.

The subwoofer has a hand-held control switch that is stored in the glove box. That's where the iPod adapter is, as well. You hook up the iPod and put it in the glove box; the head unit controls the iPod's functions. You may have to consult the owner's manual (I did) to figure out how to get it to play a particular playlist. I have more than 6,000 songs on my iPod (shared with my wife Ro), so getting the proper playlist to play is important. You can also choose to play by artist, genre or

As confusing as the controls are, the good news is that the adapter allows you to play audio directly into the head unit. This can be an advantage over the mini-FM tuner iPod adapters that make you find an unused FM frequency to play the iPod's audio through.

The sound is better, while the iPod charges at the same time.

It would be nice if the display would give you the song title, but it will display the playlist name. Overall, the system sounds pretty good, but at more than a thousand bucks total, you may want to look at an after-market system.

One of the things that sold me on the Accent for my daughter Kell was the safety features it has. We were replacing a car in which she just had an accident, so safety was an important consideration. The Accent SE comes with 4-wheel ABS brakes, dual front airbags, dual front side-impact airbags, roofmounted side curtain airbags and an energy-absorbing steering column.

Hyundai's warranty also figured into the picture. It's a fiveyear/60,000-mile new-vehicle warranty, while the powertrain is warranted for 10 years/100,000 miles. Five years of roadside assistance is also included.

The Accent SE is priced at a little over \$14,000. Add the highend audio package, leather-wrapped shift knob, ground effects, front strut tower brace and sport pedals, and you come in at about \$18,000. That's a bit more than an entry-level price, but if the extras aren't important, you can get a pretty wellequipped car for under \$15,000.

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2007 Hyundai Accent SE Vehicle class: Compact car.

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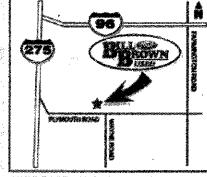
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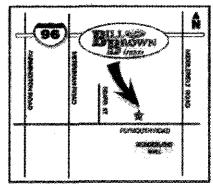
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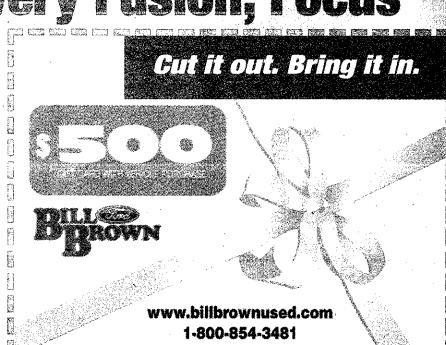


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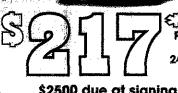


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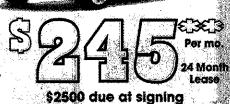
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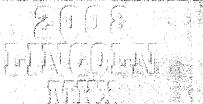


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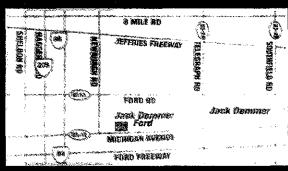
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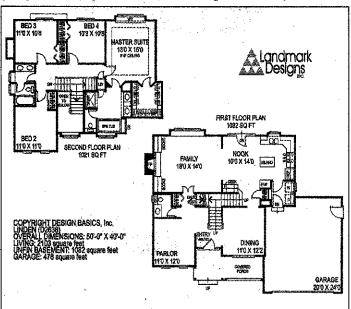
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Family-size Linden ideal for entertaining good friends

At 2,103 square feet, the The porch provides a cov-Linden (D2638) is an ideal size for a family of four or five. It has four bedrooms, with a large family room and a formal parlor. The exterior has the farmhouse look that has been modernized with the use of many windows and brick accents. It has a two-car the stairs. garage with a single door.

ered area to enter the home. Once inside, the parlor is on the left and the dining area is on the right. The stairs to the second floor are unique as one can start up them from two different directions. It adds a special feature to the look of

The parlor is fairly isolated



from the rest of the home, providing a cozy area for entertaining friends. There is a half bath off this room. Down the hall, through French doors, is huge family room with a fireplace on one wall, surrounded by bookshelves. A large transom lined with windows faces the backyard, bathing the room with the afternoon sun-

The kitchen and nook openly face the family room, making this area ideal for family gatherings. The cooks can stand in the kitchen and still hear the conversations that go on in the family room or nook. On the other hand, the dining room is separated from this area and is designed for more formal get-togethers. The kitchen has a garden window over the sink, an island in the middle, and a pantry to one side. Beside the pantry is the utility room and a door to the garage, ideal for unloading groceries.

Upstairs are all the bedrooms. The master suite occupies the right side of the

second floor. The ceiling has a 9-foot coffer and there is a window seat down one wall. In the corner is a large walk-in closet. Adjacent is a huge bathroom with "his and her" sinks, a large spa tub, a private stool area, and a shower. A linen closet that opens from inside and outside the bathroom has been added for convenience.

Bedrooms 3 and 4 are sideby-side and are about the same size. Each has a wall closet and large windows. Convenient to all the bedrooms is the full bath with dual sinks and a tub. Bedroom 2, similar to the other two bedrooms, is adjacent to the bath and the stairs.

For a study plan of the LINDEN (D2638), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify

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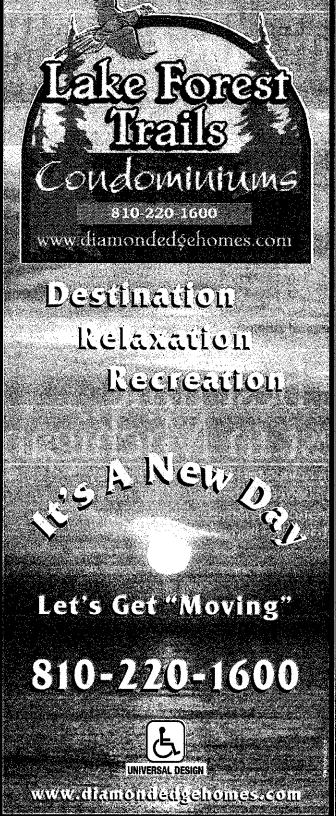
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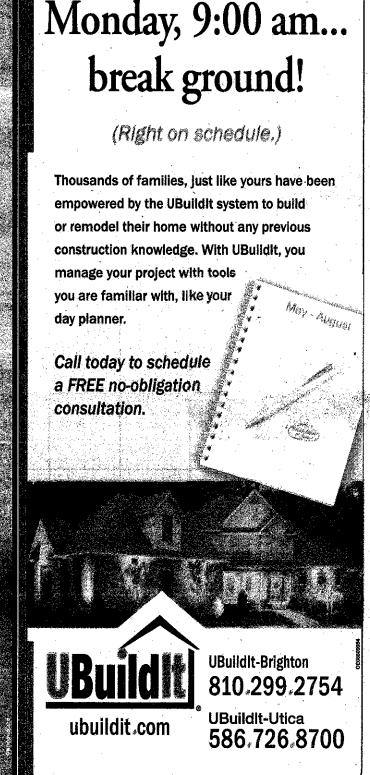




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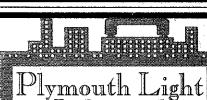


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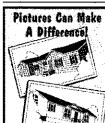
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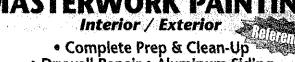


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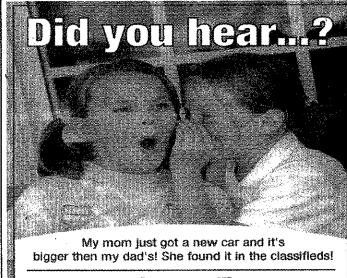
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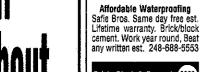
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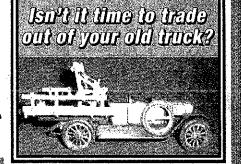
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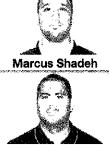
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