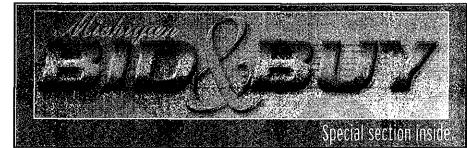
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Sisters Mary Kunka and Michelle Gates are closing their store, Scrapbook Studio, after five years, but will continue the business on the Web.

Plaza tenants feeling the pinch since Farmer Jack closing

'When CVS left, we said 'Fine'

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MARY KUNKA, Scrapbook Studio owner

two months of Farmer Jack

it would happen but it did.'

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Just months after getting development that has felt her degree in small business administration, Mary Kunka opened the doors

to her first business it wasn't in her plans to close them five years later.

Scrapbook Studio, 43411 Joy Road, is expected to go out of

business later this month. Kunka of Canton opened the store with her sister, Michelle Gates, in September 2003. The location, Coventry Commons at Joy and Morton Taylor roads, hasn't been conducive to growth, she said.

When CVS left, we said 'Fine' and we regrouped," Kunka says as a sprinkling of customers sort through marked-down merchandise. "But within two months of Farmer Jack leaving (last year), business was down. We didn't want to believe it would happen but it did.

In an effort to salvage the store, Kunka says she and her sister tried to negotiate with the company that owns the plaza, Nelson Companies Inc. of West Bloomfield.

That didn't work so we had to make the decision to close," she said. "And that was harder than I could have ever imagined. We were just at the cusp of

Scrapbook Studio isn't the only business in the the effects of the Farmer Jack liquidation. Tan Connection closed May

3, Dress Barn has relocated to Michigan Avenue and Just One Dollar is in the midst of a liquidation sale.

An employee of Just One

Dollar said it's up in the air whether the store is clos-"Maybe," he said. "We're

not sure yet." A Nelson Companies representative could not be

reached for comment. The new Dress Barn store is at 47220 Michigan Ave. Eleanor Randolph, assis-

"When Farmer Jack left, everything went downhill." In October, a deal fell through for Larry's Foodland to move into the

tant store manager said,

Kunka said there is still some buzz that talks are in the works with another grocer but says she can't continue her business.

"I have to tell (my customers) not to hug me or we will end up crying together," she said.

Kunka plans to start selling merchandise on the store's Web site, www. scrapbookstudiollc.net, by the fall. For more information, call (734) 453-2883.



Lexie Kirkendall is ready with an answer during the kindergarten class math exercise at Allen Elementary School in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.



Full-day kindergarten

Too much or a step up?

"The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life."

So wrote Plato more than 2,000 years ago, and educators and policy makers still believe it's true.

So what could be more important than kindergarten, which opens the door to a lifetime of education? Little does a 5-year-old know what a milestone kindergarten represents on the long walk toward adulthood.

Lawmakers in Lansing are considering making full-day kindergarten mandatory. But that has raised serious questions about the need and value of such a program.

Today, in the second and final part of this series, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will look at what schools already offer and what impact this could have on schools that don't offer it. We'll also look at the potential psychological impact of sending such young children to school all day.

Some schools already offer full-day programs

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As the state Legislature considers bills mandating full-day kindergarten, many school districts are already providing allday education for children in their first year in the public school system.

Some districts, like Southfield Public Schools, have been offering all-day kindergarten since 2004.

"Most of our families have two working parents, and a lot of single moms and grandmothers are raising children ... they need full-day kindergarten," said Ken Siver, deputy superintendent. "If I could have done it sooner, I would have. Everybody, nowadays, is looking for fullday kindergarten."

Others see the reality of finding classroom space and added costs, such as additional teachers and program materials, will make the change a costly one in the face of state foundation grant increases that aren't keeping up with inflation.

"If the Legislature wasn't looking at it, I don't think we would be actively pursuing it," said George Belvitch, director of elementary education for Plymouth-Canton Schools, where the foundation grant is \$7,500. "It would be very difficult for us to afford."

Plymouth-Canton has cut nearly \$15 million over the past seven budget years, including the need to eliminate some 21 full-time-equivalent positions for the 2008-09 school year. And, that's in a district with increasing enrollments over the same time frame.

"It would put additional strain on our elementary buildings," added Belvitch.



Teacher Heather Kearney at Allen Elementary School, is an eight-year veteran of teaching kindergarten. She works with students Chloe Cox and Chris Pohl, playing number dominos during

Some question stress of full-day kindergarten, A5.

"And, it would mean additional teachers. We have approximately 27 kindergarten teachers. We'd have to double that. Do the math, that's a sizable amount of money."

According to Belvitch, the math puts about a \$2 million price tag for teachers, plus equipment and training. The district would also face \$80,000-\$100,000 in lost rèvenue from its Kindergarten Crew program, a fee-based program that extends the day for kindergartners.

Livonia Public Schools administrators are also in the process of exploring all-day kindergarten. And, just like Plymouth-Canton, costs and space are primary concerns.

"I'm not certain if all of our schools could accommodate full-day kindergarten," said Sheila Alles, director of academic services. "We've figured the initial start-up cost would be \$2.4 million, with an annual cost of \$1.3 million. We would need 22 new teachers.

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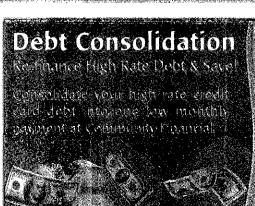
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Observer staff will move to new office

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The Plymouth and Canton Observer editorial staff relocates to Livonia Monday.

The move is being done as the newspapers' parent corporation, Gannett Co. Inc., makes economic moves to ensure the continued success of both newspapers.

The move definitely does not mean the newspapers' coverage of the Plymouth and Canton communities will suffer.

"This is all part of the remaking of the Observer & Eccentric for the 21st century," said Peter Neill, vice president and general manager of the Observer ど Eccentric Newspapers. "We will not be deserting our communities - after all, community newspapering is what we do best. Our (Plymouth and Canton) editorial staffs will remain integral parts of the communities which we serve."

The Observer still has a considerable physical presence in the community, with an advertising office at Five Mile and Sheldon and a circulation center on Concept Drive.

And, while the editorial staffs — editor Brad Kadrich and reporter Tony Bruscato in Plymouth, editor Kurt Kuban and reporter Tiffany Parks in Canton — will now be based in the company's headquarters at Schoolcraft and Levan, they will continue to be a presence in the community.

Coverage of the people, businesses and events in both

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"We pride ourselves on telling the stories people in Plymouth and Canton want to read, and on providing our readers with all the news they need to live the good life in their communities," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. "Readers will have immediate access to news they can use on our Web site, and the newspaper will continue to be a primary source of commu-

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Linda Langmesser, CMC City Clerk

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Experimental Aircrafters fund-raiser

The Experimental Aircraft Association's 45th annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast will take place from 7 a.m.-12:30 p.m., June 15 at Mettetal Airport (8500 Lilley Road in Canton). Breakfast is 7-11 a.m., and lunch is 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The event, sponsored by local EAA Chapter 113, will feature aircraft displays, helicopter rides, airplane rides, and more.

Cost is \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children. All proceeds will fund scholarships for students going into an aviation-related field. For more information, call Dave at (734) 223-2675, or visit www.eaa113.org.

Historic walks

The Canton Historical Society and Canton Leisure Services will conduct free Historic Walks on the first Sunday during the months of June-October. They will coincide with the Farmer's Market, which is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be three tours, which will begin at noon, 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. The tours will be between 45-60 minutes and are approximately one mile in length. Wear comfortable shoes. All tours will leave from the Cady/Boyer Barn at the Bartlett/Travis House site on Ridge Road.

A tour guide from Canton Leisure Services will stop at the following locations and give a very brief description of these sites: Thomas Clyde House, Cherry Hill School, William and Jennie Hauk House, Cherry Hill Inn, Cherry Hill Cemetery, Cherry Hill Church, Ford Factory and Veteran's Dormitory. The tour will then return to the Cady/Boyer Barn.

Each Sunday one of the locations will also have a representative of the Canton Historical Society present to give a more detailed description of one of these sites. The schedule for the more detailed talk is as follows: June 1: Cherry Hill School; July 6: Cherry Hill Inn and Hauk House; Aug. 3: Cherry Hill Church and Ford Factory; Sept. 7: Bartlett/Travis House; and Oct. 5: Cherry Hill Cemetery.

Don Wilson fund-raiser

AROUND CANTON



Hike for Discovery

Canton resident Lisa Cervantes is currently training for a June hike at Yosemite National Park in a program called Hike for Discovery (HFD), and adventure fund-raising program for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. She will hike for her "Honored Hero" -- Paige Hackengerger, who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma when she was 9 years old, but, due to advances in medicine and cancer research, is a healthy and active teenager today. As a volunteer in the program. Cervantes is committed to raising at least \$4,000 to help The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in its mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. "Being a part of Hike for Discovery has been a wonderful and rewarding experience." she said Lisa. To make a donation or for more information on the Hike for Discovery program please visit Lisa Cervantes' Web site at www.active.com/donate/hfdmi/hfdLCervan.



Wilson

and supporters of longtime Canton Chamber of Commerce member Don Wilson, who had a stroke in December, are hosting a

Friends

pig roast fund-raiser for him from noon-4 p.m., June 21 at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 45525 Hanford Road.

The Stroke affected Wilson's speech as well as caused paralysis on his right side. Money raised at the pig roast will aid his rehabilitation in the University of Michigan's intensive therapy program.

For more information visit the Chamber's Web site at www.cantonchamber.com.

Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its June

luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 4, at Summit on the Park in Canton. Cost is \$20. This month's guest speaker will be Keith Cooley, director of Michigan Labor & Economic Growth. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040. The luncheon is sponsored by Waltonwood of Carriage Park & Cherry Hill and Plaza Lanes.

Comedy night

The Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will host a Comedy Night June 7 in the Biltmore Room at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The show will feature local comedians, including Andy Beningo, a Michigan native, who offers his own hilarious observations about daily life, suitable for all audiences. Other comedians include Khurum Sheiky, born in Pakistan, who is a 23-year veteran of the Ann Arbor Police

Department, Bob Phillips who blends topical and everyday humor, Detroit area comic and art student Ben Konstantin, and Mike Bobitt, the self-professed Star Wars geek. Canton Township Trustee Karl Zarbo will be master of ceremonies.

Light snacks, raffle, opportunity to purchase adult beverages, and lots of laughs will be on tap for this fund-raiser. Tickets are \$20 and can be reserved by emailing broncobill@comcast.net or calling (734) 416-9603. Age 19 and over are welcome. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show will begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information about the boosters efforts, visit www.football.plymouthwildcats.com.

Church fund-raiser

Holy Ascension Catholic Church of Canton is hosting the Tee Off to Build a Church fundraiser on June 8, at 9:30 a.m. at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton. Tee off of the scramble begins at 10 a.m. Cost of \$100 (taxes and gratuities included) per person includes 18 holes with cart, hot dog lunch, driving range dinner, and gift bag prizes.

Non golfers can attend the dinner and silent auction for \$30 per adult and \$10 for children over 10.

Marching band alumni BBQ

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band and Music Boosters are hosting the PCMB All Decades Alumni Reunion Picnic & BBQ' for current student members and parents, alumni, staff, former boosters, etc. from noon-9 p.m., on Saturday, June 21 at Heritage Park. The event is open to any student or parent who has participated in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park music programs or marched with the award-winning Plymouth-Canton Marching Band. Registration is required. A golf outing is also being planned for Sunday, June 22nd. For more information and to register, visit www.pcmb.net and click on the alumni picnic link. If you have any questions, call Chris Hensel at (313) 268-2098 or e-mail alumni BBQ coordinators Lee Bonner at bonner_lee@yahoo. com or Bryan Thomas at bryan. thomas91@yahoo.com.

ON THE AGENDA

Canton Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 2 on the first floor of proposed site plan to staff. Property is of the Canton Administration Building Items on the agenda include:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

■ Life Church: Consider request for special land use approval for a religious institution. Property is located at the northwest corner of Warren and Haggerty

NEW BUSINESS

■ Canton Center Office: Refer review located east of Canton Center Road and south of Joy Road.

■ Wal-Mart expansion: Refer review of minor site plan revisions to staff. Property is located north of Ford Road and east of Lotz Road.

■ Heritage Achieve Academy Charter School: Refer review of proposed special land use to staff. Property is located north of Geddes Road and west of Denton Road.

Van Buren Board of Education

The school board will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. on June 2 in the Belleville High School auditorium, 555 W. Columbia Avenue, Belleville.

The school board will recognize employees for exemplary service and those that are retiring. For more information, call (734) 697-9123.

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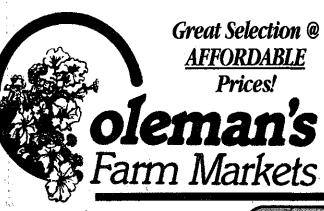
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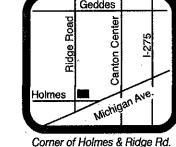
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Steven Bixler, Charles Cane and Kristie Carnevale line up before the processional begins at the start of Plymouth Christian Academy's commencement exercises Thursday.

See the graduation photo gallery at www.hometownlife.com

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Jenna Misch Kerri Murphy Tessa Neubacher Meghan Polera Robert Qualls Sara Ross

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Jalese DeBiasi and Gwendolyn Landrum sing "I Am" by Nichole Nordeman.



Diana Ross reacts to flowers from her graduate, Sara Ross. Sara's dad, Dan Ross, smiles at the scene.



Pheasant Run Golf Club will be the setting for the Canton Community Foundation's annual golf outing on Thursday.

Foundation golf outing to raise funds for community programs

The Canton Community Foundation is geared up to hit the links again.

The organization's 18th annual golf outing will take place Thursday at the Pheasant Run Golf Club, 46500 Summit Parkway.

The event will include a four-person scramble, lunch and a reception following the scramble. Activities will include a hole-in-one contest, raffles and prizes.

Tickets are \$250 per person. Funds are used to support a variety of programs, including the foundation's scholarship program.

Herb Scott, chairman of the CCF board of directors, encouraged those that are familiar with the fund-raiser as well as those that have

never attended to partici-

"I've been (going) for four years and it's just fun," he said. "The first year I went, I didn't know the three people I played with and we had

Those that wish to participate can register by calling the foundation at (734) 495-1200, logging onto www. cantonfoundation.org or e-mailing Scott at hscott@ thdg.com.

"I had one woman tell me that she was not very good at golf but that she was still coming," Scott said. "And that's fine. This is not something where you will be scrutinized for skill."

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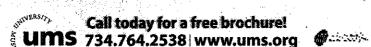
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Curriculum shift

Students pen book for district's lesson plan

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

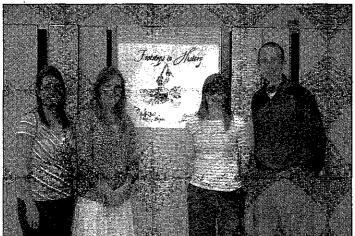
A historical fiction children's book on Plymouth's history, written by three students of Salem High School history teacher Darrin Silvester, will soon become part of the Plymouth-Canton elementary curriculum for all secondgraders in the district.

"Footsteps in History" is about 1889 Plymouth, with a focus on the long-forgotten **Shearer Cemetery along North** Territorial Road - just west of Sheldon Road - which has been restored the past couple of years by Silvester's Salem High School Michigan History

Silvester had the idea, and

enlisted the writing skills of former students Kelly Behr and Leslie Hampson – both from Canton and currently University of Michigan students. Illustrations are done by Jillian Hakala - a junior at Canton High School - for the 39-page children's book on early Plymouth.

"It took us three months to develop the plot," said Behr, who along with Hampson and Hakala made a presentation to Workman Elementary second-grade students, one of four schools (the others being Miller, Farrand and Tonda) where the pilot program began this year. "We had all the historical information, but we didn't have a story. And then, it went through months and



Salem history teacher Darrin Silvester with authors Kelly Behr and Leslie Hampson and illustrator Jillian Hakala.

months and months of edit-

The authors thought writing a children's book would be very simple, but it took them nearly two years to complete.

"We thought after the first two months we were done, but Mr. Silvester kind of laughed at us and told us 'no way," said Hampson. "At first we thought 'a kids' book, 10-15 pages.' The final project was 39 pages, it was more extensive than we imagined."

Silvester said he's trying to do more project-based learning in his classroom.

The more we can do some of those things the more these kids will get real life activities and lessons and experiences that will help them in the real world," he said.

The funding to make the book a permanent part of the second grade curriculum comes from the district's federal \$1 million Teaching American History Grant (TAGH).

Second grade curriculum includes community history, and students - with the help of "Footsteps in History" – will learn about the early years in Plymouth and Canton.

"As a teaching tool, the

book is an amazing resource," said Lisa Eischer, elementary TAGH program manager. "These student writers have done so much of the leg work for us about early Plymouth

Silvester began his interest in the old cemetery after reading an old newspaper story in

history and the settlers."

Quartet honored with published work

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Four teachers have been honored by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education for becoming published authors.

Along with Salem High School history teacher Darrin Silvester, Hoben kindergarten teacher Maria Dismondy, Bentley first grade instructor Cheryl Zuzo and East Middle School social studies and English teacher David Schmittou have also become published authors.

"Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun", written by Dismondy, is a timeless message about having the courage of being exactly who you are, while treating others as you would like to be treated.

"It's an idea that started 25 years ago," said Dismondy. "You can still have the courage to be who you are ... and celebrate that uniqueness. With all the bullying that's going on - it's not starting in high school, but it's starting young - I'm inspired and hopeful to

get this message out there and

make a difference." "Being Bella, Discovering How to Be Proud of Your Best", written by Zuzo, tells kids the key to reaching goals is not being perfect, but doing your best to believing in yourself.

"We didn't have resources when my daughter had issues like these and I knew it was needed," said Zuzo, who said she's had the book in her head for 15 years before taking it to a publisher last year. "Kids get frustrated, and it's not just outside pressures but from themselves as they see what other kids are achieving.

"The book tells them to accept what they're capable of doing, keep practicing and they will be loved no matter what," she said. "They're strategies they can use their whole lives."

Schmittou's book "Omniscient" was inspired by the author's life. It's about a man who discovers his whole life has been recorded on tape and now he has to come faceto-face with a past he thought he could forget.

the Plymouth Mail.

"The book shows the kids how to use a primary source and build on it," Eischer said. "And, it shows them how much of a mystery there still is in history. The past is still fun to dig around and if they put themselves in the role of detec-

tive and fill in the blanks that history can come alive."

Any questions regarding "Footsteps in History" can be sent to Darrin Silvester at silvesd@pccs.k12.mi.us.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S, Canton MI will accept sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "2008 SIDEWALK GAP CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM", along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 3:00 pm, Thursday, June 12th, 2008 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

2008 SIDEWALK GAP CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Project includes the installation of 3,400 square feet of 4inch thick sidewalk that is 5 feet wide, relocate signage, and restoration along the west side of Sheldon Road from Warren Road to approximately 650 north to 7437 N. Sheldon

Bid documents are available to pick up at Canton Township Hall, Engineering - 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5150. A nonrefundable fee of \$30.00 will be charged for the bid packet. A 5% bid bond will be required.

Bid documents are on file and available for review at Canton Township Hall- Engineering 2nd Floor, Construction Association of Michigan, Reed Construction Data, McGraw Hill Construction Dodge, and Construction News Service of Michigan, Inc.

The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

Publish: May 29 & June 1, 2008

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Plymouth, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE
PROPOSED 2008-2009 OPERATING BUDGETS

PUBLIC ACT NO. 43 OF 1963 REQUIRES SCHOOLS DISTRICTS TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGETS. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD:

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2008 – 7:00 P.M. E.J. McCLENDON EDUCATION CENTER 454 SOUTH HARVEY STREET, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

The purpose of this hearing is to review the proposed operating budgets, receive testimony, and comply with the formal legal requirements prior to adopting the 2008-2009 Operating Budgets.

Copies of the proposed 2008-2009 budgets are available for public inspection in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services at 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

> STEVEN SNEIDEMAN, SECRETARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Publish: June 1, 2008

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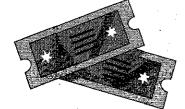
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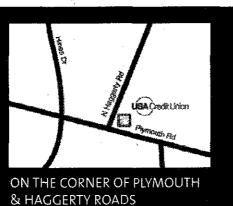
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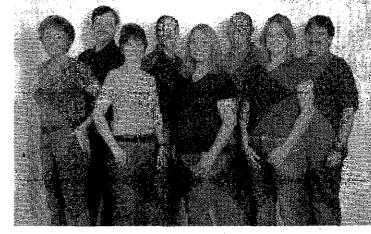
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Some question stress of full-day kindergarten

BY GREG KOWALSKI **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Paige Leary has a lot of questions about the value of full-day kindergarten.

Mainly, "why?

"Why are we even looking at this," said Leary, a Birmingham mom who sent four kids through traditional kindergarten. "It's not necessary," she said.

She also asks what financial impact this will have on the Birmingham School District, where three of her four children are enrolled. And why does it have to be mandatory?

But the biggest question she poses is what impact this will have on the kids.

Birmingham currently offers traditional half-day kindergarten program with extended day available for a fee. But legislation being proposed in Lansing would make all-day kindergarten mandatory.

Not everyone thinks it is a good idea.



Paige Leary and her kids Kate, 13, Ashleigh, 9, and Caroline 8, know the kindergarten experience well. Not pictured is son, Peter, 12, and dad, Greg.

She questions the wisdom of placing kindergarten-age children in school for a full day. "Kids need to be kids," she said.

husband Greg have four children, Kate, 13; Peter, 12; Ashleigh, 9; and Caroline,

She would know. She and

8. And they keep them on the run between swimming, lacrosse and the host of other activities youngsters take part in these days.

And that is the core of her concern. While Leary encourages her children to be active in many areas, there has to be limits.

"I often feel they are overextended," she said of kids in general. "People feel that "I've got to do everything for my kids," she said. So many parents spend hours each day ferrying their children to soccer or hockey or dance lessons or skating lessons or to any of the many other activities kids get involved

Leary has cut back on some of her kids' activities, in keeping with her own belief that "parents need to pull back a little.'

And in her view that extends to full-day kindergarten as well.

Several international sur-

veys indicate that children in full-day kindergarten get an academic boost.

The Long Term effects of Half-Day vs. Full-Day Kindergarten" report done by Dominic Gullo in 2000 showed that 974 second graders scored "significantly higher in math and reading on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and had fewer absences than half-day children."

But "An Overview of Full-Day Kindergarten" by the Ohio Legislative Office of Education Oversight done in 1998 stated, "in most studies students show somewhat higher academic or social achievements than halfday students, with effects diminishing after second grade."

Is putting 3- and 4-yearolds too much stress for their developing minds?

There are many factors in determining that, said Beth Ann Brooks, M.D., a child and adolescent psychiatrist

at Wayne State University. "Nap time is a factor," she said. Kindergartners need one or two hours of nap time and activities have to engage the children. A year of development can mean major changes in young children.

"Three- and 4-year-olds go through a period of hyper-activity," Brooks said. "A 5-year-old is curious."

However, young children do adapt to the kindergarten environment, she said. But she echoed the same caution that Leary did: Kids are being pushed into too many activities.

"The programming of our children is a great concern, beginning with infant swimming lessons," Brook said. "There is not as much tome to be free and creative."

Whose fault is that? "More often than not, it is the parents who push them," Brooks said.

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"In the last six years we've cut \$30 million from the budget, and next year we're cutting in excess of \$5 million," she said. "We're not adding programs, we're attempting to maintain programs through further budget reduc-

CHANGING TIMES

Southfield's Siver conceded it'll cost more to add full-day kindergarten - as well as add Spanish language instruction for kindergartners - but said it wasn't about the money or convenience for parents.

"Kids have a lot more stimulus today through television and computers, and we were seeing many more children coming to school with a level of readiness as far as language skills were concerned," Siver said. "But, it did cost us a lot more money because we doubled the staff and put a classroom aid in every kindergarten class."

While Siver said the \$11,000-per student foundation grant gave them enough funds, it didn't mean there weren't cuts made to financially support all-day kindergarten and elementary Spanish programs.

Farmington will move from having three Title I schools with all-day kindergarten to providing it for all the district's elementary schools next year. Nancy Ely, director of Early Childhood and co-chair of the committee that studied the issue, said the three schools proved it helped children academically and the district is banking that trend will continue at all the elementaries.

Another factor in offering full-day kindergarten in Farmington — as well as Southfield - is to get those children who are attending other schools that provide full-day kindergar-

"When we looked at children entering the first grade, we had an average 82 students more than there were from our own kindergarten," said Ely. "We discovered they were going to private and parochial schools in and out of the district, places that were offering full-day kindergarten."

CONCERNS OF CHANGE

When Jacob Callcut, 35, of Farmington Hills became a parent representative on the committee which took a year to research full-day kindergarten, he wasn't expecting to move from his thinking that half-days were

"Naturally, with school traditionally being half days, you kind of went with it," said Callcut. "I thought we would find potentially conflicting research, but - in reality - what we did find was information with all the benefits.

Callcut, whose 5-year-old son, Nicholas, will attend full-day kindergarten this fall, said there were concerns among parents about the change.

"I heard a lot of parents who were concerned there would be social issues and about a child's capability of handling a full day," Callcut said. "Ironically, by doing a full day it gives the teacher more time to spend one-onone with students and develop course lessons that they can't do in a half day."

That's one of the reasons Alles would like full-day kindergarten in Livonia, if the district could afford it.

"Our kindergarten curriculum is packed into a half-day, so a full-day would allow teachers an opportunity to spend more time and go more in-depth on curriculum topics," said Alles. "It would also give more time to develop literacy skills, as well as language development, reading, writing and listening skills."

Plymouth-Canton administrators have looked at the studies and discovered all-day kindergarten may have a minimal effect on total learning.

"There have been studies that indicate for the following first grade year, and perhaps second grade, it can help with academic achievement ... in the short run," said Belvitch. "But, the studies have also shown that by the upper elementary grades, there's no difference between those that had half-day kindergarten and those who had full days.'

Belvitch said Plymouth-Canton is studying how to implement all-day kindergarten should the Legislature move forward and impose it for the 2009-10 school year.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm said in her 2008 State of the State address that full-day kindergarten is essential to success in the 21st cen-

"This simple step will make a dramatic difference in the lives of our children," she said. "We want all our students to have great opportunities in life."

And today's students will be battling those from around the world for those "great opportunities," with many of those students in other parts of the globe attending classes more days throughout the year. That's one reason Samantha Warren-Green, a parent of two children who attend Smith Elementary in Plymouth, believes all-day kindergarten is a good idea.

FULL DAY HAS ADVANTAGES

Warren-Green remembers starting school in England at age 4. Her son - who started school at age 4 in England - had to be taken out of kindergarten and put back in preschool after

moving to the U.S. because he was too young.

"I don't really see the purpose of half-days, they don't seem to have enough time to do the activities," said Warren-Green. "Teachers say often times recess has to be ditched because they don't have time for it. At this age, it would allow them to stretch those academic activities over a longer period of time, and allow the kids to have more time to play and socialize.

"One of the advantages, from a parental point of view, is half-days are very difficult to manage because you're on the go all the time," added Warren-Green, who has three children. "With a child in preschool, one in kindergarten and a fourth-grader I'm in my car pretty much most of the day. It would be nice to drop them all off together and pick them all up together."

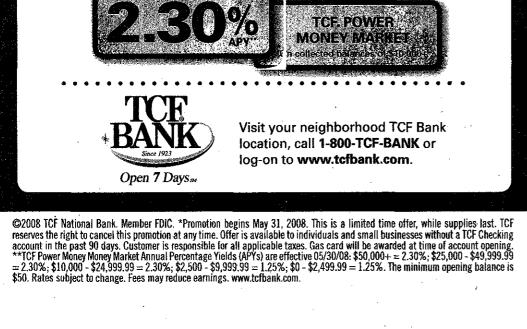
Most school districts would easily decide to move to a full-day kindergarten if they thought their state foundation grant would be increased to cover the costs. As it is, most are expecting another unfunded mandate to provide more for

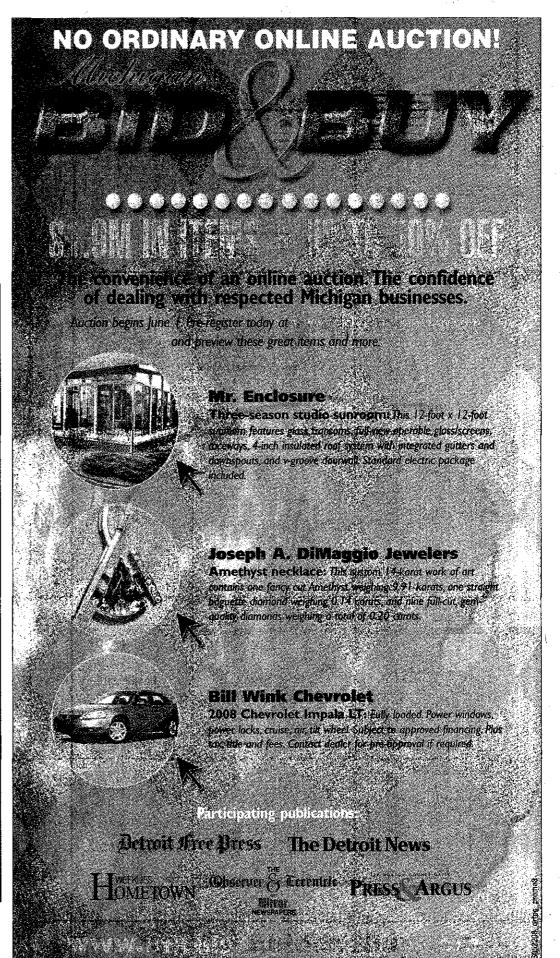
"I think if the legislature would like to provide additional funds to implement all-day kindergarten we would be most grateful," said Alles. "And, we would embrace it.

"But, then you have to ask yourself, what do you cut to afford it if this is another unfunded mandate," she said.

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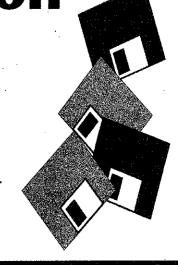


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Follow the arrows for some amazing fun, author with Westland ties urges

BY HUGH GALLAGHER OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

John Tittensor Jr. thinks he just might have the next sudukó, a twisty, turny maze game that challenges the mind and the pencil.

And it all began with that most popular of children's toys an empty refrigerator box.

"We had gotten a refrigerator box, I had broken it down in the basement and me and my buddies, with our Matchbox cars, we would make roads and use tissue boxes for the fire department and other buildings," Tittensor

When his buddies left, Tittensor, now 45, began putting in more roads, with complicated overpasses and underpasses.

"We weren't sure what went under and what went over, so I decided to draw an arrow on IT'S AMAZING

What: 'Amazing Minds Mazes,' a collection of 32 challenging mazes. Author: John Tittensor Jr. Publisher: iUniverse Inc. Price: \$10.95

Available: Borders, Barnes and Noble, Waldenbooks, Amazonbooks.

one side and an arrow on the other side where it came out," Tittensor said.

That was the inspiration. "It was later in my life that I picked it back up and realized this could be a lot of fun as a maze puzzle," he said.

Tittensor, who now lives in Melvindale, grew up in Westland. He works as a door installer contractor for Home Depot, but used to work for Chrysler Corp., where he began to doodle his mazes

during down times.

"Guys would come by and ask what it was. They would try them out and come back and say 'I did it' and I would say, T'd have to make them harder.' It was my mind against their's," he said. "They said you need to do something with this, it's really cool."

What Tittensor has done is create a book of 32 maze puzzles, Amazing Minds Mazes. The mazes grow progressively more difficult.

"The key to these mazes is simple — go through the maze and each time you come to an arrow, you follow it in the direction it's pointing until you see the tail of the arrow in line," he said.

The first few puzzles use numbers and letters to help give some direction over and under barriers. But for later puzzles, you're on your own. A key rule to remember is that

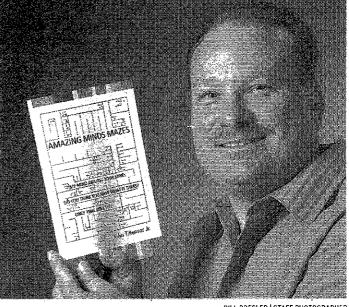
you can't go directly from one arrow to another separated by a line or wall; instead, you have to skip over to the next

"You have to eliminate so many paths to find the correct path to open up," Tittensor said. "If you don't complete the paths, every time you take a certain way, it's going to be a dead end. When you eliminate the dead ends, the path will open up to finish the puzzle.".

Tittensor is already working on his second book, with 48 puzzles. He is also investigating the possibilities of a computer version and a syndicated newspaper feature.

He said a lot of people were confused when they first saw a suduko game, but now they're everywhere. He's hoping for the same success.

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John Tittensor Jr. is challenging all comers to try working their way through his amazing mazes.

Airport launches small business program

The Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) has launched a new Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program designed to increase opportunities for qualified small businesses in Macomb County, Oakland County, Washtenaw County and Wayne County to participate in Airport Authority contracts.

"The Airport Authority is committed to providing equal contracting opportunity to all businesses for projects at **Detroit Metro Airport and** Willow Run Airport, and we continue to seek the best-valued, high-quality products and services by encouraging competition among our vendors," said WCAA CEO Lester Robinson. "This new SBE Program provides equalization credits so that smaller, local firms can compete more aggressively and equally for business opportunities at our airports."

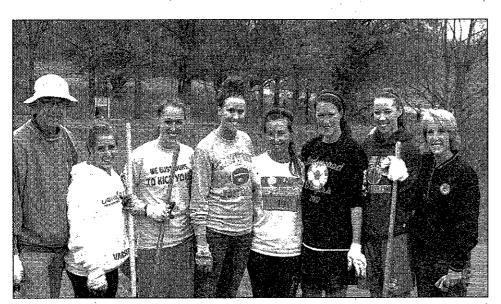
Under the SBE Program, the Authority encourages SBEs to submit bids or proposals as either prime contractors or as subcontractors by applying an equalization credit to bids submitted by or with certified small businesses. The amount of the equalization credit depends on the value of the contract being solicited and is based upon the lowest quali-

fied bid received. For contracts valued at or below \$100,000, a 3 percent equalization credit is available. For contracts valued above \$100,000, a 2 percent equalization credit is available. A non-SBE firm may receive a 1 percent equalization credit on any size contract if they submit a bid or proposal that includes subcontracting opportunities for SBE firms valued at 30 percent or more of the overall contract value.

"Because the equalization credit is based on a percentage of the lowest qualified bid the Authority receives from a non-SBE firm, the new program is designed such that SBEs have the same incentive to offer their most competitive bids as do larger firms," said Airport **Authority Procurement** Director Sandra Allen.

Participation in the new SBE Program is completely voluntary and SBE certification is not required to participate in any WCAA contract. However, to obtain the equalization credit, firms must complete a WCAA SBE Certification Application and be approved by the Authority's Purchasing Unit prior to a bid deadline or solicitation submission dead-

For more information regarding the WCAA SBE Program, visit the Authority's Web site at http://www. metroairport.com/business/ SBEProgram.asp or contact the Airport Authority Procurement Division at (734) 247-7900.



Wildflower planting

More than 50 volunteers turned out for Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox's annual cleanup effort at the Bennett Arboretum in Northville. Volunteers removed invasive species, spread mulch, planted wildflowers and cleaned up the are. Volunteers received free tickets to Tiger games. Pictured are, from left, Ray Schnieder, Lauren Billoto, Catlin Szcypka, Marissa Anposicwicz, Paige Shesterkin, Allison Szcypka, Erin Szcypka and Cox.

Hospital hosts cancer fighting event

cancer survivor who used

music to heal during her own

recovery and is now fulfilling

An annual event celebrates Greenberg is an eight-year all those touched by cancer - survivors, current patients, caregivers, health care providers, and family and friends who have lost a loved one to cancer. It is a time to celebrate life, personal successes and hope for the future.

The St. Mary Mercy Hospital annual Cancer Survivors' Celebration will be Sunday, June 1, at the hospital. Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. There will be a reception at 11:30 a.m., the program from noon to 1 p.m.

Guest speaker and singer Elaine Greenberg will be featured in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital South Lobby.

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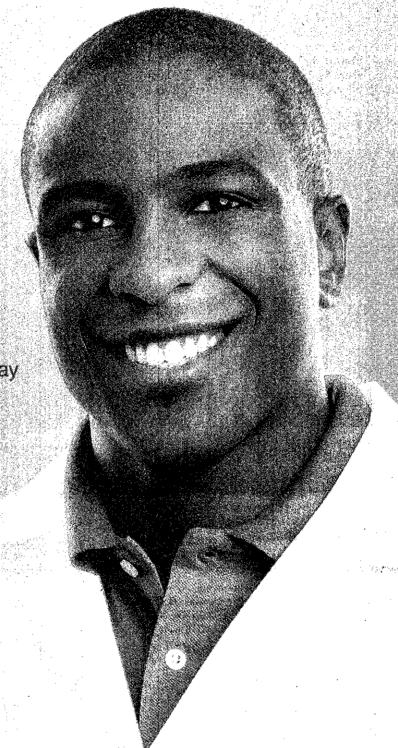
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Campaigning an embarrassment

Shame on Martha Snow!

Plymouth's Memorial Day parade is to honor the service and sacrifice of America's military veterans, but this year it was cheapened by an army of Snow's political supporters, clad in matching regalia and passing out cheesy "Snow for District Judge" balloons

What an affront to the purpose of Memorial Day!

During the very moving ceremony held following the parade, the Rev. Hogan, a retired U.S. Navy chaplain, opened his inspirational speech with a jab at Snow, calling

materials this morning. What an embarrassment. Snow lost any chance of getting my vote.

for all politicians to put away their handout

Albert Brooke Plymouth.

Patterson should resign

Bruce Patterson should join with Kwame Kilpatrick — and resign.

In reference to the photo published by the Free Press showing state Sen. Bruce Patterson conferring with Kwame Kilpatrick, et al., on the floor of the Legislature a couple of years back, I cannot tell you how appalled and disgusted I was to see Patterson (Republican, 7th District) ranting and raving on the floor of the state

It wasn't clear to me exactly how his comments related to any piece of legislation or government function, but I sure hope that we (the taxpayers/voters) are not paying him to represent us as a public servant. I think Sen. Tupac Hunter's eloquent advice should be taken to heart by Patterson: "Boo Hoo! Get over yourself!

But then, I guess this is the same larger-

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than-life Patterson who is notorious for intimidating fellow legislators while acting as though he has the best interest of his constituents at heart. Not exactly the type of collaboration that we deserve from our representatives in government.

However, on the bright side, Patterson is term-limited and if the voters are smart, we'll never see him in public office again.

> Don Bain Plymouth

Wind power is not the solution

In your May 25 paper, there was an editorial regarding acting quickly on the energy bills. That is the last thing the Legislature

If they did their research, they would know that many countries have tried similar types of wind power for energy. They found it was not profitable, nor functional. They had to depend on Mother Nature and the cost was astronomical!

They dumped the project and had to reinvest in their old forms of energy. Of course, DTE and Consumers want us to try this; then they can up their fees again because they know we need them!

Fellow residents, please educate yourselves on these issues. They are important to you, me and our children's futures.

That goes along with the "smart" cars. Where are we going to get the electricity to make our "smart" cars run? DTE asks us to limit our electrical use during the hottest months of the year. Are they going to tell you you cannot drive to work?

As for corn, we don't have enough land left in the United States to be able to grow enough to make our cars run. Again, I ask you to please educate yourselves.

What we are going through is not "global warming"; it is simply nature taking its

course. If this were global warming, we wouldn't be here today. The earth would already have been destroyed!

Al Gore received a Nobel Peace Prize for a bunch of lies; the scientists have proved his "theories" wrong. I am not asking you to not be globally insensitive; I am asking you to educate yourselves. I put out two enormously full recycling bins a week and only half of a garbage can. If everyone does their part, it will make a huge difference. All I ask is that you educate yourself.

> **Diane Brus** Berkley

Lobby for tax on beer, wine

I choose not to sermonize about the effects of experimentation of alcohol by teenagers in order to fit in with the "cool crowd." If we could be sure that a teenager could take it or leave it then we could attribute this daring attitude as part of growing up. But in many instances a teenager might like the taste and resulting effect alcohol has on his inhibitions and decides to continue life in this euphoric state. He might observe TV and movie ads glorifying the lifestyle of drinkers and rather than sit on the outside looking in, he would decide to join in on the fun.

Therein lies the beginning of a life of addiction that will adversely influence his future and everyone associated with him.

Let all of us sober citizens unite and insist that our legislators demand that the beer and alcohol industries be taxed equitably just as we did with the tobacco industry. We can only achieve this by putting pressure on our elected officials to enact laws that will benefit our next generation rather than perpetuate the addiction that prevails with many of their parents.

Diana Hage Westland

OUR VOICE

Four-day work week would help ozone, fuel economy

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson will seek approval from the Board of Commissioners for a four-day, 40-hour week to help county employees save 20 percent on gasoline.

Patterson's proposal is a practical solution to the problem of rising fuel costs - one that we hope will be implemented by not only the county, but by other governmental units and private businesses as well.

Other answers — including expanding mass transit and developing alternative fuels — will take time and money. But allowing employees to work four days a week instead of five is a solution that costs nothing and can be implemented immediately.

A shortened work week would benefit workers, many of whom are spending more now to feed their vehicles than their families. It would also help to offset stagnating or decreasing wages and increases in co-pays and deductibles that have affected many workers in the pocketbook.

A four-day work week would also help the environment. Fewer trips saves on ozone-damaging emissions. The economy would benefit as well. The less money workers have to spend on gasoline, the more money they'll have to spend on other goods and services.

Service doesn't have to suffer with a shorter work week. Employees can stagger their 10-hour work days so a minimum number staffs each department every day of the week. They can take turns taking off Friday or Monday.

Government offices could even expand the hours they're open if employees are working longer shifts. Rather than being open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., they could serve the public from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m.

We think Patterson's proposal makes good sense, and we urge the county Board of Commissioners to approve it soon. We also encourage other governmental units and private businesses to act without delay in changing the traditional five-day work week

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State may help in locating your safe-deposit box

Dear Rick: My parents passed away a couple of years ago. At the time of their death, I think they had a safe-deposit box that I was never able to locate. I was told that there may be a way for the state to help me locate the safe-deposit box. It's been seven years since my parents' death, but I was curious if there was anything that I could do.

Michigan, through the Department of Treasury, administers the Michigan's Unclaimed Property Act, which states if there is no activity in an account for a period of five years and if they cannot contact the owner of the account, then the financial institution gives the property (cash or contents in a safe-deposit box) to the state treasurer's office.

The state treasurer, through the Department of Treasury, takes jurisdiction and supervises its return to the rightful owner. It is possible the contents of your parents' safedeposit box have been turned over to the Department of Treasury and you can have this property returned.

The state of Michigan has millions of dollars from bank accounts that have been forgotten, family heirlooms left in safe-deposit boxes and uncashed checks. To find out whether any of this property is yours is relatively easy. Go to the Michigan Department of Treasury's Web site, www. michigan.gov/treasury and click on "Unclaimed Property." You will see a link for "Michigan's Money Quest" click to do your own search. If you discover your name, or

your parents', then you can submit a claim through the state Treasurer's Department and reclaim the assets. It is important to understand that the state of Michigan does not own the unclaimed property. It acts as a custodian.

Every year or two, it pays for all of us to visit the Department of Treasury's Web site and to do a search for unclaimed property. We live



Money Matters Rick Bloom

in a time period where everything is changing, people move and it is not unusual to lose track of certain assets.

In addition, if you have lived out of state, it's not a bad idea to do an unclaimed property search in that state. Even though every state has different rules, a great majority will allow you to do unclaimed property searches on the Internet.

Over the years, I've received letters from companies who will do unclaimed property searches for you for a fee. In the majority of those cases, all they are doing is going to the particular state's Web site and doing the search. My advice for the great majority of people is to save the money and do the search yourself.

Dear Rick: I have money invested in GMAC Demand Notes. Recent articles in the newspapers make me wonder if this investment is shaky. GMAC has been around a long time and it does pay, or so it seems, a higher rate of interest. Being a senior on a fixed income, I cannot afford to lose any

You are correct. GMAC has been around a long time and does have a history of paying their obligations. However, the GMAC of today is not the GMAC of the past. In the past, GMAC was a division of General Motors. Today, GMAC is no longer owned solely by GM. Cerberus Capital Management, the same company that owns Chrysler. owns a substantial portion of GMAC.

In the past, because of the financial strength of General Motors, GMAC Demand Notes were a very safe and secure investment. Unfortunately, that is no longer the case. GMAC has run into difficulty with its mortgage business. The credit crunch that has affected America also has affected GMAC.

The bottom line is GMAC is not a safe, secure investment. The rating services that rank financial instruments place GMAC Demand Notes in a non-investment quality category. In other words, the junk

bond category. In your case, being a senior isn't the major issue, it's that you want a safe and secure investment. Since GMAC is rated a non-investment grade, I recommend an alternative to **GMAC** Demand Notes.

The world has changed and GMAC is no longer the same company it was before.

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Jeleniewski is Salem's athlete for all seasons

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

If you asked Salem senior Tyler Jeleniewski to name a TV show that airs between 3 and 6 p.m. on any given school day, he'd probably have a tough time giving you an answer - unless you handed him a TV Guide.

There weren't many TV's around where Jeleniewski hung out practically every weekday after school the past four years — on tennis courts, in gyms and on golf courses.

The Plymouth resident is a member of a dying breed — three-sport high school athletes, the number of which are shrinking faster than gas-guzzling SUVs.

The athlete-for-all-seasons played No. 1 doubles for the Rocks' tennis team in the fall, point guard for coach Bob Brodie's basketball team in the winter and he was the No. 1 player/captain for Rick Wilson's golf team this past spring - and he did it all with a relentless passion for each sport that was admired by coaches and teammates alike.

"There probably aren't as many three-sport athletes as there used to be because kids probably get burned out playing all year,' Jeleniewski said, when asked about his theory why the number of triple-threat athletes are on the decline. "I know a lot of kids who play two sports, but they need a break from a third.

"I've always been somebody who likes to stay active. The only time I even thought about not playing was last basketball season when I was struggling a little, but I felt too much of a commitment to the team to not play."

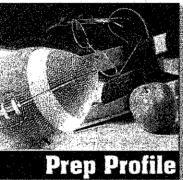
The links rule

If Jeleniewski was forced to choose just one sport to compete in, the choice would be a rather easy one.

"Definitely golf," he said. "I love basketball, too, and I enjoy playing tennis, but golf is my best sport. It's the one I've dedicated the most time to."

The dedication is reflected in the small numbers he posts on his scorecards.

Jeleniewski followed up an ultra-successful junior year by earning All-WLAA honors two weeks ago at the conference meet.



His per-round stroke averages 37.5 for nine holes and 74.0 for 18 - rank among the best in all of Observerland.

"I started Tyler on the varsity as a freshman and he's been a big part of the team ever since," said Wilson. "Every year he's improved his game because of all the hard work he puts into it.

"Tyler's really taken advantage of all the summer tours that are offered — like the PowerBuilt Tour, the Meijer Tour and the American Junior Golf Association tournaments. He's really done everything a coach could want one of his players to do.

"He's not only a good player, but he's a great example when it comes to sportsmanship, leadership and giving advice to his younger teammates. He'll definitely be missed around here next year."

Jeleniewski etched his name in the Salem golf record book last year when he carded the lowest nine-hole score in school history - a 32 at St. John's Golf Course.

It's all in the swing

He said playing golf makes him a better tennis player, and vice versa.

"They're two different kinds of swings, but they both require a fluid motion," he said. "And they're both great at developing hand-eye coordination."

What would give the multi-sport star more satisfaction: draining a 20-foot birdie putt or sinking a 20foot three-pointer during the latter stages of a close hoop game? "Probably the putt, but it would

depend on the situation," he said. "Both of them would feel pretty good."

The highlight of Jeleniewski's tennis career unfolded in late September when he and Jake Burnstein advanced all the way to

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Canton senior Scott

Wisniewski (2), pictured

in a game

earlier this

season, played

a key role in

the Chiefs'

inaugural

campaign.

outstanding

P-C Steelers scholarship

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers football organization is offering a \$500 scholarship to two Plymouth-Canton **Educational Park** seniors who participated at least one season with the organization as a player or cheerleader.

Interested seniors must graduate from PCEP and plan on continuing their education at an accredited Michigan college.

The selection criteria for the scholarship involves submitting a completed application and two letters of recommendations. Applications are available for downloading at www.plymouth-cantonsteelers.

The application deadline is June 30.

For more information, contact Christopher Vos, scholarship committee chair, at (734) 778-3988.

Coaching vacancy

Plymouth High School has a coaching position available for the upcoming fall season for a girls freshman volleyball coach.

Applications can be found on the school district Web site at www.pccs.k12.mi.us or in the Plymouth High School athletic office.

YMCA sports

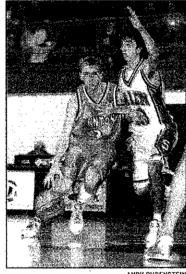
The Plymouth Family YMCA is currently offering a variety of summer sports programs. The focus will be on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction.

Programs include "Kickers and Shooters" soccer, "Sports Sampler", "Y-Hoops", "Bumble Bee Soccer", "Pee-Wee T-Ball" and "Sand Volleyball", among others.

Morning and evening classes are available.

Programs will run from July 7 to Aug. 11 for kids between the ages of 3 and 11.

For more information, contact the "Y" at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.



Tyler Jeleniewski (right) is pictured defending Canton's Ryan Seely during a game in the winter.

Chiefs wrap up win-filled first season

Salem's Tyler Jeleniewski closed out his senior season in style when he earned first team All-WLAA recognition at

last month's conference meet. Jeleniewski earned four varsity letters in golf and nine altogether.

The foundation has been built advance to the final eight. for the Canton boys lacrosse team — and it is a sturdy one.

Tyler

Jeleniewski

teamed up

with Jake **Burnstein to**

give Salem a

No. 1 doubles team last

formidable

fall.

The curtain came down on the Chiefs' inaugural season when they dropped a 10-1 decision to state-ranked Birmingham Seaholm Tuesday night.

Although frustrating, the loss didn't put the damper on an outstanding first campaign that saw Canton rack up a 13-6 record and advance all the way to the quarterfinal round of the state tournament. Canton was the first first-year team to

"I was proud of the way the boys played, especially the seniors in their last game," said Canton coach Kevin Riley. "It was a huge accomplishment reaching this level of the play-

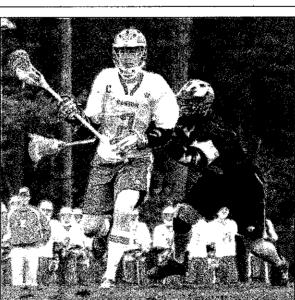
The Chiefs' lone goal on Tuesday was scored by sophomore Jake Underwood, who was assisted by senior Scott Wisniewski. The net-finder came when Canton was in its extra-man offense.

Canton advanced to the final eight by ousting South Lyon, 87, in overtime on May 23.

Matt Rodgers paced the offense with five goals including the game-winner and Jake Underwood chipped in with three.

Senior goalie Justin Scott was his normally stellar self, turning away 13-of-20 shots. He stoned the Lions five times from pointblank range.

Other standouts for the winners were junior midfielder Brett Phillips, Mark Barath, who won 8-of-12 face-offs, Wisniewski, Kyle Dunleavy and Trevor Moore.







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Canton's Conrad, PCA's team moving on to state golf meets

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BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While his peers struggled mightily on the demanding Washtenaw Country Club layout Thursday afternoon, Canton's Zach Conrad flourished during the Division 1 Regional meet.

As a result of his poised, steady play, the sophomore earned a berth in next week's state meet at "The Meadows," which is located near the Grand Valley State University campus.

Conrad will be the lone Plymouth-Canton **Educational Park golfer** competing next week thanks to his three-over-par 75. A round of 77 or lower was needed to advance to the state meet as an individual.

Both Canton's and Salem's entire teams competed, but neither could crack the top three spots that would have earned them berths in next

weekend's competition. "I knew I didn't need to hit it far off the tee, but I hit it straight," said Conrad, revealing his Regional strategy. "I hit it about 250 or 260 and kept it in the fair-

DIVISION 1-REGION 5 BOYS GOLF RESULTS

May 29 at Washtenaw C.C.
TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet): 1. Northville, 299 strokes; 2.
Saline (host), 313; 3. Ann Arbor Huron, 318;

4. Livonia Stevenson, 320; 5. Canton, 330; 6. Salem, 342; 7. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 333; 8. (tie)

Temperance Bedford and Livonia Churchill, 347 each; 10. Monroe, 354; 11. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 358; 12. Livonia Franklin, 367.

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING Northville (299): 1. Trevor Grigg, 72 (medalist): 3. Chris Kozerski and Wes Gates

75 each; 9. Alex Berstein, 77; 16. Tim Kelly, 82. Saline (313): 2. Nick Campbell, 73; 11. Matt Paterini, 79; 12. Nick Areddy, 80; 15. Philip Gieseker, 81; 27. Peter Spittler, 86.

Jacob Askari, 75 each; 18. Tim Faerber, 83; 22. Gunnar Bruce, 85; 47. Alex Wunderlich, 89.

A.A. Huron (318): 3. Max Ammerman and

calling the following:

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way. It feels great (to qualify for the state meet)."

Conrad didn't hesitate when asked what hole was most pivotal in his accomplishment.

"The 13th," he said. "It's a par 5. I birdied it then parred out.

Conrad said he's scheduled to play a practice round at "The Meadows" on Sunday.

"Hopefully, I can play like I did on Thursday at the state meet," he said.

Conrad's teammate, Jeremy Lindlbauer, was the Chiefs' next-lowest scorer, carding an 83.

Salem was led by Tyler Jeleniewski's 84. Other Rock scorers were Aaron Thompson (85), Adam Powers (86), Joel Cheesman (86) and Patrick Doty (87).

"We shot a practice round on the course Wednesday, so we were well-prepared," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "It's just a very tough course all the way around. Most of the fairways are narrow and lined by big trees, but toughest part is the greens. Like a lot of teams, we had difficulty putting."

GOLF RESULTS

Stevenson (320): 4. Drew Mossoian, 76 (additional state qualifier): 10. Christian DeBay, 78; 16. Tom Cullum, 82; 22. Adam Giordano, 85; 47. Dan Dufour, 89.

Canton (330): 3. Zach Conrad, 75 (additional state qualifier); 18. Jeremy

Lindlbauer, 83; 27. Andrew Rickerman and Clark Albers, 86 each; 35. Brendan Muir, 87

Salem (342): 20. Tyler Jeleniewski, 84; 22. Adam Powers, 85; 27. Joel Cheesman, 86; 35 Aaron Thompson, 87; 43. Patrick Doty, 88. A.A. Pioneer (333): 12. Nolan Maezes and

Taylor Margolis, 80 each; 27. Dan Pollock, 86; 35. Perry Grace, 87; 51. Davis Ransdell

Bedford (347): 27. David Genaw and Nate Gonring, 86 each; 35. Justin Gross, 87; 43. Jerry Michalkiewicz, 88; Ben Werner, 95. Churchill (347): 22. Dan Bostick, 85; 35.

Josh Proben and Kevin Robinson, 87 each; 43. Brian Bint, 88; 56. Erik Newman, 97.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

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Northville, Salem and Ann Arbor Huron all advanced to the team portion of the state meet by placing first through third, respectively. Canton placed seventh.

PCA makes history

Paced by returning All-State performer Ross Gerulis, Plymouth Christian Academy advanced to next week's state meet by placing first in Thursday's Division 4 Regional at Bald Mountain Golf Course in Clarkston.

The Eagles fired a 312 to edge host Oakland Christian and Manchester, both of which carded 314's, to earn the school's first Regional boys golf title.

Gerulis's even-par 72 was just one shot off the pace of Regional medalist Ben Vanbiesbrouck, Oakland

Christian's top player. Other contributors to PCA's historic effort were Mitchell Geracz (79), Robert Qualls (79), Scott Hampson (82) and Ryan Parker (98). The top four scores counted.

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Monroe (354): 20. Sean Vanaken, 84; 22. Aaron Bowman, 85; 27. Mike Dushane, 86; 59. Cole Johnson, 99; 60. Jordan Hohman, 108. Wyandotte (358): 35. Jordan Rutkowski

and Andrew Vandierndonol, 87 each; 47. Eric Taurence, 89; 53. Andy Labeau, 95; 56

Franklin (367): 43. Tony Semonick, 88; 47.

Jordan Chisholm, 89; 51, Justin Adams, 94; 55. Dan Ostrosky, 96; 56. Chris Grund, 97. INDIVIDUAL SCORERS

Belleville: Zach McCurley, 77 (additional state qualifier); Garden City: Hagan Risner, 78; Chris Cislo, 80; Plymouth: James Bryans, 84; Westland John Glenn: Dan

Tamaroglio, 92; Josh Duprie, 111; Southgate Anderson: Tom Maley, 84; Taylor Kennedy:

Dalton Rickard, 86; Dearborn Edsel Ford: Robert Neff, 95; Brownstown-Woodhaven:

Eric Ellerhorst, 92; John Paules, 102; Ypsilanti Lincoln: Spencer Denehy, 102.

Board of Education

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Saintly performance

The All Saint's Catholic School varsity girls softball team captured a CYO division title Saturday by defeating St. Valentine's 1-0 in a nine-inning thriller. On Sunday, All Saints completed a 10-0 regular season by defeating Our Lady of Victory in the season finale. Pictured are (front row from left) Maria Bloem, Elaine Gerou, Alex Zelek, Kelly Gaule, Magan Bacigal, Lauren Lukens, Jacqueline Kuznicki, (second row from left) Kim Gunnis, Jessica Swartz, Lindsey Gryniewicz, MacKenna Fahlman, Jessica Kuznicki, Katie Nailos, (back row from left) assistant coaches Pat Nailos and Mike Zelek; and head coach Mike Gerou. Assistant coach Kelly O'Connor is not pictured.

SPORTS SHORTS

Plymouth Football Camp

The Plymouth Wildcat Skills Camp will run June 23-25 from 5-7 p.m. at the PCEP varsity stadium field. It is a fundamentals camp for kids from 5th to 9th grades.

For more information, visit www.plymouthwildcats.com or call coach Sawchuk at (734) 582-

Hoop camps

The following three girls basketball camps will be offered this summer through Community **Education:**

■ A Canton girls basketball camp (#146) will be offered at Canton High School from June 16-20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Girls entering seventh through ninth grade this coming fall are eligible to participate.

■ A Canton and Salem girls basketball camp (#143) will be held at Canton High School June 16-20 from 1-3 p.m. for girls entering fourth through sixth grade in the fall of 2008.

■ A Canton and Salem girls

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

District-Wide Elevator Maintenance. Specifications and bid forms

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contact Tom Seales of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734)

416-2960. Sealed bids are due to the E.J McClendon Educational Center, RE: Elevator Maintenance Bid, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI

48170 on or before 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 16, 2008. 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.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

basketball camp (#144) will be offered July 14-18 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Salem High School for girls entering sixth through

eighth grade in the fall of 2008. For more information on these camps, contact Community

Education at (734) 416-2937. Wildcat golf outing

The 7th Annual Plymouth High School Wildcat Football Golf Outing will be held Saturday, July 19, at 1:30 p.m. at The Inn at St. John's Golf and Conference Center, which is located at 44045 Five Mile in Plymouth.

The format will be a best-ball scramble with a shotgun start.

The \$100-per-golfer fee includes dinner and a hot dog at the turn. Individuals can attend just the buffet dinner for \$40. Hole sponsorships are available

for \$100. For more information, contact

Lisa Goble at (734) 207-8889 or at Rgoble64@aol.com.

The registration deadline is

Shooters Golf Tour

Local golf enthusiasts are invited to participate in the summer-long Shooters Golf Tour, a development tour that offers six different competitive divisions and is played on several of the best public courses Michigan has to

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For more information, visit www.shootersgolf.com.

Chiefs golf outing

The annual Canton Chiefs

Football Booster Club golf outing will be held June 21 at Fox Hills in Plymouth Township.

The scramble-format event will tee off with a shotgun start at 1:30

For more information on the outing, visit www.cantonchiefsfootball.com.

Salem grid camps

The Salem High School football program will be offering a pair of camps this summer — one aimed at youths and the other at women who want to learn more about the finer points of the sport.

The Salem Women's Football Academy, which is set for May 31 at Salem High School, will teach the finer techniques, rules and strategies of American tackle football women only.

One-hundred percent of the proceeds will to go the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute's "First Step" program.

The cost is \$50 per adult and \$40 per girls under 13.

Registration begins at 7:59 a.m. and the camp runs through 3 p.m.

The annual Salem Youth Football Instructional Camp will be held Saturday, July 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the PCEP varsity football field.

The registration for participants who pay before July 7 is \$10; the cost is \$20 after July 7.

Participants will receive handson instruction in the fundamental strategies and techniques necessary to become a successful football program.

The camp is open to all Plymouth and Canton residents between the ages of 7 and 13, regardless of where they will attend high school.

For more information on the camps, visit www.football.salemrocks.com or send an e-mail to psstoo@comcast.net.

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For more information, visit www.plymouthwildcats.com or call coach Sawchuk at (734) 582-

INVITATION TO BID

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S, Canton MI will accept sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "LOCAL ROAD MAINTENANCE - 2008 CANTON TOWNSHIP", along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 3:00 pm, Thursday, June 12th, 2008 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

- Concrete pavement repair patching of approximately 6.35 miles of
- HMA pavement repair patching & overband crack sealing of approximately 13.33 miles of roadway

• Base repair and asphalt resurfacing of approximately 1 mile of roadway on Sheldon Road between Palmer and Cherry Hill

Bid documents are available to pick up at Canton Township Hall, Engineering - 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5150. A nonrefundable fee of \$45.00 will be charged for the bid packet. A 5% bid bond will be required. Bid documents are on file and available for review at Canton Township Hall-Engineering 2nd Floor, Construction Association of Michigan, Reed Construction Data, McGraw Hill Construction Dodge, and Construction News Service of Michigan, Inc. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

2008 CANTON TOWNSHIP PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT W.O. # 46851

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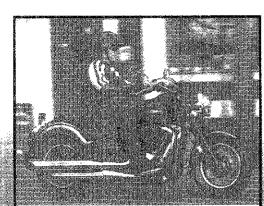
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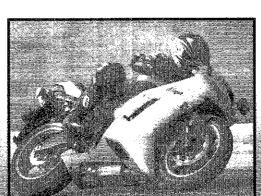
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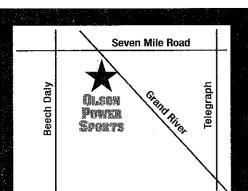
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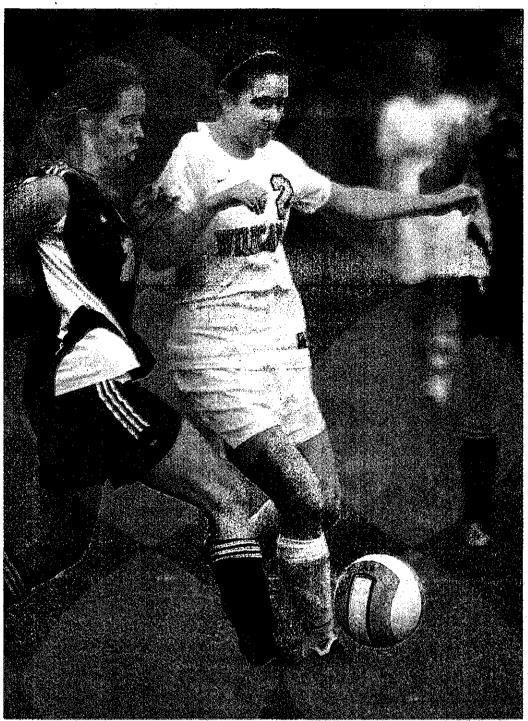


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Plymouth's Julia Forster (2), pictured above during a first-round District game earlier this week, played well in Thursday's 1-0 loss to Northville.

Wildcats push No. 1 Mustangs to the brink

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Northville may be the No. 1 girls soccer team in Michigan, but Plymouth deserved a No. 1a ranking during most of Thursday night's Division 1 District semifinal game on the Mustangs' pitch.

The Wildcats played step for step with the Mustangs before dropping a tense 1-0 decision.

The game's lone goal came
6:05 into the second half on
sophomore Lauren Lokey's high
bender that found the top shelf of
the right side of the net seconds
after Theresa Yankovich sent a
corner kick into the middle of the
18-yard box.

Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich said he couldn't have been more proud of his team's performance, but he added the close loss is no consolation.

"Absolutely none," he said. Plymouth gave Northville a big-time scare with 15:35 to play when Jennifer Babcock — who was a force to be reckoned with throughout the contest — slid a lead pass on the right wing to Julia Forster 15 yards from the Mustangs' goal, but Northville keeper Katherine Janson suffocated the ball with a sliding save just as Forster cocked her right foot.

"That was a great run,"
Neschich said. "We got a one-onone situation with their goalie,
but she made a great play on it."
The Wildcats' best opportunity

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to break their goose egg on the scoreboard in the first half came at the 28:50 mark when Carley McQuiston's hard shot from 12 yards out sailed high of the crossbar by mere inches.

"I thought the girls adjusted well as the game went along," said Neschich, whose team finished 7-8-4. "We wanted to stop their two best players — No. 5 (Sarah Stern) and No. 22 (Yankovich) — and I thought we did a great job on them.

"Overall, we did a good job of eliminating their opportunities. We were going to let them shoot from 30 yards out, which they did a lot."

Northville coach Ron Meteyer was happy to see his team advance on what he referred to as an off-night.

"Like I told the girls after the game, it was an ugly game and we didn't execute well," said Meteyer, whose team carried an 18-0-2 mark into Saturday's District final against Canton (see www.hometownlife.com Sunday morning for final results). "But I told them that if they can play an ugly game and not execute well and still come out with a win, then chalk it up as a 'W' and move on. We have to play better than that from here on out."

Meteyer was impressed by Plymouth's effort. "They packed their defense made hay against Churchill (in Tuesday's first-round game)." Plymouth keeper Marissa

outside game, which is where we

Plymouth keeper Marissa
Williams kept her team in the
game on numerous occasions
when she left her feet to pull off a

several spectacular saves.

CANTON 9, JOHN GLENN 0:
In a Division 1 district game
Thursday at Northville, the
Chiefs (12-4-4) scored nine firsthalf goals to mercy Westland
John Glenn (1-15-2).

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WESTLAND 0: Brooke Williams and Annette Somercik tallied two goals apiece Thursday as host Plymouth Christian Academy (14-2-1), ranked No. 2 in the state, advanced in the Division 4 district tournament by blanking Lutheran High Westland (10-8).

It was the third straight win this season for PCA over the Warriors, who trailed 2-0 at halftime.

Lutheran Westland goalkeeper Chelsea Kyles stood out with 12

"We played well, but they
(PCA) were too strong," Lutheran
Westland coach Sam Makki said.
"Most of their goals were from
crossing the ball from the wing.
We could not stop their crosses.
They had better skill players and
I see most of their girls playing
year-round soccer. We don't, but
this year was a better one for our
team and we have improved a
lot."

TRIPLE

the No. I doubles finals at the

"We got beat by Northville in the finals, but just getting that far was nice," he said.

His fondest basketball memory was team-oriented.

"During my junior year, we beat Northville by like 14 points, and they were undefeated before that game," he said. "Just to be a part of something like that meant a lot to me."

The next chapter

In the fall, Jeleniewski will head off to Grand Valley State University, where he plans on working toward degrees in business economics and entrepreneurship.

"Eventually, I'd like to start my own business," he said, "I'm going to try to walk on to the golf team, but if it doesn't work out, it won't be the end of the world"

Jeleniewski said his high school sports experiences will no doubt make him a better businessman in the real world.

"Tve been a captain for two sports (tennis and golf), so that responsibility has taught me a lot about leadership," he said. "And all the competition I've been through will help me once I get out into the business world."

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Canton grid camps

The Canton Chiefs football program will be offering the following three summer camps in June:

■ A T/3-4 Football Camp for kids in grades 10-12 will be held June 16 (2-5 p.m.) and June 17-19 (5-8 p.m.) at the PCEP varsity stadium. If participants pre-register by May 26, the fee is \$30; the fee is \$35 thereafter.

For more information, contact varsity head coach Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691 or at baechlt@pccs.k12.mi.us.

■ A Skills Football Camp will be held for kids in 7-9 grades at the varsity stadium June 9-12 from 5-7 p.m. The registration fee is \$50 before May 26 and \$60 after. For more information, contact freshman coach RichMui at (248) 229-2738.

■ A Fundamental Football Camp will be held for kids in

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back and took away some of our

3-6 grades at the varsity stadium June 23-26 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost before June 6 is \$100 and \$115 after that date.

For more information, contact Enza Lanava at (313) 300-1173 or elanava@wowway.com.

High Velocity adult co-ed soccer

High Velocity Sports in Canton is offering "fun" adult co-ed soccer leagues on Saturday nights for parents who want to participate in the sport.

The leagues will be recreational beginner leagues designed to give participants a nice workout and a fun night out. Game times will range from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Parents can drop their kids off at the facility's free-ofcharge carnival of inflatables from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The inflatables are monitored by

HVS staff members. The team fee is \$500 for seven games (July 12-Aug. 23). House teams will also be created to accommodate those who don't have enough players for a full team.

The "free agent" fee is \$65 per player. All games will be played inside HVS.

Canton hoop golf outing

The inaugural "Canton Basketball Golf Outing" will be held Saturday, Aug. 2, beginning with an 8 a.m. shotgun start at Hilltop Golf Course, which is located at 4700 Powell Road in Plymouth.

A scramble format will be used.

The \$100 fee includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch at the turn, dinner and prizes.

Information regarding sponsorship opportunities and registration forms are available by calling Dan Colligan at (248) 444-6011.

The registration deadline is

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(July 7-Sept. 4)
Reg. Deadline: June 29

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Therapy may help with son

My 10-year-old son is no longer in school because of behavioral problems. He's been out of school for about a month and I don't know what to do with him. He stays up all night and plays video games and then sleeps all day. I know that this isn't right, but I have no idea what to do to help him. Do you have any suggestions?

I'm confused. Why is your son out of school? Was he expelled or did you withdraw him? Is he going to start at a new school or are you going to start a home-schooling program? These questions need to be answered. He can't just stop going to school. He needs to be enrolled in some kind of educational program and, as his parent, it is

son is awake all night playing video games and then sleeping all day. Why is this being allowed to happen? Establish and enforce a bed time. Limit or discontinue video games until you decide that his behavior has earned them back.

this can be a very difficult task but there's no way around it. But don't worry. You're not alone. There are many resources available to help you with this responsibility.

consider therapy for you and your son. This



On Parenting

Terry Wiliamowski may help the two of you to develop more appropriate boundaries and address areas of concern. A. therapist may also be able

In addition to therapy, you may find it beneficial to locate a parenting group, try taking some parenting classes and read some books on effective parenting strategies. All of

these resources can be found easily within a few minutes of online searching or a short visit to a local library.

Right now, it sounds as if your house is in chaos and this results on anxiety and stress on everyone that lives there. By assuming control of this situation and setting appropriate rules and limits into place, you will find that you will both be happier and

My 6-year-old daughter wets her pants several times a day. She never does this at school or when she is with her grandparents, only when she is at home. We've tried spanking her and taking away her toys but nothing seems to work. Do you have any ideas that might help? Her older sister and brother never had this kind of trouble. Do you think that it might have something to do with our recent move into this house? It's just a thought.

It is entirely possible that your recent move may be one of the reasons that your daughter is wetting. Of course, it's also possible that this has nothing at all to do with this problem. Usually, if a child is reacting to a change or some other negative event, there will be more than one behavioral change that is noted. For example, she would be less talkative, more aggressive, in addition to wetting herself.

My first recommendation is to take your daughter to her pediatrician for an evaluation. It is always better to rule out the physical before we explore the psychological. The fact that this does not seem to happen when she is at school or when she is away from home seems to suggest that it is not due to some medical cause, but it's better to be

Once a medical reason is ruled out, you will need to establish a pattern. Keep track of her wetting and look for triggers. Record who she is with, what time it occurs and what she is doing when she wets. This information can help you to determine if there is any thing or things that are contributing to this behavior.

If a pattern or trigger is identified, we can use this information to develop an intervention. If no clear pattern or trigger emerges, a general intervention can be devised. For example, you may want to make hourly toileting trips mandatory. In addition, you should reward "dry" days with a special treat, such as a special game or time together prior to bed time.

When she does wet, in spite of your best efforts, do not get upset and yell at her. I know that it is frustrating but this response will not help. Instead, make it her responsibility to clean up the mess. This means that she should take off her wet clothing, rinse it out, put it into the washing machine and take a bath (without toys or playing while in the tub) to wash herself. The purpose is to make wetting herself more than just a quick change.

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

your job to make sure that this happens. I am also confused by the fact that your

You are the parent. That means that you are the one responsible for helping your child to make the appropriate choices. I know that First, I strongly recommend that you

Anna Matvchuk, right, gets some instruction from Vladae Roytapel, The Dog Wizard, on training her dog Inga outside her Farmington Hills home. to provide you with other sources of support and information in your area. Training works miracle on malamute

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Anna Matvchuk walks Inga up and down the street in front of her Farmington Hills home as if the two had never tussled over who's boss. Two months ago, the malamute was top dog — not Matvchuk — but 10 sessions with Vladae Roytapel helped her and husband George and Inga become a team.

The couple adopted the 2-year old malamute in January from Almost Home, a Southfield-based group

that rescues dogs abandoned by their owners. Inga is their third rescue. Bandit, a malamute mix, died New Year's Eve morning, so with broken hearts they went to the Internet in search of a homeless animal. Matvchuk feared Inga's aggressive behavior would eventually leave them with no choice but to give the dog back to the rescue group or euthana-

"We brought her home for two weeks under their foster plan and she

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Matvchuk of Farmington Hills can now confidently malamute inga without running after

Benny Goodman tribute reincarnates clarinetist

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Midge Ellis swears Dave Bennett is Benny Goodman reincarnated, even though the legendary clarinetist died two years after Bennett was born in 1984. There's no doubt the King of Swing would have liked Bennett's style — the wire-rimmed glasses and double-breasted suits and the fact he seems to be following in the legendary jazz ${\bf musician's\ footsteps.\ Both\ started}$ playing on the road in their midteens.

On Father's Day, June 15, Bennett and his trio bring the Goodman sound to a brunch at Schoolcraft College. The annual event raises funds for the Michigan Jazz Festival to be held July 20, at the college in Livonia.

"I heard Dave for several years," said Ellis, a Livonia resident who saw Goodman play in New York and later booked his band at the Meadow Brook Music Festival. "He stands like him. His mannerisms are so much like Benny's, but he plays a better clarinet.

Bennett wore his hair in the same 1940s style, even when he was younger. Then his vision needed correction.

"I don't do it to copy Benny," said Bennett, 24. "It just sort of fell into

Bennett's love for Goodman's music evolved as well when he began playing clarinet at age 10 after his grandparents gave him a horn. By 14, he was traveling around the U.S. as a member of the New Reformation Dixieland Band and at 17 was chosen to perform as a guest soloist with The Count Basie Orchestra. Bennett's most recent gig, May 1-4, was with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. This was his second appearance with the DSO. In June, he plays the

Elkhart Jazz Festival in Indiana. Over the years, Bennett's performed with Doc Cheatham at the Sweet Basil jazz club in New York, and with Goodman band alumni vibraphonist Peter Appleyard and guitarist Bucky Pizzarelli. His own quartet recently played at Peabody's in Birmingham.

"My grandfather got me a tape of Benny Goodman and that was it. I already liked music of the big band era in the movies," said Bennett of Waterford. "I just knew I liked what I heard. It wasn't until later on I started to realize I was into something different than everyone else was into.

"His music just really grabs me," he added. "It makes me feel good. It's exciting. When most people think of Benny Goodman, they think of the big band hits. If you dig into the small band stuff, it shows what he could do on the

clarinet." On Sunday, June 15, Bennett will be joined by Tad Weed on piano and Doug Cobb on drums for tunes ranging from Memories of You to Running Wild. Bennett originally performed his Tribute to Benny Goodman in November 2003 at Windsor's Capitol Theatre. The concert resulted in his first CD. Remembering Benny will be available at the brunch.

Bennett is currently in the process of writing his own music, which he says is influenced by Peter Gabriel and Phil Collins, but if a music career doesn't work out he'll have a guaranteed income as a CPA. Bennett just graduated from Oakland University with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

"I hope to make a living doing what I'm doing, but hope to eventually break away from doing the tributes," Bennett said. "I want to break out for myself."

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Dave Bennett performs his tribute to legendary clarinetist Benny Goodman Sunday, June 15, at Schoolcraft College. The Father's Day Brunch is a fundraiser for the Michigan Jazz Festival.

BENNY GOODMAN TRIBUTE

What: A Benny Goodman tribute by Dave Bennett's Trio, and gourmet brunch When: Noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 15 (brunch from noon to 1 p.m.)

Where: Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia Tickets: \$27.50. Call (248) 474-2720

Art festival appeals to the entire family

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

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This is only the second year Mike Kuhn is showing his pottery, but he's already hooked largely because of the kids. Last year the Livonia man couldn't believe how even the youngest were drawn to the clay when he and fellow potter Bob Sheridan set up a wheel to demonstrate at Art From The Heart, the festival presented by the Livonia Arts Commission.

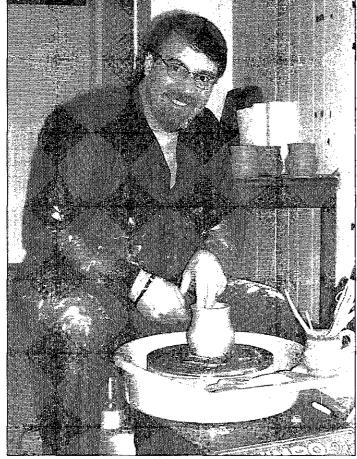
Kuhn says adults typically shy away from trying their hand, but children can't wait to get muddy. Kuhn always asks the parents' permission before allowing kids to take a turn at the wheel used to shape bowls, vases, plates or anything round.

On Saturday-Sunday, June 14-15, Kuhn will once again demonstrate the craft at Art From The Heart in the Livonia Civic Center Complex.

"We had a lot of children coming up and would let them sit down and have an opportunity to try it," said Kuhn who recently exhibited at Art Feast in Plymouth.

A commercial photographer for 20 years, Kuhn began creating functional stoneware 3-years ago after his wife paid for a pottery class at Schoolcraft College for his birthday. He's been studying ever since with John Albert Murphy who has exhibited across the country as well as internationally.

"I've always been impressed with pottery," said Kuhn. "I set up a studio in my home, Barefoot Pottery, to do more traditional. It has a purpose. You can cook or serve something in it - colanders, berry bowls, place settings. I like to blend different glazes together, use two to three glazes on



Mike Kuhn likes to demonstrate how he uses the pottery wheel to create a variety of kitchen wares.

a piece to get the color effect I'm looking for, mostly earthy colors, matte finish, toasted almond, beige, neutral color, off whites. I've taken a trip to Arizona and feel I have a strong influence from the Southwest pottery I saw.'

Kuhn is just one of 75 exhibitors showing jewelry, metal, pottery, photography, wood items like clocks, hand painted coins, crocheted items, oil painting, metal sculpture, and tie dyed cloth-

Chris Swish, the city liaison to arts commission, is especially excited about this year's offerings.

'We have one artist cutting dried tree trunks into sculptural objects, someone else

doing metal butterflies, copper yard art like dragonflies and lady bugs," said Swish. "We have everything from the greyhound rescue, Greyheart, to homemade doggie treats, applique and embroidered shirts, decorative painting on glass, outdoor pool signs, floral designs, baskets, wreaths, metal and wire containers, homemade soy candles, Michigan Rabbit Rescue, hand painted antique windows, wine bottles and yard faucets, and hand made note paper."

Erika Dahlstrom-Hanna is bringing a wealth of jewelry. The Livonia artist teaches the craft at John Glenn High School in Westland.

"I have a love for wire, variations in chain mail, variations in chains, pendants," said Hanna who earned her bachelor and master degrees from Eastern Michigan University.

She began showing her jewelry last summer at

Treatment

Mike Kuhn crafts functional stoneware colored by a blend of glazes.

ART FROM THE HEART

What: A festival featuring fine arts and crafts When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, June 14-15 Where: Livonia Civic Center Complex, Five Mile and Farmington Rd. Info: Call (734) 466-2540



Erika Dahlstrom-Hanna used wire and 0-rings to create this piece of contemporary looking

Plymouth Art in the Park. This is her first year in Art From The Heart.

"I use wire – sterling silver, arjentium a non tarnish silver that is nickel free for people with allergies, also niobium which comes in multiple colors magenta, purple and teal - and high quality gems, glass beads. I play with the wire to come up with the designs. I just got married and made sets for my bridesmaids. My bracelets I incorporate O-rings (from plumbing) so you don't have to have a clasp so they can slip it off their wrist."

In addition to bracelets, Hanna is bringing her contemporary style earrings, pendants, rings, necklaces, lapel pins, and key chains to Art From The Heart.

"I'm ecstatic cause it's around the corner from my house," said Hanna.

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was fine and we adopted her," Matychuk said. "We took her for walks in the morning and evening and she would spot other dogs and become uncontrollable. He would take her at five in the morning before work. One day he said, 'I can't do this anymore she's pulling so bard my shoulders are killing me. I had rotator cuff surgery and can't take her.'

The Matvchuks took Inga to their veterinarian, who gave them the Dog Wizard's brochure. Roytapel made a house call the next day. The couple doesn't have a fence, which compounds the problem since anytime Inga goes out it has to be on a leash.

"He discussed how we have to handle her," Matvchuk said. "He took her out of the cage and showed us how to walk with her. By the time he left, we could walk her up and down the sidewalk. It was a miracle. She saved her life and our life.

"Everybody complains about dogs being bad. He taught us how to be the alpha. Our first lesson, walking on a leash, you have to make sure she's never in front of you. You have to be firm and then reward with a good girl."

"It's being able to read the dog and anticipate her needs,' George Matvchuk added. "If she starts barking, you nip it in the bud by giving commands. If we get a little lapse, we have to be stronger."

Roytapel believes there are three mistakes owners make. He says, 99 percent of dog bites don't happen overnight. The owners' lack of rules leads to aggression in the dogs as they vie for first place.

He condemns the positive reinforcement training method with food, calling it nothing but a trend.

He believes in using treats as reward, not as a bribe. Pinch and shock collars may be needed to control strong-willed dogs like Inga.

*One is living with pets in democracy. Two is allowing them to pull you on the leash. You walk your dog or he walks you," said Roytapel of Troy. "Three is allowing them to bark. They think they are police officers on guard. A combination of these three is a recipe for disaster. There's no such thing as a bad breed, but there are bad traits. We need to go back. We went too far. We turn everything into fun. There's no room for discipline. We need to establish

rules, boundaries. When a dog is properly socialized and trained, there's plenty of room for play."

The Dog Wizard follows three rules mother dogs use to control their puppies. Roytapel learned obedience training from a deaf and mute mentor back in Russia, where he eventually trained dogs for the KGB. Body language and vocalization are key to getting the dog to submit to your will.

"She never gives commands she can't follow through, always reinforces what she says, and never repeats what she says," Roytapel said. "All aggression comes from trying to be leader of pack.

"My way is the canine way, the way dogs talk to one another, Doglish, like doggy mama. A low tone is associated with demand. Dogs learn by consequences. Lean over with your shoulder means sit, long lean means down. I sometimes growl. I do behavioral training using doggy mama way. To show dominance, she holds her mouth around their mouth to calm down."

Roytapel uses his hand to clamp Inga's mouth shut. Later he uses his thumb and first finger to mimic the mother dog's canine teeth on the neck to put the dog in its place.

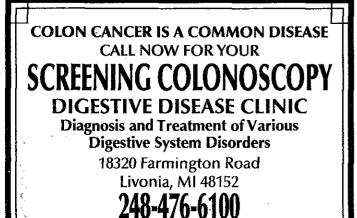
"It's not a set of commands," Roytapel said. "We are building relationship with pets through human authority. You have to establish a proper relationship to establish authority. Owners always eat before she eats, doesn't sleep with them in bed, doesn't go through the door before they do. My clients want to have total freedom to have control wherever they go.'

Roytapel brought along his two German shepherds to teach Inga to get along with other dogs. The first time he put the three of them together, he muzzled Inga for safety reasons. Subsequent socialization lessons occurred at a dog park and Pet Ritz, a boarding and training facility in Roseville.

"He teaches you to be kind and not get upset if she doesn't follow through because you aren't professing the right command," Matvchuk said. "The malamute is the closest animal to the wolf and always going to have a predatory behavior. It is an animal, but you are in charge. We're always hearing about what this animal did. We need to take responsibility."

For more information, visit 911dogwizard.com or call (734) 462-2810.

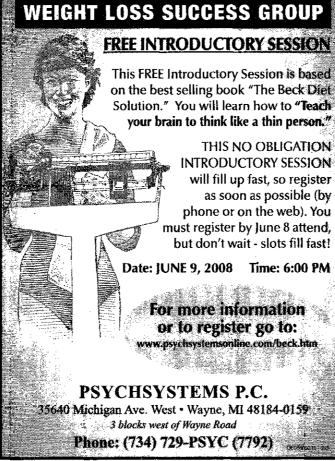
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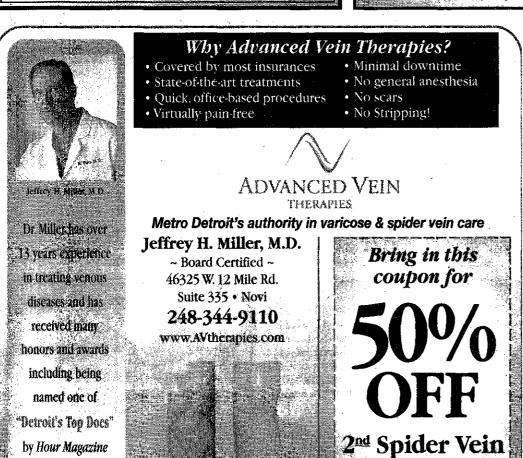
An additional effect of inflammation is to cause the joint lining cells to secrete fluid. The amount of fluid the joint generates, if sufficient, will distend the joint capsule. That distension again activates

Physicians only partially know how and why inflammation begins in a joint. In the case of rheumatoid arthritis and lupus arthritis, the initiating events remain unknown. In gout the source of joint pain comes from crystals which form in the joint and act as would a sliver under your skin. In

the case of gout, the "slivers' can reach huge numbers that compensate for their microscopic size. Another cause for joint pain occurs in osteoarthritis. In this condition cartilage on the ends of the bone wear away allowing bone to rub against bone. Pain fibers in and around bone are abundant. When bone constantly wears on adjacent bone, the nerve endings in both bones are subject to

The purpose of joint pain is to give a warning; that joint needs attention and rest. You ignore such a message at your own risk; consider persistent joint pain with the same degree of urgency you would give a warning light on your car dashboard. Get help soon.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Veterans benefit

A "Tribute to Dean Martin and Steve London" with music by Sweet Tracks will be presented 6-10 p.m. Friday, June 13, at AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman, Westland. Cocktails will be served 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and the show 8-10 p.m. There also will be an open bar 6-11 p.m. Only 140 tickets to be sold. They cost \$25 each and are available in the post lounge. The money raised will benefit homeless and hospitalized veterans. For more information, call (734) 721 9440.

Learn to go Beyond War

The Livonia-based Citizens for Peace, which covers the entire 11th District, invites residents the chance to join in study-discussion groups on the topic, Beyond War, during its June and July meetings. Using a study guide, the topic will be discussed in four group sessions each meeting. The June meeting will include social change; how to talk to people who think war is a good idea or inevitable; war is obsolete; and the concept that we all live on one planet. In July, the topics focus on alternatives to war, such as nonviolent conflict resolution processes and appropriate humanitarian foreign aid; international law and cooperation between nations; practical experience about what people and nations can do instead of war; and applying effective advocacy. Citizens for Peace meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at Unity of Livonia, located on Five mile road between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. A small donation is requested for the use of the church facilities. For details, contact Colleen Mills at 734-425-0079.

McCotter talk

Zionist Organization of America-Michigan Region, in commemoration of the Dolphinarium terrorist attack in Tel Aviv on June 1, 2001, presents U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, speaking on The House Anti-Terrorism/Jihad Caucus at 5 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at the Holocaust Memorial Center. McCottèr serves the 11th district of western Oakland and western Wayne counties. He is chairman of the Republican House Policy Committee and serves on the House Anti-Terrorism/Jihad Caucus which educates fellow lawmakers and Americans about militant Islam's long-term threat. Co-sponsor of the event is the Anti-Defamation League. There is no charge. For more information, contact Lisa Glazer, executive director at (248) 282-0088 or by email at lisa@mizoa.org.

Academic Pathways enrollment Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, located at 30330 Schoolcraft in Livonia is currently enrolling for the 2008-2009 school year. Morning class sessions for 3and 4-year-olds are available. Potty training is not required. Four-year-old class runs 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; three-year-old class runs 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday, More information can be found at the school's Web site www. academicpathwayspreschool.com or call (734) 261-9540.

Gardeners meet

The Gardeners of Northville and Novi meet the second Tuesday of the month September through May at 6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library, Visitors are welcome, For more information, call (248) 231-2334



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Top volunteer

Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill received a 'Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition' as Volunteer of the Year of the Plymouth Business and Professional Women, 'in recognition of outstanding and invaluable service to the community' at the recent Chamber of Commerce Showcase Plymouth and Taste of Plymouth event at the Inn at St. John's. Pictured with Massengill (second from left) are (standing) Joanne Delaney, Marilyn Alimpich, Charlene Berry and Connie Fitzner, along with Mary Brooks (seated). The Plymouth BPW meets 6 p.m. the third Monday of the month at the Plymouth Crossing Restaurant on Main Street.

or visit our Web site www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org **Heartland Hospice**

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

Card party/luncheon

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

Hospice training

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

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

Toastmasters meet

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

Grief support New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through

the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newho-

pecenter.net. **Post Polio Clinic**

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

CLUBS

Rotary A.M. The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Beth Stewart, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 420-4094.

Mosaic Mothers

MOSAIC Mothers' Group meets on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month through May 6. Speakers, food, discussion time, social activities. Childcare provided. Contact Plymouth Baptist Church for more information, (734) 453-5534.

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

ersnorthville-novi.org

Capton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September-May) for an adult evening of socializing, a speaker or an activity. Additionally, the group hosts more than 20 events during the month, including Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Creative Kids, Ladies Day and Night Out, Scrapbooking, Walking and many more. Request a complimentary newsletter at www.cantonnewcomers.org or call Donna at (734) 398-6487. You don't have to be "new' to be a Newcomer!

Kiwanis Club

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer. The Club invites you to their morning meetings to discuss community projects and activities. Be part of the solution and not just a spectator. For more information, call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site (www. pckiwanis.org).

Plymouth Newcomers

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

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

MOPS meet

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

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has smallgroup discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first

and third Tuesday mornings of each

month, September to May. Contact

Plymouth Baptist Church for more information, 734-453-5534

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

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

German/American Club of Plymouth Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth, Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further informa-

American Legion

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

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

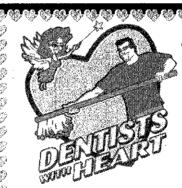
Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

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

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for fur-

ther information. Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.



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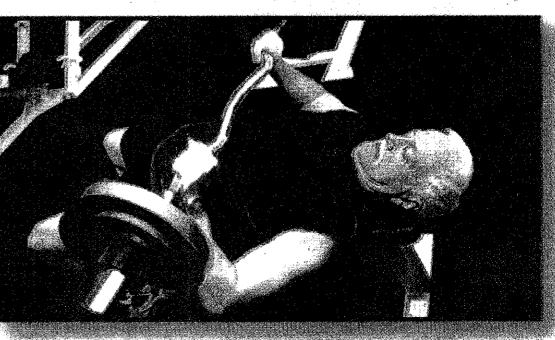




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Berkley High School Class of 1958

Planning a 50th reunion, Sept 19-21, 2008. All members of January 1958, June 1958 and January 1959 are invited. At Somerset Inn., 2601 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Events include: a Friday evening hospitality party, Saturday afternoon tour of BHS and lunch, dinner Party at the hotel on Saturday evening and brunch at hotel Sunday morning followed by a golf outing. Contact: csingerbhs58reunion. org for access to the web site: www. bhs58reunion.org or call Jackie Yorgen Castine, (248) 332-5984.

Bishop Borgess High School Classes of 1970, '71, '72, '73 and 1974

A combined reunion, Oct. 4, 2008 Hellenic Cultural Center, \$60. Dinner buf-

REUNIONS

fet, open bar, midnight snacks and music. No ticket sales at the door. Contact (248) 442-0946 or bbhsfirstfive.com

Brighton High School Class of 1989

Planning its 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Please sign up at "yahoo groups-brighton high school class of 1989" to get more information.

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@gfn.org.

Crestwood High School Class of 1968

A 40th class reunion Oct. 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch,

(313) 937-3477 or e-mail CHS1968Sec@ yahoo.com.au.

Dearborn High School Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion planned Aug. 1, 2008. Father Patrick O'Kelley 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 Chiado Peters at (248) 348-9443, Shirley peters@villageford.net may be contacted for further information.



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ALBERT VICTOR NYGORD Age 86, Redford, MI, passed away May 24, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



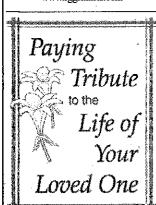
IN MEMORY OF James Bryan Hutchison May 30, 1950-Feb. 14, 2008 and

Vickie Lee Hutchison Dec. 10, 1979 - Feb. 3, 2001 God Bless You and Keep You!



MAXWILL O. MUTH

Beloved husband of the late Genevieve Hawley Muth Father of Liesel and Albert Grandfather of Kyle Brandt. Brother of Lillian Kiss and the late Natalie Semrau, Matilda Mengel, Edward, Vivier, Gustave, Martha Panzner, Karl and Louise. Maxwill was a WWII Veteran. He saw service on the Portuguese Azores Islands as an Army Technician Fourth Grade. Maxwill was a resident of Livonia since 1955 and a retired bricklayer. A Memorial Service will be held at the Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia, Friday, June 6th at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers Memorial Contributions may be directed to the charity of your hoice. Please share a memory of Maxwill in his online guest book at: www.rggrharris.com



THELMA PEARL BERRES Age 94, of Farmington Hills, formerly f Davisburg and Southfield died on Wednesday, May 28 at Livonia Woods Nursing Center. Pearl was born in Detroit to Maude and John Thomas Wiandt on May 14, 1914 Pearl remained a very active member of her high school sorority for many years. As a very young woman, Pearl worked as a legal secretary for the law firm of Sempliner, Dewey, Stanton, Bushnell. From 1955 to 1975, Pearl was the secretary to several Superintendents of Holly Area Schools. Pearl and her husband Matt raised three children with whom they shared great pleasures of their own: classical music, flower and vegetable gardening, and cooking healthy foods. Pearl and Matt danced nany years with Merry Mixers Square Dance Club. Later, Pearl was an active member of Farmington Neighbors Club and sewed cancer pads for American Cancer Society, Pearl is survived by sister Helen Daller; children Diane Carter, Ralph Berres, Mary Lou Berres; grandchildren Dr. David, Dr. Gregory, and Andrew Apsey, Matt and Kimberly Berres, Jeremy and Gillian Anderson; great-grandchildren Kyle, Aaron, Julia, Autumn, and Vivienne Apsey. Visitation and funeral service will be held Monday June 2nd at 10:00 am in the Oak Chapel of Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, 43300 12 Mile Rd at Novi Rd. Burial will follow at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Donations in lieu of flowers are sugsested to American Cancer Society

ROBERT E. GLEASON

Age 76, May 27, 2008. Beloved husband of the late Myrtle. Dear father of James Robert (Valerie), John Dennis, Brian Edward (Tricia) and Maureen Therese (Charles) Fay. Loving grandfather of ten. Funeral Mass Monday 9:30 am at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia. Burial at Parkview Memorial. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Catholic Central H.S. Scholarship Fund in Bob's honor.





ELEANOR D. "Jinx" **PANCOAST**

Jinx Pancoast died peacefully at her

home in Windmill Harbour, Hilton

Head, SC on May 21, 2008, surrounded by her children. She was born in Kalamazoo, MI and was the daughter of the late Velma R. and Wayne L. McCane. Upon graduating from Michigan Sate University with a degree in Education, she became a social worker for a Family Service agency. Following the start of her own family. Jinx's interests focused on community events and philanthropic While living in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area of MI, she served on the board of the Junior Women's Symphony, Meadowbrook Women's Assoc., Pine Lake Country Club and The Village Club. Quick to volunteer her services, she had an incredible gift for getting others "enthusiastically" involved as well, Jinx had a very successful career in Real Estate sales for a number of years. Following her marriage in 1978 to her beloved husband, the late Bob Pancoast, her talents shifted from the selling of homes to the selling of antiques and "worthy accessories" Antique shows and later a seasonal antique shop in the resort community of Charlevoix, MI became the vehicles in which to showcase her good taste and talents. Following the sale of Rose Cottage Antiques, and while still summering in MI, Jinx turned her attention to service on the Development Council of the Charlevoix Area Hospital and as a board member of the Friends of the Pool project, the Charlevoix Historical Society and the Charlevoix Enrichment Foundation, Jinx's service and commitment to her primary residence of Hilton Head, SC was unbridled. Jinx's community involvements included co-chair of the National Juried Art Show for the Hilton Head Art League, board member and special events chair for the Orchestra League and co-chair for it's Musicales. She was a pround member of the South Carolina Yacht Club, erving as a board member and on the Membership and House Committees, Jinx is survived by her children: Deb (Whiteroft) and Phil Harmon of Harbor Springs, MI; Lisa (Whitcroft) and Doug Olander of Alma, MI; Rick Whitcroft of Colorado Springs, CO; Rusty Whitcroft of Glendale, CA; Pat

and Kimiko Pancoast of London, UK:

Chris and Marilyn Pancoast of

Golden, CO; Jim and Mary Pancoast

of Dayton, OH; Curtis and Valerie

Pancoast of Calera, AL; and 12 grand-

children. She was preceeded in death by her cherished husband, Robert L.

Pancoast. A Memorial Service will be

held at Windows on the Waterway, 5

Waterway Lane, Hilton Head Plantation on Wednesday, June 4, at

4:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial

contributions may be made to Hospice

Care of the Low Country, P.O. Box 3827, Bluffton, SC 29910, or to Charity of One's Choice. The Island

Funeral Home and Crematory is in

charge of arrangements

MARGUERITE CIAGNE

Age 91, May 28, 2008. Beloved Wife of the late Arthur Ciagne. Survived by her son Arthur (Patricia) Ciagne; daughter Carolyn "Cary" (Barry) Davis; grandchildren Christopher (Monica) Ciagne, David (Dina) Ciagne, Caryn (Kevin) Gallagher Maria (Ken) Foster, Amy (Eric Stocker, Matthew (Veronica) Weisenberger, and Marc (Gina) Ciagne. Also survived by 15 great grandchildren and sister-in-law Helen (Edmond) Viale. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday at 11am, St. Colman Catholic Church 32500 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Right to Life-Livingston County or Angels' Place Arrangements were entrusted to McCabe Funeral Home.





CLAIRE CAVERLY

May 22, 2008 Age 85 Professiona Registered Parliamentarian, past presi dent of Birmingham Musicale and many genealogical societies. Dea wife of the late Roger for 63 years Loving mother of Deborah Harte Williams (Mark), Duncan, Malcoln Penelope Harter Davis Grandmother of Neil, Brevon, Bryc and Brittany. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 3251: Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile Thursday, June 5th 5-8pm (no visita tion Friday). Memorial service Saturday, June 7th 2pm at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorial tributes to First Presbyterian Church o Birmingham or Birmingham Musicale View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ROSLYNNE GREENBERG Age 71, of Farmington Hills, dies May 29, 2008, the funeral will be held at Ira Kaufman Chapel on Sunday June 1, 2008 at 1pm. Rabbi Gordo Freeman and Cantor Larry Vieder wil officiating Interment at Hebrey Memorial Park. Mrs. Greenberg was graduate of Central High School and Wayne State University. She taught in the Detroit Public School System and then as a substitute teacher for variou school districts. Mrs. Greenberg wa the Business Manager of the Davis Counseling Center for 13 years. At active member of Adat Shalon Synagogue, she assisted with the Adult Study Commission and the Youth Commission. She was an active volunteer for many worthy causes including Yad Ezra, Hadassah, the Holocaust Memorial Center and as a supervisor and tutor for the Jewisl Literacy Program She held numerou leadership positions in the Friends o Farmington Community Librarie including the President of the Board of Directors and was an active volunteer with the National Council of Women and Michigan Association for Emotionally Disturbed Children. She volunteere for the South Oakland County Gir Scouts as a Brownie Leader, a Distric Captain and Area Chairman and was very active with the Girl Scout Cookie Sales. With the Kenbrook Elementary P.T.A., she became the Treasurer, th Program Director, and the chairman of the Health and Safety Committee With Farmington and Farmingto Hills and she was active with the Multi-cultural/Multiracial Communit Council. Family members include Beloved wife for 48 years of Danie Greenberg Dear mother of Julie F (Ronald) Chaney, Elizabeth A. (Eric Hall) Greenberg, and the late Kenneti Michael Greenberg. Loving grand-mother of Benjamin Chaney, Isabel Chaney, Noah Greenberg, Zachar Greenberg, Ethan Hall and Rebecc Hall. Cherished sister of Edward (Evelyn) Mayer and the late Jame (the late Sandra) Mayer. Also sur

vived by 12 nieces and nephews.



A cast of 60 children and adults presents the musical, "Oliver," through June 1, at the Grantland Street

Cast of 60 performs 'Oliver'

Motor City Youth Theatre and Grantland Street Players present Oliver through 2 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, south of I-96, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. The cast of 60 adults and children represent 16 communities surrounding the theater.

Tickets are \$10-\$15 and all seats must be reserved. Call (313) 535-8962 or visit www. mcyt.org for more information.

Greenmead Historical park opens season with flea market

Greenmead Historical Park kicks off it's June events with a Flea Market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 1, on the grounds at 20501 Newburgh, south of Eight Mile in Livonia.

Admission is \$2 per adult, children under 12 free. Parking is free.

Greenmead opens for the season with the very popular flea market. More than 150 booths will be filled with treasures of all sorts. As at past flea markets, there will be a number of antiques, collectibles, vintage items, crafts, and garage sale goodies. Have fun hunting for the perfect accent to add to your collection. Visitors can also tour the historic buildings from noon to 3 p.m. while at the flea market.

The 19th annual Livonia Garden Walk takes place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 21. Along with the Gardens at Greenmead's Hill House, six residential gardens in Livonia will be on the walk. Maps will be available on the day of the

Tickets cost \$9 in advance, \$10 on the day of the event.

Members of the 17th Michigan Civil War Re-enactors will be holding a muster during tour hours 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 22. Admission is \$3 adults, \$2 students.

Tours of the historic buildings run Sundays beginning June 8 through October and the month of December (no tours on holiday weekends). Each tour building features period artifacts and furnishings. While in the park, visitors are invited to stroll through the flower gardens of Hill House, take a walk on the Virginia Matley Nature Trail, and pack a picnic lunch and spend the afternoon. Tours are \$3 adults, \$2 stu-

dents. Proceeds from all events and activities benefit Historic Greenmead:

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

Musicians are sought for youth orchestra

The Celebration Youth Orchestra (CYO) will hold auditions for the 2008-2009 school year Thursday-Friday, June 12-13, at Evola Music, 7170 Haggerty, Canton.

Appointments must be scheduled in advance by calling the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society at (734) 451-2112.

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

Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own

Since the beginning of fall 2007, the CYO has had three ensembles: Celebration Strings for string students with a minimum of one year of study; Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students with at

least three years of study, and the Celebration Youth Symphony for the most advanced students in all orchestral sections.

Supported by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, the youth orchestra is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

CYO students have several unique performance opportunities including side-by-side concerts with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Canton.

The Celebration Youth Orchestra is part of the Plymouth Symphony's Youth Outreach Education Program. Donations to the Symphony's No Kid without a Concert **Education Campaign help** fund the CYO as well as many other programs for students throughout Southeastern

Michigan. To schedule an audition or for more information, call (734) 451-2112 or send e-mail to jane@plymouthsymphony.

ENGAGEMENT



Lillis-Warwick

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Lillis of Redford and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Warwick of South Dakota announce the engagement of their children, Jaclyn Elizabeth O'Toole Lillis to Matthew Christopher Warwick.

An October 2008 wedding is planned at St. John's Center in Plymouth Township.

Jaclyn is a graduate of South Redford Thurston High School. She studied archaeology and received her bachelor's degree at Michigan State University. She received her master's degree in anthropology/archaeology at the University of Wisconsin, where she did field work in Germany.

She met Matthew at the University of Wisconsin. He is also a archaeologist. He is currently completing his doctorate in anthropology/archaeology in Peru, on a \$10,000 grant from the Wenner-Gren Foundation.

Jaclyn and Matthew are employed by Commonwealth Cultural Resources Group Inc. A honeymoon is planned in South America.

BIRTH



Callie Shea Riordan

Rick and Jennifer Riordan of Northville announce the birth of their daughter, Callie Shea Riordan, on March 21, 2008, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Callie weighed 6 pounds, 7.7 ounces and was 19.5 inches at

Callie was welcomed home by her sister, Samantha, 4, and her brother Jack, 2.

Grandparents are Jerry and Nancy Smith of Canton, Trina Riordan of Farmington Hills and Dick and Corinne Riordan of Howell.

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Taking it to the streets

Oakland Township woman produces **Detroit Festival of the Arts**

BY SHARON DARGAY ORSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Maureen Riley studied stage management at the University of Wisconsin, she plied her skills in small college theaters.

Thirty-some years later, the Oakland Township woman still works with live performance, but her stage has grown by 20 square city blocks.

Riley is special events director for the University Cultural Center Association, the Detroit-based organization that produces Noel Night — the Cultural Center-wide open house in December — and the Detroit Festival of the Arts, scheduled for Friday-Sunday, June 6-8. She's busy dealing with final details of the 22nd Annual Detroit Festival of the Arts.

"It's a large site. There's a lot of detail work and variety. We're down to the nitty gritty now. If vou talked to me in February, I'm dealing with sponsors and soliciting sponsors," said Riley, who holds one of four key positions on the festival's organizing team. "I have the whole (visual) art fair portion of the festival."

When the festival opens Friday, Riley will cruise the artist market, talk with participants and "make sure everything is going well."

"I'm also the media spokesperson, so when Friday hits, the bulk of my time is spent with that. In a perfect world, the details have all been organized and the hard work is done by then. But getting set up on time and open on time is always a challenge. This is an outdoor event."

She likens it to assembling and running a small outdoor city. Crews begin building the event on Wednesday, setting up booths, erecting stages and running electrical service to various locations.

We've been fortunate. There hasn't been any horrific weather," said Riley, who is organizing her ninth Detroit Festival of the Arts.

FAMILY-ORIENTED

"One of the things that has struck me about this event is that it's a chance for families to see arts presentations together. For instance, we've go a DSO ensemble performance. Most people



can't afford to take their kids to the symphony. The museums are all open. too. The Detroit Historical Museum and the DIA are open for

free. The science center is open at reduced admission. What a great time to come down and visit.

"I know that living in suburban areas, we tend to forget that a healthy region needs a healthy city. Just like other cities, Detroit is filled with arts and culture treasures."

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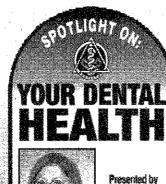
She said participants can experience the festival as visitors or volunteers. Hundreds of volunteer positions and shifts are available over the three-day festival. They include working with artists, selling merchandise and beverages, staffing festival office and information areas, checking coats, and setting up and tearing down the event. There's even a floater position for volunteers who can't decide on a specific task.

"Never think twice about volunteering. You never know where it will lead you," Riley said.

A volunteer position at a summer music festival in Milwaukee, Wisc., gave the former stage manager experience producing large-scale events. Riley, who grew up in a small town on the Wisconsin-Minnesota border, "had always loved theater" but never realized she could make a living in it professionally until she headed to college.

The Detroit Festival of the Arts will be open 4 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday, June 6; noon-11 p.m., Saturday, June 7; and noon-9 p.m., Sunday, June 8. Admission to outdoor activities is free. It will include a fine arts fair; children's area with art, puppetry, crafts, music exploration, storytelling and music performance; street theatre offering giant surrealistic insects that roam the festival, an aerial circus, street painting and sand sculpturing; and weekend-long performances on five stages. The festival area is bordered by Anthony Wayne, Brush, Ferry and Warren

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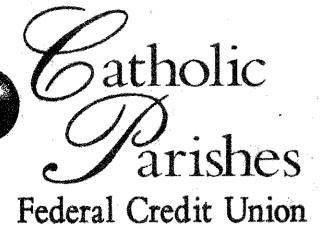
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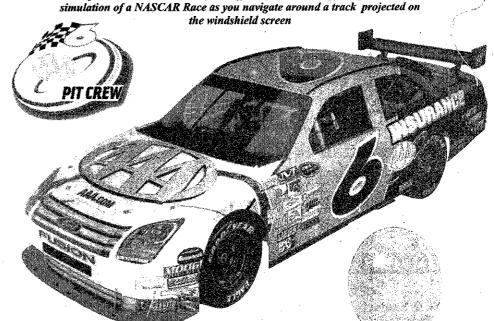
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Go green without the health risks

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Melissa Cooper Sargent has no intention of killing the dandelions in her yard. She may not have the lushest lawn on the block but she knows her 5-year-old daughter is not being exposed to weed killers and pesticides. On June 5, Sargent talks about the dangers of chemicals such as malathion, 2,4-D and chlorpyrifos at a Safe Lawn Workshop presented by the Sierra Club Rochester ECOs group at Whole Foods Rochester.

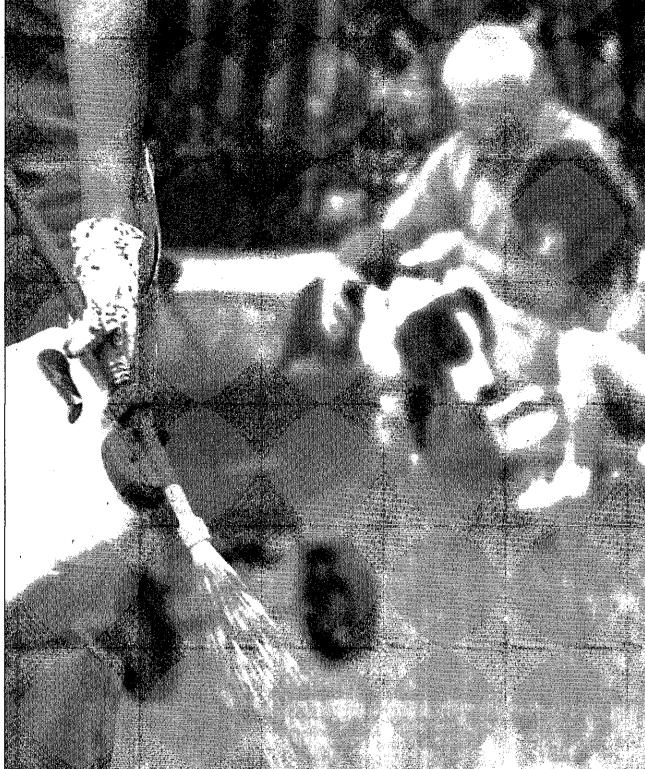
'She loves the dandelions. They make her so happy so they don't bother me," said Sargent, who grew up in Southfield and now lives in Royal Oak. "We have to change our expectations. We can't expect our lawns to look like golf courses and not have negative health effects. Pesticides have been linked to ADHD in children, bladder cancer and malignant lymphoma in pet dogs, breast cancer in women, some of them are nervous system toxins.'

Sargent's degree in natural resources and the environment helped her understand chemicals and their connection to diseases such as cancer. Since graduating from the University of Michigan she has worked at LocalMotion, a nonprofit dedicated to spreading awareness about the link. One of her duties as program director is to read scientific research papers and translate the findings. Many of the studies can be found in the online newsletter at www.localmotion.org.

Elizabeth Dance founded the organization in 1999 after the native Grosse Pointe resident noticed a higher incidence of breast cancer in the highly industrialized area.

"Just because it's on the store shelf doesn't mean it's safe," said Sargent. "These products are not necessarily tested for long-term health affects. Some products have been pulled off the shelves. Chlorpyrifos was in Dursban and Lorsban (pesticides) and were used (as indoor pest control) and people thought they were safe until January 2002. The EPA found they were too hazardous (for residential use), but still can be used on crops, golf courses, cattle for flea and ticks, nonresidential buildings, mosquito control.

"The herbicide 2,4-D is one of two chemicals used in Agent Orange. A study found dogs who lived in households where it was used had an increased risk for cancer. Around the same time another study at Purdue University looked at herbicides in



SAFE LAWN WORKSHOP

What: Learn about alternatives to dangerous pesticides and weed killers in a workshop presented by Sierra Club Rochester ECOS When: 7 p.m. Thursday, June 5 Where: Whole Foods Rochester, 1404 Walton Blvd. Cost: Free. For information or to register, call (248) 652-2100 or email rochesterecos@gmail.com.

general and found Scottish terriers were more likely to develop bladder cancer. Children and dogs are closer to the ground. They like to roll around in the grass. A child might put a blade of grass in their mouth. Children breathe more air pound per pound than we do increasing their exposure and they don't have as mature an immune system."

Chemical-free alternatives do

"There are simple things people can do to build a healthier soil," said Sargent. "A chemically treated lawn is like a lawn on drugs and becomes dependent on chemical fertilizer which is salt-based. It kills the beneficial organisms in your soil. The earth worms leave. It's a quick nutrient fix, but kills beneficial organisms and bacteria that help your plants. Phosphorous is a component in

fertilizer that washes down into our waterways. It helps the plants to grow, but we get excess weeds and algae blooms in our lakes

Sargent suggests using an organic fertilizer made from materials such as soybean and corn gluten meals after testing the soil through Michigan State University (www.css.msu.edu/ soiltesting.csm) or LocalMotion (www.local-motion.org), Local Motion also sells the Organic Lawn Care Manual by Paul Tukey, a guide to natural growing methods. One of the first steps to a safer lawn is cutting the grass with a mulching lawn mower. The clippings provide a nitrogen boost and food for worms.

"We also encourage people to mow high, 3 to 3 1/2 inches. It helps grass to be stronger, the root system, and shades out weed seeds so they don't germinate," said Sargent. "Spread grass seed on bare patches in your lawn to prevent weeds, rough up the ground and then seed and put compost over it. You can dress your entire lawn with compost, about 1/2 inch thick. It's a good nutrient boost.

"All of those things help build a healthy soil and lawn. Life will come back to your yard, beneficial insects. Birds will come back and eat a lot of insects. We also can encourage birds in the yard

with water and native plants."

Sargent will pass on tips like these at the workshop. She'll tell how to read weeds. Clover is a symptom of nitrogen deficient soil. Certain plants like dandelions and thistle thrive in compacted soil so the solution could be as simple as aerating. Do you have dead patches of lawn? Grubs like to eat the roots. Instead of imidacloprid try the bacteria called milky spores and beneficial nematodes to prey on grubs.

Italia Millan never uses pesticides or waters her Auburn Hills lawn. As president of the Sierra Club Rochester ECOs group, she is not only promoting the Safe Lawns Workshop at Whole Foods, but heading up a campaign to protect Michigan water-

ways and the Great Lakes. 'We want to raise awareness about how important our water is, how many of the actions we take can affect it and us, our animals and the environment in general," said Millan. "We want to invite people to attend so they can find a safer way of taking care of their lawn, be aware that everything they put on their lawns goes directly to our rivers and streams and that will affect us in the end because it's our drinking water."

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Exercise can help relieve arthritis

Walt from Rochester Hills e-mails for tips on reducing arthritis pain that do not require medication.

Walt, it is a simple fact of life. Chances are you will develop some form of arthritis if you live long enough! Osteoarthritis is caused

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Peter Nielsen

the painful condition. most people avoid exercise and unnecessary activity. That is a mistake though, because exercise strengthens muscles and that takes the

pressure off joints! People with arthritis should do exercises that help with flexibility and posture. Start off gradually with nonweightbearing exercises like water aerobics and work your way up to walking. Also, be sure to check with your doctor or personal fitness trainer for the program that is right for

Jill from Eastpointe suffers from fibromyalgia and wants tips for leading a fuller life.

Jill, almost four million Americans suffer from fibromyalgia or FM. FM patients have unexplained whole body muscle and joint

The symptoms can include chronic fatigue, muscle pain, impaired sleep patterns and morning stiffness.

Treatments for FM include pain relief and helping the patients sleep, but exercise can also help people with the condition.

They should begin with low impact aerobics and stretching activities like yoga or tai chi.

After four weeks of aerobics it should be OK to begin a weight program. Doctors think it is likely FM is a metabolic problem and exercise is ideal for boosting the metabolism.

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 at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in

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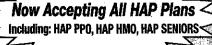
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CHADD meeting Children & Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder meet 7:30-9 p.m. (registration begins 7 p.m.) Monday, June 2, at Way Elementary, 765 W. Long Lake Rd., east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 988-6716. Web site is www. chadd.net/527. Presenter for Parent Group is Fran Parker, psychologist on Creating Systems and Developing Skills to Manage AD/HD in College (for adults. as well those who are exploring college or in college). In addition there will be

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Kids for a cure

Deadline to register is June 6 for Cancer Awareness Fun Walk starting 10 a.m. at St. Michael School (11300 Fairfield St., Livonia), ending at Mies Park 2 p.m. Saturday, June 14. Minimum pledge \$10. Donate \$25 or more and receive a T-shirt. Call Eileen Hogg at (734) 525-9276.

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Registration begins 8 a.m. and ends 10 a.m. Sunday, June 8, begins and ends at 25 Mile and Shelby Rd., Shelby Township. Choose from a 18 mile casual ride to a 100K road ride or 17.5 mile

trail ride. Benefits Lupus Alliance support groups, community outreach, programs, awareness and research. Registration fees \$18 before June 1, \$25 after. For information or to register, call (800) 705-6677 or visit www.milupus. org. A pancake breakfast will be served for all riders at the VFW Hall in Bruce

Tour de Cure event

Tour de Cure, the American Diabetes Association's annual cycling event is June 8 at Island Lake Recreation Area in Brighton. Sign up by calling (800) TOUR-888 or visit www.diabetes. org/tour.

Michigan Thyroid Support

The group meets 7 p.m. Monday, June 9, at the Plymouth Library. Guest speaker is chiropractor David Atiyeh. For more information, call (734) 453-7945.

Divorce support group

Group discussion; attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225), McDowell

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SHORT-TERM ASSIGNMENTS -- TIPS AND TRAPS



Mildred L.

assignments requiring you to relocate, then return to your original location, seem to be increasing, according to a survey by Worldwide ERC and Cartus (Worldwide/ Cartus). The 208 HR

respondents, all domestic, span 15 industries throughout the United States An enormous 80 percent of them use short-term assignments. Well over half of that group - 57 percent project an uptick. More than one-third - 38 percent -expect their frequency to remain constant.

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How does this trend impact you? It might vary, depending upon your work situation. Carly Kaufman, associate at the 120-employee Pariveda Solutions L.P., relocated from the Dallas headquarters to Houston after putting all of her possessions in storage. Her five-month assignment falls in the category of project work, with a defined beginning and end, which Worldwide/Cartus says is the most frequent reason for a short-term assignment. Kaufman points out that she took the IT consulting assignment for personal reasons.

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Sunday through Thursday," she says, "but my lease in Dallas was running out. This was a choice I made. I'm single and young. For me it's a benefit, because I can live in a new city, check it out, hang out with friends I normally wouldn't see. The only negatives are that I miss some of my friends in Dallas and my stuff is in storage." By no means is this a one-time opportunity for her.

"I very well could go to other cities," she comments. "My company wouldn't force me to do it, but if I were interested, they'd send me to satellites in Detroit, Denver, Seattle, Chicago and Los Angeles." She likes the fact that her company's growth mode will increase her options. However, rooming with friends won't be an option, because she has none in those cities.

Tom Johansmeyer, now an in-house writer for a reinsurance company in New York City, also did IT consulting, but it was for a company of 10 he co-founded. He flew weekly between the Boston area and Omaha for five months in 2002, the company's start-up year. "I was helping a company set up a new system and change their business practices to take advantage of the new system," he recalls. The original five-month assignment expanded to a year, at which point he took steps to reduce the strain from

"I moved in my car with my then-fiancee, who's now my wife, and Sam the fish," he explains. "We moved with just each other and my professional contacts. I still had my

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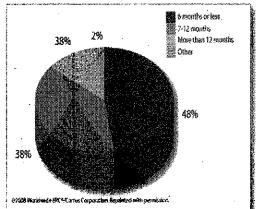
apartment in Boston. At the end of assignment, we drove back.' PERSONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Strain doesn't end with the relocation, however, Kaufman made a deal with a friend so she could stay at her apartment on the company's nickel. She considers a corporate apartment ideal. That, in fact, was exactly what Johansmeyer had -- two bedrooms, each with a bathroom, at opposite ends, bringing "extraordinary privacy." Good thing . . . because they shared the 1200-square foot apartment with one of his colleagues.

Johansmeyer found it extremely expensive -- about \$2,000 a pop - to keep up with major events among families and friends. He did see his brother receive Eagle Scout, and attended a friend's wedding. "Dinner for a birthday," he remembers, "turned into a phone call." Meanwhile, his billable hours sagged.

But the couple enjoyed "fabulous restaurants" and look back fondly at the size and location of their apartment. He'd relocate immediately, rather than travel, if a similar situation arose in the future. He'd also take more breaks to discourage burnout, at the risk of reducing his billable hours. Ironically, Johansmeyer's hard work paid off by infusing capital into the start-up, but two years later, when the company changed direction, he moved on. He reports that it's doing well now under the leadership of the man who shared his Omaha apartment.

Length of Short-Term Assignments (percent of organizations)



The good news for Kaufman is that because of the money saved by using her friend's spare bedroom, she can fly out of town on weekends. She started off by visiting her parents in San Antonio.

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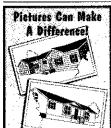
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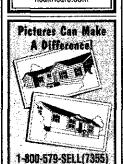
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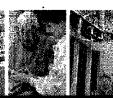
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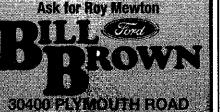
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Wow, New Homes With Unbelievable Features Starting In The \$140's

Danny Veri couldn't believe it when he crunched the numbers and saw a family with a household income of about \$40,000 could move into a home in Brookfield Estates.

"This is just and incredible value," said Veri, a partner in Livonia Builders who teamed up with Tim Breault of Breault Homes to build the "neighborhood within a neighborhood" bounded by John Hix and Cherry Hill in Westland.

Brookfield Estates consists of 63 homes with 3 available floor plans starting in the \$140,000's.

"We set out to build affordable housing with exceptional standard features and people are responding. In just over 16 months we have sold over 100 homes in our communities with these features."

The Baymont, a colonial, measures 1250 square feet

and boasts 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, a great room, and a second floor laundry for only \$149,900. You can add a master bath for only \$5000 more.

The Regency is a 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with a formal dining room, a great room, a first floor laundry, and starts at just \$159,900.

The Brookstone is a 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath open floor plan that is just under 1700 sq. ft. at \$169,900. Each home has an attached 2 car garage and a full basement. The average lot size in Brookfield Estates is 60x120. Larger and wooded lots are available.

Veri said buyers can choose from many different elevations for the colonials.

Buyers will be even more amazed at the homes' affordability when they see the upgrades Livonia Builders and Breault Homes include as standard features.

doors.
The homes include a high efficiency
Comfortmaker furnace, 13
SEER Comfortmaker air conditioning unit, a high-efficiency 40-gallon hot water tank, R44 ceiling insulation and a fireplace with gas logs.

Veri said the exterior is "100 percent maintenance free".

The ranch is completely brick as is the first floor of the two colonials. The second floor of the colonials is finished in vinyl siding. Overhangs on all three models are either aluminum or vinyl trim.

Pella vinyl windows with Low E glass, as well as glass block on the basement windows finish each home.

Other accoutrements include a limestone address block, sodded yards, sidewalks, and city water and sewer.

Coach lights outside the garage and Owens-Corning 30-year dimensional shingles lend to the aesthetics as well.

"As you can see Livona Builders & Breault Homes use namebrand, high quality features. Our floors are real oak, finished on site (not pre-finished flooring). Our windows are Pella, not a no-name brand that may be out of business before the warranty ends," said Veri.

An advantage to using Livonia Builders & Breault Homes are the financial stability of the companies. They are cash-strong and combined have been in business over 50 years. The buyers also get to deal directly with the owners of the companies through the whole building process, not superintendants or salespeople. "Our sales and construction process makes our buyers very comfortable. They know they are dealing directly with the owners of the building company."

Brookfield Estates is on the Canton border and very close to Ford Road shopping. It is in the Wayne/Westland school district and is nestled in Brookfield Village, an existing subdivision where home values range in the mid to upper \$200,000's, Veri said.

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away and in close proximity is I-275 and local home improvement stores.

"It's a very welcoming neighborhood," he said. It is tucked away and embraced by deep woods and wetland area."

Veri said he can't get over the affordability of the homes.

"We worked on slim margins to keep working", he said "The main theme to this whole project was creating affordable housing with luxury features. With an hourly wage of \$19 per hour for household income, you can buy a house with all these features."

Veri worked with his inhouse mortgage lender, Mortgage Concepts, and came up with a 5% down, 30-year fixed rate mortgage plan which includes taxes and insurance for about \$1200 a month.

"We even have a program that has no out-ofpocket closing costs," he said. "It's just a phenomenal deal for a first time home buyer or someone looking for more square footage."

Livonia Builders & Breault's model homes are open Saturdays & Sundays from 1-5pm, and Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays from 1-5pm.

Call Livonia Builders -Danny Veri for brochure info at (313) 586-2559 or (734) 397-9140, or email him at dannyveri@sbcglobal.net.

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Golf event

Real Estate One
(Farmington Hills/West
Bloomfield office) will host
its fourth annual Screen Door
Open "fore" Special Olympics
Michigan Charity Golf Outing
Tuesday, June 17, at the Bay
Pointe Golf Club in West
Bloomfield. Golf and sponsorship opportunities are available. For information, call
(248) 851-4100.

Real estate investing

"What Every Investor Should Know About Condominiums" by Robert Meisner, presented by the Real Estate Investors of Oakland 5:30-9:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 12, at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Free to members, \$20 nonmembers.
Call (800) 747 6742. (www. REIAofOakland.com)

BIA

- Building Industry
 Association of Southeastern
 Michigan (BIA) presents Green
 Built™ Training on Wednesday,
 June 11, from 9-10:30 a.m.
 at BIA Headquarters, 30375
 Northwestern Highway in
 Farmington Hills. Chris Pratt
 of Wake-Pratt Construction
 discusses building with materials and methods that result
 in Green Built™ certification.
 Training is free for BIA members. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.
- Building Industry
 Association of Southeastern
 Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR
 Professional Remodelers
 Council will hold a "Barbecue
 Blender" industry networking event on Wednesday,
 June 18, from 6-8:30 p.m. at
 BIA Headquarters, 30375
 Northwestern Highway,
 Farmington Hills.

Attendees will enjoy networking, food and drinks with remodeling professionals. Registration is free for those involved in the remodeling industry. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008. ■ Building Industry
Association of Southeastern
Michigan (BIA) will sponsor
a builder's license preparation
course on Friday, June 20, from
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern
Highway, Suite 100, in
Farmington Hills.

Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies. Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor an "A/C Trouble Shooting" course on Tuesday, June 10, from 8 a.m. to noon at Wilmar Offices, 23975
Research Drive in Farmington Hills. The course provides a basic understanding of air conditioning components and functions, trouble shooting and

preventative maintenance.

Registration fees are \$45 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033

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Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) will present Economic Forecast and Legislative Update for the Multifamily Rental Industry on Friday, June 13, from noon to 2 p.m. at PI Banquet Center, 28847 Franklin Road, Southfield. Registration and networking begins at 11 a.m.

Join AAM for its first annual Economic Forecast and Legislative Update Luncheon. Attendees will be provided with information on our local and national rental markets, along with a status report on state legislative issues facing the residential rental industry.

Economic Forecast speaker is Kevin Dillon of Hendricks & Partners. Legislative Update speaker is Jack Schick of Karoub Associates. Fees are \$20 per person for AAM members and \$30 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

RE/MAX kudos

RE/MAX Classic announced that it has been named to RISMedia's 20th annual Power Broker Report & Survey. RE/MAX Classic ranked 192 in Closed Transaction sides and ranked 308 in Closed Sales Volume in the Power Broker Report, which identifies and ranks America's largest residential real estate brokerage companies by transaction sides and sales volume.

The results of this year's survey reflect the market downturn felt from coast to coast. Longer listing times, more cautious buyers and the mortgage meltdown resulted in fewer total transactions. RE/MAX Classic showed strength in increased transaction count, overall. Average Individual Agent Transactions were 26 per agent and Average Agent

Volume was \$3.2 million.

"Appearing in RISMedia's
2008 Power Broker Report is
more important than ever," said
RISMedia President and CEO
John Featherston. "By ranking
the industry's leading brokerages by sales dollar volume
and transaction, we have been
able to identify the leaders in
real estate year after year. It's
a great way to show consumers
that the real estate industry is
still open for business.

"Being among the top 700 brokers in the country is a sure way to gain the trust of speculative clients, differentiate your firm from the competition, and catch the eye of ambitious new recruits."

For years, the nation's top real estate brokers have sought to be included in the report — a reference tool used by the real estate industry. RISMedia's Power Broker Report is read by more than 300,000 real estate professionals, thousands of leading corporate relocation decision makers and is accessible online to consumers.

The Power Broker Report &

Survey is compiled annually by RISMedia and is based on data collected by an annual survey of leading residential real estate brokerage firms. RE/ MAX Classic has participated in the RISMedia Power Broker Survey for the past seven years and consistently ranked within the Top 700 Brokers nationwide. Carol Boji, broker/owner of RE/MAX Classic, finds that "participation of the survey each year is very important and validates the success and hard work of our agents and puts RE/MAX Classic above the crowd. The RISMedia Power Broker Report and the Crain's Top 25 Broker Report are two of the benchmarks that we use to assure we are on top of our game."

Affiliation

Hall & Hunter Realtors has been selected as an exclusive affiliate of Christie's Great Estates, a wholly owned subsidiary of Christie's International plc, the world's oldest fine art auction house. Through Hall & Hunter Realtors, buyers and sellers of high-end properties in Birmingham, Bloomfield, Beverly Hills, Franklin, Farmington, Troy, and other northern suburbs of Detroit, will have access to the combined marketing efforts of Christie's and Christie's Great

Estates.
Christie's Great Estates is the largest international luxury network of real estate brokers specializing in the marketing and sale of high-end properties. This network of real estate firms includes more than 850 offices and approximately 35,000 sales associates in 40 countries.

"As a performance-driven real estate company, we are very proud to have been chosen to be the exclusive affiliate of Christie's Great Estates in Oakland County," said Dennis Wolf, CEO and owner of Hall & Hunter Realtors. "This relationship will further enhance our dominance in the luxury

home market and allow our clientele to experience the prestige and high level of service that go hand-in-hand with the Christie's Great Estates brand."

"Hall & Hunter Realtors has been invited to join the Christie's Great Estates global network because it has been a consistent leader in Southeastern Michigan's real estate market for the past 50 years," said Gregg Antonsen, senior vice president of Business Development in North America. "Market expertise and incomparable customer service, another Hall & Hunter asset, are traditional Christie's values that we look for in our affiliates. I am pleased to welcome Hall & **Hunter Realtors to Christie's**

Great Estates. Christie's Great Estates is the largest international network of real estate companies dedicated to the sale and marketing of luxury homes and a subsidiary of Christie's, the world's leading art business. Christie's clients who buy and sell works of art often request real estate services. To satisfy this demand, Christie's Great Estates, founded by Kay Coughlin in 1987, was acquired by Christie's in 1995. Today, the Christie's Great Estates global network spans 40 countries with 850 offices and approximately 35,000 brokers.

The network achieved total combined sales in excess of

\$125 billion. Once awarded affiliate status, brokers may then display the coveted Christie's brand and use the proprietary marketing services of Christie's Great Estates, which have successfully marketed highvalue real estate around the globe for more than 20 years. Exceptionally skilled local real estate brokerages, a clientfocused approach, and strategic global marketing are the hallmarks of Christie's Great Estates.

For information about Christie's Great Estates, contact Lisa Bessone, director of Communications, at (505) 983-8733. Visit the Christie's Great Estates Web site: www. christiesgreatestates.com.

christiesgreatestates.com. For more than 54 years, Hall & Hunter Realtors in Birmingham has built on their reputation. Under the leadership of Dennis J. Wolf, the firm's 70 agents are recognized for their knowledge and professionalism as well as hands-on involvement in the communities. As a recipient of the coveted Marshall Fredericks Community Spirit Award in 2005, Hall & Hunter Realtors was honored for its strengths, growth, and enhancement of the community on a profes-

sional and individual level. For information on listings, visit the Web site at www.hallandhunter.com or call (248) 644-3500.

Blitz Build

Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County announced that its Blitz Build 2008 will take place June 13-28 on Ferry Street in Pontiac. Building side-by-side with over 750 volunteers during the intensive two-week build, four new partner families will be able to stand proudly as their first ever homes are dedicated on June 28 at 4 p.m.

"We are delighted to bring back this opportunity to rapidly build four homes in two weeks," said Sally LePla, Habitat executive director. Noting that this will bring the total Habitat home number in Oakland County to 90, LePla added: "We have already built nine homes in this neighborhood and are seeking to create the energy that will bring about total transformation for the neighborhood and the lives of those who are living there."

The Blitz Build started in 2005 with the Jimmy Carter Work Project. The need for volunteers and sponsors is always in high demand. If you or your organization is interested in volunteering or becoming a sponsor, contact Brad Irwin at (248) 338-1843, Ext. 22.

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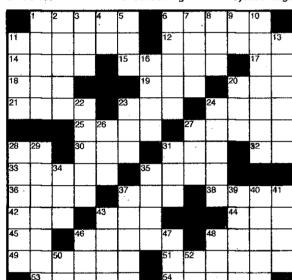
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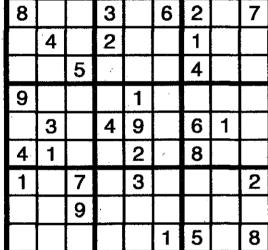
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