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Students face suspension after Central bomb hoax

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Three students face possible suspension after making threatening remarks during a search of student backpacks Friday morning at Central Middle School, the result of a bomb threat that was found written on a bathroom wall Thursday.

"One student was talking to a classmate and said he had a bomb detonator in his pocket and he was sent to the principal's office," said Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll. "A couple of other students made remarks and were also sent to the office."

Plymouth-Canton Schools Director of Communications Frank Ruggirello said all three will be "reviewed for suspension."

Plymouth and Plymouth Township police searched the

nearly 900 students as they entered the building. They were then sent to the gymnasium, where Principal Pro Tem Steve Vowles talked to students about the seriousness of what turned out to be a prank. Carroll said the search of student bags was orderly.

"The students cooperated and everything went well," said Carroll. "We secured them in the gymnasium and when we got everyone in they were released to class."

The search was necessitated after the threatening message was discovered Thursday morning.

"Somebody scribbled a message on the wall that said a bomb would go off Friday morning at 10 a.m.," said Carroll. "We took our precautions Thursday by sweeping the school with two bomb dogs, one from the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) and one

from Michigan State Police. We secured the building until Friday morning, and checked backpacks and other bags as students entered the building.

The approximately 900 students were limited to one front and one rear entrance while entering Central Middle School, at the corner of Church and Main streets.

Ruggirello said the school district took all appropriate precautions in dealing with the threat.

"We take our cues from the police department, and since there was a specific date it was determined there was no point in canceling classes," said Ruggirello. "We're never going to put our kids or staff in a bad situation. If there was any question, we would have canceled school."

A letter written by Vowles and sent home with students Friday afternoon stressed that

threats of any kind won't be tolerated.

"Even if the threat is considered a joke, there are consequences for even the most casual remarks that imply violence of any kind," wrote Vowles. "If your student has information that will help us identify those responsible for this situation, please encourage them to see me or a staff member they trust as soon as possible. We will respect their confidentiality as best we can."

"It is important for you to know that once we identify the person(s) responsible for the threat we will move for immediate expulsion," added Vowles in the letter. "We also will encourage the police department to charge the families of the students involved for the cost of their services over the past few days."

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STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Police and Central Middle School staffers searched backpacks as students entered the school Friday morning after a bomb threat was discovered on a bathroom wall a day earlier.

Committee says salaries too high for elected officials

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Is there middle ground between the township supervisor's current salary of \$127,073 and the compensation that has been proposed for the upcoming term?

Tom Yack thinks so. "It's OK to push the salary back. In fact, I think it needs to come back, but I think (the recommendation) is way too low," he said of the \$108,669 figure that's been handed down by an internal committee.

In addition to rolling back the salary of the supervisor's position, the committee, which includes trustees Todd Caccamo and Todd LaJoy, Township Clerk Terry Bennett, Finance Director Rick Eva and Executive Director John Santomauro, recommended lowering the clerk and treasurer positions from \$103,070 to \$98,790 and the trustee compensation from \$12,537 to \$12,000.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

From the perspective of labor

UAW president Ron Gettelfinger was the first speaker of the newly-revived Canton Economic Club during a Wednesday luncheon at the Summit. Canton Supervisor resurrected the club, which has no members, as a way to bring interesting speakers to Canton to touch on topics of importance to Southeastern Michigan. He didn't have to look far for Gettelfinger, who is a Canton resident. He discussed the major issues pertinent to labor, including the growing disparity in compensation between executives and workers, the impact that 'so-called' free trade has had on Michigan and unions, the strike at American Axle, and the healthcare crisis. While not necessarily advocating universal healthcare, Gettelfinger said "We need to do something in this country to responsibly address healthcare to make every business competitive." Yack said the club will next meet in November.

Chamber to set sail for 'Margaritaville'

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jimmy Buffett fans get ready.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner auction will take place Friday at the Burton Manor in Livonia. The event has a "Margaritaville" theme and accompanying attire is encouraged.

"I had no idea how many Jimmy Buffett fans there are," chuckled Denise Staffeld, auction committee chairperson. "They are coming out of the woodwork."

The auction, which has Lou LaRiche Chevrolet as its platinum sponsor, will include dinner, a raffle, entertainment, an open bar and live and silent auctions.

"This is always a great gathering for us and we are able to do a lot of programming with the money we raise," Staffeld said.

The auction, which is hailed as a networking hub, has gained popularity through its changing themes, which has included denim and diamonds and be true to your school.

"The themes do add to the excitement and this one has been really fun to plan," said Chamber President Diane Cojei. "It's going to be a great night of fun."

Dinner will feature a handful of stations offering ham and pineapple, beef and chicken kabobs and cheeseburgers in paradise.

Staffeld said she expects the anticipation surrounding the event to carry over into clothing choices.

"Think Caribbean, Jimmy Buffett or spring break," she said. "Anything goes, just don't come in a suit."

Tickets for the auction are \$75 per person and can be purchased at the Chamber office, 45525 Hanford, or by calling (734) 453-4040.

CHAMBER DINNER AUCTION

When: 7 p.m., Friday April 11
Where: Burton Manor, Livonia
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Info: Call the Canton Chamber office at (734) 453-4040

Community Foundation president making run for treasurer



Noricks

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Joan Noricks says she's ready to go from crunching numbers for the Canton Community Foundation to doing it for the Canton community as township treasurer.

"I have been a treasurer all over the place," said Noricks,

who has taken a leave of absence from her longtime position as CCF president in order to campaign. "I love numbers and the financial aspect of business. I believe my strength to the foundation has been my accounting expertise."

Noricks, a former self-employed dress maker, began working for CCF as a volunteer

bookkeeper in 1992 and joined its staff two years later. Under her leadership, the organization has grown its assets from \$1,500 to \$1.8 million.

"I had to rebuild a lot of relationships," she said. "The organization lacked credibility and I had to make reassurances that we were a solvent entity."

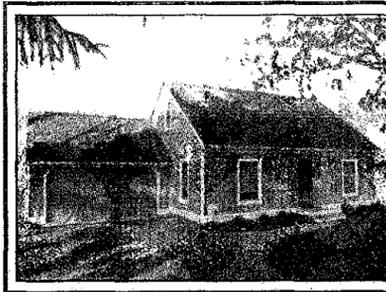
In the race for the trea-

surer's seat, Noricks' certain opponent is Township Board Trustee Melissa McLaughlin. Current Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, who was elected in 1988, said she hasn't decided whether or not to seek reelection.

"I don't know," Kirchgatter

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Stage set for beheading trial

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BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Jean Pierre Orlewicz

With co-defendant Alexander Letkemann having accepted a plea to second-degree murder, Jean Pierre Orlewicz will stand alone in the Wayne County Circuit courtroom of Judge Annette Berry when his trial begins Monday morning.

Orlewicz, of Plymouth Township, faces first-degree and felony murder charges, along with a charge of mutilation of a corpse. If convicted, Orlewicz faces life in prison without parole.

Letkemann, the 18-year-old former Livonia Churchill High School student from Westland, took a plea Monday and is expected to testify. Letkemann is among more than 80 people who appeared on the prosecution's initial witness list.

Orlewicz defense attorneys James Thomas and Joseph Niskar presented an initial witness list of nearly 50 individual names.

They'll all be taking the stage in a case that has already drawn national media attention and figures to draw more. Court officials said Thursday a crew from

the cable television network TruTV (formerly Court TV) is scheduled to be on hand to cover the proceedings.

The case centers around the murder, beheading and burning of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge. Orlewicz is charged with killing Sorensen and beheading him, then, along with Letkemann, dumping Sorensen's body in a Northville Township field, burning it and tossing the head into the Rouge River.

Thomas told Berry in a hearing last week he would use self-defense as a trial

strategy, but Berry dealt that defense a possible blow by excluding evidence of Sorensen's criminal past, plus evidence of personal protection orders taken out by four people unrelated to the case.

Berry also granted a prosecution motion prohibiting the testimony of three mental health professionals because Orlewicz isn't claiming the insanity defense, didn't raise the issue of competency to understand his Miranda rights and there's been no request for a competency hearing.

While a slew of police officers and medical professionals dot the prosecution's witness list, Letkemann and another of Orlewicz's friends, Isam Ayyash (who friends call Izzy), figure to provide the key testimony. In a statement played in the preliminary hearing, Letkemann told Canton police Orlewicz lured Sorensen to the garage of his grandfather's Canton home and killed him.

Letkemann, in his conversation with police, said he entered the garage first, followed by Sorensen, with Orlewicz bringing up the rear.

"(Orlewicz) shut the door behind us and then just did it," said Letkemann, who said in a written statement that Orlewicz cut Sorensen's throat from behind, then stabbed him. "I don't know why he killed him."

Ayyash testified at the preliminary hearing he got a phone call from Orlewicz to come to the garage and help load Sorensen's body into a truck.

The hearing also featured the first public appearance of "Izzy," the third "person of interest" worthy mentioned at her press conference. "Izzy" is a nickname for Isam ("Orlewicz) asked me to come to his grandfather's house because he needed help lifting a body into a truck," Ayyash testified. "I walked in and asked, 'Is this a joke?' and they said, 'no.'"

Ayyash, granted immunity by the Wayne County prosecutor for his involvement, testified Orlewicz asked him to give him his clothing.

When asked why, Ayyash testified, "Because his were covered in blood."

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said Tuesday. While saying she doesn't expect this to be "an easy race," Noricks said she does believe she will be running the treasurer's office in November.

"I think my experience at the foundation lends to a skill set that people expect of a treasurer," she said. "I am a good steward of money and I take that very seriously. I have managed people and ran departments and I am a relationship builder. I am used to working with people in all aspects of the community not just developers."

Noricks, a Canton resident since 1980, said she has played with the idea of seeking a political office for years but didn't feel the timing was right until now.

"There is going to be a whole change of leadership," she said referring to the upcoming retirement of Township Supervisor Tom Yack. "I feel the potential opportunity to be treasurer will allow me to effect change. The community is at a crossroads and the decisions we make now will determine what a mature Canton will look like."

In the past, Noricks has had several positions within the Plymouth-Canton

JOAN NORICKS

- Married to Dennis for 35 years
- Three children, Jeffrey, Julie and Rebecca
- Three grandchildren, Grace, Megan and Zachary
- Canton Community Foundation president from 1994-present
- Schoolcraft College associate of arts degree, 1996; Attended University of Michigan-Dearborn, 1996-98; University of Phoenix bachelor's degree, 2000

Community Schools school council, been a board member of the Educational Excellence Foundation and served as treasurer for the Leadership Canton Alumni Association, Canton Century Club and Partnership for the Arts.

Noricks, who plans to go door to door meeting voters, said she is passionate about pushing for more park and recreation access to northeast sections of Canton.

"We can't ignore areas of the township," she said. "That access has to be equal for the residents that have lived here for 30 years and those that have only been here two years. If I'm elected, you will see me voice thoughts and solutions in a greater way than what we have seen. I do have opinions."

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Thespians get 'Seussical' for musical

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

He may be a beloved children's author, but Dr. Seuss is moving up to high school - Wayne Memorial High School to be exact.

His storybook characters like Horton, Cat in the Hat and the Grinch will come to life on the stage of the school's Stockmeyer Auditorium in the Theatrical Guild production of *Seussical* Thursday-Saturday, April 17-19.

'INCREDIBLE' SHOW

What: "Seussical," a musical based on the stories and characters found in 20 Dr. Seuss stories.

Who: Presented by the Wayne Memorial Theatrical Guild.

When: 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 17-19.

Where: Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium, on Glenwood west of Wayne Road, Wayne.

What: Tickets are \$8 for students and \$10 for adults. They're available at the door or by contacting Katie Sullivan by e-mail at sullivak@wwcsd.net.

also ask if we chose this because of the movie, but we chose the play early on in the school year. It wasn't until only a few weeks before *Horton Hears a Who!* came out that we realized there was a movie."

A cast of 25 students appear in the production which centers around Horton the Elephant's efforts to save his friend JoJo and the other inhabitants of Who. It also features characters from many other Seuss books, including *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *The One Feather Tail of Miss Gertrude McFuzz*, *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish* and *I Had Trouble in Getting to Solla Sollew*. The infamous Cat in the Hat as an outside observer is narrator and devil's advocate throughout the show.

REPRESENTATIVE

Erin Downey has worked with Sullivan in creating two backdrops - one for the Jungle of Nool and the other for Whoville - that were painted during the spring recess. Sullivan normally rents the backdrops, but found nothing that would go along with what the group is doing.

Downey also is helping with the costumes



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Kim Chau as JoJo and Doug Malcolm as Cat in the Hat rehearse the song, 'It's Possible,' from the musical 'Seussical,' which is being presented April 17-19 by the Wayne Memorial High School Theatrical Guild.



Alyssa Lucas as Sour Kangaroo sings 'Biggest Blame Fool' about Horton during a scene from "Seussical." Rebecca Smith (right) plays as the sloth.

which, in the case of the animals, will be representative.

"They won't be dressed exactly as an animal," said Sullivan. "The birds will wear boas for their feathers and the owl may have big eyes and dress in colors representative of it."

"Horton won't have a trunk, and he'll wear a mailman's uniform. A mailman must be trustworthy and honest and that's what we're looking for in Horton."

For Tirrell Davis, who plays one of the Wickersham Brothers in the Jungle of Nool, dressing as a monkey will mean brown clothing.

"It's one of the roles I came out for," said the Wayne High senior who also appears as a cadet and fish in the production. "The other roles are good roles. There's some for singing, some for dancing, but the monkey can do both ... and I can give it attitude. Monkeys are playful and sneaky. I try to work that mischief into the role."

You can't miss Aretha Franklin in Sour Kangaroo. That's who Alyssa Lucas based her character on. It has a R-E-S-P-E-C-T attitude and is very social. She "technically" plays two

people, Sour Kangaroo and her baby, a hand puppet that she works with during the show.

"It has feelings, I like making it move and showing emotions," said Lucas who is appearing in her fifth high school play although she's been in community theater since age 5. "I can do a lot with the role."

'NOTHING LIKE ME'

Briana Dewyer plays Mayzie LaBird whom she describes as selfish, "nothing like me."

"I'm crazy and funny, but not selfish," said Dewyer. "Mayzie is sassy, she's fun, she's so crazy. I think of the movie *Mean Girls* when I think of her. It's going to be great playing her."

This is Dewyer's eighth - and last - show. A senior, she said that while it's sad, her four years with the guild "has been journey where I meet a lot of great people."

She added that playing an animal is "definitely difficult."

"You're an animal, but not an animal," she said. "I have to walk like a bird, but still be human. It's difficult, but it's fun."

By the time the curtain goes up on opening night, the cast will have spent eight weeks rehearsing. Initially, they've practiced five hours a day four days a week, but starting this week, they're doing five days with two weekend technical rehearsals.

"We're rehearsing a little bit more than the average, but because it's so technical we added extra technical rehearsals and an extra week of rehearsals," she said. "The show is oriented around the technical aspects because the set pieces move in and out."

"This is going to be a ton of fun," she added.

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Task force: Drugs not a problem in schools

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Police officials don't deny teenagers are using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in the Plymouth and Canton communities.

Students, however, don't appear to be among those using them in Plymouth-Canton middle and high schools. That's according to a task force of Plymouth-Canton Schools officials, the Canton Township Public Safety Department and Growth Works Community Intervention.

"We're not saying it's not a problem, what we are saying is that it's not being brought to school," said Canton Township Deputy Police Chief Laura Golles. "I think the combination of drug sweeps in the (high school) parking lots, the two police officers we have assigned there, as well as the school security and teachers help keep it away from the schools."

"Experience tells us that young people will continue to experiment, and if we curtail our preventative measures or the prosecution of those caught using, the numbers will increase," she said. "This task force approach to prevention appears to be working."

The five PCCS middle schools showed a minor increase in the number of teens caught possessing or using drugs during the 2006-07 school year. Statistics gathered at the three high schools showed a decrease in those areas, as well as alcohol use. However, possession of tobacco incidents were up substantially at the high school complex.

Brian Spitsbergen, program director for Growth Works, said the connections developed among schools, law enforcement and human service organizations have made school a less likely place for drug and alcohol abuse. However, teens are still finding places to use illegal substances.

"Kids have learned how to negotiate times and places to use," said Spitsbergen. "When kids skip school, that should be a red flag. That makes their homes a good venue."

Spitsbergen also notes that prescription drugs have become the drug of choice over the past three years.

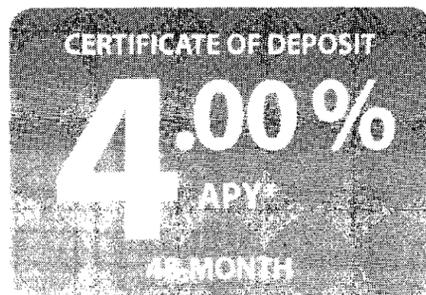
"We have a generation of kids that understand medication, and some of the variables, such as side effects," Spitsbergen said. "Kids will use, abuse, sell and trade it."

"There are prescription medications that can be found in every home, and there are a lot of over-the-counter medications," he said. "And, since you can't smell or see it in the eyes, it creates a whole new level of sophistication that adults struggle with."

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ON THE AGENDA

Canton Board of Trustees

The board will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m., April 8 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Agenda items include:

- Appointments to the Historic District Commission
- Consider approval of a water service contract between Canton and Detroit
- Consider site plan for Schoolhouse Montessori Academy
- Consider site plan for Canton Corners expansion
- Consider revisions to the Cherry Hill Gardens site plan
- Consider authorizing township clerk to sign the agreement with AT&T to relocate overhead lines along Geddes Road from Beck Road to the River Meadows development
- Consider authorizing payment of \$25,432 for membership in the Alliance of Rouge Communities (Arc)

Plymouth-Canton Board of Education

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education meets in regular session 7 p.m. Tuesday,

April 8.

Items up for discussion include the VIP Award, an Elementary American History Grant update, a resolution supporting Equity Gap Funding and policies governing school visitors and volunteers.

The meeting takes place in the board meeting room at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-2700.

Canton Planning Commission

The commission will meet at 7 p.m., on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 7 p.m. on the first floor of Canton's Administration Building. Items on the agenda include:

SITE PLANS

- Huntington Bank At New Towne Plaza: Consider site plan approval. Property is located north of Ford Road, west of Sheldon Road.
- Canton Corners East (Potbelly Sandwich Shop): Consider proposed developer instigated revision to site plan. Property is located at the southwest corner of Ford and Lilley Roads.

Meeting on prescribed burns

Area residents are invited to attend an informational meeting on the upcoming prescribed burns scheduled for this spring in Canton. This public meeting will take place from 7-8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16 at the Canton Township Administration Building, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, in Freedom Room of the Lower Level.

Residents will be able to get the latest information on the benefits of prescribed burning and learn the local area burn schedule. Residents will have the opportunity to ask questions regarding this new practice that will involve a controlled burning of vegetation as a means for managing local wildlife habitats.

Areas proposed for the prescribed burns, include the Flodin Park Nature Trail, located in Flodin Park between Morton Taylor and Sheldon roads on Saltz Road; and the Sheldon and Warren Nature Area, located north of Warren Road.

For more information about this public meeting and the prescribed burns, please e-mail avinitski@canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5310.

CMU Vegas-style event

A group of Central Michigan University students and the Village Theater at Cherry Hill will roll out the red carpet for area residents next week. "Vegas Exclusive," presented by students in CMU's Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services Administration 440: Special Event Administration course in cooperation with the Village Theater, will take place at 6 p.m. April 10.

Tickets for the public event cost \$25 each and can be reserved by calling Ashley Price at (517) 206-3665 or Lorie Tuma at (989) 506-3805. Cash or check payment for



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tickets will be collected at the door. Reserve tickets locally by calling Jennifer Tobin at (734) 394-5484 and leaving name, phone number and number of tickets requested. Patrons can pay at the door when picking up the tickets.

The event, which also is sponsored by CMU's Alumni Association, will feature hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, dueling piano entertainment live onstage by 176 Keys, an appearance by an Elvis impersonator and raffles for a variety of donated prizes.

All profits from the event will benefit the Youth Police Academy program offered by the Mount Pleasant Police Department's Youth Services Unit. The program "allows 30 kids from the community to do a four-week police academy to learn discipline and teamwork and to build relationships of trust with our local law enforcement," according to Price, who is one of the students helping to organize the event.

Help Canton welcome bowlers

Preparations are underway for the USBC Women's

National Bowling Tournament, which will be held April 10 through July 6 at the Super Bowl Bowling Center, located at 45100 Ford Road.

Community members are invited to be part of a special team. Chamber of Commerce members are encouraged to volunteer to become a member of the Canton Ambassadors Team, whose main purpose will be to create a warm welcome for tournament participants, their families and friends during their stay in Canton.

Each Ambassador will be asked to sign up for a short two-hour shift to host the ShopCanton booth located inside the Super Bowl, anytime between 9:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m., during the month of April. Interested individuals can also sign up for more than one shift, or a certain shift each week.

These Ambassadors will provide a valuable "person-to-person" source of information to help our visitors find their way around our community and discover all that Canton has to offer. The only requirement to become a Canton Ambassador is to possess cheerful enthusiasm and to have pride in the Canton community.

Ambassadors who wish to promote their business will be allowed to wear shirts or pins with their company logos. Please note, due to limited space and other logistics, we will not be distributing handouts, coupons or other literature. The goal is to let the bowling community know they have come to a very friendly place and that we are glad to have them all in Canton.

To sign up, please contact Pat VanDusen, Volunteer Events Coordinator at (734) 394-5193 or the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040 to let us know when you would like to volunteer to be a member of the Canton Ambassadors Team.

Earth Day volunteers sought

All area residents are welcome to join us in Canton's Earth Day Spring Clean Up on Saturday, April 19. In recognition of Earth Day, volunteers will be picking up litter and trash along the I-275 trail system from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

All volunteers will meet at Fellows Creek Golf Club, located at 2936 S. Lotz Road, and be shuttled to the worksite. Volunteers can also drop in at Fellows Creek to help anytime during the program and will be shuttled to the project area. Helpers will not be required to work the entire time. Shuttles will be available throughout the morning.

This volunteer opportunity is recommended for ages 8 and older. Adult supervision is required for minors. Please dress according to the weather, since this event will take place rain or shine. Pre-registration is not required.

If you are interested in volunteering for this free event, please contact Pat VanDusen by April 16 at (734) 394-5193 or e-mail at pvandusen@canton-mi.org to register. For more information visit www.canton-mi.org.



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 **Sanding & Refinishing of Maple Gym Floor at Canton High School**. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746 or for bid documents and technical information, please contact Laura Hagan, PCCS Facilities Construction Director at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:30 p.m., Monday, May 5, 2008 to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. 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
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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction, April 8, 2008 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

| YEAR | MAKE | MODEL | BODY | VIN# |
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| 1999 | Suzuki | Gr. Vitara | 4 Dr | JS3TD62V3K4113300 |
| 1998 | Dodge | Ram | Van | 2B7HB11Y0WK102414 |
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| 1984 | Ford | F-150 | PU | 1FTDF15Y3ELA93767 |
| 1996 | Ford | Escort | 2 Dr | 3FASP11J5TR155526 |
| 1986 | Ford | Tempo | 2 Dr | 1FABP19X4GK129731 |
| 1992 | Oldsmobile | Achieva | 2 Dr | 1G3NL14D0NM450683 |
| 1986 | Ford | F-350 | PU | 2FDJF37H4GCA68090 |
| 1988 | Lincoln | Mark 7 | 4 Dr | 1LNBM93E0JY648543 |
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The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR April meeting Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary
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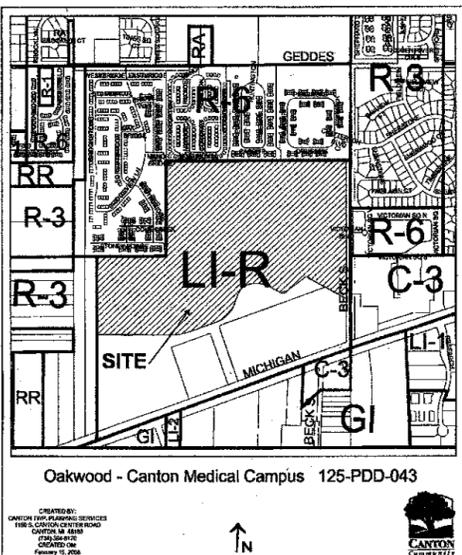
PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 21, 2008, in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

OAKWOOD CANTON MEDICAL CAMPUS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 125 99 0002 707 (47520 MICHIGAN AVE). Property is located north of Michigan and west of Beck Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, April 17, 2008 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



Oakwood - Canton Medical Campus 125-PDD-043

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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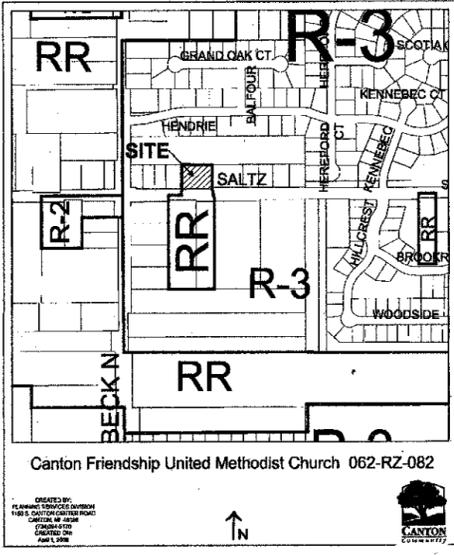
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CANTON FRIENDSHIP CHURCH REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 062 99-0027 000 (47280 SALTZ) FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located north of Saltz Road and east of Beck Road.

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Canton Friendship United Methodist Church 062-RZ-082

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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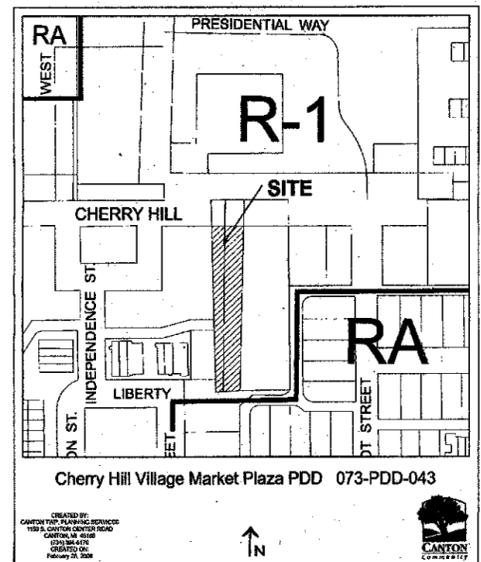
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CHERRY HILL VILLAGE MARKET PLAZA MINOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A MINOR PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 073 99 0007 702 (50337 CHERRY HILL) AND 073 99 0008 702. Property is located south of Cherry Hill and west of Denton Road.



Cherry Hill Village Market Plaza PDD 073-PDD-043

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Rep. McCotter takes Fed chairman Bernanke to task on Bear Stearns deal

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and other Republican House leaders met Tuesday with Ben Bernanke, chairman of the Federal Reserve.

McCotter wasn't happy with Bernanke's answers to his questions about recent actions by the Fed.

"He's in a difficult position," McCotter said in a phone interview Wednesday. "I don't think the bailout of Bear Stearns was a good idea."

He said Bernanke was in a "game of poker and he put in way too much."

Last month, the Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department arranged a deal to lend JP Morgan Chase \$30 billion to purchase the investment bank at a greatly reduced price per share. The Fed accepted \$30 billion in mortgage-related assets as collateral.

The investment bank was on the verge of collapse because of mortgage bond investments. According to press reports, Bear Stearns chairman James Cayne sold off his shares in the company in March, lost nearly \$1 billion but still was left with \$61 million.

"People need to know that prices go up and down and someone shouldn't walk away with \$61 million," McCotter said.

McCotter said he asked Bernanke how he could go back to the people of Michigan and explain to them how this deal will help them.

"It just makes others who do what they did say it's all right because the government will bail them out," McCotter said.

On Wednesday, Bernanke began two days of hearings before a joint Congressional economics committee. He continued to support the Bear

Stearns deal and said it was not a bailout, but necessary to prevent an economic collapse.

MORTGAGES TOP CONCERN

The mortgage crisis was the major concern this week in Washington. Senate leaders announced Wednesday a bipartisan package to help lenders and borrowers in the wake of record foreclosures.

McCotter said that he hadn't seen details, but he expected the plan to include creation of state run credit banks that would provide funding to let people with adjustable-rate mortgages to convert to more stable fixed-rate mortgages.

On Wednesday, Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed into law a bill that enables the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to refinance adjustable-rate mortgages into 30-year fixed-rate loans.

"People were taken advantage of and put in this situation by a predatory lending class," McCotter said. "We're not bailing out someone who thought they could afford more than they could."

McCotter said he supports regulatory reforms that would prevent this situation in the future.

"Some people who argue you can't regulate banking have no problem with the government bailing them out when they fail," he said. "In a classic system, you don't regulate something unless it needs to be regulated. How do you look people in the eyes? If you want a free market, accept the consequences."

On another issue, McCotter introduced a bill Tuesday that would restrict all government officials and employees from attending the opening ceremonies of the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China. The bill is aimed at preventing President George W. Bush



McCotter

if the president is sitting next to them."

McCotter is a long-time critic of China for its monetary and trade policies and for its violations of civil liberties. China has been widely criticized recently for its military crackdown in Tibet and for its support for the Sudanese government in the Darfur crisis.

"The presence of athletes doesn't make a political statement. They all go," he said.

from attending and does not apply to athletes.

"I'm trying to change his mind; he will regret it," McCotter said.

"Nothing is going to change

"This is a deviation from the past. No president has attended opening ceremonies in a foreign country before."

McCotter blamed the influence of corporate money.

"They are making a lot of money, but it's a short-term gain," he said.

McCotter had commended House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., for her criticism of Bush's plans to attend the opening ceremony and sought her support for his bill.

WILL HE RUN?

McCotter is expected to announce his candidacy for a fourth term, but Tuesday he said he was still undecided.

"I have to talk with my wife," he said.

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SEMCOG forecasts slow growth for southeast Michigan

Southeast Michigan's forecast is one of slow growth from 2005-2035, according to the 2035 Forecast for Southeast Michigan: Population, Households, and Jobs for Counties, Cities, Villages, and Townships, 2005-2035, just published by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

The region is currently experiencing an extended period of decline in jobs and population, led by significant decrease of manufacturing jobs and increasing out-migration of working-age population. However, in the long-term to year 2035, Southeast Michigan's overall forecast is one of slow growth:

- 3.5 percent population growth by 2035 (to 5.1 million people);

- 9 percent household growth; and

- 7 percent increase in jobs

Households will increase faster than population because the average number of persons per household will decline, and all the increase in households is in households without children. Nearly four in 10 households will have at least one person over age 65 in 2035, this due to the aging of the baby boom generation (who will all be age 70 or older in 2035) as well as longer life spans.

Job growth will be less

robust than in the 1990s. Future job growth depends on more older people staying in the labor force, with many in part-time jobs.

"There are both challenges and opportunities of a slow-growth environment and an increasingly older population," noted SEMCOG Executive Director Paul Tait. "This forecast will help local governments understand and shape the brightest future possible."

This 2035 Forecast will provide a base for SEMCOG's long-range planning.

The report, 2035 Forecast for Southeast Michigan: Population, Households, and Jobs for Counties, Cities, Villages, and Townships, 2005-2035 is available in PDF on SEMCOG's Web site - www.semco.org (under Reports on the home page). To request a printed copy, please contact SEMCOG's Information Center at (313) 324-3362 or infocenter@semco.org. Additional data, in five-year increments, can be found at www.semco.org (under Programs and Projects, Planning, Regional Forecast).

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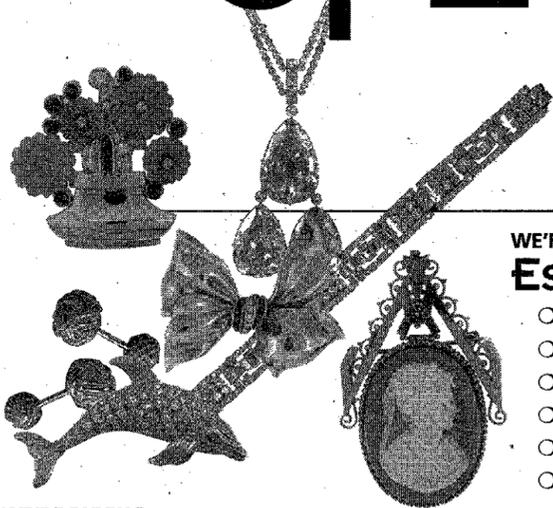
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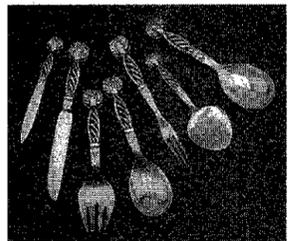
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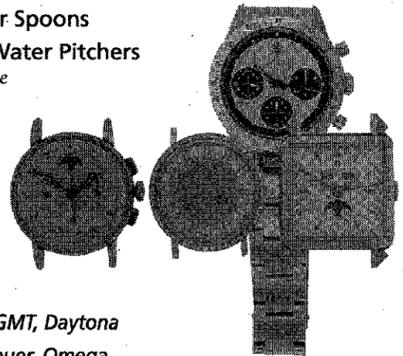
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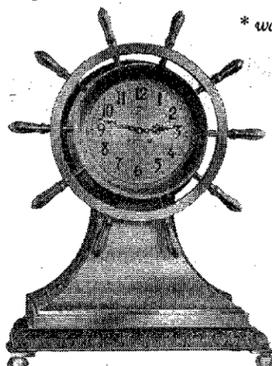
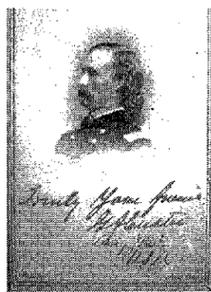
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Retiree shouldn't wait to sell house on hope prices will rise

Dear Rick: I have just retired. My plan is to sell my house in Michigan and move south. My problem is selling my house. Does it make sense to sell the house for less than I think it's worth or wait for another year until housing prices are higher?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

I don't believe home prices will be significantly higher a year from now. I believe prices in the metropolitan area will remain flat, at best. It is more likely than not, a year from now, that real estate prices will be lower than they are today.

In reviewing your situation, if your decision is whether you sell today or a year from now, I would sell today. Yes, your house is worth less today than it was five years ago. I do not believe, however, that it will be worth more a year from now. Since you will purchase a new house down south, you will get a significant discount on that home. I'm not sure a year

from now you would get that same discount. Other parts of the country will recover faster than Michigan. People make the same mistake with their house that they do with their investment portfolio. They look at the account's highest balance and use that as the new base. People do the exact same thing when it comes to their home. They use the highest value of the home as its base. This is a mistake. Just like your stock portfolio, your home value is fluid and to select one arbitrary point in time and use that for value doesn't make sense. If you have a fluid investment such as stocks and bonds or real estate, when you consider the value, you need to look at a

range over a few-year period. This will give you a better picture of the value of your portfolio or your home.

Dear Rick: I am a new investor and I just invested \$50,000 through a financial adviser. When I multiply the number of shares by the share price, it did not equal the \$50,000. When I called my adviser, they said that is a normal charge when it comes to mutual funds. I was stunned at the amount that I paid in fees. Is this right?

You purchased commissioned mutual funds. In commissioned mutual funds, also known as loaded mutual funds, you pay a fee every time you purchase new shares. In your situation, you probably paid a 5.74 percent commission. What this means is that more than 5 percent went right off the top to pay the commissions.

I am not a fan of commis-

sioned mutual funds for a number of different reasons. First and foremost is the fact most commissioned mutual funds underperform. If you are a commissioned mutual fund, you have two things to sell — your performance and your commission structure. On the other hand, if you are a commission-free mutual fund, also known as a no-load mutual fund, you only have one thing to sell and that is your performance.

I believe no-load funds concentrate more on what ends up in an investor's pocket than commission-based funds. In fact, all independent surveys say no-commission funds outperform commissioned funds.

Another reason why I am not a fan of commissioned mutual funds is in many cases the commission is hidden. In your situation your financial adviser, or in reality your financial sales person, did not disclose the fees. For them to

take nearly \$3,000 without discussing it is wrong.

I have encouraged investors to be proactive when it comes to fees. Before purchasing a mutual fund, know what it costs to buy, sell and hold the fund.

Every mutual fund, commissioned and non-commissioned, has management fees. No-load funds have lower management fees than commissioned-base funds. In addition, commissioned-based funds also have a variety of other fees that do nothing but erode the return to an investor.

Fees do matter. To be a suc-

cessful investor, one who ends up with more money in their pocket, focus on fees. Whether or not you deal with a professional adviser, never hesitate to ask about costs and fees.

When people use a professional adviser, use one who is a fee-only adviser or who fully discloses fees so there are no hidden surprises.

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

Precautions can save lives in public places

It was a cold November night in Boston in 1942. As usual on a weekend night, the Coconut Grove Night Club was packed beyond capacity with patrons enjoying shows, a relaxed atmosphere, and some good food and some great times with friends.



Tom Kiurski

A fire started in the decorations and quickly spread. The customers in the basement and the main floor dining area crowded to the main entrance/exit. It was a revolving door. Imagine what happened when hundreds of people all pushed to get out on both sides of the revolving door. It didn't move, trapping many of the people within arms reach of clean

air and safety. Within minutes, 492 of the approximately 1,000 patrons had died in the deadliest nightclub fire in American history. This tragedy led the way for safety improvements in businesses throughout America. We tightened building and fire codes in an attempt to better control overcrowding, lack of exits, and the marking of exits in buildings. What can you do to be better prepared in the event of a fire while enjoying dinner, a movie

or shopping? Plenty!

Notice and tell your family about the different exits located within buildings. In larger buildings, a lighted "Exit" sign should be clearly visible. These doors swing outward, and are equipped with panic hardware, so all you have to do is push on the bar on the inside of the door to open it. If you are ever in a building and feel crowded to the point where you feel your safety is in jeopardy, leave! It is not worth the consequences. Tell the management or call our fire prevention division to report any suspected overcrowding situations:

In a fire, never use the ele-

vators in a building. They go to the main floor (usually a lobby area) and stay put. Upper floors have stairwells, so locate them before venturing out to explore the rest of the building or head out. If you are going to split from your group, determine an outside meeting place in case of an emergency.

The few moments it takes to come up with a plan may save much pain and suffering later when searching for a loved one. Keep safety a part of the picture while dining, watching shows or while on vacation. What better legacy is there to pass along?

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.

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While Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter said she would "hate to go backward" in approving the pay decreases, Caccamo disagreed with the philosophy that lowering salaries is the same as moving backward.

"These are the numbers we felt we could live with," he said. "I don't feel it is a step backward."

The committee based its recommendations on public perception, potential organizational impact, potential effect on attracting quality candidates for elected positions and organizational continuity within executive and management positions that have traditionally paid more than subordinate positions.

Yack, who is retiring this year, said the recommendations don't support giving the most compensation for the most responsibility and would produce levels of inconsistency within the township. The supervisor's salary would decrease more than 13 percent while compensation for the clerk and treasurer would see a drop

ELECTED COMPENSATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Current
Supervisor - \$127,073
Treasurer & Clerk - \$103,070
Trustee - \$12,537

Recommended
Supervisor - 108,669
Treasurer & Clerk - \$98,790
Trustee - \$12,000

of less than 5 percent.

If the committee's recommendation for the supervisor's salary was adopted, the base pay of six merit positions, including the fire chief and community engineer, would exceed \$108,669. At the current supervisor compensation, no merit positions exceed Yack's base salary.

"It is illogical that six individuals' base salary should exceed that of the supervisor," Yack wrote in response to the committee. "The supervisor is the CEO of the organization, moderator of board meetings, the community's chief spokesperson and (the) representative at a

variety of community events. The responsibility and time commitment of the supervisor's position overshadows that of any other professional or elected position."

While Trustee Melissa McLaughlin agreed with the committee's recommendation to do away with a \$400 monthly car allowance for the treasurer and clerk positions in favor of mileage reimbursement, she agreed with Yack's argument on the proposed supervisor salary.

"The amount of responsibility of the supervisor is far greater," she said, adding that the figures were "probably miscued."

"The supervisor may be apart of the team but they are the leader of the pack," she said.

LaJoy said he welcomed the opinions of the other township officials.

"Any recommendation is just that," he said. "We knew there would be questions and some back and forth and we were looking forward to it."

The matter is expected to be discussed again at the next study session on April 15.

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"It doesn't affect me too much."
ROBERT PELLETIER OF BOSTON



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JUSTINE MALDONADO OF YPSILANTI



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Show some compassion

It seems that the 2.2 million foreclosures filing (just for 2007), affecting real people and real families, are just an annoyance for Mr. Raghu Ragnathan ("Holding interest rates firm is right medicine for economy," March 13). His comment, "administering a bitter medicine for our reckless borrowing by letting the subprime mortgage holders default on their mortgages," shows true compassion for Americans caught in this situation.

My parents were "reckless borrowers" back in the day. They wanted us to be in a safer community with better schools. Back then the economy wasn't so "global" and they were able to maintain their jobs and even receive a raise here and there. I wonder what situation Mr. Ragnathan would be in if he lost his job/business or had to work for half what he makes now.

The "global economy" has nothing to do with uniqueness or quality of products (usu-

ally just the opposite), but the search for cheap labor to gain maximum profit. If I have to choose between a weaker dollar or the availability to buy more cheap "trinkets" from China or India, I'll choose what will help more Americans keep their homes.

Mark G. Cramton
Canton

Time for a diversity committee

Nancy Richter's guest column in this week's *Observer* was very good. The Canton and Plymouth area has changed greatly since the last census was taken in 2000. Because of this, a diversity committee encompassing the Canton and Plymouth area has been in the works for a few months. We have been trying to hone down a date and are now targeting the date of May 22 in the Canton Township community room.

When approaching Canton

Supervisor Tom Yack last summer and asking why Canton did not have a diversity committee that dealt with items other than art and culture, he stated that they had already tried it and it didn't work out well. In contrast, cities like Livonia and Farmington Hills have had such a committee for more than 10 years and those groups have been successful in reaching out to residents and have also headed off any racial tensions in their schools and neighborhoods through their committees.

While attending the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion last week in Lansing, I met Steve Spreitzer, director of the Interfaith Division. He stated that many of the religious leaders in our community have also been moving forward on such an endeavor for quite some time. We shared our thoughts on the direction such a committee may take and started contacting community leaders to try to set the date. We are

looking to start off with an open townhall discussion and see how we can utilize successful models that are already working in other communities.

We are looking forward to all residents and community leaders to be at the forum and starting what could be a very successful way to break through some barriers. As soon as the date and time are finalized, we will be placing it in the calendar in Canton and Plymouth.

See everyone there!

A. Graham-Hudak
Canton

Help a 'lost dog'

Since becoming a volunteer at the Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV), the term "lost dog" has a deeper more complex meaning for me.

Believe me, even dogs that are not being missed by someone can be "lost." Walk the gauntlet past their bars at our kennels and you will see eyes

that convey the true sense of being "lost." You will see boredom, confusion, gnawing fear and frenzied pleas for attention. In others, there is utter hopelessness.

Ah, but if you pause at one of those cages and speak kindly to those eyes and stroke that soft head, all is well — for a moment. I tell my husband that if dog slobber is good for the complexion, I'll be looking 19 again any day now.

If you have room in your life for genuine love — and some youth-renewing dog slobber — come visit the homeless animals at HSHV. Also, be aware that Canton Township contracts with the HSHV to house stray pets from our community, so please be sure to first report your lost pet to the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400 and then contact HSHV at (734) 662-5585 to look for your missing pet.

Sandy Stangis
Canton

IKEA is boon for Canton

My sister, mother and I recently made a trip to IKEA. Since it is about a 50-mile trip one way, we made a day of it. We shopped and had lunch. I think we were there for a total of four hours. It was not our first time there and it certainly won't be our last. We enjoyed ourselves so much, I decided I needed to tell you and your readers about it.

I think having IKEA is such a boon for Canton. I imagine it has brought a lot of jobs, thousands of dollars in property taxes and Michigan sales tax paid by out-of-towners. *Crain's Detroit Business* reported that Canton Township Trustee Karl Zarbo made the first call to IKEA. It seems that was a very important call. Congratulations and keep up that collaboration to bring more jobs and quality businesses.

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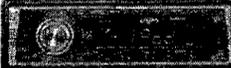
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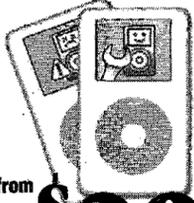
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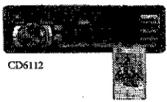
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Proposed tax would help to fund Detroit Zoo operations

BY JOE BAUMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Leaders of the Detroit Zoo are hoping local residents will pitch in to help fund its operations by approving a new tax. But before residents in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties can vote on the 20-year, 0.1-mill tax, the three, individual county commissions first have to vote to

establish taxing authorities. The process to establish the taxing authority is well under way in Oakland County and is receiving wide bipartisan support. The picture is a little less clear in Wayne and Macomb, where commissioners have yet to vote to establish taxing authorities. Zoo officials argue the new tax is needed to plug an estimated \$8 million annual oper-

ating shortfall created when the city of Detroit, which owns the zoo, terminated its annual subsidy and turned operations over to the Detroit Zoological Society. If approved, the new tax would generate about \$14 million annually and cost the owner of a \$200,000 home \$10 a year. Oakland County Commissioner David Potts,

R-Birmingham, said he supports the zoo and the new tax, and hopes county voters will as well. "The money is needed and necessary, and the zoo is a regional jewel," he said. "Nobody likes to support new taxes, but sometimes they are truly necessary and this is one of those times." Potts predicted the Oakland Commission will approve a

resolution placing the tax question on the August primary ballot, which was the request of zoo officials. "It is my understanding that if all three counties do not approve the tax, then it won't be levied," he said. One of Potts' counterparts on the Wayne County Commission said she also supports the zoo and letting voters decide, but she strongly opposes holding the election in August. "I think it's fair to put the question before voters, but it makes much more sense holding the election in November when turnout will be much,

much higher than for a primary election," Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Livonia, said. "I don't support stealth elections, and I don't buy the argument that the election has to be in August to allow for necessary time to put the tax plan in place." Cox said she personally supports the zoo, "but if a resolution comes before the commission to establish the taxing authority includes the August vote date, then I will be voting no." Cox said she expects the commission will vote on the issue before the end of May.

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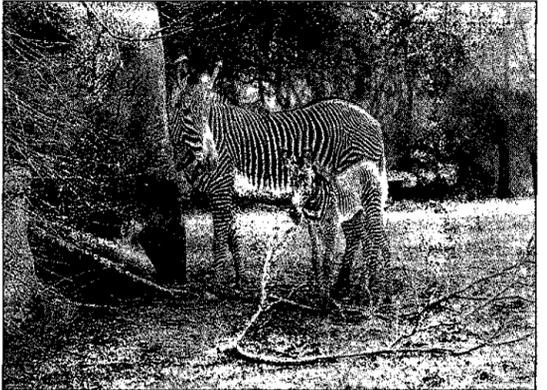
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The new zebra foal born in January at the Detroit Zoo, shown here with mother Elvira, will be named Zahara, which means 'flower' in Arabic.

Nomads enjoy travel, fun, good company

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Got the travel bug? The Detroit-based Nomads travel club may be your answer. "We do fun stuff," said John Wilson, a trip director who's been active with the Nomads for 10 years. "That's really what we're all about." The club has a terminal on Middlebelt with its own plane at Detroit Metro Airport. The travelers fly in a Boeing 727, and have enjoyed Amazon cruises, Bangkok, Thailand, and, closer to home, Yosemite. Wilson shared his stories with Westland Rotary Thursday, April 3. "See how many of these places you recognize," he said in showing a travel film. The Nomads club was founded in 1965 by Joe Benich, with the first trip to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. The club has owned five planes since its inception. Trip directors like Wilson go along on trips to handle problems that arise. He recalled several travelers getting sick on a small sailing ship last year in Greece.

"We're there to help out with any of the things along the way." The cockpit door's open during Nomads flight, with the volunteer pilots welcoming travelers in. "It's a very friendly, enjoyable atmosphere," Wilson said of the private travel club. "Of course, the kids love it." Meals are served on longer flights; the plane has been refitted with fewer and larger seats. Luggage is taken care of, something travelers appreciate. "The most enjoyable part for me is simply the people. It's a fun group," Wilson said. "We really want to have a good time." The groups sometimes take "mystery trips" with travelers going to an unknown destination. Wilson recalled being stuck in Vienna, Austria, right after 9/11 when air travel was halted. "They were very empathetic," he remembered of their hosts, who accommodated the American travelers. It's \$500 to join the Nomads, with \$180 yearly membership dues. There are 6,000 members, and you can find out more online at www.nomadstravel.org. "All of you like to travel," said 20-year Nomads member Earl Ludwig, who introduced Wilson April 3. "If you've got a problem, John takes care of it." One quirk of Nomads? When the plane takes off or lands, all travelers applaud: "It's just part of our tradition," Wilson said.

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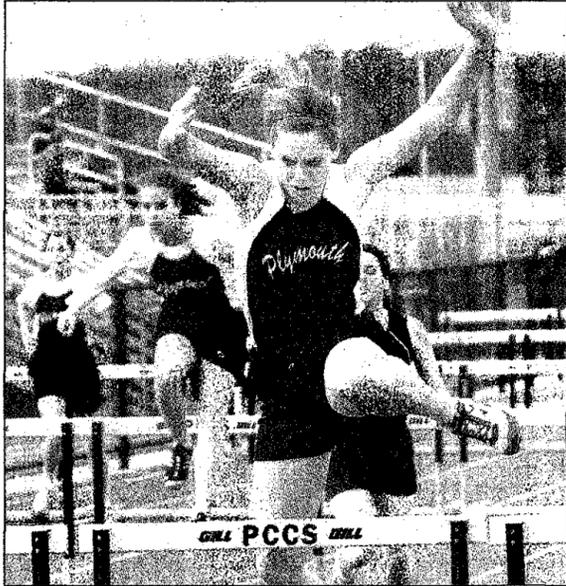
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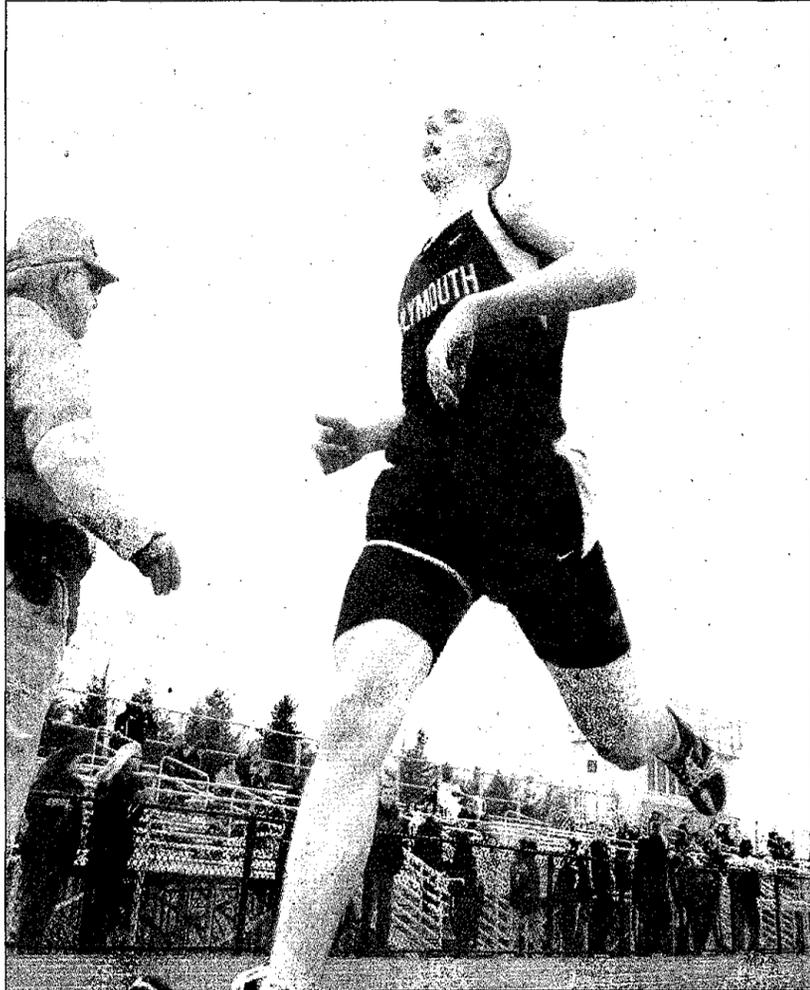
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Prep track & field athletes spring into action



Plymouth's Mandy McManus cruises over the hurdles during Thursday's meet against visiting Walled Lake Central.



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Plymouth's Matt Lewandowski, pictured above finishing the 1,600-meter run, was a big-time contributor to the Wildcats' slim victory over visiting Walled Lake Central Thursday afternoon. At right, Corey Gomoll tossed the shot 41 feet, 9 inches to finish second in Thursday's dual meet against Walled Lake Central.

2-FOR-'WON' SPECIAL

Plymouth girls and boys edge WLC

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tight and tighter. That would be an appropriate description of the Plymouth boys and girls track-and-field dual meets against visiting Walled Lake Central Thursday afternoon at the PCEP junior-varsity stadium oval.

The Wildcats girls nipped the Vikings, 70-66, in an encounter that wasn't decided until the second-to-last event of the meet when Molly Slavens and Lauren Ahearn finished 1-2 in the two-mile run.

The boys followed suit by edging Central, 69-62, in a contest that came down to the meet-concluding 1,600-meter relay, which Plymouth won thanks to strong efforts from Kenneth Lomske, Connor McKinney, Matt Lewandowski and Mike Hanchett.

"Connor and Matt aren't normally 400 guys, but we

asked them to run the four-by-four because the meet came down to it, and they came through along with Kenneth and Mike," said Kurt Britnell, who is the head coach of both the Plymouth boys and girls squads. "It was a very entertaining meet. Our guys scratched and clawed for every point, and it turned out we needed every point."

Britnell was forced to improvise his line-up at the last minute after receiving some discouraging news. "I found out about two hours before the meet that one of my top sprinters was academically ineligible, so I had to shuffle the line-up around a little bit," he said.

The shuffling produced a handful of aces in the end. The winners' most valuable performers were junior sprinter Malik Rich, who won the 100- and 400-meter races; McKinney, who took gold in the long jump; and

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KURT BRITNELL, head coach of both the Plymouth boys and girls squads



Sidelines

Fund-raising run

On Saturday, July 26, at 7:30 a.m., the Dirt Road Divas & Dudes, along with the Post-Partum Support Group of Ann Arbor, will be hosting the "Fourth Annual Pounding Pavement & Dirt 4 Post Partum Depression Training Run/Walk at Independence Park in Canton.

Distances are 5K, 10K and a 15-mile training loop, along with a kids fun run sprint.

Great food, refreshments and entertainment will be provided by area businesses.

Each participant will receive a finisher's medal and children will receive ribbons.

All proceeds will be donated to the Post Partum Support Group of Ann Arbor and UMHS Maternal Services Department.

To participate or make a contribution, visit www.dirtroaddivas.com. On-line registration is available at www.active.com.

Umpires needed

The Plymouth-Canton Little League is searching for individuals who would be willing to umpire games for the 2008 season, which runs from late April to June.

The umpires are compensated on a per-game basis.

There is no age limit for the positions.

For more information, call Jason Hunt at (734) 564-5242.

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Ignition surges to top of standings

The Detroit Ignition forged a first-place tie with Milwaukee at the top of the Major Indoor Soccer League standings Friday night with an 18-11 victory over the Wave in a game played before a sellout crowd at Computware Arena in Plymouth Township.

Both teams are now 21-8 with one regular-season contest to play.

Brazil native Hewerton Moreira led the winners with eight points in the Ignition's final regular-season home game.

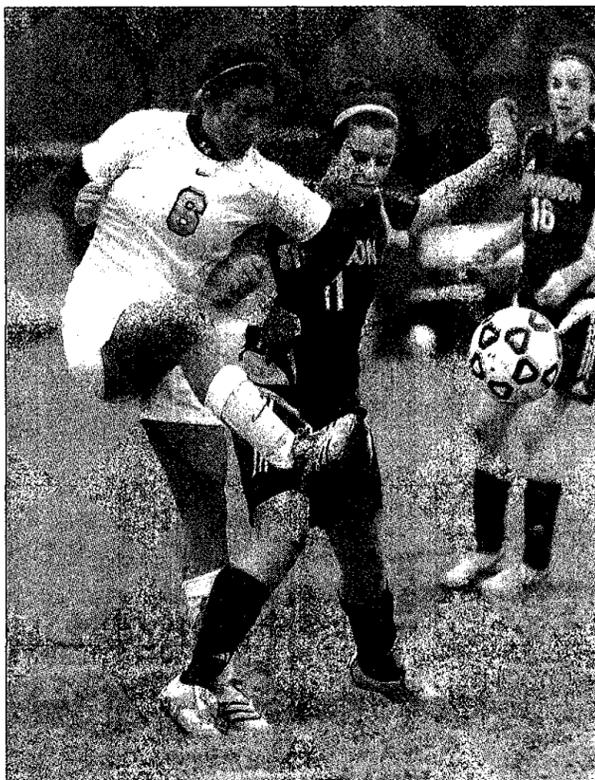
It didn't take Hewerton (pronounced Ever-Ton) long to make his presence felt as he ripped a three-point shot past Wave goalie Nick Vorberg just 56 seconds into the game for his 150th career point. Hewerton made it 5-0 a short time later with a two-pointer assisted by Jamar Beasley.

MISL scoring leader Greg Howes put Milwaukee on the board at 3:51 of the second stanza with a triple.

Royal Oak native Nate Craft scored his first goal of the season at 13:26 of third, a three-pointer off a give from Hewerton. Twenty seconds later, Dusosky countered with a three-point goal for the Wave off an assist from Howes.

Just over seven minutes into the fourth quarter Hewerton netted his third goal of the night — a two-night score with an assist from fellow Ze Roberto. Doug Rice and Ryan Mack added goals to put the Ignition up, 14-5.

The Ignition closed out their season Saturday at Baltimore (see www.hometownlife.com on Tuesday for results). A victory would give Detroit the No. 1 seed in the MISL playoffs as it holds the tie-breaker over Milwaukee.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Laura Daniels (6) battles Livonia Stevenson's Stephanie Gutkowski for possession of the ball during Friday night's match at Canton. The Chiefs won, 3-0.

Canton's Staub stars in victory over Stevenson

Canton's Megan Staub supplied the offensive punch Friday to knock off visiting Livonia Stevenson, 3-0, in a Western Lakes Activities Association girls soccer crossover.

Staub, a junior forward, had a pair of goals and Tracey Rymph, also a junior forward, added the other to catapult the Chiefs to the victory.

Assists went to senior Rachel Kain, senior Laura Daniels and junior Lisa Pierce.

Canton scored at the 10-minute mark of the first half and led 1-0 at the intermission.

The Chiefs added their second goal at the 55-minute mark when the Stevenson back line was caught out of position and the Chiefs played the ball through to the middle to a cutting forward. Canton put it away with another goal at the 65-minute mark.

Senior goalkeeper Bryanne Bellovary, who made four saves, posted the shutout for Canton.

"It was kind of a back-and-forth game, but Canton created more offensive opportunities, and finished when they needed to," said Stevenson coach Chris Pinta, whose team dropped to 1-2 overall. "We didn't create much offensively and really struggled on the grass to connect with one another."

Coaches: Please call in results

Area high school spring sports coaches are encouraged to call in results of their respective teams' games to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright so that the local prep athletes receive the recognition they deserve.

Results can be phoned in on weeknights between 6 p.m. and midnight to Wright at (734) 953-2108; e-mailed to ewright@hometownlife.com; or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

The deadline for Thursday editions of the Observer is midnight Tuesday; the deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at midnight.

Parents are encouraged to ask their son or daughter's coach to call if results are not appearing in the Observer.



Beah Knisley clears the bar at 8 feet, 6 inches in the pole vault during Thursday's meet against Walled Lake Central.

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Lewandowski, who took second in the 800 and third in the mile.

The meet was also notable in that it included an incident that Britnell had never seen before.

"There was a double disqualification in the four-by-200 relay," Britnell said. "Central was disqualified when they dropped the baton and a runner left his lane. Then we found out we were disqualified because one of our runners was wearing an earring."

Among the standouts in the Wildcats girls victory were junior Jill Morton, who won the long jump (14 feet, 7 inches) and the 100 (13.6); and junior Shaakira Haywood, who out-leaped all foes in the high jump with an effort of 4-9.

"It didn't come down to the last even like the boys meet, but it was still very exciting," said Britnell. "It was neat how the boys and the girls cheered both of our teams on down the stretch."

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Plymouth's Malik Rich won the 100-meter dash during Thursday's dual meet against Walled Lake Central.

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Rocks fall in dual-meet opener

Salem's girls track-and-field team fell into an early hole and was never able to recover Thursday afternoon against Livonia Franklin in the season-opening dual meet for both teams.

The Patriots prevailed, 92-45, thanks to a strong start in the field events.

"We struggled in the relays and field events because of our lack of depth, but we had some great performances," said Salem coach Dale Maskill. "The weather was overcast and in the 40s and we still had some fast times."

Among the Rocks' multiple winners were Deja Wright, who captured the 100-meter dash in 12.88 seconds and the 200-meter dash in 27.32. Freshman Madeleine Vala won the 300-meter hurdles in 53.17; Kelley Determan won the 1,600 in 5:51 and the 800 in 2:47; senior Lauren Olson broke the tape first in the 3,200 in 13:44; and Salem's 1,600-meter relay team of Vala, Jessica Rocheleau, Determan and Wright took first in 4:35.

**PLYMOUTH 70
WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 66**

(THURSDAY AT PCEP JV STADIUM)
High jump: 1. Shaakira Haywood (P), 4 feet, 9 inches; 2. Kaminski (WLC), 4-6; 3. Gabrielle Zuzo (P), 4-3.
Shot put: 1. Reyna (WLC), 34-2.5; 2. Prena (WLC), 32-0; 3. Tyler Buchanan (P), 31-1.
Long jump: 1. Jill Morton (P), 14-7; 2. Kacie Parker (P), 13-6; 3. Patchynuk (WLC), 12-1.5.
Discus: 1. Karrie Prena (WLC), 122-7; 2. Kaylie Prena (WLC), 100-3; 3. Tyler Buchanan (P), 67-2.
Pole vault: 1. Beah Knisley (P), 8-6; 2.

Merdyk (WLC), 6-0.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Kelly Hahn, Sarah Balgooyen, Molly Slaven, Paula Green), 10:37.0
100 high hurdles: 1. Kaminski (WLC), 19.3; 2. Lingle (WLC), 19.39; 3. Mandy McManus (P), 19.5.
100 dash: 1. Jill Morton (P), 13.6; 2. Mattier (WLC), 14.14; 3. Ashanti Walker (P), 14.34.
800 relay: 1. Plymouth (Kacie Parker, Tiarra Hearn, Ashanti Walker, Jill Morton), 1:58.
1,600 run: 1. Harma (WLC), 5:55; 2. Kelly Hahn (P), 5:57; 3. Paula Green (P), 6:08.
400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Kacie Parker, Tiarra Hearn, Ashanti Walker, Jill Morton), 56.5.
400 dash: 1. Nash (WLC), 1:08; 2. Alyse Calcaterra (P), 1:08; 3. Meredyk (WLC), 1:09.8.
300 hurdles: 1. Mandy McManus (P), 55.5; 2. Kaminski (WLC), 57.07; 3. Lingle (WLC), 59.18.
800 run: 1. Nash (WLC), 2:37.5; 2. Etleva Mema (P), 2:43; 3. Sarah Balgooyen (P), 2:49.
200 dash: 1. Mattier (WLC), 29.52; 2. Ashanti Walker (P), 30.6; 3. Robinson (WLC), 31.5.
3,200 run: 1. Molly Slaven (P), 12:13; 2. Laurean Ahearn (P), 13:02.
1,600 relay: 1. W.L. Central.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 1-0; W.L. Central, 0-1.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON 105
CANTON 31**

(APRIL 3 AT CANTON)
Shot put: 1. Rebecca Bartek (LS), 33 feet, 3.5 inches; 2. Maame Adomako (LS), 31-10.25; 3. Douglas (C), 28-3.
Discus: 1. R. Bartek (LS), 88-0; 2. Colette Fodera (LS), 84-4; 3. Kolton (C), 80-1.
High jump: 1. Lindsay Lipa (C), 4-11; 2. Julia Meyer (LS), 4-3; (tie) Claire LeBlanc (LS) and Marci Kovsky (LS), 4-3 each.
Long jump: 1. Chelsea Pashnick (LS), 14-3.5; 2. Brittany Gentile (LS), 13-7.5; 3. Sierra Williams (C), 13-7.
Pole vault: 1. Michelle Blackstone (LS), 8-0; 2. Emily Wolfe (LS), 6-0.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Becky Adamcheck (LS), 17-3; 2. Gentile (LS), 17-9; 3. Ashley Huener (C), 19-4.
300 hurdles: 1. Adamcheck (LS), 48.6; 2. Huener (C), 53.5; 3. Gentile (LS), 53.5.
100 dash: 1. Williams (C), 13.6; 2. Ashley Banks (C), 14.1; 3. Megan DeMarco (LS), 14.2.
200: 1. Adamcheck (LS), 27.7; 2. Jenny Bartek (LS), 28.9; 3. Williams (C), 30.1.
400: 1. Brittany Mrozek (LS), 1:05.1; 2. Swanberg (C), 1:05.7; 3. Lipa (C), 1:06.7.
800: 1. Chrissy Tappan (LS), 2:40.3; 2. Katie Glynn (LS), 2:41.3; 3. Abigail Gorzalski (C), 2:48.6.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

Central, 3:44.7.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 1-0; W.L. Central, 0-1.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON 90.5
CANTON 46.5**

(APRIL 3 AT CANTON)
Shot put: 1. Matt Broome (LS), 43 feet, 11 inches; 2. Chris Golonka (LS), 42-3.75; 3. Rob Moores (C), 40-11.5.
Discus: 1. Broome (LS), 126-3; 2. Golonka (LS), 110-7; 3. Zach Whalen (LS), 100-11.
High jump: 1. Mitchell White (LS), 6-5; 2. Pat York (LS), 6-1; 3. (tie) Ben Spreitzer (C) and Wyatt Stahl (LS), 5-6 each.
Long jump: 1. Dave Simor (LS), 22-0; 2. Myles White (LS), 21-10.5; 3. Nate Sergison (LS), 20-2.5.
Pole vault: 1. Chris McGinnis (C), 12-9; 2. Jonathon Gudeman (LS), 10-6; 3. E. Keltzer (C), 10-0.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Myles White (LS), 14.3 (school record); 2. Tim Belcher (C), 16.5; 3. Sheriff Hassanien (C), 16.9.
300 hurdles: 1. Myles White (LS), 39.8; 2. Belcher (C), 40.9; 3. Dennis Swift (LS), 43.1.
100 dash: 1. Austin White (LS), 11.1; 2. Eric Piwowar (C), 11.1; 3. Johnathon Pauley (LS), 11.5.
200: 1. Austin White (LS), 22.9; 2. Nick Anagnostou (LS), 23.5; 3. Piwowar (C), 23.7.
400: 1. Derek Buskey (LS), 52.3; 2. Hassanien (C), 52.9; 3. Stephen Pollard (LS), 54.6.
800: 1. Mike Gibbons (LS), 2:06.3; 2. Josh Hurst (C), 2:10.2; 3. Brian Fenech (LS), 2:14.1.
1,600: 1. Duncan Spitz (C), 4:42.6; 2. Derek Hoerman (C), 4:44.7; 3. Gibbons (LS), 4:46.0.
3,200: 1. Shawn Howse (LS), 10:21.6; 2. Kyle Clinton (C), 10:30.8; 3. Hoerman (C), 10:31.0.
400 relay: 1. Stevenson (Jacob Gudeman, Mitchell White, Pauley, Austin White), 44.7; 2. Canton, 46.6.
800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Buskey, Anagnostou, Sergison, Myles White), 1:34.6.
1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 3:43.5; 2. Stevenson, 3:58.2; 3,200 relay: 1. Canton, 3:48.5; 2. Stevenson, 8:59.4.
Dual meet records: Stevenson, 1-0 overall; Canton, 0-1 overall.

Canton, 0-1 overall.

**SALEM 79,
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 58**

(APRIL 3 AT FRANKLIN)
Shot put: 1. Ed Mehri (FS), 47 feet, 10.5 inches; 2. Dana Baltazar (S), 43-8; 3. David Fortin (L), 43-2.
Discus: 1. Sean McAuliffe (LF), 120-6; 2. Courtney Frazier (S), 120-3; 3. Baltazar (S), 119-4.
High jump: 1. Jace Beardon (S), 5-10; 2. Tony Lawson (LF), 5-8; 3. Zack Gaskell (S), 5-6.
Long jump: 1. Beardon (S), 20-12.5; 2. Edgel Brock (S), 17-9.5; 3. Andy McCaffrey (LF), 17-1.5.
Pole vault: 1. Kevin Beadle (LF), 11-1; 2. Nick Fenner (LF), 10-7; 3. Paul Krutty (S), 9-6.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Stuart Gregory (LF), 16.4; 2. Scott O'Connor (S), 16.5; 3. Cameron Wludyka (LF), 17.2.
300 hurdles: 1. O'Connor (S), 43.7; 2. Gregory (LF), 43.8; 3. Mike Giles (S), 45.1.
100 dash: 1. Paul Voegel (LF), 11.4; 2. Darell Myree (LF), 11.5; 3. Anthony Mullins (S), 11.9.
200: 1. Myree (LF), 24.1; 2. Mike Baumgardner (LF), 24.6; 3. Patin (S), 24.9.
400: 1. Lawson (LF), 53.9; 2. Stephan Telenko (S), 54.2; 3. Dominique Williams (S), 56.3.
800: 1. Craig Cowing (S), 2:10.3; 2. Kevin deBear (S), 2:12.7; 3. Justin Kane (S), 2:13.5.
1,600: 1. deBear (S), 4:44.7; 2. Cowing (S), 4:48.8; 3. Lang (S), 4:53.0.
3,200: 1. Jason Smith (S), 10:32.4; 2. Deyv (S), 10:32.8; 3. Mike Charara (S), 10:40.5.
400 relay: 1. Franklin (Myree, Brandon Tower, Baumgardner, Voegel), 45.9; 2. Salem, 46.5.
800 relay: 1. Franklin (Gregory, Baumgardner, Voegel, Myree), 1:35.7; 2. Salem (Telenko, Gaskell, deBear, Williams), 3:46.1; 3. Franklin, 3:51.8.
3,200 relay: 1. Salem (Charara, Jared Jones, Smith, Zach Basanese), 8:53.6; 2. Franklin, 8:54.3.
Dual meet records: Salem, 1-0 overall; Franklin, 0-1 overall.



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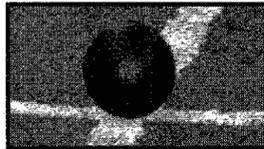
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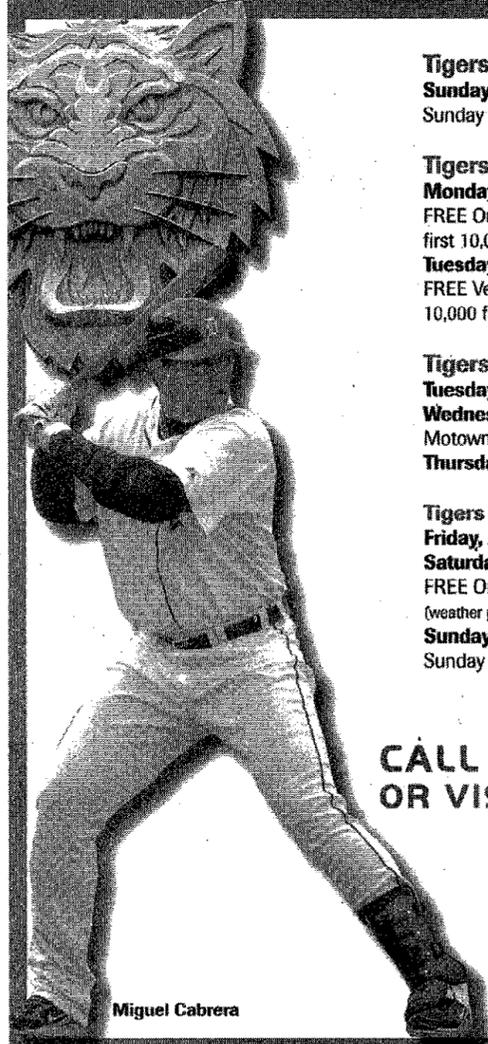


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MONDAY, APRIL 7
Agape at Light and Life Christian, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8
PCA at Huron Valley Lutheran, 4:30 p.m.
Pont. Acad. of Excellence at Agape, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10
Kalamazoo Central at Canton, 4 p.m.
Lutheran Westland at Agape, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11
Canton at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Salem, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12
Trenton at Canton (DH), 4 p.m.
Oakland Christian at Agape, 11 a.m.
Salem at Plymouth (DH), 1 p.m.

PREP SOFTBALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 8
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W.L. Northern at Canton, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12
Oakland Christian at Agape (DH), 11 a.m.

BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

THURSDAY, APRIL 10
Wayne Memorial at Canton, 3:30 p.m.
PCA at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Western, 3:30 p.m.
Salem at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12
Canton at Pirate 9/10 Relays, 10 a.m.
PCA vs. Shrine at Ladywood, 1 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

MONDAY, APRIL 7
W.L. Central at Plymouth at PCEP Turf Field, 7 p.m.
Rochester at Salem, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8
PCA at Oakland Christian, 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9
Canton at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Salem, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10
PCA at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 12
Livonia Ladywood at Salem, 2:30 p.m.

PREP LACROSSE

TUESDAY, APRIL 8
Tecumseh at Canton at JV Stadium, 8 p.m.
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THURSDAY, APRIL 10
Canton at Salem at JV Stadium, 8 p.m.
Brighton at Plymouth at JV Stadium, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12
Royal Oak Kimball at Plymouth at PCEP Turf Field, 3 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

FRIDAY, APRIL 11
Canton at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 4 p.m.

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INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SATURDAY, APRIL 12
Detroit Demolition vs. Columbus Phantoms at Livonia Franklin H.S., 7 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Plymouth Wildcat baseball

The Plymouth High School baseball team will be hosting its annual Spring Training Baseball Camp Saturday, April 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the school's baseball complex.

The camp is open to the first 100 kids in grades third through eighth that register. The fee is \$50, which includes a camp T-shirt and lunch.

The camp is designed for aspiring young players who are looking to improve their skills for the 2008 season and beyond. It will focus on age-appropriate skill development in a positive, fun and learning environment.

Camp attendees will receive instruction from the Plymouth coaching staff and players.

Among the topics covered will be mental preparation and plate discipline; base running; and infield and outfield play.

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Unbeaten Black Sharks

The Canton Black Sharks U8 girls soccer team recently captured first place in the U8 Division of the Winter 2 session at High Velocity Sports in Canton with a perfect 8-0 record. Pictured are (front row from left) Devann Anderson, Lauren Bowling, Kristen Wiseman, Amanda Lopez, Kaitlyn Harries, (second row from left) coach Tony DeRuvo, Sidney Breach, Anna Havener, Alex DeRuvo, Mary Ross, Serena Wang, Lindsey Burger and coach Bill Lopez.

Chiefs split with Huron in opening doubleheader

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's pitching staff "reigned" on Ann Arbor Huron's hit parade Wednesday afternoon in a season-opening doubleheader for both teams.

The Chiefs' moundsmen limited the host River Rats to five hits combined in the two games to earn a split of the twinbill, dropping the opener 2-1 before bouncing back to claim the darkness-shortened nightcap, 3-1, in five innings.

Seniors Ben Vaughn (three innings, four strikeouts) and Erik Wright (two innings, four strikeouts) no-hit Huron over the first five innings, yet the hosts led 1-0 thanks to an unearned run in the third. Visiting Canton knotted

PREP BASEBALL

the game at 1-all in the top of the sixth when Dan Stoney walked, stole second and scored on Alex Dixon's fielder's choice.

Huron pushed across the game-winner in the bottom of the sixth on a bases-loaded walk.

The Chiefs nearly pulled off a seventh-inning rally, however, the potential game-tying run was gunned down at the plate with two outs on a strong throw by a River Rat outfielder.

"I thought Ben and Dane (Staples) pitched well," said Canton coach Mark Blomshield. "The story was we had a couple scoring opportunities we didn't capitalize on

and they did. I liked the way our pitchers threw, though."

Sophomore southpaw Alex Dixon earned the mound victory in Game 2 as he tossed the first three innings before giving way to senior Will Tidwell, who earned the save with two strong innings of relief. The offensive sparkplugs for Canton were Ryan Neu (hit and a run), Dixon (run) and Matt Barylski, who delivered a hit and a run. Junior Nick Tomilenko and Dixon both ripped doubles while freshman catcher Seth Tschetter contributed a sacrifice fly.

Canton scored a pair of runs in the second and one in the fourth. Huron's lone run came in the first.

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Local kickers prepared for successful '08 campaigns

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth and Salem girls soccer teams can relate to the Major Indoor Soccer League's Detroit Ignition thanks to nearly a month of practicing their sport indoors due to Mother Nature's wrath.

"Our practice field is like a swamp, so we've had only two or three practices outside," said Wildcats head coach Jeff Neschich, whose team opened its season Wednesday with a 2-0 setback to Livonia Churchill (see related story). "We can only run four-on-fours in the gym, so it will be nice to be able to get outside again."

Salem coach Joe Nora would almost assuredly second that opinion as his team has suffered the same weather-fueled fate.

Following are brief looks at the Rocks and Wildcats, both of whom figure to be in the mix for Western Lakes Activities Association honors this spring — weather permitting, of course.

PLYMOUTH

Don't let the Wildcats' youth fool you.

Although they have just one active senior on their roster — another 12th-grader, Lindsay Jewett, will miss the season due to a leg injury she suffered in an indoor game in February — Neschich's squad has plenty of returning experienced players back from last year's 9-7-1 team.

"We have five freshmen and only one senior, so we're definitely young," said Neschich. "But a lot of the young girls we have saw a lot of time last year."

"We're very solid in spots. I think we'll be strong defensively. Our biggest problem right now is that we're not quite in game shape yet because we haven't been able to practice outside much."

A pair of junior mid-fielders will serve as the Wildcats' captains: Kasey Webb and Megan Quinlan.

"Kasey has very solid skills and is a smart player," said Neschich. "Megan is greatly improved since last season and played great in our first game against Churchill."

Plymouth's goal-keeping duties will be handled by freshman Marissa Williams and junior Tara Jasewicz. Williams solidified her



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Salem junior Jill Behrman (white jersey) will play a key role in the Rocks' 2008 season, according to coach Joe Nora.

standing as the team's clear-cut No. 1 goalie with a strong performance against Churchill.

The Wildcats' defense will be anchored by sophomores Katie Krajewski and Meeghan Hughes; and Carlee Barackman, the lone senior.

"Even though they're sophomores, Katie and Meeghan played every minute of every game last year, and Carlee is a four-year varsity player, so our defense should be strong," said Neschich.

Junior Kasey Webb will anchor the Wildcats' mid-field along with Liz Koet, Quinlan and freshmen Vittoria Miller, Jennifer Babcock, McKenzie Hengesh and Katie Moss.

Sophomore Julie Forster will headline a stellar forward unit along with junior Alyssa Dykes and junior

Kelly Dobbs.

Other key contributors include Jessica Heck, a sophomore defender; Carley McQuiston, a sophomore defender; Jenna Livingston, a junior defender; Emilie Guglielmo, a junior defender; and Lauren Scott, a junior mid-fielder.

Neschich praised the way Jewett handled her season-ending misfortune.

"She's still one of our emotional leaders even though she can't play," he said.

SALEM

Nora will rely on a blend of underclassmen and veterans this season.

Nearly half of the squad's 22-player roster consists of ninth- and 10th-graders.

"We're very young; we had a lot of turnover from last year's team," said Nora, whose contingent posted a

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6-11-1 mark. "We have four freshmen and six sophomores, so it may take some time for the team to gel and play our best soccer."

Nora didn't hesitate when asked what his team's strength would be this year.

"We have a lot of quickness," he said. "We'll be able to get up and down the field."

Senior mid-fielder Rachel Gizicki and junior mid-fielder Sarah O'Leary have been named the Rocks' captains.

"Rachel can play in the middle or on the outside — she's very versatile," said Nora. "She never stops working. She's one of our older players, so she'll be like a role model to the younger players."

"Sara plays extremely hard every minute she's on the field. She's very into the game, very focused. And she inspires her teammates to play the same way. Off the field, she's very easy going, but once the game starts, she's all business."

Senior Kristen Dondzila will handle most of the goal-keeping duties for the Rocks. She'll be backed up by junior keeper Ashley Tucker.

"They're both very dependable back there," said Nora.

The Rocks' defense will be spearheaded by O'Leary, sophomore sweeper Lauren Booth freshman Lindsey Newton, freshman stopper Tori Kaye, third-year defender Maggie Huis and senior Amanda Krause.

Senior Katie Shull — the team's leading scorer in 2007 — returns to lead a solid mid-field unit that includes Gizicki, Abbi Giaier, Kaylyn Brzys, Mackenzie Rogers, Taylor Burgoon and Cally Brooks.

Junior Jill Behrman, sophomore Kristen Thompson, junior Ariel Dews and freshman Kristina Klusek make up a formidable group of forwards.

"Our league should be as strong as ever," said Nora, when asked about the race for the WLAA top spot. "Northville's a powerhouse as always, Canton will obviously be strong as well as Plymouth, Churchill and the Walled Lake teams. There are no easy games in this league."

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Mustangs gallop past Rocks, 6-0

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The juggernaut that is the Northville girls soccer team was in mid-season form during Wednesday night's season-opener against visiting Salem.

The Sarah Stern-led Mustangs raced to a 5-0 half-time lead before claiming a 6-0 triumph on a chilly, early-spring night.

"It just didn't seem like we played up to the speed we needed to play at tonight, especially in the first half," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "After they scored their first goal 90 seconds in, we started playing well and we combined on some passes. But they put together four more before the half, including one right before the buzzer, that hurt. We played a lot better the second half."

Nora said the score was not representative of the way Salem net-minder Kristin Dondzila played.

"We kind of left her out to dry in the first half," said Nora.

"Four of their goals came on uncontested shots between four and 18 yards out, so she played better than the score would indicate."

Stern registered a hat-trick for the winners.

Nora praised the effort of senior center-mid Katie Shull.

Salem returns to action Monday at home against Rochester. The opening kick is slated for 7 p.m.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 2, PLYMOUTH 0: On Wednesday at the PCEP soccer stadium, the Chargers prevailed thanks to goals from Hannah Otto and Callie Mack.

Following a scoreless first half, Otto found the back of the net three minutes into the second stanza. Mack's goal came with 12 minutes left in the contest.

Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich had high praise for freshman goal-keeper Marissa Williams, who he noted made "several nice saves."

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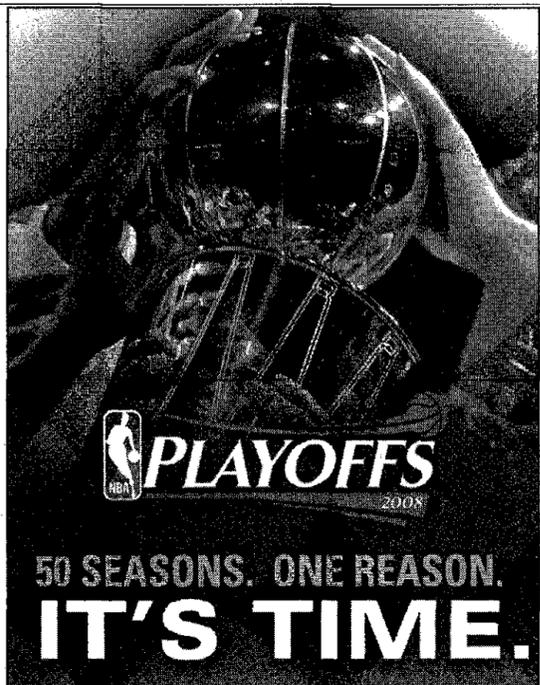
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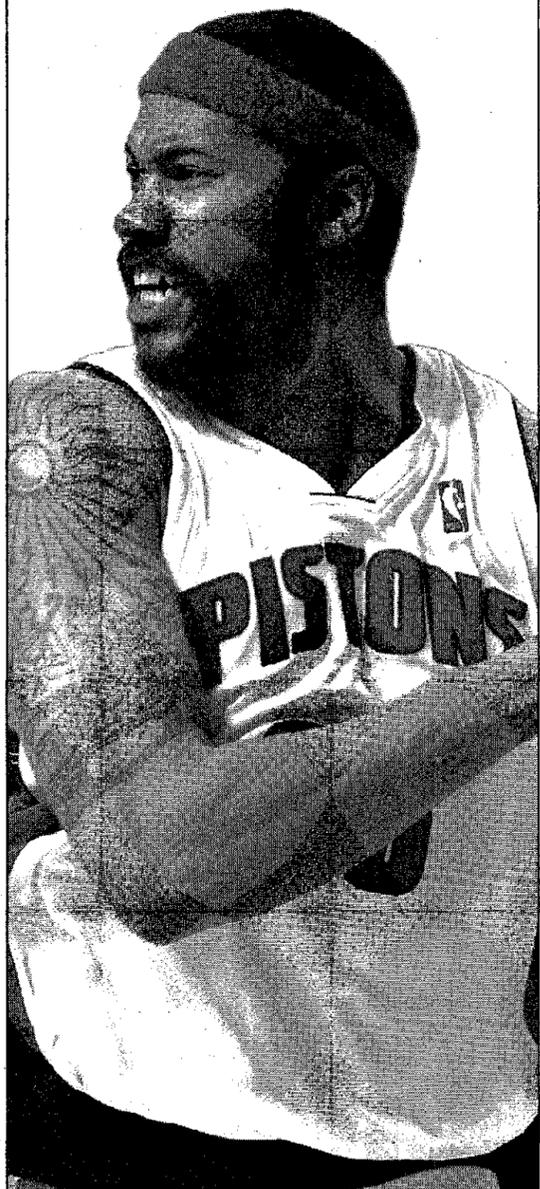


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MU SPORTS INFORMATION

Madonna's Scott Boyer (right) is congratulated by a teammate after homering in Thursday's 18-0 victory over Rochester College at Ilitch Ballpark in Livonia.

Ex-Chief Little homers in Madonna rout

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On Thursday morning, the Madonna baseball team participated in extra hitting drills to recover from getting blanked by Aquinas in Wednesday's second game of a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference doubleheader.

Those swings paid off in quick order Thursday afternoon, as the Crusaders rattled 19 hits around Ilitch Ballpark in an 18-0 mercy-rule shortened victory over Rochester College.

The game was called midway through the seventh.

"It's great to bounce back," said MU head coach Greg Haeger, whose team is traveling to Chicago, Ill. for a weekend set against St. Xavier. "We were really disappointed in how the team played yesterday, especially at (our) house. We don't want to

play like that here at home.

"I'm happy with the way we swung the bats and we pitched reasonably well. The results were what we were looking for."

The Crusaders (17-7) scored five runs in the first and three in the second to set the tone and give starting pitcher Richard Hammer (Garden City) a comfortable lead to say the least.

But Hammer struggled with control (he walked four and hit a batter) and was replaced in the third by Canton native Carl McDevitt, who pitched two scoreless innings and picked up the victory. Finishing the shutout with an inning each were Eric Wendling, Pat Kenny and Bret Spencer (Northville).

Rochester (0-7) managed just two hits, by Jordan Ackerman and Mark Albertson. Madonna really broke things open with a six-run fifth, to make it 16-0.

"Just about everyone in the lineup swung

it," Haeger said. "If they didn't get multiple hits they were on base all day long."

Sparking the attack were Farmington junior first baseman Kevin Zerbo (3-for-4, three runs), senior third baseman Kenny (3-for-3, two runs, four RBI) and junior outfielder Scott Boyer (3-for-4, four RBI).

Chipping in with a single, double and five RBI was senior John McCracken while senior Dave Herrick (Westland/Livonia Churchill) went 2-for-3. Junior outfielder Zack McMillin went 2-for-3 and drove in a pair.

Homering were McCracken, Boyer (who also doubled) and freshman outfielder Shawn Little of Canton. Little went 2-for-4 and scored three times.

On Wednesday, Madonna divided a twinbill with Aquinas to fall to 6-2 in the conference (Aquinas improved to 7-10, 1-1).

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SPORTS BRIEFS

'Y' soccer

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for Spring Soccer for children between the ages of 4 and 11.

Practices begin the week of April 7 and games start Saturday, April 19.

There will be eight practices and seven games. The fee is \$70 for program members or \$102 for community members.

All participants will need to purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15. The registration deadline is March 31.

If you are interested in participating or coaching your child's team, call (734) 453-2904 for more details or visit out www.ymcadetroit.org.

Northville Recreation

Following are leagues offered this spring and summer by the Northville Parks & Recreation Department:

■ Adult women's and co-ed softball leagues are set to begin Tuesday, May 6. The entry fee is \$445 per team for an 11-game schedule.

■ An adult open morning softball league will commence the week of June 16. The proposed game times are 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (game day has yet to be determined). The entry fee is \$445 per team for an 11-game schedule (based on an eight-team league).

■ A men's spring basketball league is set to tip off April 21 (approximate).

Games will be played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The per-team entry fee is \$375 for eight games.

For more information on all of the leagues, call (248) 449-9947.

Volleyball camp

The annual Plymouth High School Volleyball Camp will be held Monday through Wednesday, July 28-30, in the school's gymnasium.

The camp will run daily from 1-4 p.m.

The camp is designed for girls in fifth through 10th grade (as of fall 2008). The cost is \$65.

For more information, contact Kelly McCausland at mccausk@taylor.k12.mi.us.

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Peter Nielsen

boiling and of course the microwave. They then compared the flavonoid content in the cooked broccoli. (Flavonoids are antioxidants that are proven disease fighters.) The final results were pretty amazing: steamed broccoli lost 11 percent of its flavonoids, pressure cooked broccoli lost 54 percent, boiled lost 81 percent and the microwave broccoli lost an incredible 97 percent of its flavonoid content! They found that water exposure is a key factor. The less exposure the broccoli had, the more flavonoids remained. Frozen broccoli usually requires little or no added water and retains high levels of most nutrients.

Mike from Harper Woods emails that progress with his bench press workout has stalled. He is looking for some help.

Mike, the answer to your problem may be taking a dip and I don't mean in a pool! Try adding parallel bar dips to your workout. The dips can build deltoids, triceps and fore arm muscles, all areas that are critical for a successful bench press workout. Begin the exercise in the upright position on the bars supporting your weight with arms fully extended. Lower yourself to mid chest level, then push back up to the starting position. The exercise is even more effective when you hang weights from your workout belt for maximum resistance. You will get a boost in your bench press if you do 3 sets of 5 to 8 reps per day, using as much weight as you can. As always, don't over do it! Start with a little weight and work your way up.

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.

Charity gala to provide AEDs to high schools

Randall and Sue Gillary are determined that another parent never go through the pain of losing a child because an automated external defibrillator (AED) wasn't available to save their life.

The Gillarys' 15-year-old daughter, Kimberly, died of cardiac arrest in April 2000 in a water polo game at Groves High School in Bloomfield Hills. Kimberly had an undetected heart condition which took her life. She may have survived if the school had been equipped with an AED.

Since her death the couple has raised more than \$883,000 and donated more than 400 AEDs to high schools in Michigan through the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation.

On Friday, April 11, they'll host Kimberly's Gift Gala so they can raise enough money to provide AEDs to the 68 schools still remaining on their waiting list. The charity event runs from 6-10 p.m. at the Detroit Athletic Club and features guest speaker Jiri Fischer, a former Detroit Red Wing. Fisher suffered a cardiac arrest during a Red Wing's game at Joe Louis Arena in November 2005. He survived because medical personnel were trained to use an AED and saved his life.

Proceeds from Kimberly's Gift Gala will be used to provide Michigan high schools with at least one automated external defibrillator (AED) and staff trained in CPR and the use of an AED.

For more information, send e-mail to rgillary@gillarylaw.com, call (248) 528-0440 or visit the Web site at www.kimberlysgift.org. All administrative costs of the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation are paid by the Law Offices of Randall Gillary in Troy. 100-percent of the donations from the public are used to purchase AEDs and training. Tickets for the charity event are \$150 and include a cocktail hour, gourmet dinner and dessert, open bar, and live and silent auctions. The Detroit Athletic Club is at 241 Madison Ave. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, April 9.

Taking steps

Walk to raise money for cure

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Madison Elkow isn't standing still while waiting for a cure. The 15-year-old Mercy High School student is leading the way to raise awareness about the digestive diseases collectively known as IBD (Inflammatory Bowel Disease).

TAKE STEPS

What: Walk to raise money for Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter for research, education and support programs
When: 4 p.m. (registration begins), walk at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, May 17
Where: Camp Dearborn, 1700 General Motors Drive, Milford
Information: To register, sponsor or volunteer for the walk, visit www.ccfakesteps.org, call (248) 737-9000 or send e-mail to michigan@ccfa.org

for the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation's Take Steps Walk at Camp Dearborn in Milford. The group consists of kids who attend the CCFA summer camp and the 18 girls on her synchronized ice skating team at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills.

Elkow has been participating in the walk since it began raising money for research, education and support programs for the Michigan Chapter of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation in 2003. Medication made it possible for the Farmington Hills girl to recently travel to Sweden to compete with her ice skating team without worrying if she'd have a flare-up. Three years ago it took 11 months to control the ulcerative colitis after Elkow began hemorrhaging. Today, she's able to train 14-hours a week and teach catechism at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington Hills while remaining on the honor roll at school. Elkow also speaks about colitis for the Foundation.

"I really think it's important to find a cure so other people don't have to go through what I went through or the kids that go to the camp," said Elkow.

Laura Elkow, Madison's mother, is especially grateful for research which continues to develop new drugs.

"Once they found a medication that worked she grew 7 inches in about 6 months," said Laura Elkow. "She's never let it get her down."

Dr. Michael Duffy is hoping for an even brighter future for patients with ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease. The gastroenterologist has been treating IBD for about 25 years. He serves on the Foundation board.

"There's been dramatic improvement. Diagnostically we now have better imaging techniques, blood tests, but the biggest advance is in therapy. There are a number of new drugs to modify disease and pre-

Elkow was only 9 years old when doctors diagnosed her ulcerative colitis after she started having severe abdominal pain and stopped growing. On Saturday, May 17, Elkow gathers her Camp Oasis team



Madison Elkow, 15, of Farmington Hills proudly displays some of the interests in her active lifestyle after recent advances in the medical field helped control her ulcerative colitis.

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vent some of the complications," said Duffy who is on staff at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and practices at Gastrointestinal Specialists in Troy. He regularly sees patients suffering with the diarrhea, abdominal pain, weight loss, and rectal bleeding which are symptoms of IBD.

"They're considered chronic diseases. The goal is to keep people healthy, get them in remission and keep them there. Crohn's is the most difficult one which sometimes requires multiple surgery and leads to complications," said Duffy. "Drugs in the last 10 years have dramatically improved the approach to these diseases. There's a tremendous amount of research into genetics, a number of new compounds."

So far scientists don't know what causes the inflammatory diseases, but suspect genetics and the immune system play a role.

"As we understand the immune system and the abnormalities better we'll be better able to target therapies," said Duffy of Bloomfield Hills. "I don't think they'll cure these diseases, but we'll have more effective therapies. In the last 10 years we've had one or two new drugs come out. The outlook in the next 10 years is an additional 10 or 15. I think there's a lot of hope in that regard."

Last year's walk raised \$200,000 to fund research at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University as well as CCFA education programs. On May 6, the Foundation coordinates a live teleconference with Dr. Edward Loftus, Jr. on the lat-

est medication from 8-9:15 p.m. Loftus is associate director of Irritable Bowel Disease at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. For information, visit www.ccfca.org.

On Sept. 13, the Foundation presents an education program in conjunction with the U-M Medical Center at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth. Call (248) 737-0900.

This year's Camp Oasis for kids ages 7-17 takes place July 13-19, at Camp Copneonic in Fenton. The list of CCFA services goes on and includes support groups which meet throughout the state. That's why the walk is so important. This year the event is moving from Maybury State Park to Camp Dearborn to accommodate the growing number of walkers. bd's Mongolian Grill in Novi is donating the food once again. Any walker who raises \$100 receives a free T-shirt.

"The walk is really a fun day," said Bernie Riker, Executive Director of the CCFA Michigan Chapter in Farmington Hills (www.michiganccfa.org). "We have a Kiddie Corral with games and activities. We have 90 teams signed up so far. There's still plenty of room. On April 8 we're having a kickoff party at bd's Mongolian Grill beginning at 6 p.m. It's open to anyone who is registered to walk. There's no charge. We'll be having dinner and a lot of fun. If you haven't registered yet it's not too late."

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Bocce for Bucks

A fund-raiser for Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at the Palazzo di Bocce in Orion Township. Featuring indoor bocce tournament play, Italian dinner fare, folks songs by the Italian American Cultural Society's Coro Italiano, silent auction and more. Prizes will be awarded to top teams. Tickets are Guest \$100; Patron \$150; and Benefactor \$200. Call (248) 967-9600 or visit www.vna.org.

Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, Attorney Patricia Kasoddy-Coyle will also be available to answer questions on a first come, first served basis, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Ovarian cancer

One-to-One Ovarian Cancer Support Group for women with ovarian cancer 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at Beaumont Cancer Center, first floor classroom, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, Royal Oak. For information, call (248) 597-2710.

Cure gala

The 16th Annual Commitment for a Cure Gala presented by the Join the American Diabetes Association 6-10 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at the Ritz-Carlton Dearborn. Gala tickets \$200 per person. For more information, contact Kelli Dobner at (888) DIABETES, Ext. 6688 or kdobner@diabetes.org.

Sarcoidosis support

Meets 1 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at Beaumont Hospital, Administration Building first floor conference dining rooms A & B, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, Royal Oak. For information, call (248) 545-0320.

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All-Observer gymnasts vault to head of class

EMILY QUINT, SOPH., LIVONIA BLUE: The sophomore enjoyed an outstanding individual state meet with a third in the Division I all-around (37.65) along with a second on floor exercise (9.55), third on vault (9.6) and fifth on beam (9.475).

At the regional, Quint was runner-up in the all-around (37.65), first on floor (9.625), second on vault (9.4), third on beam (9.55) and fifth on the uneven parallel bars (9.075).

"Emily has a great attitude when she's in the gym," Livonia Blue coach Lisa Fierk said. "She's always smiling and showing off her hip-hop dance moves. She's very important to our team and is willing to improve on each event to get her team where they want to be at the end of the season."

Her top performances for the season included vault (9.625), uneven bars (9.5), beam (9.55) and floor (9.7).

"She knows she's a team player and she gets along with all her teammates," Fierk said. "I have high hopes for her the next two years."

PAULA GUZIK, JR., LIVONIA RED: The senior was sixth all-around at the Division I state individual finals in Division 1 along with taking a fourth on vault and a fifth on floor.

"Paula is an amazing gymnast and fantastic leader," Livonia Red coach Kelly Grodzicki said. "She has determination, which she uses to challenge herself further each year. She shows extreme focus in her gymnastics and does not lose concentration. She'll be returning as a senior and captain next year. She acts as a great role model in the gym and out."

Guzik was regional all-around champ, while taking the vault, uneven bars and balance beam. She added a six on floor.

In the WLAA meet, Guzik finished first all-around. She earned a first on bars; second on vault; third on beam; and fourth on floor.

Her high scores for the season included: all-around (38.025); beam (9.7); floor (9.65); vault (9.575) and bars (9.55).

"Balancing her studies, softball and gymnastics, Paula has proven to succeed in all," Grodzicki said. "Positive energy and motivation are the characteristics Paula demonstrates to the other athletes."

MEGHAN POWERS, JR., LIVONIA BLUE: The junior earned an eighth on floor exercise at the Division I individual meet.

Her top performances this season included 36.875, all-around; 9.7, beam; 9.475, floor; 9.4, uneven

bars; and 9.2, vault.

At the regional, Powers was third all-around; second on beam; fifth on floor and vault.

"When Meghan puts her mind to something there is no stopping her," Fierk said. "She shows great determination and drive. She had been fighting a knee injury and sickness throughout the season, but that did not stop her from competing at any meets."

"She's a real motivator to her teammates and herself. Meghan's unique character always brings fun and smiles into the gym. Next year she's going to be one of our captains."

ALICIA DIMAURO, JR., LIVONIA RED: The junior earned Division I state qualifying berths in both the vault and beam after placing eighth at the regional in both events.

In the WLAA meet, DiMauro was sixth all-around after taking fourth on vault; sixth on floor; eighth on beam and ninth on bars.

"Alicia is a quiet and consistent gymnast," Grodzicki said. "She could always be counted on to step up when we needed her. Alicia does not give up and her motivation for success shines."

"She'll be a senior next year, as well as captain."

DiMauro's top scores for the year include: all-around (35.65); vault (9.325); floor (9.25); beam (9.0); and bars (8.85).

"She demonstrates positive characteristics in the gym and is very encouraging," Grodzicki said. "Alicia remains focused on her studies and achieved Scholar-Athlete in her third year. Alicia has shown great promise and will continue to do so."

LAURA NOMURA, JR., LIVONIA BLUE: The junior was a Division II state qualifier who took third on floor, fourth on vault and 12th in the all-around.

At the regional, Nomura finished first on beam (9.3) and was second all-around (35.55). She also added a third on bars and fourth on vault.

"At states, Laura tried a new floor tumbling pass and stuck it like she was doing it all season long," Fierk said. "Her coaches were so excited for her."

"Laura always came to practice ready to try new skills and improve her old ones. She is already thinking about what skills she wants for next season."

Her top scores for the season included a 9.55, vault; 8.8, bars; 9.3, beam; 9.5, floor; and 36.75, all-around.

"She has been a great captain this year and always knows how to motivate her teammates," Fierk

said. "She was voted Most Valuable Gymnast this season."

MARGARITA LAZAREVSKA, SR., LIVONIA RED: The senior earned Division II state individual qualifying spots after placing second on the beam and sixth on the vault at the regional.

She added a second in the vault at the WLAA meet with a personal best 9.05.

Her other high scores for the fourth-year letter winner and three-time Scholar-Athlete included a 9.25 (beam) and 8.8 (floor).

"Margarita brings a lot of energy to the gym," Grodzicki said. "She's a dynamic leader and a focused gymnast. It was thrilling to see her add her back-tuck to her beam routine for the finals."

"She shows strength and poise in her athletics. She definitely completed her best year in gymnastics and I'm confident Margarita will continue to succeed as she plans to attend the University of Michigan-Deerborn."

JESSIE MURRAY, SR., CANTON: The senior's extraordinary career was capped off in fine fashion when she was named the state's "Senior Gymnast of the Year" by the Michigan High School Gymnastics Coaches and Judges Association last month. The team captain placed ninth in the all-around at the 2008 Division I state meet and set a school record on the balance beam with a score of 9.7.

"Jessie was first team varsity the first day she walked in the gym as a freshman," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "She's been a 36-point all-arounder all four years. She was one of the team leaders even last year when she was a junior and we had seven seniors. Jessie's been a big part of this program for the past four years and she will be missed."

ROBYN PIWOWAR, FR., CANTON: The ninth-grader burst onto the local gymnastics scene this season and made an immediate impact on the Chiefs' fortunes as she was the lone freshman to finish in the top 10 all-around (she tied for 10th) at the Division I state meet.

"Robyn was out of club gymnastics for about a year-and-a-half before this year, but she re-learned everything very quickly," said Cunningham. "The one event she feared the most at the beginning of the year — the vault — proved to be one of her best by the end of the year as she placed fifth at the state meet with a 9.55 against a very good group of girls."

KATIE KOETTING, JR., SALEM: Koetting enjoyed her third consecutive strong season for the Rocks' gym-

nastics team, closing the year by placing tied for 10th in the all-around at the Division I state meet. Koetting, who is also one of the area's best divers in the fall, placed sixth in the vault at the state meet with a score of 9.525.

AUTUMN COLLINS, SR., SALEM: Collins polished off a stellar career for the Rocks by placing 34th in the all-around at the Division 2 state meet. Her best event was the balance beam as she placed 18th with a 9.20.

BRITTANY YOUNG, SR., SALEM: Young combined with Katie Koetting and Autumn Collins to give the Rocks a solid 1-2-3 punch. She placed 16th in the all-around at last month's Division 2 state meet where she placed 11th on the uneven bars.

JORDAN BRODEHL, SR., PLYMOUTH: The senior captain will graduate as the school's best all-around gymnast. Brodehl, who has starred for the Wildcats since her freshman year, placed sixth on the uneven bars at last month's Division 2 state meet.

LISA FIERK, LIVONIA BLUE, COACH OF THE YEAR: The second-year coach guided the squad made up of Stevenson and Franklin high gymnasts to a third-place finish at the state teams with a score of 144.725.

Livonia Blue also captured the Plymouth regional with a season-best 145.625, along with the WLAA meet (142.5). Fierk also led her squad to a 10-1 dual-meet record, as well as a first-place finish at the Troy Athens Invitational and a pair of thirds at the Farmington and Canton invitationals.

"The girls have worked hard this season to achieve all the goals that they set out for themselves," Fierk said. "As their coach, I'm extremely proud of how united our team is. All the girls were improving their skills throughout the season to improve the team score and the chance to be top three at states. I'm proud of the team and excited to see what the gymnasts bring next year."

The 24-year-old Fierk never competed as a gymnast, but fell in love with the sport while working at the YMCA. She is currently majoring in math, reading and elementary education at Eastern Michigan University.

"When a coaching opportunity opened up, I stepped in not knowing much about the sport, but willing to learn," said Fierk, who has been coaching at the Y for four years. "Coaching is a big part of my life. I would do anything for the gymnast to ensure that they have a safe and enjoyable environment to practice in."



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We so often resist change that we need

Do I want to change or not? This is a question I hear all the time in my psychotherapy practice. Actually the way it more often is shared it comes out "I don't want to change, but I don't like the way things are." But most often what brings an individual or couple or family to our agency is the awareness that the way that things are cannot continue the way they are.



Chat Room

Paul Melrose

There is too much emotional or psychological or spiritual pain in the family. It is expressed by verbal, and in some cases, physical fighting, sadness at being home or with yourself, change in pattern of normal behavior, a malaise. Sometimes a request for therapy comes from someone who reports that a friend or spouse sees them as "not there" somehow.

There is at the root of this struggle a fear of change. Regardless of how bad things are at least the present pattern is familiar. There is an acceptance of what is; it is predictable and there are no surprises, or not too many.

Besides, you say, I can handle this on my own. As one therapist has formulated the question, "Have you ever resolved to 'do better,' only to find yourself reverting to familiar destructive patterns?" The fear of change is in conflict with the need to change. What aids in this struggle is if a person can achieve a balance between the seeking change part of you and the resistant part of you. When a reasonable balance is arrived at a person, or couple or family find they can consider enough change to adapt and grow and alter the present situation but not change so much as to make themselves unrecognizable to self and others. A person will survive as who that person is.

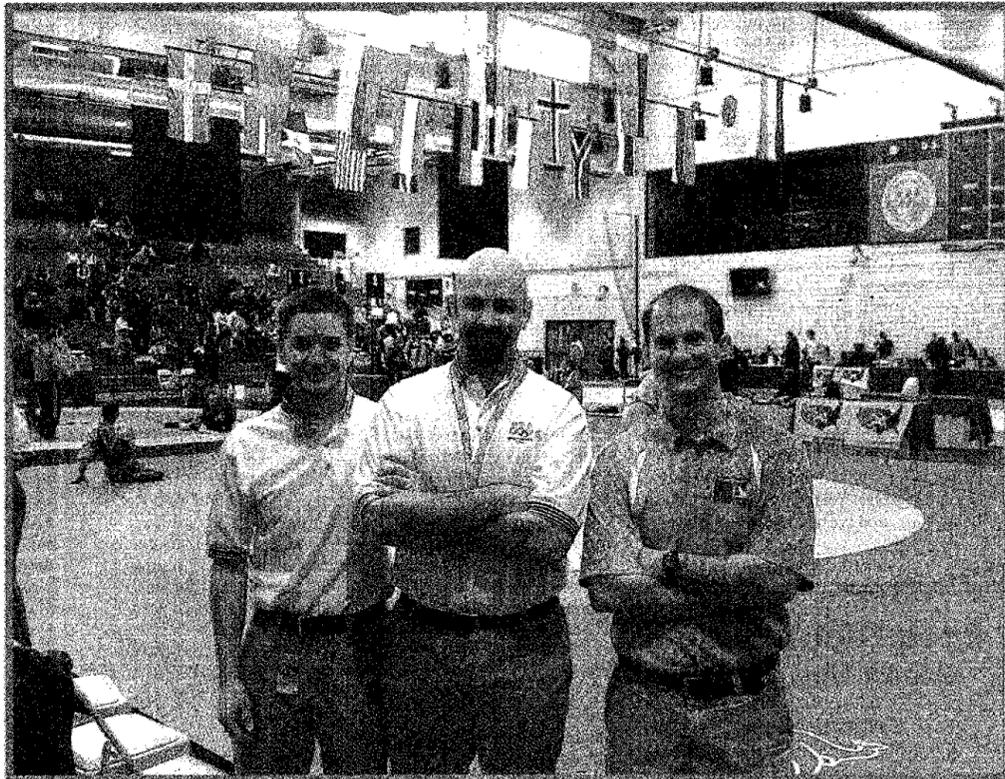
Change is not about becoming such a new person as to unhook you from your roots and history. What may happen though is that through the therapeutic process one can find out that there was more to him/herself than was known so that this one can feel like a new person. Change is a process. I referred to a balance above, a balance between seeking and resisting change. It can happen that if these two forces are out of balance not enough change might occur or there could be too much change too soon and failure might occur. That is why therapy is a process. So that the kind of change one is looking for, needs, and hopes to find can be worked with enough until a reasonable balance is found.

One writer sees the therapeutic process as including becoming aware that change is needed, coming up with a plan for change, and acquiring new skills and techniques. Some of the ways that a client in therapy will start to become aware that change is occurring might include: motivation and readiness ("I was desperate to get back to my old self"); tools and strategies ("It's the changes in behavior that I learned"); learning ("I would take a lot of stuff home to read about assertiveness"); interaction with therapist ("...they don't judge your character or think they know you"); perceived aspects of self ("I am a strong person mentally"); and the relief of talking ("Let me get everything out, let me relieve myself of everything").

Understand that writing about a process of change is not as dynamic as the process itself.

Often the above ways just listed are not sequential but the therapy pro-

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Dr. Steven Karageanes (center) and Olympic trainers Joe Cygan (left) and Jody Hill (right) at the Dave Schultz Memorial International Wrestling Invitational, one of the largest wrestling tournaments in the world. Wrestlers from 21 countries competed in the competition in February.

Going for the

Competition at heart of physician's life

gold

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Competition is at the heart of Dr. Steven Karageanes' life whether it's treating athletes at the Olympics Training Center in Colorado Springs or going for the gold at the Cannes Film Festival in France. It won't be long until the Plymouth resident is on the road again this time to have his first short film, *American Piety*, screened at the Monaco Charity Film Festival and then at Cannes in May.

In early February Karageanes took the

first step toward winning a spot on the team of physicians who care for the wrestlers, weight lifters, swimmers and competitors in a variety of sports including gymnastics at Olympic Games. For two weeks he treated back injuries, knee sprains, and an outbreak of flu that hit the German wrestling team at the Olympics Training Center in Colorado, one of three in the country. Karageanes has a nearly 10-year history of caring for patients in the area of sports medicine at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne and the

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Violinist focuses on spirit of music

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

EVENING RECITAL SERIES

What: Continues with Yehonatan Berick, violin, and John Ellis, piano, performing Brahms' sonatas

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 18

Where: Presentation Room in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia

Tickets: \$20 (\$10 student), available at www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation/ events or by calling (734) 462-4403.

Yehonatan Berick delves deep inside when playing classical music. It's no wonder the Evening Recital Series Committee selected the Ann Arbor violinist to share his talents in an all-Brahms program April 18 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Berick was born in Israel and came to America when he was barely 22. He is an award-winning violinist who has performed throughout North America, Europe and Israel.

"Violin for me is the range of expres-

sion coupled with the potential to be mesmerizing and touching," Berick said. "It's one of the most versatile instruments. You can play fast notes or long and beautiful. It's almost like being an actor when you play the music. You forget you have hands, eyes, and use the violin as your vocal chord."

Although Berick began playing violin at age 6, the instrument was not his first love. Berick wanted a piano, but there was no room in the 750-square-foot home he shared with four other family members. Eventually, he picked



Spirit is very important for Yehonatan Berick when it comes to playing classical music. On Friday, April 18, he performs an emotion-filled recital at Schoolcraft College.

up the violin, following in the footsteps of his father. Later, when he was

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Club to host critiques by award-winning artist

From 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 7, Three Cities Art Club members will have an opportunity to have their work critiqued by an expert - award winning artist Elbert (Al) Weber of Canton. The free event takes place in a lower level meeting room at Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road S., south of Cherry Hill Road. Enter via the southeast entrance and the attendant will direct you to the room.

Each member is encouraged to bring several pieces that they have questions about or would like a fresh viewpoint on. Weber will answer questions, point out the work's strong points and try to make suggestions to make the piece

stronger where applicable. Everyone who attends will benefit from the helpful tips that Weber provides as his insightful analysis of a variety of styles of art. They will also have the opportunity to vote on their favorite artwork submitted by members in the club's monthly Popular Vote competition.

Weber uses watercolor, acrylic, pen and ink, and mixed media to create landscapes, florals, and paintings of automobiles and people. Weber has had solo exhibits at the Scarab Club, Southfield Cultural Center, Dearborn Chamber of Commerce, Shiawassee Arts Center, Livonia Civic Center Library Gallery,

Coach House Gallery, Plymouth Community Arts Council, and the Village Theater in Canton. Weber studied at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California; Purdue University and Indiana University, and has taken many watercolor workshops. His work is in collections throughout the United States, Brazil, Canada, England, Scotland and New Zealand.

If you are an artist or a want-to-be artist, you will find this to be an informative event. For more information, contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800 ext. 123 or by e-mail at threecitiesartclub@hotmail.com.

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required to serve his one year in the army, Berick was happy to learn the general, a decorated war hero, shared his passion for music. Berick completed his army stint playing in a quartet. Today, he is an associate professor of violin at the University of Michigan School of Music.

On April 18, Berick and John Ellis, also an associate professor at U-M, perform Johannes Brahms' complete cycle of sonatas for violin and piano.

"It's a beautiful set of works," Berick said. "Brahms is probably my second favorite composer. Bach is my favorite - never a note out of place. It's like a diamond - it's perfect. Brahms captured the meticulousness of Bach, but combined it with emotion. Spirit for me is very important. I like to put my heart into my music, not craftsmanship."

Committee members Carol Bonamici and Gail Mondry are especially looking forward to being drawn into the music. "I want to see a performer pull me into the music," said Bonamici of Livonia.

Mondry and Donald Morelock, who leads the recital series committee, heard Berick play at Kerrytown in Ann Arbor last summer.

"He's fabulous," said Mondry of Franklin. "My middle son, a music theater major, was very moved. He had some tears in his eyes. Yehonatan's playing brought some emotion in him."

Mondry is a strong supporter of classical music. She and her husband, Ira, donated pianist

James Tocco's performance fees to kick off the Schoolcraft College Evening Recital Series last fall. Gail also serves on the board of the Great Lakes Chamber Festival, which held a fund-raiser that featured the Tocco performance as an auction item. Mondry continues to support the Evening Recital Series. Last week, Mondry turned over \$1,400 in checks she collected from friends to purchase future concert tickets for senior citizens and music students. Mondry's youngest son, Nathan, 15, has studied piano with Morelock for five years.

"The more we can support each other the better, especially since I have three children who are so artistic. I want to see this grow and prosper," Mondry said.

Morelock is "extremely pleased" with the success of the 2007-08 series so far. The series features only internationally acclaimed artists.

"The performers have enjoyed being here and there's been a good turnout with an afterglow to meet performers," said Morelock, chairman of Schoolcraft's music department. "There's going to be an afterglow so people get a chance to informally chat with the performer and get to meet other people in the community, people who share a common interest. We wanted the series to be an opportunity in the community to hear performance of this caliber."

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The Michigan Jazz Society was created by Bugai of Canton and is open to anyone who

enjoys interesting people and exciting music, and especially for those who appreciate vintage jazz and Big Band. The Society features discussion topics such as the partnering of our youth with local jazz artists and the development of benefit concerts for local hospitals and assisted living facilities.

Bugai was born of Polish immigrants and grew up on Detroit's west side where he attended St. Andrew's grade school and Chadsey High School. At Chadsey, his interest in individual jazz and Big Band was sparked. He studied saxophone with Ernie Anderson and Larry Teal, Sr., and played for many Polish weddings and other cultural events. He later moved

to northwest Detroit where he attended Cooley High School. He formed a Big Band called Buddy Bruce which played for dances and parties and later, larger fraternity dances. While employed as a record distributor in the late 1940s, he found the Jazz in Detroit Theater at the Alvin Theater with Robin Seymour.

The Detroit club hosted jazz musicians such as Tommy Flanigan, Kenny Burrell, Pepper Adams, Rudy Rutherford, W. Anderson, Lucky Thomson, Todd Rhodes, Candy Johnson, and Huckelbuck Williams. Now retired, Bugai has become a student of jazz history and devotes his time to preserving this timeless music.



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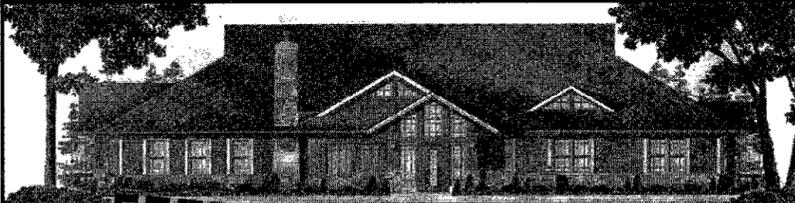
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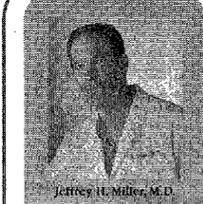
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Greenmead hosts spring events

If you haven't been to Greenmead Historical Park lately it's time to revisit the past. The staff and volunteers are presenting two upcoming events related to years gone by.

A Victorian Tea takes place 3-5 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the Simmons/Hill House in the village located at the crossroads of Newburgh and Eight Mile in Livonia.

Tickets are \$25 per person and available in advance only.

The tables at Hill House are being set with the fine china, good silver and vintage linens. A menu of delicious tea sandwiches, mouth-watering scones and irresistible desserts is planned to delight the senses. Spend a relaxing afternoon with friends at the Tea.

On Tuesday, April 15, the historical park hosts the second of three lectures, the History of the 17th Michigan, at 7 p.m. in the Alexander Blue House. Gary Pritchard talks about the 17th Michigan Civil War Re-enactors for the informative program. Space is limited so call to reserve a seat. Donations accepted.



Greenmead Historical Village hosts another of its popular Victorian teas Saturday, April 12.

For more information about either event, call (248) 477-7375.

A New Volunteer Orientation is scheduled for 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 26, for anyone interested in helping to

preserve Livonia's legacy for the future. The programs and events at Greenmead offer a variety of ways to share time and talents.

To register for the volunteer orientation, call the Greenmead Office at (248) 477-7375.

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cess is a journey in and back through and amongst these areas, and maybe others, until the right balance for that person, couple, family is achieved.

When you experience such a conflict between whether or not change is needed in your life that may be a good time to talk to a professional, so that you can assess whether the kind of change you are looking for requires therapy, a good book, a self-help group or some other means. Don't stay stuck where you are. You may just be giving into the fear of change when something new in your life is needed and will make your life fulfilling.

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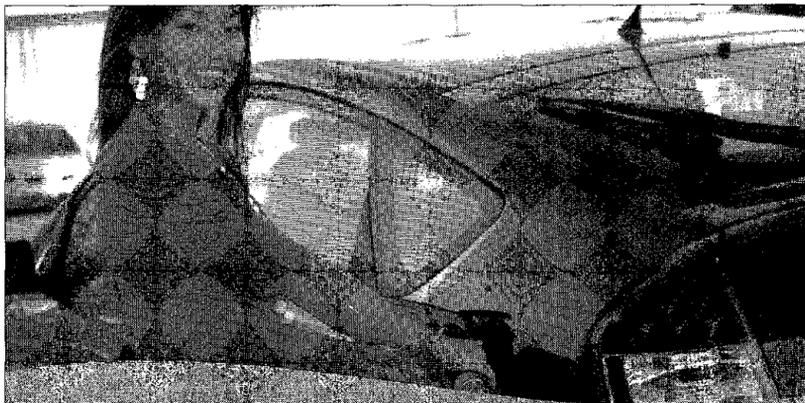
Artists are being sought to display their work in Northville Art in the Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 21, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 22.

The juried arts festival is now celebrating its 20th year of featuring all mediums of art and lively music throughout the festival. A highlight of the festival are the murals visitors can paint.

Afterwards the works will be donated to St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

More than 20,000 visitors will enjoy the sights and sounds of this popular event showcasing over 100 juried fine artists. Prizes are awarded for Best in Show and Runner Up.

For an application, log onto www.northville.org. The First Round Jury is April 18. For more information, visit the Web site or call the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640.



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Symposium focuses on children's mental health

Experts in the field of children's mental health care will discuss new trends in funding at a symposium on Friday, April 11, at Vista Maria in Dearborn Heights.

Facilitated by Wayne County Commissioner Philip Cavanagh (D-Redford Township), the symposium will feature panelists who are involved in various aspects of child and adolescent mental health care, including government and service providers.

Panelists include Ismael Ahmed, director of the Michigan Department of

Human Services; Edith Killins, director of the Wayne County Health & Human Services department; Sue Hamilton Smith, director of the Wayne County Children & Family Services department; John Van Camp, president and chief executive officer of Southwest Solutions, Inc.; and Tonya Allen, vice president of programs for the Skillman Foundation.

This is the fifth annual symposium that Commissioner Cavanagh has hosted.

"It will be an opportunity for mental health care providers to

learn about the funding challenges and the funding opportunities that are impacting children's mental health treatments," Cavanagh said. "We have the foremost experts from state and county government, the foundation community, and private sector treatment facilities that will share their insights."

The symposium will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Vista Maria, which is located at 20651 West Warren Avenue. For more information, please contact Celeste Marciniak at 313-967-3639.

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BIRTH

Gavin Aiden Holcombe

Pete and Marilyn Holcombe of Westland announce the birth of their son, Gavin Aiden Holcombe, on March 17, 2008, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Gavin weighed 7 pounds and was 19 1/2 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Walt and Christine Markowski of Livonia and Ted and Shirley Holcombe of Lebanon, Pa.



Plotzke-Atzinger

Scott Atzinger and Andrea Plotzke, both of Livonia, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Greg and Kathy Plotzke of Livonia. She is a 2004 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and is attending Schoolcraft College.

The future groom is the son of Dave and Judy Atzinger of Livonia. He is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and is employed at Cintas.

The September, 2008, wedding is planned in Livonia.

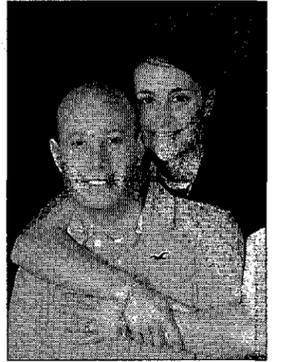
ENGAGEMENTS

Peters-Mullally

Peter C. and Valerie G. Peters of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Adrienne Meridith Peters, to Joey Christopher Mullally, son of Dennis C. and Joanne M. Mullally of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Salem High School, Schoolcraft College and the Wayne County Regional Police Training Center. She is employed as a police officer with the city of Romulus.

The future groom is a graduate of Canton High School, Schoolcraft College, and the Wayne County Regional Police Training Center. He is employed as a police officer



with the Canton Township Police Department.

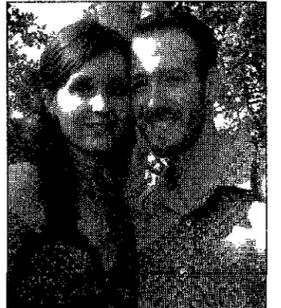
A June 19, 2008, wedding is planned for Mackinac Island.

Wegener-Ray

Mark and Lori Wegener of Maple City announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Maureen Wegener, to Scott Anthony Ray, son of Frank and Mary Lou Ray of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Leland Public High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed at Linen N Things.

The future groom is a graduate of Catholic Central High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed by NSA Architects, Engineers,



Planners. A May, 2008, wedding is planned for the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Worden-Hayes

Jessica Lynn Worden and Ryan Michael Hayes announced their engagement at Christmas.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Debi Baldwin and Lynn Worden of Burlington, Mich. Jessica is a 2004 graduate of Union City High School. She is currently employed with Alliance Associates in Coldwater, Mich.

The future groom is the son of Thomas and Kathleen Lipinski of Livonia and Gary Hayes of Livonia. Ryan is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He also graduated from Olivet College with a bachelor's degree in



criminal justice. He is currently employed with the State of Michigan.

An August, 2008, wedding is planned in Livonia. The couple will reside in Coldwater.



Blasko-Gunderson

Mike and Rita Blasko of Boardman, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Alison Blasko, to Eric Gunderson, son of Dave and Carol Gunderson of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the English Nanny and Governess School and works as a nanny.

The groom attended Schoolcraft Community College and works at Meier Screw Works.

An Oct. 18, 2008, wedding is planned for Youngstown, Ohio.

REUNIONS

Clarenceville High School Class of 1988

A reunion is being planned for the summer of 2008. Trying to reach as many classmates as possible. Send contact information to Dale Weighill at resource@fn.org.

Crestwood High School Class of 1968

A 40th class reunion Oct 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch 313-937-3477 or email CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com.au.

Dearborn High School Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion planned Aug. 1, 2008. Father Patrick O'Kelly Hall, Dearborn. Contact Betsy Cushman at (313) 565-5972 or ecushman@comcast.net.

Dearborn Edsel Ford Classes of 1958

The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion on Saturday Aug. 2, 2008 at the Dearborn Country Club.

Judy Richards Goerke at (313) 562-9031, Judygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiodo Peters at (248) 348-9443, Shirley.peters@villageford.net may be contacted for further information.

Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1968

A 40-year reunion Aug. 2, 2008, at Patrick O'Kelly Knights of Columbus in Dearborn. For more information, contact Janet Wszola Robbins at (313) 277-1418 or Susan Taylor Szalony at (248) 348-6692.

Dearborn Fordson Class of 1969

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

Detroit Cass Tech Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313)882-4626 and at casstech58.com.

Detroit Chadsey High School Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion, Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at Burton Manor, Livonia. \$55 per person. Contact, Mike Poterala, (248)548-4829 or mspoterala@com-

cast.net.

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 High School of Commerce Class of 1958 January, June and August

Planning reunion for Sept. 13. Call J. Wilkinson, (313) 861-0834, or B. King, (248) 547-1693.

Detroit Western High School Class of 1978

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or email reunion-30western@wowway.com.

Green 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 Dennis 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 1989

Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at gch-1989reunion@hotmail.com and check out web site at www.myspace.com/gchs20threunion.

The reunion date has not been set yet.

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Jefferson Avenue Cooperative Nursery School 60th Anniversary

The Jefferson Avenue Cooperative Nursery School (JACNS) in Detroit is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. A celebration and silent auction are being planned for Saturday, May 24. If you were associated with Jefferson Avenue Cooperative Nursery School at any time in the past, as either a student or parent, the school is seeking your memories. For information, email gandjackl@yahoo.com, or call the Shields family at (313)

822-3211.

Lincoln Park High School
Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50 year reunion. Contact: Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcglobal.net.

Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

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

Livonia Stevenson Class of 1978

A 30 year reunion, Aug. 16, 2008, at Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Includes DJ, cash bar, and strolling buffet. There will be more information coming soon. For more information, contact the Reunion Committee, Tim Oehmke at (734)637-1002 or superchargertest@aol.com.

Millford High School Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. All interested class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. Their contact email address is: millford78@gmail.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-Canton high schools Classes of 1988

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1988 20-year reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Contact cepclassoff988@yahoo.com for more information.

Romulus High School Class of 1958

A 50-year class reunion Saturday, May 3, 2008, at Lakes of Taylor, 25505 Northline, Taylor. For details, contact Al Preis at (734) 697-0092, Janet Miller at (734) 697-7483 or Terry Bird at (734) 697-4232.

Royal Oak Kimball Class of 1988

A 20-year class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008. For more information please go to www.kimball1988.myevent.com to register.



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DONNA SMITH BOSSHARD

Age 53, of Troy, MI died suddenly and unexpectedly early on Tuesday morning, March 25th due to complications from diabetes. Donna is survived by her loving husband Raymond, dear parents Kenneth and Susanne Smith, brothers Kenneth (Caroline) Smith Jr., David (Marta) Smith and sister Kyle (Peter) Chase. Eight nieces and nephews. Daughter-in-law of Fern and the late John. Donna was born in Bridgeton, NJ on January 8, 1955, but soon moved with her family to Birmingham. Donna was a graduate of Lahser High School, Denison University (BA - Mathematics and Economics), the University of Michigan (MBA - Accounting) and Walsh College (MS - Taxation with Distinction). Donna started her professional career in 1979 as a Senior Staff Accountant. She took pride in passing all parts of the CPA exam on the first sitting. Donna spent the majority of the past 23 years with Jenkins, Magnus, Volk & Carroll, P.C. of Bloomfield Hills where she was a principal since 1987. She had recently moved to Doeren Mayhew CPAs and Consultants of Troy, MI. In addition to her accounting practice, Donna was active in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Tax Division), Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (served as the Chair of the Federal Tax Task Force) and was a past President of the Detroit chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants. Donna was also active in community support. She was a past Treasurer of the Greater-Oakland Visiting Nurse Association, Treasurer and past Director of the Troy Women's Association and represented the Troy Women's Association at the Troy Chamber of Commerce Not for Profit Network meetings. Donna had just become involved in the Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence. Memorials to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Diabwater Chapter, 5712 Cleveland Street Suite 100 Virginia Beach, VA 23462. Services were held on March 31st, 2008. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. Share your memories at: www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

MYRTLE GLEASON
Passed away Tuesday, April 1st. The passions she held for life, her Irish heritage, and birth city of Chicago will all be missed. Myrtle is survived by her husband of 52 yrs, Robert, three sons, Jim (Valerie), John, Brian (Tricia), daughter Maureen (Charles), ten grandchildren, and many, many friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the University of Michigan Rheumatoid Arthritis Memorial Fund, referencing her name, University of Michigan Hospital Taubman Ctr., 1500 E. Medical Ctr. Dr., Dept. of Internal Medicine, Ann Arbor, MI 48109



ROSS V. ROMEO, LTC

Died March 13, 2008, at his ranch near Elgin, Ariz. Ross was raised in Beverly Hills, Mich., to Carol (Kunart) Romeo and Salvatore Romeo. Ross graduated from Wylie E. Groves High School, Birmingham, Mich., in 1977. He graduated from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., with a bachelor's degree in communications in 1981. He later earned a master's degree in international relations from Boston University in 1987, and a master's degree in general administration, management information systems, from the University of Maryland in 1993. Ross enlisted in the Army in 1982, and graduated from Officer Candidate School that same year. While assigned at Fort Belvoir, Ross was promoted to Colonel in 2005. Much to the disappointment of many peers and generals, Ross elected to decline this promotion and retire after 22 years of service. This began a new chapter in his life, when he returned to Arizona starting a sanctuary for unwanted and retired animals. Ross is survived by his daughter Andie Romeo, of Elgin; his son, Ross II of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and daughter, Christian Romeo of Mary Baldwin College in Virginia; and his mother, Carol Romeo, of Beverly Hills, father, Salvatore Romeo, of Farmington Hills, and sister, Laura Romeo, of Beverly Hills, Mich.



BONNIE JUNK

Passed away on March 30, 2008 at the age of 85. Mrs. Junk lived in Livonia, Michigan for over 50 years where she was employed by the Wayne County Health Department for ten years and the Livonia Observer for three years. Preceded in death by grandson Ryan Bowers, Mrs. Junk is survived by her husband of 65 years, Ray Junk; sons, David Junk, Gary (Darlene) Junk and Dale Junk; daughters, Karen (Dave) Rogge, Debbie (Steve) Bail, and Pam (Rob) Bowers; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. To honor Bonnie, memorial services were held in Tennessee and will be held later in the spring in Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718. Austin Funeral & Cremation Services, 615-377-0775.

SAMUEL "SONNY" ROBERT KIPPE

It is with great sadness that the family of Samuel "Sonny" Robert Kippe announces his passing on April 1, 2008, at the age of 91. Born December 7, 1916, Sonny was a lifelong musician, a World War Two Veteran, and a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He had a celebrated musical career that included leading the Sonny Kippe Orchestra, writing and performing industrial musicals, as well as an active membership in the Lambs' Club, America's First Professional Theatrical Club. Joining the ranks of such great artists (and past "Lambs") as Fred Astaire, John and Lionel Barrymore, and Lerner and Lowe, Sonny enjoyed years of laughing, cheering, and performing with his peers. He is survived by a supporting cast including his daughter Lynne, son Gary and daughter-in-law Maureen, grandchildren Melissa, Lauren, Matthew, Gregory, David, and Erin, and great-grandchildren Madeleine, William, Molly, Lauren, Colin, Seamus, Noah, and Brandon. A funeral was held on Friday, April 4, 2008 in Pompano Beach, Florida. Donations may be made in Sonny's memory to the following organizations:
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GEORGE W. SAHLIN

March 27, 2008 peacefully at home in Bloomfield Hills. Age 90. Proud veteran US Navy and graduate of Denby High School. Partner with Roney and Company, Loving husband of Phyllis. Dear father of Barbara Spencer (Lawrence) and Diana Golden (Dr. Theodore). Grandfather of Eric, Bryan, Jason Spencer and David and Jonathan Golden. Great-grandfather of Blair, Eric Clay and Scarlett Spencer. Services will be held privately. Memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

GRANT V. WALDO

Of Westland, MI: WWII Navy Veteran. May 14, 1927-March 31, 2008. Mr. Waldo was a self employed Tin Smith. He enjoyed fishing, tenting, skiing and liked to watch wildlife. Mr. Waldo is survived by his wife of 60 years, one son and four grandsons.

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The Madonna University Lyric Theatre Performers present an updated version of Godspell April 12-13, in Kresge Hall.

Production updates '70s musical

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The 1970s musical *Godspell* fit the bill perfectly when Barbara Wiltsie was looking for a spring production for the Madonna University Lyric Theatre Performers last September. All she had to do was make it relevant to the lives of today's audiences.

New Orleans sprang to mind. A troupe of evacuees, volunteers, rescue workers, residents, and tourists would gather to learn the teachings of Jesus as they rebuild the city. Wiltsie set the story line in the Lower 9th Ward and French Quarter, and splits the stage in half for the performances Saturday-Sunday, April 12-13, at Madonna University.

Act I opens in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The cast is comprised of students and actors from the community. Members include Errin Brooks of Detroit as Jesus; Danielle Desmond, Westland; Amy Loskowski, Livonia; Lawrence Kallie, Plymouth; Steven Mexicotte, Canton; and Kelly Ryan, Farmington Hills.

This is the first time the university's Lyric Theatre Performers are doing a full show with licensing rights since Wiltsie began the program six years ago.

"I chose it mainly because it's a type of show that can be put into present time. The message never changes of the parables, of spreading good will and learning moral and ethical values," said

GODSPELL

What: The Madonna University Lyric Theatre Performers present an updated version of the 1970 musical by John-Michael Tebelak and Stephen Schwartz.
When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12, and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 13
Where: Kresge Hall, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia
Tickets: \$5. For information, call (734) 432-5715

Wiltsie, a Madonna University voice teacher and director of the Lyric Theatre Performers.

"I had seen the movie years ago, but it was not a favorite of mine until now because of being able to approach it outside of the box, setting parables in the everyday life of New Orleans."

Jordan Herbert wasn't born when the original production opened off-Broadway. The Madonna University nursing major plays the dual role of John the Baptist and Judas.

"It was written that way," said Herbert, 21, who lives on the Livonia campus but is originally from Lapeer. "Jesus has these beloved friendships with John when he blesses him and built this friendship and later becomes Judas. It took a lot of research. I had to brush up on parables, even though I grew up going to church."

"I had never seen this before, although I've seen the movie."

The setting is awesome. It brings a very different feel to it. At the time of Hurricanes Katrina and Ivan I was living in Pensacola, Florida, and it kind of hits home. I was at Pensacola Christian College at the time and the school set up an alternative spring break to go to Louisiana. We did roofing, went through and volunteered to clean up glass."

One of the most touching moments in the production is a New Orleans-style funeral. During one of the songs audience members can donate to a fund so Madonna University students can return to the Gulf Coast in 2009 to help with recovery efforts. Any checks should be made payable to Madonna University. Earlier this year, Madonna University's Gulf Coast Service-Learning Fund made it possible for 32 students and two staff members to go to Biloxi, Miss., to work through the Diocesan Office of Long Term Recovery to repair five homes, deliver furniture and supplies, and help maintain files for the DOLTR which has a case load of 700 families still waiting for housing, according to Kevin West, the university's director of Service Learning.

"It will be during We Beseech Thee, the gospel song we'll go through the audience with hats collecting funds. If they want to make a contribution those funds will go to help New Orleans," said Wiltsie.

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

LET'S GET TOGETHER!

Sexy SBF, 40, N/S, seeks fun and witty WM, 35-80, for friendship first, maybe more. ☎270132

LONELY VIRGO

SBF, 47, with a young heart, enjoys cartoons, music, dancing, good food, good fun. Looking for SF, 30-65, with same interests. ☎269375

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Sexy, mature, intelligent BF, 35, 5'5", 130lbs, seeks mature, intelligent man, for casual dating and friendship. ☎267624

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP

SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 156lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clear, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. ☎134425

HONESTY A MUST

BF, 42, 5'4", 186lbs, shapely, brown/brown, seeking an honest man, 40-50, N/Drugs, who enjoys the good things in life. I like plays, dancing, dining out, good company and working out. ☎256808

HEART OF GOLD

SBF, 39, 5'6", average build, smoker, enjoys crossword puzzles, old-school lifestyle, movies, dining. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 6+, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. ☎266442

MUST LOVE WRESTLING!

Full-figured, shapely SBF, 33, lonely, seeks SWM (only) who enjoys wrestling, football, hockey, fishing, going to the movies for friendship first and maybe more. ☎268699

A LOT TO OFFER

SBF, 46, educated, enjoys her pets, life. Seeking similar male, 38-48, who is positive and healthy, HW proportionate, to share life. ☎262584

HELLO OUT THERE

SBF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys life simple pleasures. I enjoy dining out, computers, movies, the parks walks, travel and life in general. Friendship first. ☎241298

BLACK BEAUTY SEEKS...

White Knight Spontaneous SBF, 36, brown eyes, in search of adventures, honest, attractive WM, 25-50, with great sense of humor. I enjoy movies, reading, working out, more. ☎262020

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY

Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious BM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. ☎273603

HIDDEN TREASURES

I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you have found me. Seeking SM, 65+. ☎212790

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL

SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. ☎291247

SWEET SEXY LADY WANTS...

to be swept off my feet! Very pretty SWF, 42, brunette, 5'8", 133lbs, N/S, seeks good-looking, tall SWM, 40-45, honest, cosmetic surgeon, college-educated, romantic, sensual, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎253306

TAKE A CHANCE

SF, 48, 5'7", 210lbs, medium brown/blue, N/D, N/S, no children, enjoys drama films, shooting pool, playing cards, sporting events, long drives, more. Seeking SM, 45-55, who enjoys the same. ☎253036

LOOKING FOR MR RIGHT

Outgoing, laid-back SWF, 40, sincere and light-hearted seeks easygoing, fun SM, who knows how to enjoy life, to share talks, dates, friendship and possible LTR. ☎255010

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 46-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. ☎962317

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE

SWF, 66, 5'9", blond, N/S, good sense of humor, enjoys dancing and dining. Seeking a W/HM, 66-75, N/S, sincere and humorous, for companionship, maybe more. Oakland county replies only. ☎207161

TAKE A CHANCE

DWF, 48, mom, black/dark brown, employed, likes Italian food, nice talks, concerts, movies and simple times. Seeking compatible man to share these and maybe more. ☎255541

NO DRAMA LTR

SBF, 42, 4'11", 135lbs, N/S, mother of three, goes to college, seeks man, 30-48, who is serious about life, doesn't play games. ☎261544

COULD IT BE YOU?

SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a SPM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. ☎235988

JUST A NICE PERSON...

looking for a nice man. Tall SBF, 45, 5'8", long hair, glasses, seeks SM, 45-65, WM a plus. ☎248320

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Good looking SBF, hwp, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 5'7" +, 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. ☎147056

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Attractive SWF, 20 years old, loves to be outdoors and have fun, enjoys clubs, movies, relaxing at home, ISO male who likes the same, and wishes for friendship, maybe more. ☎254474

GORGEOUS SMILE!

SBF, 26, 5'6", 130lbs, slim build, smoker, D/D-free, seeks BF, 19-60, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. I enjoy movies, dining, television, cuddling. ☎257889

ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. ☎630808

CLASSY LADY

SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. ☎207254

SEEKING SAVED MAN

SBF, 27, N/S, seeks out good man, 29-51, N/S, no games, who enjoys movies, bowling, church, for friendship first. ☎265509

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 46, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. ☎230696

HI THERE!

Mature SBF, 50, seeks sexy, handsome SWM, to develop a lasting relationship and maybe more. Let's meet soon! ☎268278

LADY IN THE WOODS

SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. ☎210247

SEEKS STYLISH GENTLEMAN

Active W/HF, 65, 5'3", 140lbs, has SOH, N/S, loves family time, dancing, walks, sports, movies. Seeking well-groomed, neat SWPM, 60-70, healthy, energetic, romantic, N/S, for friendship and sharing good times. ☎263620

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

SWF, 33, N/S, loves horror and action movies, pizza, horseback riding, hiking. Seeking fun-loving WM, 33-45, for friendship, possible romance. ☎264258

NURSE

Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. ☎409879

GET TO KNOW ME

BF, 57, full-figured, brown eyes, N/S, social drinker, looking for a gentleman, 45-60, to share good, clean fun. ☎260756

STILL SEEKING

SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. ☎113198

POSSIBLE LTR

SWPF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWFM, 55-62, N/S, college degreed, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. ☎39381

DO YOU EXIST?

DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. ☎200296

LOOKING FOR A COMPANION

Tall, attractive W/HF, 60s, enjoys good conversation, walks, playing board/card games, antiques and more. Looking for honest gentleman, 64-80, with a wide variety of interest to share all life offers. ☎236416

LIVE LIFE 2 THE FULLEST

SF, 18, enjoys music, architectural design and trying new things. Seeking SM, creative and fun, with passion for the same, to share friendship, good times and then who knows? ☎247152

ACTIVE WOMAN

SWF, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. ☎29218

LET'S TALK GOLD!

Sincere, drama-free SWF, 57, 5'6", reddish-brown/brown, glasses, 165lbs, D/D-free, ISO S/DWM, 35-62, who's interested in a friends first relationship. ☎246147

SEEKING MR. RIGHT

Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBM, 45-60. I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? ☎985794

HERE I AM GUYS

Loving, sexy SBF, 34, caramel complexion, 5'5", 156lbs, brown eyes, independent, employed, secure. Seeking warm-hearted intelligent, commitment-minded man who wants to share something real. ☎238307

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST

Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'8", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship. ☎245846

LOOKING FOR ME?

Attractive SBF, 54, full-figured, sincere and warm, enjoys reading, cooking, walks, people. Seeking loving, good-humored, Christian gentleman, 49-57, 5'11"-6'2", employed, easygoing and kind to share all life offers. ☎246987

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

SBF, 53, long hair, student seeking a SBM, 19-23, handsome, honest, fun, good personality, for friendship and more. ☎248542

HELLO

SAF, 49, 5'2", 110lbs, slim and pretty, independent, loving, caring and down-to-earth, loves movies, fine dining, travel and quiet times home. Seeking well-educated SW/AM, 47-55, clean-cut, handsome, independent and warm. ☎249756

IT'S WORTH THE CALL

SBF, 20, 5'3", 250lbs, hard-working, student, no kids, seeking a cool guy, to chill with, get to know, have good times and see where it goes. ☎255979

COUNTRY GIRL

Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF, 54, platinum/blonde, 5'5", HW proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. ☎259845

FUN & OUTGOING

SBF, 18, 190lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. ☎257908

ARE YOU HERE?

SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, laughing, and enjoying life. Seeking an honest SBM, 56-62, with varied interests, for possible LTR. ☎269770

WHY NOT CALL?

SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. ☎17234

GET TO KNOW ME

Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. ☎963760

I NEED A LOVE...

to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming W/HF, no kids, seeks SWF, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. ☎568059

READY FOR A FRESH START?

DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. ☎692549

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT

W/HM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. ☎265340

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Laid-back, affectionate, good-humored SBM, 36, 5'11", 165lbs, goatee/beard, hazel-brown eyes, looking for drama-free, good-hearted woman, communicative and compassionate to share hopes, dreams, happiness, friendship and maybe something more. ☎250650

JUST A CALL AWAY

SM, 35, 5'11", 160lbs, enjoys the basics: movies, dining out, and just having fun. Looking to share friendship and/or relationship with loving, happy HW proportionate lady. ☎251185

ARE YOU MY LADY?

SBM, 54, N/S, loves R&B, jazz, simple times, romance and time with someone special. Seeking a loving lady, medium build/full-figured, to share all life simple pleasures. ☎210024

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, wise sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

SEEKING SOMETHING REAL

Sociable, active SM, 25, 6'3", 225lbs, brown/hazel, strong, affectionate, lovable, loves camping, cuddling, trying new things, nice talks. Seeking loving, family-oriented, outdoorsy SF, to share life's little pleasures and adventures. ☎227126

HARD-WORKING

SBM, 20, 5'6", slim build, N/S, seeks BF, 20-26, for friendship, possible romance. Call me! ☎269003

HELLO SWEET LADIES

SBM, 45, educated, degreed, enjoys canoeing, basketball, cycling, jogging. Seeking a special, kind Christian lady, 25-40, slim-medium build, D/D-free, to share the good things in life. ☎251319

COUNTRY BOY-AT-HEART

Hardworking WM, 62", 195lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys comedy movies, horseback riding, soccer, softball, camping and more. Seeking outgoing W/HF, 25-45, for dating, possibly leading to more. ☎268231

NEW TO THE AREA

SWM, 35, 5'11", 200lbs, brown/hazel, smoker, seeks woman, 25-40, for dining, movies, quiet times at home. ☎269861

EASYGOING

Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/LTM SWF, for dating and fun times. ☎187614

GOOD BETTER BEST!

SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎92943

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

TALL, ATHLETIC

SWM, 49, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531306

HI!

SWM, 43, 6'2", 200lbs, with salt-n-pepper hair, seeks thin SF, under 42, with long hair and nice legs for a life of happiness, humor and love. ☎192324

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC

Tall, athletic SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, never married, no dependents, college-educated, clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF, for fun. Age/location open. ☎587540

GOOD MAN FOUND

Recently divorced BM, 43, 5'8", 200lbs, educated, enjoys movies, nights out, intelligent conversation, weekend trips, seeking easy going, smart, affectionate female. ☎267068

SEEKING A SLIM GOODIE

Attractive SBM, 43, 5'11", 190lbs, medium build, light complexion, N/S, seeks slender BF, 18-43, who wants to be treated like a princess! ☎267553

TIRED OF BEING ALONE

SWM, 47, homeowner, looking for some female companionship. Seeking a woman, age open, who wants to meet a good man. ☎266640

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Slim, hard-working SBM, 48, 140lbs, looking for a SF, 33-53, N/S, ND, for friendship leading to marriage. ☎266674

HONEST AND SINCERE

DWM, 52, 5'10", 150lbs, likes roller skating, computers, hiking, boating and some old movies. Seeking SW/HF slim to medium build, for dating and LTR. ☎262888

LET'S GO OUT!

DWM, 47, 5'11", 185lbs, N/S, social drinker, physically fit, fun, loyal, energetic, hard-working, seeking happy SW/HF, 32-45, kids ok, who's attractive, slender to average build, to have fun, possible LTR. ☎269836

GOLD

FROM PAGE C1

Oakwood Healthcare Center in Canton. He is team doctor for Wayne State University where he oversees the health of about 380 students in the athletics department. Before that he was team physician for the Detroit Tigers for a couple of years.

Karageanes was responsible for the medical care of about 500 Olympic athletes in Colorado including those wrestling in an international tournament with competitors from 21 countries.

"I put my name in several years ago and they go through all the applications and select a handful a year. It doubles as an audition to do more work with the Olympic team. You're actually graded. They tell me I did very well."

Karageanes worked in the clinic a minimum of 12-hour days.

"It was fun for me. They're going through a lot of transition as far as organizing sports medicine, but the most interesting aspect was that no matter how elite the athlete is, they're top in their whole sport in the country, they still get hurt and sick like everybody else does. They're so dedicated and determined they'll do anything to get better."

The weirdest highlight of his trip according to Karageanes was watching the women's ribbon gymnastics, a very feminine sport, in the same arena and at the same time as men's boxing.

"It gets pretty heated with all these boxers. With gymnastics it's classical music and Kenny G and blaring so loud while these guys are sparring," said Karageanes. "I was kidding with one of the boxers you want to dance. It was so wild, they can't focus."

Karageanes said he hadn't

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relived his college dorm experience in 19 years, but the cafeteria was nothing like those earlier days. He stayed on the same floor as the boxers where he heard a lot of Rocky Balboa-like yo's exchanged in the halls.

"In the cafeteria they have executive chefs who made the most delicious food, the most nutritious food. All the milk is hormone free from special farms, extremely healthy. They had crab legs and filet mignon for Valentine's Day. The athletes burn a lot of energy and need certain foods," said Karageanes who uses a lot of calories chasing his son Miller, 8, and daughter Isabella who's almost 5. His wife Cynthia is very proud of him but Karageanes said the two weeks she spent alone with the kids was really a challenge.

While Karageanes won't be volunteering at the Olympics in Beijing, China in August, he may be asked to care for athletes at the Pan Am or future Olympics Games in Vancouver in 2010 and London in 2012.

"With the Olympics you're gone more than a month. It's a large commitment, but it's definitely a positive experience," said Karageanes. "I was a little wary before but it ended up being a great experience. I recommend it to other doctors."

Right now, Karageanes is too busy concentrating on his award-winning film to even think about the Games. *American Piety* premiered

in March in Royal Oak. At 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, the comedy will be part of CinemaSlam, a monthly independent film showcase (cinemaslam.com) at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor. From there *American Piety* will be shown at The Indie Spirit Film Festival in Colorado Springs. Karageanes then travels to Monaco and Cannes for the festivals in May.

"It's pretty surreal right now," said Karageanes who wants to make more films. "I don't have much of a social life, but gladly gave it up cause it's a fun thing to do."

"Cannes is huge. In Monaco they're showing only nine short films and it's up for best short film. It's definitely made me more confident about submitting (to film festivals)."

Karageanes not only wrote the screenplay, which has won awards, but directed, produced, composed the music, and even played a Buddhist monk in the film. *American Piety* was shot almost entirely on location in Plymouth and shows Kellogg Park, his backyard, and the exterior of the former Daisy Gun factory. The story revolves around a man who is hit by a car and ends up in purgatory where he is made to choose a religion, either Islam, Buddhism or Christianity.

"It was filmed on virtually no budget," said Karageanes. "It tells a solid story with a good message at the end. The goal was to make a comedy without insulting religions. I went to De La Salle (Collegiate Catholic) High School (in Warren) so I researched it so if you pay close attention the basic tenets of each religion is in the dialogue. I wanted to handle it in a comic way. That's probably why it's been accepted."

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Back in the 'D'

Music Hall director honored by high school

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With Vince Paul's accomplishments and recent return to the metro-Detroit area, he was considered the "perfect choice" for North Farmington High School's Distinguished Alumni award. There's only one recipient each

year and Paul, who now resides in Grosse Pointe, will be recognized at the 5 p.m. Sunday, June 8, graduation ceremony at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

"He fit perfectly with this year's interdisciplinary study, 'Our Town Detroit — There's no Place Like Home,'" said Principal Rick Jones.

The North Farmington High School students have spent this year studying the strengths of Detroit and how famous people and events have affected the entire metro-Detroit area.

At age 44, Paul, a 1981 North Farmington graduate, is considered one of the country's outstanding performing arts managers.

He now serves as President and Artistic Director of the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Detroit.

He is experienced in the artistic and operational sides of the business.

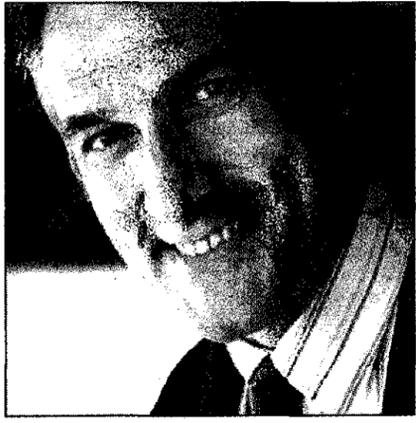
Paul earned his theatrical arts degree from Michigan State University before moving to New York City. He spent more than 20

years working on Broadway shows and world-recognized dance companies.

He has traveled to more than 40 countries and to all 50 United States.

He is devoted to maintaining Music Hall's position as a national leader in jazz and contemporary dance and runs eight performing arts educational programs that engage more than 35,000 students annually.

Paul said that he is honored with the alumni award.



Vince Paul, a 1981 graduate of North Farmington High School, will be honored with the school's Distinguished Alumni award in June. Paul, 44, works as the president and artistic director of the Music Hall Center for Performing Arts in Detroit.

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Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

Dr. Sheldon Smith fits 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 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 hand-held magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely, Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same telescopic devices surgeons 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 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Leo Hakola, age 85 of Livonia, Michigan saw Dr. Smith last May. Macular degeneration, cataract, stroke and double vision were causing reading and driving problems. Dr. Smith prescribed a complete low vision system which included telescopic glasses for driving and special prismatic glasses for reading. The entire cost was \$2789. Leo said "the telescopic driving glasses really help me see traffic lights and street signs down the block. And reading is much easier and single now with these special reading glasses. I am glad I found you, Dr. Smith."

In addition to the spectacle vision aids, Dr. Smith offers training to help people accomplish their daily activities. Visual aids help patients use their remaining vision to its fullest capacity while rehabilitative training improves the patient's ability to carry out necessary independent activities. And of course safeguarding present vision levels is crucial. Sun filters and nutritional supplements can improve vision and prevent further loss.

"Each patient has a unique amount of vision and their own goals," says Dr. Smith. "I am committed to helping patients do what matters most to them and improving their quality of life."

Special reading glasses start at \$600 and custom telescopes can cost from \$1800 to \$2,500.

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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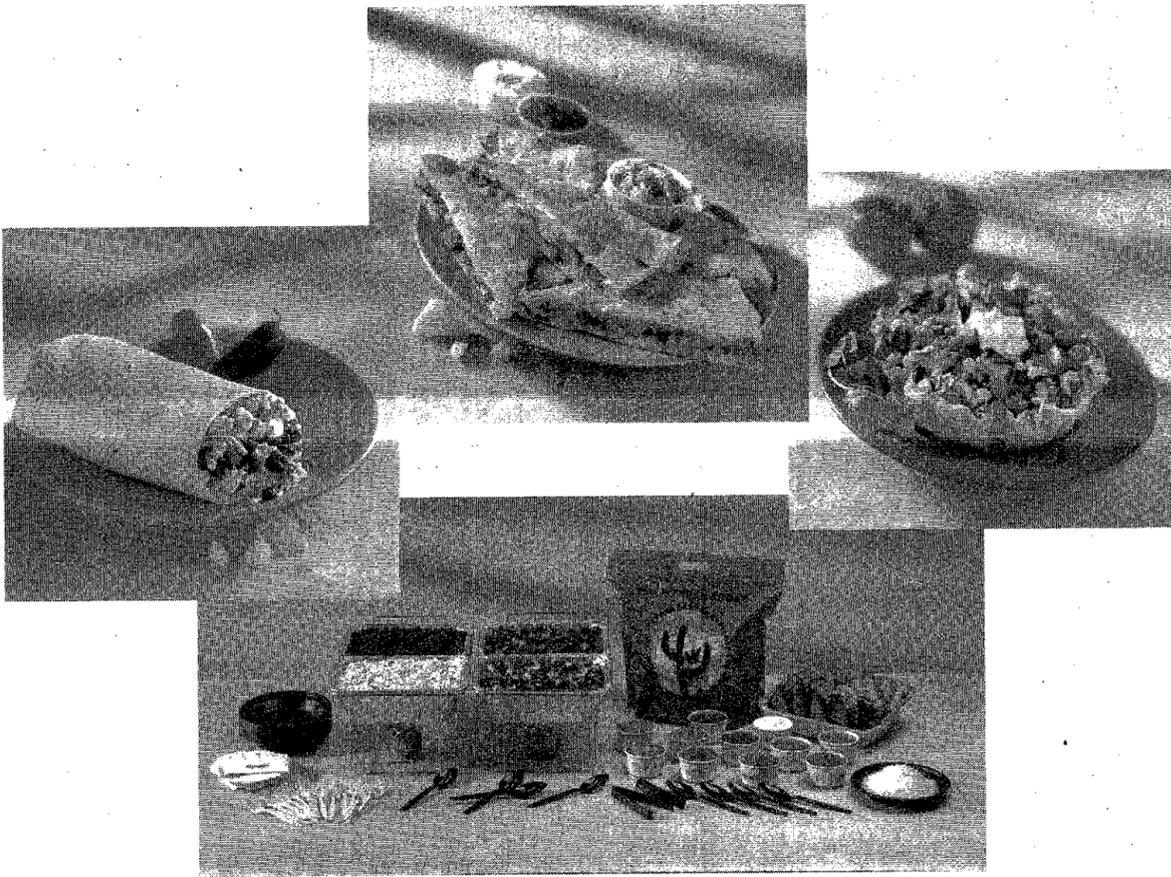
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Julie Brown, editor (734) 953-2111. jcbrown@hometownlife.com

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This sweet Lorane makes great use of available space

The Victorian bay windowed rooms combined with a more traditional ranch style forms the exterior of the gracious looking Lorane (406-61). This two-story home contains 2,765 square feet and many extras such as a covered porch

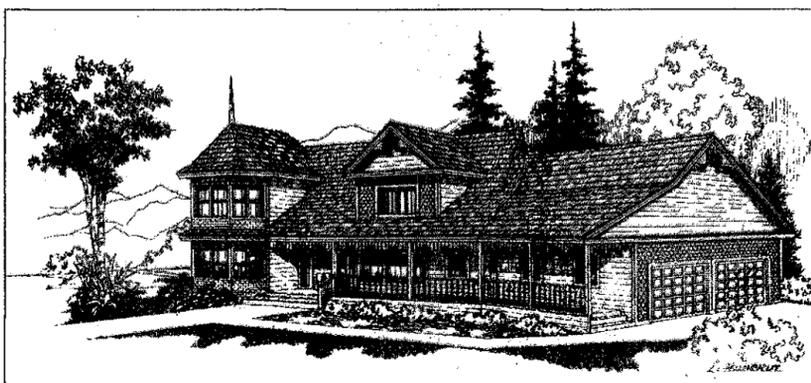
area with classic railing and a dog shower in the garage. The two-car garage has the possibility of an unfinished attic above.

The vaulted entry has stairs on the right, and the bay living room on the left. The wall

between the living and dining area contains frosted or stained glass that reflects the abundance of light from the numerous windows, making a beautiful showcase of glitter. The dining room also contains bay windows. Once through the archway, the fireplace and skylights in the vaulted family room becomes visible. There is a set of patio doors exiting to the deck in the back.

Beyond the dividing wall, the nook area displays a bay window and is open to the kitchen. The kitchen is L-shaped with the cooktop on an island with the eating bar. There are a number of storage cabinets along with a large pantry near the stairs. The half bath is located near the pantry and close to the hobby room. This room was designed for the person who does arts and crafts, sewing, or even computers. It opens into the garage and allows easy access to the pantry for unloading groceries.

The den is close to the entry and has a bay window that



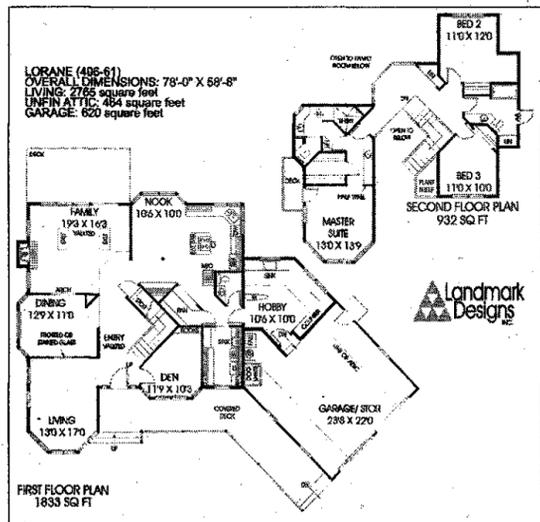
overlooks the covered porch area. Between the den and the hobby room is the utility room with sink, storage shelves, and a folding table.

The upstairs is dedicated to the bedrooms. The master suite is on the left and the other two bedrooms with a bath are on the right. The rooms are designed to use the space to the best advantage with a corner closet and an inset closet. The full bath between these

two bedrooms contains a tub. An access door to the attic above the garage is off this room. The large master suite has a door that opens to an outside deck. The bath has a full walk-in shower with one sink in the bath and one in the suite. Both bathrooms on this floor have their own linen cabinets.

For a study plan of the LORANE (406-61), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage

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Investing

Terry Hale and Jason Gilbert will discuss investing in commercial real estate. They will share their experience and show examples of how investors are making money in commercial properties. The program is sponsored by the Real Estate Investors of Oakland 5:30/9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members, \$20 guests. Call

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BIA

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built Training on Wednesday, April 9, from 9-10:30 a.m. at 879 Benjamin, Troy. This house built by Wake-Pratt Construction is on the east side of Crooks Road, north of Square Lake Road. In this first of five trainings, Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt

Construction discusses the technical and sales aspects of Building Green using materials and methods that result in Green Built® certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

The training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor

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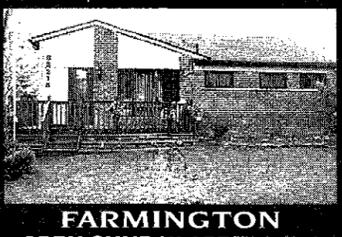
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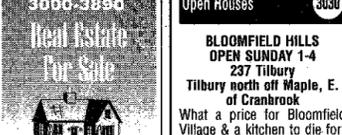
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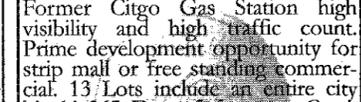
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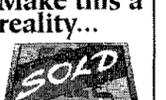
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Compensation for executive recruiters may be changing, to the benefit of job seekers. Traditionally, in this country, recruiters have been paid on commission. Michael Page International Inc., has been using a salary-based system globally for 30 years, according to Alexis de Bretteville, CEO of the Americas at the United States headquarters in New York City. The company has eight locations in the eastern third of the U.S., with a total of 255 recruiters, and more in 25 countries worldwide.

Recruitment is a matter of quality and it's a people business, de Bretteville states. We tend to (hire) people who want to be paid on a fixed salary so they're not overly-concerned with placing a bad candidate just to get paid. Also, we've seen commission-based consultants unable to exchange information with other consultants working close to them - when they could have filled the perfect assignment. They're too interested in making money for themselves.

Jonathan Phillips, managing director of

Magellan International L.P., in Houston, began using salary-based recruiting five years ago. He points out, You get what you pay for. Lack of money is a demotivator. Salaries improve consistency, ultimately creating a higher quality recruiting service. Although his company does retained search, he's noted that many contingent firms moved to salaries after the dot-com debacle.

Based in St. Louis, Kevin Nussbaum, president of CBIZ Human Capital Services, comments, Larger (client) companies have seen large fees and mixed results and are tired of it. He predicts that contingency firms are likely to move in this direction entirely, because they're working for the candidate, not the client.

David Lewin, Neil Jacoby Professor of Management at UCLA, maintains that shifting to salaries might raise the base salary for the candidates the search firm identifies. There would be an incentive for the search firm to be recommending higher salaries. De Bretteville points out that consultants do a better job of partnering with candidates, whereas some (commission-based) recruiters won't give candidates advice. He indicates that his firm likes to follow candidates in their career. We see them as a long-term investment, beginning with a one-hour interview.

Phillips enjoys how salary-based

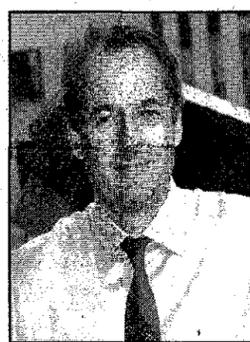
compensation allows recruiters to be objective and act in the best interests of the candidates. It creates a huge ability to become a trusted advisor to a candidate in the way a contingent recruiter cannot. Former candidates maintain contact and become partners in later searches.

How best can you capitalize on the trend? The next time you meet a recruiter, work into the conversation that you're aware that many firms are moving toward salary-based recruiting. Ask what the recruiter thinks of that trend. You're allowed to smile knowingly at the response.

If the recruiter is salaried, ask if he's working directly with a (company) client, Phillips would advise. That's optimal, he says. If he's one step removed, Phillips adds, there's far less value being given to the candidate. He suggests that you'll get the best career advice from a recruiter with that direct relationship, who can also make you aware of developments in other companies with information that's common knowledge in an industry.

Phillips further states that a candidate needs someone to help with his career, not find a job. You might not completely agree with that idea if you're simply looking for a job.

Phillips has heard some candidates complain about recruiters lost interest. In that because, as he comments, partners obtain contracts, while many



Alexis de Bretteville advocates salary-based recruiting to increase effectiveness in executive search. He is CEO of the Americas at the United States headquarters of the New York City headquarters of Michael Page International Inc., which has had a presence in this country for 10 years.

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salaried recruiters do not? Without generalizing, seek information from all sources. Both partners and salaried recruiters of all kinds have something to teach job seekers, given the different vantage points. Seek good information and advice in all kinds of packages.

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